



## Bridge NSW Introductions

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 five 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 page. The full Terms of Reference for each committee include an obligation to coordinate their activities with the other committees.

The website ([bridgensw.com.au](http://bridgensw.com.au)) will be launched in two phases. The first phase is expected to be completed by the end of August and will include the full details of the governance arrangements. Other existing functionality will be maintained on the old site ([nswba.com.au](http://nswba.com.au)) till later in the year.

The newly appointed 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 (operational from 21 June) or by email at [office@bridgensw.com.au](mailto: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	Clubs & Community
Glenda Parmenter Armidale Bridge Club	Bob Rankin (Secretary)	Alison Hanson	Glenda Parmenter
John McIlrath Hunter Region Bridge Association	Jake Andrew	Accountant (interim)	Events
Phil Glover Wagga Wagga Bridge Club	Alan Bustany	Christine Evans	Maurits van der Vlugt
Marie Pickering Illawarra Bridge Association	David Hudson		Education
Alan Bustany Central Coast Leagues Bridge Club	Glenda Parmenter		Steve English
Marjorie Askew Ballina Bridge Club	<b>ABF Representatives</b>	<b>Bridge NSW Office</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Mary Anne Loveridge Sydney Bridge Club	Dagmar Neumann	Executive Officer	<a href="mailto:office@bridgensw.com.au">email: office@bridgensw.com.au</a>
Sharon Thompson North Shore Bridge Club	Rob Ward	David Havyatt	<a href="tel:0477525252">tel: 0477 52 52 52</a>
Derrick Browne Trumps Bridge Centre		Marketing & Communications Officer	<u>(to be operational from 20 June)</u>
Lynleigh Evans Southern Highlands Bridge Club		TBA	

## Bridge NSW Committees

Committee	Clubs & Community	Events	Education	Youth	People & Governance
Chair	Glenda Parmenter	Maurits van der Vlugt	Steve English	Josh Heller	Dagmar Neumann
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 &amp; 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>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>