



COMMUNITY **BRIDGE** CLUB  
B A T E A U B A Y

## AUGUST NEWSLETTER

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Denise Wergs ...    | 1 <sup>st</sup> August  |
| Bob Mavin ...       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> August  |
| Janet Wood ...      | 9 <sup>th</sup> August  |
| Carol Parker ...    | 14 <sup>th</sup> August |
| Anne Stimpson ...   | 19 <sup>th</sup> August |
| Patrick Hawkes ...  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> August |
| Lorna McCulloch ... | 31 <sup>st</sup> August |



### COMING SOON

## Our Annual Trophy Day

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
2025 Bridge \$5  
followed by

a free fingerfood  
luncheon



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## Inter Club Teams

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Open to members from  
CBCBB, BWBC, CCBC and CCLCBC  
Clubs only.

*Play starts at 9.30 a.m.*

*Director: Peter Hume*

*B5i (Red) Masterpoints*

Entry fee: \$160 per team which  
includes lunch and drinks at end of  
day.

*Please notify of any dietary  
requirements when entering*

Cash Prizes awarded: according to entries

*Entries via Calendar on our website*

[www.community.bridge-club.org](http://www.community.bridge-club.org)

**Entries close Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

*Please pay cash/cheque on the day  
or prior via bank transfer to Community  
Bridge Club BB*

**Greater Permanent BSB 637000**

**Account 7191 34092**

(Colin joined us at our 13 Years at Tigers Celebration).

Sharon,

I wanted to tell you and the members of the club through just how much I enjoyed today and the lovely friendly greeting I was given. I did appreciate the invitation today as it gave me a chance to have a chat with many of the members I did enjoy playing bridge with and against over many past years.

My love and best wishes  
to you and the many club  
members.

Colin Shore



*Hello from  
Gloria Smith*

Hi everyone!

Thanks for asking  
about me.



I was born in Toowoomba, Queensland, with Mum, Dad and two brothers: Desmond and Ronald. After the war my family moved to Bell, still in Queensland.

At age 6, I was sent to boarding school and was away for 5 years. Anyway, at school I played a lot of tennis and that was the best of boarding school for me! Then I went on to 3 years of high school in back in Toowoomba. (At one stage I thought I wanted to be a nurse. However, not to be).

When I did leave school, I began working for the National Bank in Bell Queensland, as a junior. Then I got to travel around the state filling in for staff on holiday or sick leave. When I came off relieving staff I was posted to Dalby where I met my new supervisor. He was a lovely chap named Herbert. We had a bit of a disagreement about a bank procedure on my first day at work.

. but I wound up falling in love, not so much with the bank but with Herbert, the supervisor. We got married when I was 22 and were married for nearly 63 wonderful years. We were blessed with two beautiful girls, Karen and Chris.

Our next career opportunity took us to New South Wales, first to Glen Innes, then Mayfield, on to Belmont, Orange, and finally Wollongong, where I began to play sport again. I felt home! Got back into tennis, bowls and golf. Proudly I can say I've had 3 holes-in-one!

You know, I was 50-something when I began bridge lessons in Toukley. I met Janet Wood, and we became partners. From Toukley, we played at Long Jetty, and finally to our Community

Bridge Club at Bateau Bay. I've had the good fortune to play with Colleen King (Remember her? She was the nearly blind lady, and I bought big black felt tip pens for all to use to mark our bids). I've continued partnering Janet, and Lyndall Hall and Sally Donaldson. All good!

Herbert and I also enjoyed travelling, to Hong Kong and South Korea, and later with friends to England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and Europe as well as France and Italy. We also visited Norfolk Island.

I've been a committed Catholic since I was a young girl. I did think about becoming a nun as a young woman, but that was "before Herbert". My faith sustained me when Herbert died last year.

My daughter Chris wants me to move to Wollongong to be closer to her and family. It's familiar area to me. I'm hoping I may discover a few old friends surviving who may want to play bowls or have a game of bridge. My other daughter Karen lives in Adelaide. We often visit her and family there as I'll do in the future.

I've come to the fork in the road and I'm taking it. After a life of love with Herbert and our girls I'm strong enough to do it.



Some of the "Toukley Girls"