



FREMANTLE BRIDGE CLUB

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JANUARY 2026 IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SUMMER – CRICKET – SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – SWIMMING – KIDS ON NEW BIKES – NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS – AND BRIDGE !!!

But before we welcome the New Year in, a few photo's from December activities of Fremantle Club Members

18 Energetic pairs battled out a hard fought 2025 Christmas Pairs – the Fremantle Bridge Club final red point event for 2025. A few committee members worked hard in the days beforehand to ensure the rooms carried the Christmas spirit with silver and gold decorations and fairy lights setting the right atmosphere. (thanks David and Sue). And a big thanks to the Director Eugene Wichems for an excellent day of Bridge.



L-R; 1st President Sue Simper with winner Do Dean – Missing is Do's partner Nicholas Taylor



2nd Marion Jefferson and Stephen Cayless

Original meaning of a deck of cards: (One Version)
52 cards for 52 weeks in a year
2 colours for Day and Night
4 Suits for the 4 Seasons
13 weeks per Season
12 honour cards representing the 12 months
If you add the face value of each card you get 365
Joker accounted for Leap Year



3rd Frans Fikke and Heidy Tiebosch



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The Fremantle Bridge Club Christmas Party held on Thursday December 18th saw over 40 members join together to celebrate the end of a good year. Assorted photos follow with no excuses for some of the poses (Sharon "Rudolph" Scott).....A wonderful amount was raised, all of which went to subsidise the evening, from the Hamper's Raffles - thanks to member's donations!



L-R Rohan and Aruni Bandarage, Janet Kitney, Elizabeth Sugars and Lee Wade



L-R Kaye Egan, Rosalie Raine and Jane Walters



Tuesday Morning Supervised Group



FBC President Sue Simper & Melville Club President Bob Peters

Many, many heartfelt thanks to David and Donna Shade for a magnificent job at the Bar !!!



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Revellers Judy and Ray Toey



Malcolm Dick and Peta Kiernan



Hamper Prizes



Donna Shade and Rockingham Bridge Club President Nia Parker



Feliz Navidad



Santa Claus is coming to Town



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Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer



Deck The Halls with Boughs of Holly



Happy Birthday wishes to our members born in **JANUARY** -
Josie Wilson; Marcia Mazanetz; Janet Kitney; Clyde McGill and Jo George

[Apologies to any member not mentioned]

Making Preparations for 2026

Teams: Fremantle Club has nominated two teams for this year's Interclub teams competition: one in the Novice (up to 100 masterpoints) and one in the Restricted (101 to 300 points).

If you are interested in playing in either competition you can put your name on the whiteboard at the front of the clubrooms or contact Coordinator Carmel O'Neill, Jenny Langridge (Restricted) or Helen Sugars Duff (Novice).

AGM: Due to required changes in our Constitution the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Saturday March 7th 2026. More details will be emailed to individuals. It's now time to be thinking of what you can do for your club....Nominations will be open for all positions on the committee – and if you are interested please speak to any of your current committee members.

Fees: Just a reminder annual membership fees will come due as of March 2026. Due to the change of AGM dates last August the fees were only pro rata up to March. From this March 2026, they will be for the full 12 months.

PROMOTIONS: Congratulations go to Heidy Tiebosch on her promotion to Graduate



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FUN FACTS ABOUT JANUARY

January is named after Janus – the Roman God of doors – symbolizing new openings and new beginnings

January 25th Robert Burns Night in Scotland

London Underground opened Jan 10th, 1863

The Plum Blossom is the Chinese floral emblem of January

Howard Carter discovered the Tomb of Tutankhamun

First ever lottery in the UK – Jan 1569!!!

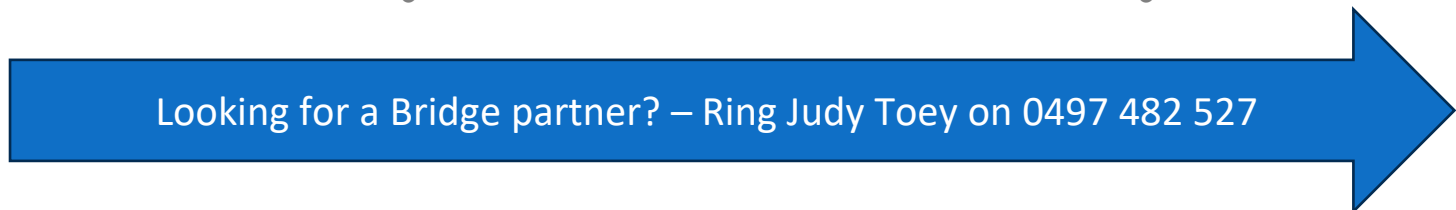
1926 John Logie Baird demonstrated something called a television machine

500 copies of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein published anonymously in London

In January 1959 Alaska became the 49th state of the United States

In Japan, January 1st is celebrated as Ganjitsu, a national holiday on which families visit shrines and temples to pray for good luck in the new year

January 22nd is Answer Your Cat's Questions Day.





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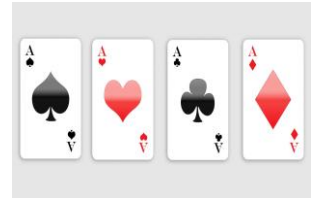
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LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE



A course of lessons will be run by John Snell at the Fremantle Bridge Club starting on very soon Watch this space for information on when and where



SUPERVISED SESSIONS

And for those of you who have had lessons, know the basics and want to improve or maybe just want to play in a relaxed social morning session then come along to the Tuesday morning SUPERVISED session.... Supervised by Sue Simper this group meets on Tuesday mornings from 9.15am for a 9.30 start and goes through to 12:00 with a short break for tea or coffee. Cost is \$5 a session.

The Thursday night session is a more formal SUPERVISED session for players, with a mixture of experienced and novice players. Session starts at 6.30pm sharp and finishes around 9.30. You do not need to have a partner to attend either session. There will always be someone there to partner you!

MEMBERS ARE URGED TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ANY OF THE SESSIONS ABOVE TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY



REMINDER: You can now pay for your game of BRIDGE three different ways..



1. Set up an account with MyABF
2. Cash on the day
3. Pre-arrange purchase of vouchers and deposit the funds/payment directly into the Club's account – or arrange for a regular direct debit if it makes life easier for you. When you do pay make sure you mention your name in the memo. The vouchers will be waiting for you on the day you return. \$70 gets you ten worry-free games! - Bank Details: Westpac BSB 036-048 Account No. 148711

**At The Bridge Table
Any problems?
Call The Director
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*“What’s always hungry
and must be fed, but will
die if you give it a
drink?”*