

**February 2020**

## Notice of 2020 Annual General Meeting

The 2020 StepBridge Australia AGM will be held on Sunday 22 March at 3pm (Eastern Daylight Savings Time) via Skype.

As this is the main meeting of the club, all members are encouraged to attend and participate.

The agenda, minutes from the last AGM and reports from the various positions will be sent out via email in the next few weeks.

We also welcome anyone who would like to nominate for a position or for submitting any agenda items. If you have anything to contribute, please advise via email to [admin@stepbridge.com.au](mailto:admin@stepbridge.com.au).

Similar if you wish to attend the AGM, please advise via email to [admin@stepbridge.com.au](mailto:admin@stepbridge.com.au) with your name and Skype ID.

# AGM

## Annual General Meeting

### Session Fees

Account name: StepBridge Australia Bridge Club

BSB: 012 013 Account number: 3025 38455

Reference: Your StepBridge Username

Email [admin@stepbridge.com.au](mailto:admin@stepbridge.com.au) that you have made a payment.

	Members	Non Members
10 Standard Tournaments	\$30.00	\$35.00
50 Standard Tournaments	\$125.00	N/A
100 Standard Tournaments	\$225.00	N/A

### Committee

#### President

Richard Lawrie (Ricky)

#### Secretary

Christopher Larter  
(ChrisLar)

#### Treasurer

David Adams (DavidAd)

#### Head TD &

#### Chief Technical Officer

Sarah Anwar (MaureenA)

#### Masterpoint Secretary

Sebastian Wright (SebW)

#### Public Officer

Eric Taylor (EricTay)

#### Committee Members

Mardi Hogarth (MardiHo)  
Kevin Kendall (KevinKen)  
Brenda McClean (Brenda)  
Rita Pringle (RitaPr)

### Email Address

[admin@stepbridge.com.au](mailto:admin@stepbridge.com.au)

Please put a **SUBJECT** in the message line using one of the following categories

Admin  
Committee  
Help & Support  
Membership  
Newsletter  
Password Lost  
Payments

## StepBridge National Teams Competition for Members

StepBridge members are invited to nominate for a National Teams Competition. Teams of four, representing each State in Australia will play against others teams representing the other States. A captain will be designated for each team.

Anyone may nominate and the teams are preferably ranked according to the more accomplished players from each State. Negotiations may occur with the Organiser regarding partnerships.

**Note: If you are aware of accomplished players within your State you may invite them to become StepBridge Members to enable them to participate in the event.**

Fourteen Board Matches will be played, outside of the normal StepBridge session times. As that will be 28 boards, at least 2 to 3 hours needs to be scheduled for each event. Captains will be nominated from each team and when the allocation of teams is made the Captain will be responsible for arranging the match between themselves and opponents. The organiser will provide scheduling times. You will have four weeks to complete the match and inform the organiser of the outcome. Subsequent winners will then be allocated to the next match to be played.

A final of the top teams will be arranged and advertised to the members.

No fees will be charged and the Committee has allocated 500 participation points to each member of the winning team and 250 participation points to the runner up team members.

Nominations are to be emailed to the organiser Richard Lawrie: [ricky.1245@gmail.com](mailto:ricky.1245@gmail.com) or 0412 591 828

Please include the following details in the email

- Name
- State
- ABF number and rank
- StepBridge ID
- Email
- Contact phone number

### Conditions

- Highly artificial systems such as the Forcing Pass and Brown systems may not be used.
- The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without giving a reason.
- System Cards must be fully completed and displayed on line.

This should be a fun event so thank you and “Good Luck”.





## Interview with Mardi Hogarth

*StepBridge username (and Nickname)?*

**MardiHo**

*Where are you from?*

I'm from Tasmania, living in Launceston and spending most weekends on the East Coast at beautiful Freycinet.

*What do you do?*

Since retiring as a Kindergarten teacher, I have taken up Bridge and am loving to play as much as possible.

I have 2 children, both living in Melbourne, as well as a 3 year old granddaughter.

My husband plays cricket (still!!) and, although I'm not interested in his passion, I don't resist going with him when he plays overseas each year. When we can, we play Bridge together at our local bridge club - and we're still together so...

*How long have you been playing bridge?*

I was first introduced to Bridge about 10 years ago.

*Favourite card in the deck, and why?*

I think I would have to say Ace of Hearts. I'm sure it's a lucky card, however, it reminds me of childhood & fantasy - that's the Kindergarten teacher coming out in me!

*How many StepBridge players have you met in person? Two.*

I first met Carol when she was touring around Tasmania and she introduced me to StepBridge.

I went to school with Linnie and, although I don't play with her when she comes to Tasmania, I enjoy our partnership on StepBridge.

*Any memorable bridge auctions?*

This hand on StepBridge was memorable.

♠ AKQJ9854

♥ 84

♦ 5

♣ 5

♠ 102

♥ Q97

♦ 843

♣ AK642

♠ 3

♥ J106

♦ AKJ76

♣ Q1097

♠ 7

♥ AK532

♦ Q1092

♣ J83

*Summarise your life in one word.*

**2 words - Full & fun.**

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## Red Point Sessions

Wednesday 12 February - 8pm

Friday 28 February - 8pm

Sunday 8 March - 4pm

Tuesday 24 March - 8pm



## Recipe Corner

### Creamy Vegetable Pesto Bake

**Brenda McClean (Brenda)**

#### Ingredients

500g packet frozen vegies.

*(I use fresh vegies and frozen beans and peas. Make sure they are cooked through. Also use sliced potatoes)*

2 tablespoons of plain flour

2 tablespoons of basil pesto

300 millilitres of cream for cooking

3/4 cup grated parmesan cheese

1/3 cup mozzarella or cheddar cheese

1/4 cup panko breadcrumbs

Chopped parsley to serve.

#### Method

1. Preheat oven to 200C/180C fan-forced.
2. Combine vegies with flour. Toss to combine.
3. Whisk cream, pesto and 1/2 cup parmesan in a jug or bowl. Pour over vegetables in dish.
4. Combine remaining parmesan, mozzarella / cheddar and breadcrumbs. Sprinkle over vegetables.
5. Bake for 20 minutes or until heated through and top is golden and crunchy. Serve topped with parsley.



## Masterpoint Promotions

January 2020

Vicki Taylor (VickiTay)

Bronze Life

### Vale

StepBridge has been advised that former member Joy Morgan (JoyMor) passed away on Sunday 9 February 2020 after a short stay in hospital. Joy had been a home club member of StepBridge for many years.

### Mentoring Program

The StepBridge Committee would like to provide a mentoring service to new players joining our club. These players may not be new to the game of bridge, but just new to using the StepBridge program.

If you are either available to be a mentor to a new player on StepBridge OR someone who would like a mentor for a few sessions, please email [admin@stepbridge.com.au](mailto:admin@stepbridge.com.au) with the subject title of the email being **Help & Support**.

### Contributions to the Newsletter

All contributions, big or small, would be welcome to this newsletter.

- Do you have an interesting hand for a recent bridge session or congress?
- Can we interview you, so we can all get to know you better?
- Do you have a favourite recipe you would like to share?
- Do you have any other information you wish to share?

Please email your contributions to [admin@stepbridge.com.au](mailto:admin@stepbridge.com.au) with the subject title of the email being **Newsletter**.