

Bridge NSW Overview

Bridge NSW is now the state peak body for NSW and responsible for advancing the playing and enjoyment of Bridge in NSW. We look forward to working with clubs to reinvigorate Bridge in this State. The Board has established structures aimed at developing an inclusive and whole of community way of working with all our members.

We are most fortunate to have attracted a team of skilled and energetic people who are passionate about the future of Bridge to positions on the Bridge NSW Board, its standing Committees and the Bridge NSW Council. It is a great pleasure to introduce this outstanding team to you.

The Council represents the breadth of bridge clubs, and its primary responsibilities are the appointment of the Board (or dismissing them) and making By-Laws on the recommendation of the Board. It is one of the ways the Board connects with the member clubs. Board members, general counsel, ABF delegates, and special councillors (if any appointed by council) also attend Council meetings.

The Board is responsible for the operation of Bridge NSW in terms of developing Bridge in the state, the selection of state representatives and is the constituent entity with the ABF. Members of the Council and Board are listed on the following page.

The Board has established six standing Committees to assist it in advancing Bridge in NSW. The chairs of these committees and their purpose, as detailed in their Terms of Reference, are listed on the third and fourth pages. The full Terms of Reference for each committee include an obligation to coordinate their activities with the other committees.

The website (bridgensw.com.au) will be launched in two phases. The soft launch in November will include key information about governance and support for clubs. Other existing functionality will be maintained on the old site (nswba.com.au) and progressively cut-over till the start of 2025.

The Executive Officer, David Havyatt, should be your first point of contact with any enquiries or requested support. He can be reached by phone on 0477 52 52 52 or by email at office@bridgensw.com.au.

Bridge NSW Governance

Bridge NSW Council	Bridge NSW Board	Board Support	Committee Chairs
Catherine Chaffey (Chair) Southern Highlands Bridge Club	Catherine Chaffey (Chair)	General Counsel Alison Hanson	Clubs & Community Glenda Parmenter
Glenda Parmenter Armidale Bridge Club	Bob Rankin (Secretary)		Events Maurits van der Vlugt
John McIlrath Hunter Region Bridge Association	Helen Lavings (Treasurer)	Accountant (interim) Christine Evans	Education Steve English
Phil Glover Wagga Wagga Bridge Club	Jake Andrew		Youth Josh Heller
Marie Pickering Illawarra Bridge Association	Alan Bustany		People & Governance Dagmar Neumann
Alan Bustany Central Coast Leagues Club Bridge Club	David Hudson		Directing John McIlrath
Marjorie Askew Ballina Bridge Club	ABF Representatives	Bridge NSW Office	Contact
Mary Anne Loveridge Sydney Bridge Club	Dagmar Neumann	Executive Officer David Havyatt	email: office@bridgensw.com.au
Sharon Thompson North Shore Bridge Club	Rob Ward		tel: 0477 52 52 52
Derrick Browne Trumps Bridge Centre		Marketing & Communications Officer TBA	
Lynleigh Evans Southern Highlands Bridge Club			

Bridge NSW Committees

Committee	Clubs & Community	Events	Directing
Chair	Glenda Parmenter	Maurits van der Vlugt	John McIlrath
Purpose	<p>Facilitate open and supportive communication and engagement with and between clubs.</p> <p>Identify strategic priority areas for club and community development and support.</p> <p>Collaborate with other standing Committees to ensure optimum outcomes.</p> <p>Ensure that the Voice of Clubs is heard and always represented.</p>	<p>Plan and organise all State Championships, events submitted to the Masterpoint Centre under the Bridge NSW (2-001) registration and events conducted by the State body on behalf of the ABF.</p> <p>Ensure events are aligned to the Bridge NSW Purpose & Objective, support day-to-day operations and the execution of the Bridge NSW Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Provide input on strategic direction, leadership, and expertise in Events coordination and management.</p>	<p>Establish accreditation criteria and conduct assessments for B, C and D level Directors</p> <p>Assist clubs with all facets of directing, including scoring, movements, table-top units and other technology</p> <p>Maintain and publish lists of active directors and their accreditation levels</p> <p>Define roles and responsibilities, recommend appointees and plan for succession of the Chief Tournament Director and Head of State Director Accreditation</p> <p>Liaise with any relevant bodies in Australia or overseas, including other state associations, on all matters pertaining to tournament directing and director accreditation</p>

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Committee	Education	Youth	People & Governance
Chair	Steve English	Josh Heller	Dagmar Neumann
<p>Purpose</p>	<p>Provide Teachers with support and materials for successful delivery of the Bridge NSW curriculum.</p> <p>Establish pathways for learners and clubs to progress player skill levels and participation in events.</p> <p>Support Directors with training and materials for skills and accreditation progression.</p> <p>Provide input on strategic direction, leadership, and expertise pertaining to all areas of education for directors, teachers and players.</p>	<p>Create and facilitate programs and events for bridge players under the age of 30 in NSW.</p> <p>Ensure the future of youth bridge in NSW by advocating for programs which will bring in new players and by providing education and mentoring opportunities for those players.</p> <p>Help make bridge fun for young people in NSW.</p>	<p>Guide Bridge NSW on board governance processes and drive best practice.</p> <p>Lead the process for appointments to board and council.</p> <p>Oversee employee matters and ensure compliance with policies and legislation.</p>