



ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

NEWSLETTER

December 2021

SESSION TIMES

Monday	1.30pm
Wednesday	9.30am & 7.00pm
Friday	9.30am
Saturday	1.30pm

Please arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the above times.

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What's On

- Christmas Party 17 December

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Orange Bridge Club Rules for COVID

COVID provides a significant risk to our members and we wish to ensure as much as possible we do not introduce the virus to the club.

Our club through its COVID Safe Plan is following NSW Government regulations regarding vaccination and mask wearing. Currently the rules are that all players must be double vaccinated and wear masks until 15 December 2021. On that date the NSW Government rules change.

Following 15 December, the committee after lengthy discussion decided the following:

- All double vaccinated players are encouraged to continue wearing masks to reduce the risk of spreading disease in the clubhouse
- Any unvaccinated players are required to complete a weekly COVID PCR test which reveals a negative result and wear a mask in the clubhouse
- **Anyone who is feeling unwell from cold or flu like symptoms should not come to bridge and should get a COVID test**

Club Maintenance

We are receiving quotes to put fly screens on the doors so that they can be kept open during the summer months to improve air circulation in the clubhouse.

We are also investigating installing solar electricity which together with a newly installed smart meter could significantly reduce our electricity bill.

Membership

Our fees for 2022 are due on 1/1/2022.
\$40 for members, \$20 for associates
Please pay as soon as possible
There are 3 methods

1. Electronic bank transfer to our NAB account
 - BSB: **082-774**
 - Account number: **831 850 831**
 - Reference: **YOUR NAME**
2. Use the EFTPOS machine at the club door
 - a. where your name will be marked off
3. Cheque or cash in a named envelope in the box outside the office door.

Christmas Party

After COVID intervened and we were unable to have a Christmas Party last year we are all looking

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forward to being able to enjoy the event again in 2021.

With only 10 days to go before the party the committee decided it was unrealistic to have a hamper and raffle this year but other than that all the usual attractions will be in place. The theme is **Christmas Decorations** for all those who wish to come dressed up.

All trophies and certificates except for the Suzanne Kay Trophy which is for some events which were not held will be presented. If you could come a little earlier so that the presentation can commence at 9.20 it would be appreciated. Vice President Anne Tonna will be in charge as I hope to be in Tasmania for a week.

All members are most welcome to attend. If you are just coming for lunch, could you please let Anne Tonna know on 0458 355 206 or atonna@lisp.com.au You do not need a partner to play that day as a spare person will be available.

Club Pairs Championship

Congratulations to Jens Skovgaard and Dariusz Drozd who are the club pairs champions for 2022.

Stepbridge Congress

Sarah Anwar president of Stepbridge will be in Orange on 28 December to plan the National Stepbridge Congress to be held in Orange on 15/16 October 2022

Car Parking

I would be appreciated if members did not park on the grass on the Churchill Ave side of the clubhouse as this area is rapidly deteriorating. In the same way if we could leave the 4 car spaces at the front of the clubhouse for those who have mobility issues it would assist with this problem

Tomorrow we will celebrate Derek Cassidy's 90 th birthday and hopefully many of you will be able to join us at the club for the event.

As the end of the year approaches and Christmas is not far away can I thank you all for the support

you have given me and the committee during the year to ensure that the club is an enjoyable place to visit and we can all enjoy our bridge sessions.

To those who are not enjoying the best of health we look forward to your return whenever this is possible

Best wishes for Christmas and for a COVID free 2022.

Happy Bridging
Murray Paterson



MASTER...ful 
*Masterpoint Promotions for
September 2021*
Congratulations to:

Doreen Kjeldsen	Gold Life
Mand Labuschagne	Silver Life
Betty Stewart	Life
Diana Waddell	National
Garth Hogg	Bronze State
Isabelle Britt	Silver Local
Jian Williams	Club
Jill Everett	Club
Jenny Day	Graduate