



## CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2024 / 25 YEAR

Caloundra Bridge Club has had another successful year. But how do we define success ?

Primarily, a successful Club is made so by its Members. Caloundra is extremely lucky to be able to call upon a large number of volunteers who work tirelessly to make the Club run efficiently. This work is often done anonymously but I want to focus on the people who have made this year such a success.

Firstly, our current Committee :

- ♣ Vice President, Greg Dobson : focussed on Grant Applications with successful applications for our new roof and our new vinyl flooring and bar
- ♣ Treasurer, Steve Hughes : ensuring that the Club finances remain in a healthy state. Steve is standing down from this role after 3 year's service, as per the Club Constitution. Steve, thank you for your service
- ♣ Secretary, Siobhan Davies : keeping the Club communications running efficiently. Siobhan also manages all of the MyABF processes, Masterpoints and produces Club statistics on a monthly basis.
- ♣ Committee Members
  - ◆ Angie Robinson : all aspects of Membership. Our current Membership numbers are 280 (238 Home, 40 Away, 2 Life). Sponsorship
  - ◆ Kerry Thorp : Purchasing
  - ◆ Janie Brennan : Providore
  - ◆ Bev O'Hara : Major Events Substitutes
  - ◆ Jo Scott : oversaw an extremely successful Charity Day raising a record \$5,000 for Kyabra Homeless Services

4 of our current Committee are stepping down this year. Thank you Steve Hughes, Kerry Thorp and Bev O'Hara, for your years of service to the Club. And a very special heart-felt thank you to Janie Brennan who was recently recognised for her huge contribution to the Club.

I also want to thank our 4 new Members who have put their hands up to join the Committee for the 2025/26 year : Louise Thorsen (as Treasurer), Peter Zanki (Congress Convenor), Anna Bowden and Shane Scriggins.

In addition to the Committee, the Club has many other volunteers who have made significant contributions to the smooth running of the Club this past year :

- ♣ Christine Hasted and Barbara Bainbridge : managing the catering at major Club Events with their willing team of helpers. Christine also acts as assistant Treasurer.
- ♣ Louise Thorsen : Club Steward, ensuring the Club room is kept tidy and ready for play
- ♣ Greg Sulzberger : Club Maintenance
- ♣ Barry Vassella : Club Dealer. This is a large job which includes equipment management, board and card maintenance
- ♣ Bob Hannam : Club Teacher. Generating new Members for the Club. Bob was recognised during the year with a Community Volunteer Award for his services to the Club
- ♣ Carol Curran : Welfare Officer
- ♣ Judy Leathley : Organising the Christmas party
- ♣ And the many other people who top up bidding slips, sharpen pencil, etc...

We could not play the number of sessions we do without our great team of Directors. As the Club Games Director, I would like to acknowledge their efforts here :

Alan and Di Maltby  
Jo Scott  
Peter Zanki

Bob Hannam  
Kate Balmanno  
Steve Hughes

Cathy Clarke  
Kerry Thorp

Drew Dunlop  
Mark Harnack



Both Graeme Lean and Greg Sulzberger are also in the background as Trainee Directors.

Now to some Club statistics :

♠ The Masterpoint makeup of the Club is as follows :

- 0 to 50                      59%
- 50 to 100                    15%
- 100 to 500                 18%
- 500 to 1000                5%
- Over 1000                  5%

As per above, 74% of our Members are under 100 MasterPoints. This illustrates the strength of our Membership into the future as these players move up through the ranks.

♠ Historical playing numbers per year shows strong growth on an annual basis :

- July '21 to June '22            11,837
- '22 to '23                        13,855
- '23 to '24                        14,743
- '24 to '25                        15,220

I am just going to list what I believe are some of the highlights of the past 12 months :

- ♠ Sat Aug 17 : Caloundra win the Zone Inter-Club Teams trophy at Noosa
- ♠ All Club Honour Board Events were very well supported. Congratulations to all winners
- ♠ Club Congresses also successful with good numbers entering
- ♠ A large number of our Members travelled to Congresses and Events at other venues (with 17 Members going to the Gold Coast) with some good successes
- ♠ Our new Club roof was installed in October 24 (Many thanks to Greg Dobson for his work on the Grant Application)
- ♠ Drew Dunlop and Steve Hughes win the Zone Graded Pairs Championships
- ♠ Jan Hoffman achieved Grand Master status in February 2025
- ♠ A new Club Shield was created for the winning pair with under 50 MasterPoints : the Propel Financial Shield

The Club has attracted 2 sponsors during the year. Angie Robinson is to be congratulated for her efforts in this success. Thanks to Propel Financial Advice and TBIB Insurance for your contributions.

In summary, your Club continues to be in good shape with good Membership numbers, increasing playing statistics, healthy finances and most importantly a willing and supportive membership who all contribute to the Club's successes. It is my honour to be President of The Friendly Club.

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Bob Davies  
President