

What's Happening at the TBA - August 2020

The TBA Committee met via Zoom (due to beginner's Classes being run at the TBA) on Tuesday August 11th from 7.30pm.

Participating: J Rhodes (Chair), M Gibbs, J Grosvenor, A Paton, L Cooke, M Sherlock, S Edler, E Gee, K Marsden, I Bailey, G Poulton

Apologies: S Edler, S Falkingham

The following matters were discussed:

Building Matters

Our current ten year lease has expired and the processes for renewing the lease with HCC are in hand. HCC is supportive of the TBA and intends to extend our lease once due process has been undertaken.

The TBA has applied for a grant of up to \$ 200,000 from the Tasmanian Community Foundation's current round of funding. The emphasis of the current round is to build spaces which encourage social interaction and reduce social isolation, particularly in the post covid-19 environment.

If we are successful, we will be able to build an extension to provide a dedicated teaching area, room for additional competition tables and a recreation area for members with minimal financial risk to the club.

The Committee is not inclined to proceed with any building extension at this time without such financial assistance.

Consequently, a decision has been taken to relocate the coffee machine to reduce the current bottleneck. We will replace one of the fridges with an under bench fridge, and some acoustic protection for the coffee machine to reduce any noise impact in the playing area.

Social Bridge at the TBA

One member proposed to the committee that social bridge be available at the TBA for those people who just love playing bridge but aren't interested in playing competitive bridge.

The committee is open to this proposal and we will continue to explore the logistics of it with the Directors.

Annual General Meeting – September 5th

The (postponed!) 2020 AGM will be held at the TBA on Saturday September 5th from 12.30 pm.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the format will be slightly different from previous years. Attendees will need to book via the [TBA booking system](#) as numbers will be restricted to 50.

A pre-plated "COVID-19 Safe" lunch will be available from 12.30 pm and we will start the actual AGM at approximately 12.45pm whilst members are eating their lunch at the "socially distanced" tables.

Members bringing food to share are asked to bring finger food such as sandwiches or cake to the club by 12.00 noon so we can plate them up for serving. The TBA will be providing party pies and sausage rolls to go with the sandwiches.

Free bridge will be available at the conclusion of the AGM for attendees.

Committee Nomination

Please think about nominating for the Committee or taking up a volunteer role with the club. We always need more helpers, and the more helpers we have, the more we can improve the operation of our club.

The incoming committee will only last for six months until the regular AGM in March 2021, so it's the ideal time to give it a try if you have been thinking about offering your service.

Keep a look out for nomination forms at the club.

Youth Bridge

The TBA is going to try to establish a dedicated Youth Program in 2021 at the club. We will write to local secondary schools and colleges about this in the next couple of months. If you know any young people who would like to learn bridge, either as part of a school elective program or privately, please let me know and I'll make sure they are informed of our future program.

Julie Rhodes

President, TBA