## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jean Moran	4 <sup>th</sup> February
Toni Gorman	8 <sup>th</sup> February
John Segalla	9 <sup>th</sup> February
Adriana Smith	9 <sup>th</sup> February
Sue Eastman	11 <sup>th</sup> February
Eris Brown	16 <sup>th</sup> February
Dian Moore	17 <sup>th</sup> February
Cheryl Sharples	17 <sup>th</sup> February
Julie Jessop	18 <sup>th</sup> February
Judy O'Brynne	18 <sup>th</sup> February
Janice Crane	19 <sup>th</sup> February
Vicki Clarke	21 <sup>st</sup> February
lan McKinnon	22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Sylvia Robb	24 <sup>th</sup> February
Bev Sivewright	27 <sup>th</sup> February

Hope you all have a wonderful day.

### SUPERVISED PLAY

#### Yes, its back !!!

Each Thursday, following our morning bridge session and a quick lunch, you are welcome to return to the bridge room for our relaxed Supervised Play Session. There is no charge, and the session generally lasts about one hour.

We ask our newer players where they need help and have pre-dealt hand and notes on those topics.

If there has been a difficult hand to bid or play from the morning session, we will also go over that.

If you plan on coming, it helps us greatly if you could enter via the "Calendar" on our website. It helps us with preparation, and we will also put what topics will be discussed on that day.

### Letting you know .

Good Friday is 29<sup>th</sup> March this year.

Tigers is open, so we will play our Friday Bridge Session as usual.

**COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB** BATEAU BAY

### **February Newsletter**



Wow, Community Bridge Club began 41 years ago in the CWA Hall, Pacific Street, Long Jetty.

We will be celebrating on Friday 8th March with a finger-food luncheon after bridge. As usual, we will pay our \$5 for bridge, but the Luncheon is free to our regular playing members. Orange juice will be supplied.

Visitors are welcome but will be asked to pay the cost of their meal.

To assist with catering, please book in via Calendar on our website, or let us know when next at bridge.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

We have welcomed several new members over the past couple of months.

Welcome to :

Sue Davis, Graham Steel, Cheryl Sharples, Julianne Perceval, Rick Webb, Leonie Wain, Vic Pietraszkiewicz, Catherine Porter, Maria Sweeney, Gary Heyting, Geoff Peebles, Scott Sinclair, Christine Hadaway, Willy Timmerman, Meg McGregor, Hilary Owen and Rae Dowling.

Happy bridging .....

#### **EVENTS**

Congratulations to Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club on a successful InterClub Teams on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Unfortunately for our club it fell on a Thursday, which made it difficult for our regular members to attend as it would have decimated our session and supervised play.

Thankfully, we were represented by Sue Eastman, Kath Bromley, Steph Mathews and Gary Heyting, who came in 5<sup>th</sup> in a field of 18 teams. A good day was apparently had by all. Some strong teams, and congratulations to the winners, Sally Clarke, Jan Clarke, Chris Williams and Di Coates, who were also the winners of our first introduction into InterClub Teams last year.

#### More travelling news -

Virginia Dressler and Ian McKinnon ventured to Canberra for the Summer Festival and played in the South West Pacific Teams event in a massive field of 76 teams.

Few Central Coast players made it to the Gold Coast in February, so nothing to report there.

Many of our members do grandparenting duties over the school holidays, but now school is back things will get back on track.

Coming up over the next few months ....

Our usual intrepid travellers will be back in action in March, with a large representation going to the Port Macquarie BC Congress.

# ADRIANA

Just letting you know that Adriana Smith passed away peacefully on Saturday morning after a brief bout with cancer. She was an amazing character, had lived a full and rewarding life. She rewarded herself at her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday "vaping" and just made it to her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Rest in peace Adriana.

We will miss your amazing presence.



## **MONEY MATTERS**

Here at Community Bridge Club BB we still pay with good old cash.

However, while we don't have EFTPOS facilities we do have Game Vouchers available for you to purchase. You can buy 5 or 10, and you can prepurchase these and pay by direct bank transfer.

Our bank details are:	
Bank:	Greater Bank
BSB:	637 000
Account No :	7191 34092

Tigers, of course, have ATM machines throughout the club, but there is a nominal charge for using their service.

So, while we do happily accept cash, we will accept gold coins and notes and even 50 cent pieces, but nothing smaller please.

## AND A BIT MORE INFO

For those new to the club Covid brought about lots of changes, the obvious one being "the coffee break". While everyone welcomes a quick break for morning tea it was obvious it was not a healthy break, and with large numbers at our Friday session it took time to get everyone settled again, plus it was another cost to the bridge club.

So, for lots of reasons after Covid it has never been re-introduced. However, we always stop for breather for about 10 minutes as soon after 10.30 as is practicable.

You can pre-order your coffee from the Tigers barista, and we work with them as to when we expect to stop for the morning break so they know when to have the pre-orders ready.

Obviously, it helps everyone keep to time if you pre-order your beverage, rather than wait until 10.30 to order.

A lot of members quietly bring their own choice of refreshments, and Tigers are okay with this. It keeps our session time out to a minimum, solves the issues that come from people congregating, and everyone settles much better once they have had their morning "fix".