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NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to late Spring and Early Summer

The annual ***Melbourne Cup luncheon*** was held on the 3rd and, while numbers were down a little, those who attended enjoyed the day – with a few going home a little richer than when they came.













[Congratulations to Sharon Scott and Alexis Keynes for winning the greatest number of horses purloined on the day - not sure if all were legal but it was was a giggle!]

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And it's not that long before the festive season approaches – get ready to celebrate Christmas!!

WHAT'S COMING UP



SATURDAY December 5th – FBC Christmas Pairs & Christmas Party

Come to the last red point event of the year and stay for the Christmas Party
Cost for red point event at 1pm. $9 members - $11 visitors
Cost of Party is $35 a head
Doors open at 5pm for guests – and drinks and nibbles
First course at 5.45pm
Please put your names in the Events book on the front desk as soon as possible….final numbers are required for caterers by November 23rd.

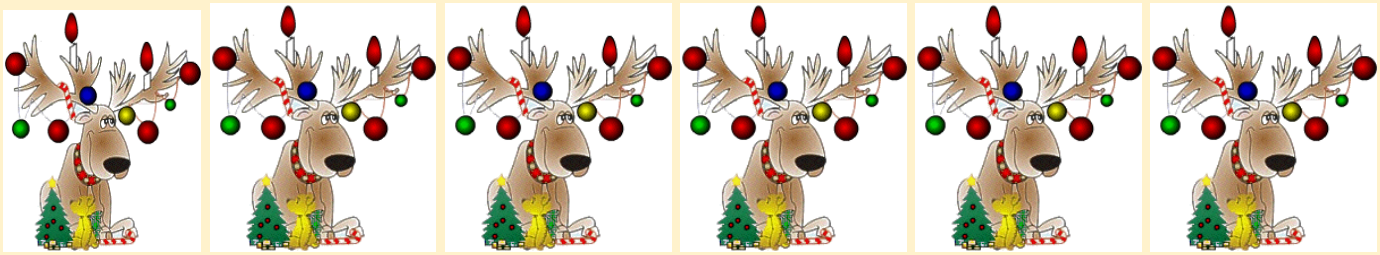
CALLING FOR HAMPER DONATIONS:






The committee is organising the all-important Christmas Hampers for the 2026 Christmas Party !!!
It is looking forward to receiving your generous donations for the raffles.
Please drop your donations off in the box at the front of the club rooms.

CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS



Wed Dec 23rd – Normal session time
Then --- Club CLOSED over Christmas break until
Saturday January 2nd, 2021 – Normal Sessions resume

Got a problem? Call the Director! Slow Play? Call the Director! Rule infringement? Call the Director!!

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November is a busy month
Headlined by two late October birthdays the Editor "lost" –
Belated good wishes to John Snell & Elizabeth Sugars for Oct 29th
Sara Franklin
Bill Godwin
Rosalie Raine
Alexis Keynes
Steve Pynt
Rosalind Mitchell
And to those who I have missed and are not named on the list we still wish you all the best!





Session Rules Reminder

- Players should be seated 10 minutes prior to the start of play for a session.
- The Director makes the final decision on seating arrangements and on playing arrangements in the room (air-conditioning).
- System cards are compulsory for competitions and red master point events and strongly recommended for all other sessions.
- NS are primarily responsible for the playing conditions at the table (bridgemates, management of boards and moving them if instructed to do so by the Director).
- EW are primarily responsible for moving the boards, tidying up, and leaving the table in a good condition ready for the next session.
- All players should offer to help with general room clean-up to assist the Director.





If Apple made a car would it have windows?
I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory…. All I did was take a day off!!

[Editor's note: No apologies for pathetic jokes]

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SOLEMN BRIDGE OATH

I'm giving up bridge – tonight's my last night
It's amen to Stayman, I give up the fight
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles
And I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.

My cards are all rotten and who's played what?
What the heck's trumps? I think I've forgotten
So for now it's all over – I'm off to the back wood
I'm bidding goodbye to Gerber and Blackwood.

I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain
I'm picking up bad cards again and again
I'm giving up bridge – tonight's a bad night
Declarer is horrid and nothing's gone right.

My partner's a dope and I'm losing hope
And when he says 'double', I know I'm we're in trouble
My points are not high, and I'm wondering why
He kept on bidding right up to the sky.

We're in seven spades and all my hope fades
When surprise, surprise his high bidding pays
We're winning all tricks the defenders feel sick
And I have to admit my partner's a brick.

But, I'm giving up bridge – tonight's my last night
Farewell to conventions – I give up the fight
So I leave with few words but some that are true
Bridge is a game not for me but for you.

So be kind to your partners and don't mind their cheek
For it's only a game – Oh and I'll see you next week.

Author unknown
and thanks to Cheryl Harding for allowing us to print it

PROMOTIONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
Bill Godwin on his promotion to GRADUATE MASTER

OVER 70% CLUB

Congratulations to

Steve Pynt & Dave Sloan

71.25% on Oct 10th

Colleen Rigby & Clyde McGill

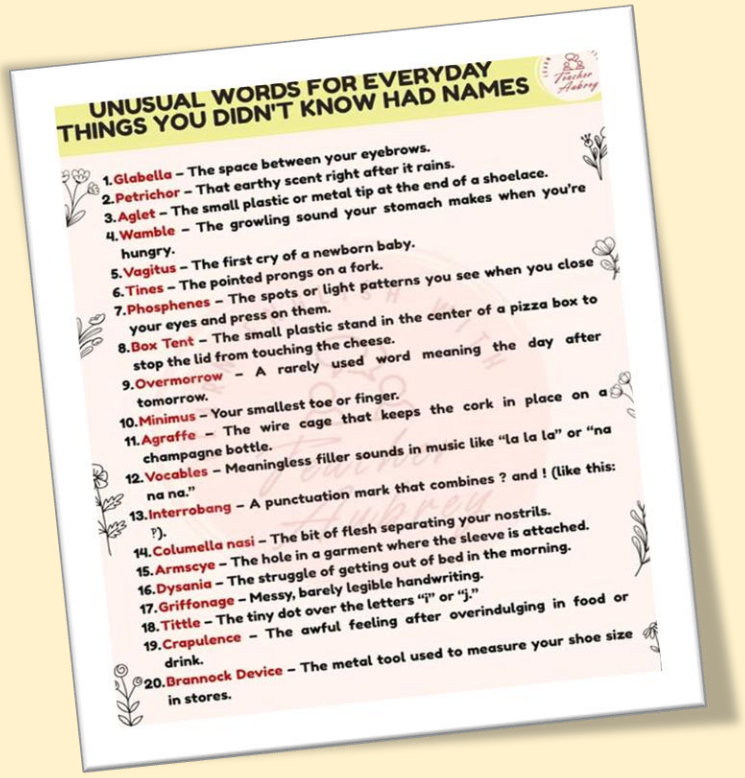
70.98% on Oct 20th

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MONEY MONEY MONEY

Fremantle Bridge club members have so many options to pay for their game of Bridge:

- **You have MyABF option – modern, easy --- and if you don't have an ABF account yet, please see any committee member to ask for assistance in setting one up…**
- **You can pay with pre-bought vouchers - either on the day with cash or via online bank transfer prior to arriving on the day…**
- **You can pay with cash – BUT, gold coins are preferable than anything smaller please.**



UNUSUAL WORDS FOR EVERYDAY THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW HAD NAMES

1. **Glabella** – The space between your eyebrows.
2. **Petrichor** – That earthy scent right after it rains.
3. **Aglet** – The small plastic or metal tip at the end of a shoelace.
4. **Wamble** – The growling sound your stomach makes when you're hungry.
5. **Vagitus** – The first cry of a newborn baby.
6. **Tines** – The pointed prongs on a fork.
7. **Phosphenes** – The spots or light patterns you see when you close your eyes and press on them.
8. **Box Tent** – The small plastic stand in the center of a pizza box to stop the lid from touching the cheese.
9. **Overmorrow** – A rarely used word meaning the day after tomorrow.
10. **Minimus** – Your smallest toe or finger.
11. **Agraffe** – The wire cage that keeps the cork in place on a champagne bottle.
12. **Vocables** – Meaningless filler sounds in music like "la la la" or "na na na."
13. **Interrobang** – A punctuation mark that combines ? and ! (like this: ⁉).
14. **Columella nasi** – The bit of flesh separating your nostrils.
15. **Armscye** – The hole in a garment where the sleeve is attached.
16. **Dysania** – The struggle of getting out of bed in the morning.
17. **Griffonage** – Messy, barely legible handwriting.
18. **Tittle** – The tiny dot over the letters "i" or "j."
19. **Crapulence** – The awful feeling after overindulging in food or drink.
20. **Brannock Device** – The metal tool used to measure your shoe size in stores.



Don't forget to submit your personal "Freo-centric" photos for inclusion on our website!

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FINAL RESULTS OF 2026 BAWA TEAMS COMPETITION

Well done to all the Fremantle competitors

Restricted League

South Teams	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	VPs	Part. Index
South Perth A	5	4	1	0	70.60	1.2
Melville	5	3	2	0	67.16	1.6
Rockingham	5	2	2	1	53.72	1.2
Fremantle *	4	3	1	F Win	52.92	1.5
Kalamunda A	5	1	4	0	30.30	1.8
South Perth B *	4	0	4	1/F	18.30	2.3

North

North Teams	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	VPs	Part. Index
Undercroft B	5	4	1	0	75.45	2.0
Nedlands	5	3	1	1	54.85	2.0
Undercroft A	5	3	1	1	53.29	2.0
West Coast	5	2	3	0	46.90	1.0
WABC	5	1	3	1	41.87	2.8
Kalamunda B	5	0	4	1	27.64	1.2

Final was South Perth A v Undercroft A ……Winners were …. Undercroft A

Novice League

South Teams	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	VPs	Part. Index
South Perth A	7	6	0	1	114.72	1.3
Melville B	7	5	2	0	94.47	1.3
Kalamunda B	7	5	1	1	85.37	1.1
Melville A	7	3	3	1	70.01	1.0
Fremantle	7	4	3	0	67.91	0.9
Kalamunda A	7	2	4	1	57.01	0.9
Rockingham	7	0	7	0	37.31	1.0
South Perth B	7	1	6	0	33.20	2.3
North Teams	**Played**	**Won**	**Lost**	**Drawn**	**VPs**	**Part. Index**
WABC	6	5	1	0	83.64	2.0
West Coast	6	3	1	2	80.22	1.0
Nedlands	6	4	1	1	78.14	1.0
Undercroft B*	5	2	2	1/F	58.51	2.6
Undercroft A*	5	1	2	2	47.94	2.8
Kalamunda C*	5	0	5	F Win	24.39	1.8
Kalamunda D*	5	1	4	0	20.16	1.2

Final is South Perth A v WABC – winner to be announced