

## PRESIDENTS REPORT 2024

I started last year's President's Report with the comment "What a great year we've had" and can think of no more appropriate way to start this year's Report than to say again "What a great year it's been, at Caloundra Bridge Club".

Record numbers playing, successful Congress's, lots of new players coming through and a happy Club, lead to this comment.

Our incoming Secretary, Siobhan, has kept the numbers tally for us again this year and her latest Report shows our playing numbers increased from 13,855 last year to 14,743 this past year. With 85% of our Club less than 100MP's, it's been great to see players from this group playing more and more sessions.

We have been averaging more than 20 in each of our bi-annual Beginner Lessons and pleasing to see a high proportion of these joining the Club and continuing with their Bridge.

I want to recognise the amazing work done by our Committee Members over the past year. Firstly Bob Davies, who has put Caloundra Bridge Club right at the cutting edge, IT wise. I believe we have the most efficient My ABF set up running our day to day Sessions and Congress's, making payments easy for both Committee and our Players. Upgrades to our Computers, sound systems and Overhead Projectors make our events more interactive and interesting. I also wish to congratulate Bob on becoming our first Congress Director in many years. We will be seeing more of Bob directing Congresses both here at Caloundra and at other North Coast Clubs.

Greg Dobson has been Club Secretary for 3 years. Greg always keeps his finger on the pulse watching over our Club, monitoring repairs, looking for grant opportunities and more recently starting the process of upgrading our carpark with Council. It's a big job and he has done it admirably.

Steve Hughes our very able Treasurer and assistant Christine, have again managed our Books in an ever more demanding environment. Our Club remains in a strong financial position.

To Angie and Bev, looking after membership and our Congresses. Thank you for ensuring they run so smoothly. Janie our Providore ensures we always have too many wicked goodies on hand for our sessions and Carol and Kerry who round off our Committee, always on hand ready to assist. And to the many others not on the Committee, who jump in and help with food, with Directing, with Mentoring, and lots of other tasks, I say a big thank you. Your Club needs you and appreciates you.

It has been a privilege to be your President for the past 2 years. However, due to family challenges, it is with a heavy heart I have decided I need to withdraw my nomination for President and step aside from the Committee. I do this knowing there are very able and willing members ready to step up.

I thank all Members for your support over the last 2 years and wish the new President and Committee all the very best. I see only great progress and good times ahead, for the Caloundra Bridge Club.

Bob Hannam  
President