



## FREMANTLE BRIDGE CLUB

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# NOVEMBER

November got its name from the Latin *Novem* meaning nine – it was originally the ninth month of the calendar prior to January and February being added in Roman times. In the Southern Hemisphere it is late Spring and the harbinger of Summer.



The flower for the month of November is the Chrysanthemum and the traditional birthstone is the Topaz – the yellow orange coloured semi-precious stone which symbolises friendship.

## VALE DOROTHY STEVENSON



A wonderful, colourful member of the Fremantle Bridge Club, Dorothy Stevenson passed away last month – aged 93. Members will remember Dorothy and her bright smile, joyous laughter and “all that bling”. Dorothy was a past President and a life member of the Melville Bridge Club and a special member at Fremantle. Her smiling face will long be remembered.

**YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN NOVEMBER?  
YOUR PARENTS HAD AN AWESOME VALENTINE'S NIGHT!!  
(Bet you are all counting nine months back)**



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### BIRTHDAY SALUTATIONS



*So many November babies*

Sara Franklyn  
Rosalie Raine  
Alexis Keynes  
Rosalind Mitchell  
Steven Pynt  
Ruth Shelley  
Hazel Spong

*So much cake – and apologies  
if I have missed anyone*

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

Meet your new Committee elected at the AGM

L-R: Jody McNeill, Carmel O'Neill (Treasurer) Jenny Langridge (Secretary) Sue Simper (President) Helen Sugars Duff, Sue Moonen and David Shade.

Missing: Steve Pynt (Vice President)  
and Judy Toey



Our AGM Birthday cake was provided by our resident baker the wonderful Do Dean – and cutting the cake was our oldest member (present at the AGM) Neville Stafford



The club has a book library in the tearoom which is a much-loved resource – and due to the special volunteer librarian (Peta Kiernan) and the wonderful generosity of our members, it has proven to be a source of much enjoyment. However, when the books become old, dirty or tatty they are sent to retirement at various Op Shops. To this end we are always on the lookout for a fresh supply. And don't forget jigsaw puzzles are always a favourite pastime to share.



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No  
Over 70% Club  
or promotions  
to date

FBC  
Christmas  
Party  
Thursday  
Dec 18<sup>th</sup>

Last Red  
points event-  
2025  
Christmas  
Pairs Sat Dec  
6<sup>th</sup>

### Coming To Bridge Without a Partner

The editor has been requested to outline the procedures commonly applied to attending the club without a Partner.

**VISITORS** are more welcome to come on a Tuesday or Wednesday without a partner. If a partner cannot be found then the Director of the day will partner them. However, this system is aimed at one-off interstate and/or overseas visitors and not necessarily visitors from other local WA clubs.

**CLUB MEMBERS** wanting a partner should contact the PARTNER COORDINATOR (Judith Toey) and liaise with her. If, at short notice on the day, your partner is unable to attend, the Director has, at his/her discretion, an option to partner a member. This should not be happening more than once a month.

And a reminder: Following discussions regarding member walk-ins, a motion was moved that the Club will **not** be able to provide a Director to play with a walk-in at any session. Members are encouraged to use the Partner Coordinator or find their own partners. Please do not be offended if you are asked to leave if a partner cannot be found

## **FREMANTLE BRIDGE CLUB IS NOW PREPARING TO UTILISE MyABF TO ALLOW MEMBERS TO USE THE SYSTEM TO PAY FOR THEIR TABLE MONEY.**

### **VOUCHERS AND CASH WILL STILL BE IN USE.**

#### **My ABF - The ABF's Technology Platform**

At the Beginning of 2021 the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF) started a process where all members of Bridge clubs nationwide register online with the ABF. This is not compulsory. However, the ABF is encouraging all members to enrol online and hold a **My ABF** membership.

It is a very simple process – and you really only need your ABF Number to start with.

There is a link on the Fremantle Bridge Club website:

GO to FBC HOME page and scroll across to CONTACTS and drop down to USEFUL LINKS

GO to [www.abf.com.au](http://www.abf.com.au) and it will show ABF Home page

GO to **MyABF** (top line) on right hand side then SIGN UP. Follow the instructions from there.

There is no charge to players or the clubs to register with **My ABF** and the only need for a credit card transaction is if you enter a competition or congress.

**REMINDER:** You can still pre-arrange a 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. Bank Details: Westpac BSB 036-048 Account No. 148711



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Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember,  
Moses started out as a basket case....



## ROY HINDMARSH HANDICAP PAIRS – AUG 20<sup>TH</sup> 2025

This year's winners were Jenny Grummet and Sharon Scott with Carmel O'Neill and Maxine Leary in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Special thanks to the members who attended and enjoyed the afternoon tea.

I threw a ball for my dog... It's a bit extravagant I know, but  
it was his birthday and he looks great in a dinner jacket.

## FBC CHRIS WELLS SPRING PAIRS SEPT 20<sup>TH</sup> 2025

This year's winners were Steve Pynt and Dave Sloan with Andrea McCallum and Rohan Bandarage in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Special thanks to the members who provided a delicious afternoon tea and, as always, a big thankyou to the Director! The event is named for a long-time member, Life member and long serving Director Chris Wells in acknowledgement and thanks for everything he did for the Fremantle Bridge Club.





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### MELBOURNE CUP WRAP:

*Over 40 members (and friends and family) attended the 2025 Melbourne Cup Lunch at Fremantle Bridge Club.*

*Sweeps were filled up quick smart; glasses were filled up (just as quickly) and games were enjoyed.... Even if no one studied for the quiz. Many thanks to committee and members who stepped up & made the day an enjoyable success*



*L-R Neville Stafford, Marcia Mazanetz and Sharon Scott getting sweep tickets from on-site bookie Judy Toey*

*Jenny Langridge and Do Dean with fascinating fascinators*

*How come the barman always gets the prettiest lady there - David & Donna Slade !!*



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*And let the feast begin - getting the lunch in before the race begins:*

*L-R: Angela McDonnell, Kath Jaques, Jenny Grummet, Sharon Scott, Carmel O'Neill, Jane Walters, Kaye Egan and Rosalie Raine*

*L-R: Lyn Walters, Jill Houston, Barbara Arnold, Lorraine Hallworth, Debra Rule, Sarah Veitch*

*And yes, there was a game of bridge after the race:*



### FBC Member Promotions (since last newsletter)

Congratulations to our members on their promotions

July : Pauline Snell to Club; Maureen Willoughby to Regional; Bruce Webber to Bronze Local

August: Meghan Lagdon to Bronze Local; Lee Mercia Wade to Local; Adrian Taylor to Graduate; Greg Conway to Graduate; Kate Conway to Graduate

September: Helen Sugars Duff to Silver Local



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## And looking towards Christmas



*The Fremantle Bridge Club Christmas Party is on  
Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.*



*Ho ho ho ho*



*Doors open at 5.30 with the meal served at 6.30pm.*

*Tickets are \$30 for everyone and names can be put in the Events book with payment either by wire transfer or to the Director of the day. Final numbers are required by the caterer by Dec 8<sup>th</sup>.*



*And please don't forget the HAMPERS.*



*Members are asked to donate goodies for the annual "hamper-fest". The donation box will be at the front of the clubrooms and tickets will go on sale closer to the night.*



## CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS



**Christmas/New Year Closure:** Dates as follows for relevant sessions:

- i. **Tuesday morning sessions** – last session 16<sup>th</sup> December – reconvening January 13<sup>th</sup>
- ii. **Thursday evening sessions** – last session 11<sup>th</sup> December – reconvening January 8<sup>th</sup>
- iii. **Normal sessions** – Game on Tuesday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>, session on Saturday December 27<sup>th</sup> then no session until reconvening on January 3<sup>rd</sup>

**STOP PRESS:** A Party is to be held On Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5pm at 40A Zenobia Street Palmyra (rear house) to honour and celebrate the life of **Dorothy Stevenson**.

Drinks and light refreshments will be served.  
Please RSVP by Nov 8<sup>th</sup> via Lee Wade @ FBC  
(or Marianne on 0417 987 276)