



QUEENSLAND BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE QUEENSLAND BRIDGE ASSOCIATION HELD ON 16th APRIL 2026

1. RATIFICATION OF DELEGATES –

Airlie Beach – Janet Hansen	Maryborough – Frances Brown
Arana – Patricia Lye, Sue Norton	Moreton Bribie – Bob King
Birkdale – Gary Goebel	Mudgeeraba - nil
Boonah – Val Roland	Noosa – Barb Allen, Peter King, Tim Ridley
Bowen – Ray Ellaway	Northern Suburbs – nil
BBC – Peter Burke, Elaine Jonsberg	QCBC – Annette Corkhill, Charles Page, Jan Peach
Broadwater – Brian Borrell	Redcliffe – Sue Kennard, Melva Leal
Bundaberg – Anne Portess	Redlands – Jane Whelan
Caboolture – Jenny Hays	Rockhampton – Graham Rusher
Cairns – William van Bakel	Roma – Mick Fawcett
Caloundra – Siobhan Davies	Sanctuary Cove – Lesley Sutherland
Cleveland Bay – Richard Ward (no vote)	Stanthorpe – nil
Coolum – Ken Dawson	Sunnybank – Michelle Thorne
Dalby – nil	Sunshine Coast – Peter Busch, Gabrielle Elich
Darling Downs – Floyd Wilson	Surfers Paradise – Sheryl Friend, Pat Beattie, Mary Ditton, Allanah Aitken
Fassifern – nil	Tablelands – Malcolm Wyburn
Gold Coast – Di Hodges	Tamborine – Lewis Adams
Goondiwindi – Kerrie Hayes	Tattersalls – Turgot Manli
Gympie – Keith Johnson	Toowong – Caroline Nelson, David Sydes, Janet Lovell, Irene Koman
Helensvale and Southport - nil	Toowoomba – Chris Snook, Denise Hartwig, Trevor Henderson
Hervey Bay – Julie-Ann Bradwyn	Townsville – Rosemary Glastonbury
Ingham - nil	Tully – nil
Ipswich – David Le Good	Warwick – nil
Kenmore – Tim Runting, George O'Brien	Wynnum/Manly – Anneka Rummors
Lockyer – Jim Evans	Yeppoon - nil
Mackay – Noel Bugeia, Frances Brown	
Malanda – Toni Bardon	

PRESENT - Richard Ward (chair), Kim Ellaway (Manager) Jim Evans (Lockyer/Management), Graham Rusher (Rockhampton/Management - Finance), Jan Peach (QCBC/Management), Di Hodges (Gold Coast/Management), Rosemary Glastonbury (Townsville/Management), William van Bakel (Cairns/Management)

ARANA – Patricia Lye, Sue Norton BOWEN – Ray Ellaway BBC – Peter Burke, Elaine Jonsberg CABOOLTURE – Jenny Hays, COOLUM – Ken Dawson GYMPIE – Keith Johnson HERVEY BAY – Julie-Ann Bradwyn KENMORE – Tim Runting, George O'Brien MACKAY – Noel Bugeia MALANDA – Toni Bardon NOOSA – Peter King QCBC – Charles Page, Jan Peach ROMA – Mick Fawcett SANCTUARY COVE– Lesley Sutherland SUNSHINE COAST– Peter Busch, Gabrielle Elich SURFERS – Mary Ditton, Pat Beattie, Sheryl Friend, Allanah Aitken TOOWONG – Caroline Nelson, Janet Lovell, David Sydes, Irene Koman TOOWOOMBA – Chris Snook WYNNUM – Anneka Rummors

2. APOLOGIES

AIRLIE BEACH – Janet Hansen MORETON BRIBIE – Bob King QCBC – Annette Corkhill REDCLIFFE – Sue Kennard REDLANDS – Jane Whelan SUNNYBANK – Michelle Thorne

3. **MINUTES OF AGM** – 10th April 2025 were confirmed at the Management Meeting directly after AGM but reconfirmed at this meeting. Matters arising – nil

4. **PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT** – forwarded to all delegates and taken as read.

5. **ANNUAL BALANCE SHEET AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT** approval was proposed Graham Rusher, seconded Ray Ellaway It was moved that the Auditors report and Finance Report be received CARRIED

Richard took the opportunity in thanking Graham Rusher for his service to the QBA Management Committee and the position of Finance Chairman.

6. **REMUNERATION REPORT** – forwarded to all delegates and taken as read.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR** – it was proposed by Graham Rusher, Seconded Ray Ellaway that Melissa Ratcliffe be appointed. CARRIED

8. **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

As there was only one nomination for the position of President, Richard Ward was declared elected unopposed.
As there was only one nomination for the position of Vice President, Jim Evans was declared elected unopposed.
As there was only one nomination for the position of Treasurer William van Bakel was declared elected unopposed.
There were five nominations for the five management positions Di Hodges, Rosemary Glastonbury, Jan Peach, Janet Hansen and Ken Dawson and they were elected unopposed.

(Portfolios of Web, Legal, Youth, Marketing, Novice and Bulletin to be distributed amongst Management committee). CARRIED

9. **APPOINTMENT AND NOTATION OF OFFICIALS**

Tournament Chair	Jan Peach
Masterpoint Secretary	Peter Busch
Bulletin Editor	Phil Squire
Webmasters	Andrew Hooper, Peter Busch
Director Accreditation & Training	Chris Snook
Youth Co-ordinator/Officer	Michael Gearing
Board Dealer	Geoff Goulding
Novice Co-Ordinator	Eve Sirigos

Noting Only

Convenors/Tournament Organisers

Barrier Reef Townsville 2026	Toni Barrell
Barrier Reef Cairns 2027	William van Bakel
River City Gold Mixed Pairs 2026	Janet Lovell
QBA Festival of Bridge 2026	Charles Page
Brisbane Gold 2027	Jan Peach/Tony Treloar

10. **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES** – it was moved that the following committees be appointed. Manager and President to be ex officio members of all committees.

Tournament -	Jan Peach (chair), Chris Snook, Peter Busch, Tony Treloar, Richard Fox, Sue O'Brien, Julie Jeffries
Finance -	William van Bakel (Chair), Graham Rusher, Ray Ellaway, Keith McDonald
Technology -	Ray Ellaway (chair), Peter Busch, Dr Andrew Hooper
Bulletin -	Richard Ward (chair), Phil Squire
Novice -	Jim Evans (chair), Eve Sirigos
Youth -	Michael Gearing (chair) Paul Brake
Ethics -	Carmel Martin, Ian Afflick, Krystina Homik, Michelle Radke

11. **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION** – to remain in line with the ABF recommendation. ABF and QBA capitation fees for 2027 will be \$29.90 due 1st April 2027.

12. **REPORTS**

Tournament Annual Report – tabled.
Director Accreditation Report – tabled.
Masterpoint Annual Report – tabled.
Bulletin Report – tabled.
Novice Report - tabled.
Technology Report – tabled.

13. General Business

- (a) Appreciation to Richard Ward for his year of presidency.
- (b) Appreciation to David Sydes for assisting with myABF Steering Committee and ABF Finance Committee.
- (c) Teams of 3 at QCBC – less than 50 masterpoints. 1 session.
- (d) Teams of 3 – must have 10 masterpoints – 2 sessions and red points.

Meeting closed at 7.35 pm
Kim Ellaway

Manager