



## NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB (INC)

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT AGM 2022

Welcome to the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the North Shore Bridge Club.

Firstly I would like to acknowledge and thank my fellow Committee members. They have been a pleasure to work with. A great deal of hard work from a great group of people. Thank you all very much.

We also must acknowledge and thank the many people who make the North Shore Bridge Club the success that it is. What a team. The Directors, the Dealers, Liz New our awesome Membership Secretary, Harry our technical wizard, Stuart who looks after the downstairs rental, the catering team, and all of the others who give their time and energy to the running of the club – and there are many.

The club remains in excellent health financially, for which I am very grateful. Being in lockdown for 107 days certainly reduced our table money income and tested our resilience in many ways! Attendance at our social sessions has pretty much grown back to pre-Covid days which is great to see; our competitive sessions are coming back slowly – they are still a work-in-progress.

Sadly we have lost three of our wonderful long standing members this year – Terry Hubble, Michael Koch and Anita Burgess. Our thoughts are with Denise, Rosaleen and John.

Our membership remains steady and our numbers now stand at over 300 – final numbers still to come. Of course we lose some members due to ill health etc but we continue to gain new members. Credit must be given here to Douglas Russell for the professional manner in which he runs our lessons. Both the Improver Lessons and the Beginners Lessons attract a good number of people, and the retention rate of those people are a testament to the quality of the lessons. That, and also the spirit of this club and the members. It is so important that we retain the friendly, welcoming atmosphere we have at our club.

Reluctantly we decided to cancel our March 3A tournament due to the uncertainty surrounding last minute withdrawals because of Covid. Our July 8B Restricted tournament went ahead, albeit with reduced numbers. We look forward to running our 3B/5B tournament at the end of October. We held a number of social Sunday events as well as the Matariki Day session. All of these days were extremely well supported and we enjoyed a great turnout from some of our newer players as well as our regulars. Always fun ending with a nice glass of wine and delicious food.

We are fortunate to have a great bunch of sponsors – I am hopeful that they will come back on board again for the next year. They too have had their struggles during the lockdowns – please support them whenever you can. It is their generosity that helps us to keep the subscriptions and table money at the same amount for yet another year. We received a grant this year from Foundation North of \$4173 to go towards tuition costs

which was a great help.

We held a very successful Erebus Memorial Charity Day on Sunday 12 December – all funds raised went to Women's Refuge – \$860 cash which we made up to \$1000 along with the amazing Christmas presents for the children kindly placed under our Christmas tree by our very generous members.

A number of our committee are retiring and I would like to thank them on behalf of all the members for the years of service they have given to North Shore Bridge Club. Mandy MacLean as our tireless secretary and my super-supportive Vice-President, and Heather Jack as our efficient treasurer, along with Ash Barnes our very own MacGyver and tablet-controller, Liz Boulton. I have very much enjoyed working alongside you guys.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members most sincerely for your support of me during my three years as your President. It has been a privilege and a pleasure.

I wish the new committee well – those who are staying and the new ones coming on board. I am sure the club will be in very good hands.

Thank you.

Ilona West, President