

Community Bridge Club Bateau Bay

Treasurer's Report 2023

The year 2023 was a year of firsts for our club in a number of ways. We played a full year on both Thursdays and Fridays; our table numbers went over the 1000 (1009 to be exact) for the first time ever; we introduced a Teams Event, and commenced Bridge Lessons.

Our membership remained steady, we lost a few but gained more, and our membership remained over the 100 mark all year. It presently stands at 107.

We continued with our 4 functions a year and kept our donations to one sizable donation. This year was to the Lismore Floods.

We started the year continuing with a paid Friday director (Gary Barwick) but Gary has now moved on to bigger things in his career. We wish him well, and he still continues to help us in the background. A big thanks to Gary. Our current directors accept a free game as payment for "the honour of".

After the turbulence of the covid years the aim was to take a steady approach to ascertain direction. We have held the usual functions but still charged the \$5 bridge fee which solved a few issues. We decided not to re-introduce the Tiger Dollars.

The lessons pay for themselves, we cover costs (printed lesson books – printing) and the introduction of new and younger members is evident. It has also sparked some of the longer playing members to re-visit their skills which is always a good thing. Thank you to the teacher/lesson's volunteers, without them we would be lost.

Our surplus for the year was \$8144. My thanks to my regular helpers, Wanda, Thea, Carol, who chase you for table money and membership. But a special mention goes to all our committee, led by Sharon. We are a great team all supportive of one another, and I believe this shows in the club's success. Also thank-you to our Auditor Austin Driscoll.

Without the Entrance Leagues Club, we wouldn't be here. They are so supportive and generous, and nothing is ever a problem. Always, thank you to you, our members, for supporting us.

Pam Townsend,
Treasurer.
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