

## A LETTER OF WELCOME TO NEW MCC BRIDGE CLUB MEMBERS

On behalf of the MCC Bridge Committee I write to welcome you as a new member of our Special Interest Group. Although only young, we are already a vigorous club, and I hope you will enjoy playing with us in the spectacular environs of The Hans Ebeling Room.

Our popular Director, Sue Kelso, supervises the regular Thursday session which runs from 12.30 – 4pm each week. Her husband Laurie supervises on the last Thursday of each month. The cost is \$10 per person, and we use a cash only payment system for Thursday sessions. Our Thursday afternoon sessions are very well attended and enjoyed by all. You are able to purchase lunch prior to the start of play from The Hugh Trumble Cafe, located on level one. It is essential to pre-book your attendance so that we have our table numbers organised and the security list accurate for gate entry.

We also offer evening Bridge in the form of matches against other clubs regularly throughout the year. These events are preceded by a 6 o'clock dinner in either the Members' Dining Room or The Committee Room (Dress code - Jacket and tie). Participation is through an expression of interest after the event is announced during the Thursday Bridge session. A team is selected from these expressions of interest, and is published on the noticeboard in The Hans Ebeling Room. Those selected are also notified by mail with details of play included in their letter.

Bookings are essential for our weekly Thursday games. There are currently 3 avenues for booking:

1. Use of the monthly booking form which is emailed to each member towards the end of the month.
2. Ringing Brian Bailey on our Bridge mobile (ph.no - 0457057080 ) by Tuesday 5pm prior to the Thursday game
3. Emailing [specialinterestgroups@mcc.org.au](mailto:specialinterestgroups@mcc.org.au) by Tuesday 5pm prior to play.
4. Please remember to cancel your booking using the same avenues if you find you are unable to attend

Your membership includes VBA affiliation and membership of The Australian Bridge Federation so you will be allocated an ABF number if you do not already have one. You will henceforth be credited with ABF masterpoints for each week of play at The MCC. Please direct any enquiries on this front to Roger Kenna (Ph: 0407507844). The first Thursday of each month is generally a Red Point session.

Parking is an issue which we try to address as a group. Although The MCC are willing to make parking available to us, it is only on the basis of ½ a parking space per person, so try to come with your partner, or become part of a car pool. If public transport is an option, consider availing yourself of that.

A nametag will be ordered for you, and will be kept for you in The Hans Ebeling Room. Please leave it there after each week's play. It will be stored and put out for you whenever you book in to play.

You will find our website at [www.mcc.org.au](http://www.mcc.org.au) – go to the heading **Interest Group** and click on **Bridge**. Each week we post results and hand records from the Thursday session.

You are most welcome to bring a guest as your regular playing partner, but they must always be accompanied by you and naturally you are responsible for their conduct.

Our Bridge Committee comprises:

Helen Fitzpatrick – Chair

Roger Kenna – Secretary

Linda Willersdorf – Treasurer

Brian Bailey

Colin Campbell

Angus Graham

Deb Ebstein

Feel free to approach any of us with questions or concerns.

You will find a spirit of great goodwill and generosity in the MCC Bridge Club. We warmly welcome your involvement.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Helen Fitzpatrick', written in black ink.

Helen Fitzpatrick

Chair, MCC Bridge Committee