

Macedon Ranges Bridge Club – President's Report 2023

Thanks to the great work of Cate Carr our secretary, following more beginners' lessons, we have been able to welcome new players to our Monday afternoon sessions. Cate has also given occasional short classes prior to Thursday sessions at times during the year.

Peter Turner has done an outstanding job getting our finances up to date with the help of our Tyro payment system. His constant liaison with Simon from the Tennis Club Committee has allowed a smooth transition with all the recent upgrades to the facility.

Currently we are playing Mondays and Thursday afternoons. We are grateful to the support we receive from the Sunbury Bridge Club members and Castlemaine Bridge Club.

Our thanks to those who have helped with the dealing machine. Our new team of dealing partners have lessened the load for Margaret and Andrea. Opportunities for anyone with a spare hour once every week or so to help assist would be appreciated.

The improvements for the facilities re sound proofing, kitchen setup and general upgrade of amenities have finally been completed. Sound baffling is effective, a newly renovated kitchen and repolished flooring gives the Tennis Club a welcoming feeling.

Our 2023 Club Congress was held last year in the Norma Richardson Hall and our thanks to Martin Wilcox for acting as Director. Due to the reduction in Congress entrants and the large costs and workload to run this event, the committee have decided not to run a 2024 Macedon Ranges Congress.

Our thanks to Linda Healey and Evelyn Stephenson for representing the club at the Government House Bridge Day for 120 Victorian Clubs hosted by the Governor Margaret Gardner. Linda has shared her amazing photos with us.

Diana Marsland

President 14/3/2024