



# Kenmore Gum Leaf

August 2015 Newsletter 6

## President's AGM Address 26 August 2015

**Graham Rusher**

Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the fastest-growing bridge club in Australia.

Today I'd like to acknowledge a year of achievements and offer a glimpse at our future, which is looking very bright. With over 400 players, Kenmore Bridge Club is a not-for-profit, volunteer organisation with a strong commitment to growing the bridge community in the West.

To keep our members up to-date, we created a club newsletter "Kenmore Gum Leaf" edited by Leanne Nugent, available online or at the club.

There's been a lot to report on!

We've initiated events and together with partners, including QBA, ABF and Australia Bridge Magazine we have participated in many events including Queensland Wide Pairs, Saturday Nationwide Pairs and Novice event sessions. Our signature Australia Day Weekend congress was a sell-out. KBC members then joined 2400 players from around Australia and overseas at the prestigious Gold Coast Congress. We were officially recognised as the club with the most players in the Rookie and under 50 masterpoint events. We had strong representation at the QBA's Teams of 3 in the Rookie and Novice levels.

We love introducing new people to the game of bridge, with regular training sessions for beginners by Tim Runting and myself. Supervised sessions run by Theresa Tully, Richard Wallis, Tim Runting and myself and Intermediate level lessons with Andy Hung. Workshops by Andy and Alex Smirnov, who is ranked 34<sup>th</sup> in the world, were also hosted for players wanting to improve their bridge playing skills.

Since the club was formed, KBC has joined other clubs in being a keen supporter of NeuRA (Neuroscience Research Australia) that leads research into aging and neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. Our members raised \$540 for this worthy cause in the Australia-wide Bridge for Brains Research Challenge session in May.

As for our own fundraising, we've attracted another grant from the Community Gambling Benefit Fund for much-needed permanent furniture. Thanks to committee member, Sue Cheney. Reduced borrowing from QBA required!



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The success of our much-loved club means that it is rapidly outgrowing the Community Centre and, as you know, we've been seeking a new venue for the past 3 years. A year ago, Cr Margaret De Wit advised KBC that after a thorough evaluation of local buildings and appropriate sites in the near Kenmore area, Brisbane City Council recommended that there was only one suitable site, and that would require a new building at 43 Pullenvale Road. Encouraged by the Brisbane City Council, we lodged a Development Application for a community clubhouse. Thanks to Kathy Males for her project management and persistence in maintaining the momentum amongst all the diverse groups involved. The club has addressed objections and are hopeful that the DA will be approved.

KBC is aiming to raise \$400,000 deposit of the total clubhouse cost. This is to be more than matched by grant funding from organisations and government. We are currently managing a KBC cash reserve of over \$100,000. KBC members have personally pledged almost \$70,000 to date, for which we thank them. We do have access to low interest loans from QBA and ABF if there is any shortfall. We will only invoke the member pledges when all grant funding is in place. In accordance with DA approval, KBC will have 4 years to complete the community clubhouse.

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We're in a great position, but the priority for the upcoming year is fundraising. We have an amazing team of enthusiastic and proactive members to help get us there. I'd like to acknowledge some special contributors.

- Melba Nicholas for her monthly grand afternoon teas that fundraise for the new club house development.
- Sue Cheney, who delivered the Easter Raffle and secured the Quick Beds fundraising code.
- Susan and Andrew Sharp for the "Entertainment Book" fund raiser.
- Jan Flanigan for the upcoming High Tea at her Coucals Gardens home at Mt Crosby.
- Rick Webster and Susan Sharp for organising the innovative Golf and Bridge day.
- To all the people who contributed tantalising raffle prizes for the Australia Day Congress and throughout the year - especially Marion Tomes and Margot Jeffery for their hand-made quilts and thank you Sue Cheney and Bonnie Goodridge for their diligence in raffle sales.

We all know that running a bridge club is in the hands of many and I'd like to personally thank all who make it happen day in, day out. I've been enormously proud to represent you as President of KBC this past year. Mentoring players and introducing people to the wonderful world of bridge gives me particular pleasure. I've had a number of health challenges this year and the community and camaraderie of this club has buoyed me immensely. Thank you.

I would like to sincerely thank the outgoing Committee, and in particular the Executive, for their enormous efforts this past year. Pat Fennell our diligent club secretary who kept us all in line. Bill Szumidlo for ensuring our membership records were kept up to date and diligently processing our monthly masterpoints for the ABF masterpoint scheme, with Leslie Cheung as his backup. Marge Eaton for taking and making an enormous number of phone calls in search of suitable partnerships. Anne Russell for her magnificent organisational skills that ensured the club

events ran smoothly, plus her exceptional photography captured significant moments in the club's history which is reflected in our Newsletter and Website. Theresa Tully for her excellent contribution in nurturing players in the supervised sessions and support of more advanced players' development. My fellow directors: Anne Russell, Margaret Mobbs, Mel Gilmour, Leslie Cheung, Richard Wallis and Tim Runting for their smooth running of sessions and partnering players without partners when the occasion arose. Thanks to directors for attending workshops to ensure their directing skills were maintained at a high level. Also Tim and his son Will for dealing cards for all our sessions (13,000 sets of cards per the year). Margaret Mobbs (Floor Manager), Tim Runting (Congress Coordinator), Committee members and helpers for their commitment to the successful Australia Day Weekend congress. Rick Webster for his donation of a refrigerator to KBC and his ongoing banking that assisted our Treasurer, Kathy Males. Anne Russell (Focus on Photography Courses) and Steve Weil (TBIB ... Tony Bemrose Insurance Brokers) for sponsorship that covered the cost in printing our Members' Book.

Thank you to the people who quietly arrive early and attend to the dishwasher, set up tables outside and at the end of play empty bins, close windows and prepare the environment ready for the next bridge session. Our members' generosity and enthusiasm contribute to KBC's ongoing success and make for an enjoyable experience in playing bridge.

I'm looking forward to an exciting year ahead and being one step closer to walking through the door of a new clubhouse.

Graham Rusher  
President Kenmore Bridge Club Inc.



Book for High Tea at Coucals Garden on Sunday 20 September 9am - 12noon or 1pm - 4pm  
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Phone: 32010439 [www.coucalsgarden.com](http://www.coucalsgarden.com)



## Interclub Team Bridge and Golf Fun Day

Monday 26 October 8.15 for 9.00 start  
McLeod Country Club, Mt Ommaney  
⇒ Morning bridge  
⇒ Light lunch  
⇒ Afternoon golf

Register your team before Thurs 1 October  
See [www.kenmore.bridgeaustralia.org](http://www.kenmore.bridgeaustralia.org)

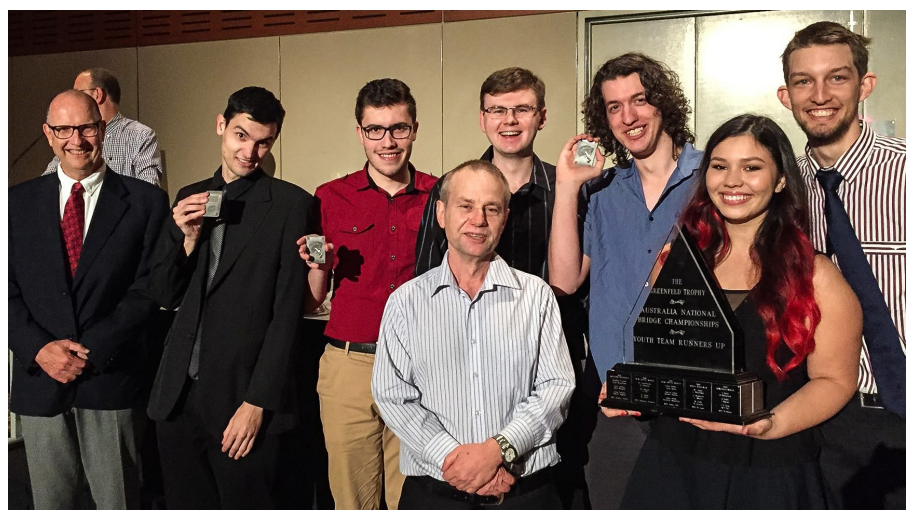
## Winter at Kenmore Bridge Club



Diane McClintock, Margaret Mobbs, Prue Dick, Kathy Males, Anne Russell, Lile Williams, Marge Eaton, Bruce Finlayson



Margot Jeffery's beautifully crafted quilt raised substantial funds towards the future clubhouse. The excited winner was Harry McCullagh. Equally excited were Marion Tomes who won the bottles of wine and Joan Branthwaite the Shiraz.



The **Queensland Youth Team** were runners up at the recent Australian National Championships. KBC is proud to be the home club for Angus Gray - well done team. Back row: Bruce Neil (ABF President), Joshua Davis, Angus Gray, Chris Larter, Andrew Gosney, Michael Gearing  
Front row: Paul Brake (Non-Playing captain), Jessica Brake  
Youth members are always welcome at our bridge sessions.

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## Directors' Corner CLAIM BY DECLARER

- ◆ When a claim is made by Declarer, they must state their proposed line of play. This should make mention of any outstanding trumps (e.g. "drawing trumps"), and how they plan to travel between hands if relevant.
- ◆ A careless or incomplete claim may cost you tricks that you would otherwise make.
- ◆ Claims should be made where possible - it is discourteous to continue play when the outcome is certain.

## Congratulations!!!!

### Recent James O'Sullivan Rankings

(Thanks Paul Mitchell)

Therese Tully 6th	All Ranks
Therese Tully 5th	Silver Grand & Above
Paul Mitchell 7th	National*
Mick Fawcett 5th	State*
Lyn Tracey 4th	Local**
Leanne Nugent 9th	Local**
Kathy Males 1st	Local*
Steven Parkes 1st	Graduate
Unis Suliman 2nd	Graduate
Peter Taylor 3rd	Graduate
Allan Byrnes 4th	Graduate

Therese Tully & Richard Wallis were part of the team placed second in the QBA Open Teams in August.

### Coming QBA Events

Sep 13 Kenmore Novice (Rookie) Pairs  
**A great opportunity if you have up to 50mps.**  
**Register online and pay on the day.**

- Sep 13 Noosa Teams
- Sep 20 Sunshine Coast Graded Pairs
- Sep 20 Sanctuary Cove Graded Pairs
- Sep 27 Redland Graded Pairs
- Oct 3-5 Toowoomba Pairs & Teams
- Oct 11 QBC Clean Cruising Pairs
- Oct 24-25 Hervey Bay Imp Pairs & Teams
- Oct 24 Surfers Paradise Graded Teams
- Oct 31-Nov 1 Northern Suburbs Imp Pairs

**Bill Bouwman**, one of our regular players passed away recently. His good humour and 'have a go' attitude in his bidding will be missed by us all. He was one of the rare breed who played with his wife (Yvonne), son (Peter) and grandson (Lucas). We are proud to have three generations of the Bouwman family in our club. We extend our sympathy to the family.



## Your Committee Members for 2016

President: Graham Rusher  
Vice President: Anne Russell  
Secretary: Pat Fennell  
Treasurer: Kathy Males  
Membership: Bill Szumidlo  
Committee: Sue Cheney Leslie Cheung  
Mick Fawcett Tim Runting  
Andrew Sharp Rick Webster

### Welcome to new members

Anne Alexander  
Bryan Cameron  
Prue Dick  
Isobel Furnival  
Debbie Gavin  
Peter Gavin  
Eugenie Hargraves  
Ann MacRae  
Helen Standfast



Treasurer, Kathy Males President, Graham Rusher Secretary, Pat Fennell  
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**Contributions Welcome ....** Please email or deliver your contributions to the Newsletter Editor Leanne Nugent  
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