

BARGARA BRIDGE CLUB

CONSTITUTION

Adopted at a Special General Meeting

9th March 2026

1. The name of the club is Bargara Bridge Club. It is an unincorporated, not for profit organisation. In this Constitution:
 - a) “the Club” means Bargara Bridge Club.
 - b) “the Committee” means the Committee of the Club
 - c) “AGM” means Annual General Meeting of the Club.
2. The Aims of the club are as follows:
 - a) To hold sessions for members to play contract bridge
 - b) To foster the game by offering tuition
 - c) To organise functions for the benefit of members
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 - a) The affairs of the club shall ne managed by a Committee consisting of seven members (7)
 - b) The committee shall consist of a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer plus four (4) other members of the club. The members of the committee shall be elected by the members of the club at the AGM and shall hold office until the next AGM but shall be eligible for re-appointment.
 - c) Any member of the club may stand for election to the committee by affixing his/her name to the “Call for Nominations” sheet supplied by the committee not less than (14) days prior to the AGM. No proposer or seconder is required for a member to nominate.
 - d) The Committee may appoint a member of the Club to fill any casual vacancy on the Committee, such appointee to hold office until the next AGM
 - e) Any four (4) members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present.
 - f) The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Committee meetings
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- a) Membership of the Club is open to financial members of Sandhills Sports Club or Bundaberg Social Club
- b) The Committee shall maintain a register of the Club members
- c) Application for membership must be made to the Committee on the prescribed form

5. If the committee is of the opinion that a member of the Club has behaved in a manner unbecoming of a member, the Committee may suspend that member from membership of the Club for a specified period or indefinitely. Any member so suspended may appeal against the suspension by requesting in writing a hearing before an appeal committee comprising of four (4) members of the Committee.

6. An AGM shall be held each calendar year. Notice of the meeting shall be given to the members not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the AGM. The business of the AGM shall be:

- a) To confirm the Minutes of the preceding AGM
- b) To consider the Financial Report that shall be presented by the Treasurer
- c) To elect the committee for the ensuing year
- d) To consider such other matters the Committee may deem appropriate
- e) To consider such other matters as the majority of members present may deem appropriate.

The AGM shall be chaired by the president or in his/her absence another committee member.

No business shall be conducted at the AGM unless a quorum is present Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum

7. In addition to the AGM the Committee may convene other general meetings "Special General Meetings; to consider and resolve such matters as may be determined by the committee

8. At the AGM, Committee meetings or any Special General Meetings, matters shall be decided by a simple majority of votes. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman of the meeting shall have the casting vote.

9. The committee shall open bank accounts in the name of the Club as it shall from time to time decide.

The treasurer must collect all monies received by the Club, make payments authorised by the Committee and keep accurate records of the financial affairs of the club.

Accounts owing shall be paid by Bank transfer. On the receipt of an invoice or proof of expenditure by a member, the treasurer will do a bank transfer. Before this is approved for payment another eligible member of the committee will authorise it online with the bank before it will be paid.

Any proposed expenditure on bridge equipment in excess of \$400 shall be approved by members

The distribution of any surplus funds after meeting all the Club expenses shall be decided by the Committee after considering all proposals from the members at the AGM

10. The Committee shall appoint an auditor (not being a member of the club) who shall audit the financial affairs of the Club each year and present a written report to the Committee. The report shall be submitted to the AGM
11. The assets and income of the Club shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above-mentioned aims and no portion shall be distributed directly to the members of the Club except as bon fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Club
12. The Constitution may be changed by a majority vote of members of the Club present at an AGM or Special General Meeting where details of the proposed change have been included for discussion in the notice of such a meeting under 6 (d) or (e) above.
13. in the event of the Club being dissolved, the amount of money that remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to any charitable organisation as determined by the members.