

## **Honorary Life Membership**

The highest honour that can be bestowed on a present, past or retiring member of a club, is Honorary Life Membership.

Key criteria for conferring Honorary Life Membership of the Caboolture Bridge Club is the recognition and celebration of outstanding and consistent contribution to the Club by an individual, over a sustained period of time throughout the majority of their membership of the Club, and actually goes beyond the ordinary or even the excellent for an extended period of time.

This contribution should be widely recognized within the club with the contribution regarded as having exceeded expectations of all Club members.

After consideration of the above requirements for Life Membership, the Caboolture Bridge Club Management Committee has supported a motion moved by Noreen Weyling and seconded by Peter Gruythuysen that Honorary Life Membership be awarded to Jenny Hays.

Jenny's interest in Bridge began when she was teaching at the Morayfield State School. Andy Slater – a fellow teacher and a Bridge icon in the SE Queensland - initiated an embryonic introduction to Bridge with after school weekly lessons for a group of teachers. The group referred to the lessons as Professional Development classes so that the Headmaster could not interrupt the lessons with a staff meeting!

After a number of weeks, Andy suggested that Jenny and Charlene should join the Caboolture Bridge Club and play "real bridge" on Thursday evenings.

Jenny joined the Club in 2005 and by 2006 had been encouraged to nominate for a position on the Management Committee.

So began Jenny's journey of energy, drive and commitment to this Club which has helped to bring our Club to where it is today. Jenny has served on the Committee consistently since 2006 except for a short period in 2022. She is the Club's longest standing Committee member and has held every Committee position.

The Honour Board gives you some indication of her service record:

President: 2011

Secretary: 2012 - 2017

Treasurer: 2018 - 2021 Resumed the Treasurer's role mid way through 2023 and remains in this role.

However, these dates are only indicative of the executive positions Jenny has held on the Committee over the years. Her involvement in Club affairs is a much larger story.

Jenny wears many caps in our club. Following, are some of her responsibilities - but are not limited to - Club Treasurer, Provider, Director, technical support, assistant trainer, tenant liaison, grant applications, insurances, plus she is an initiator of many other Club administration issues as they arise.

Jenny was instrumental in buying and installing Compscore 2 which was a giant leap into the world of computer scoring for our Club.

Jenny is frequently the first person to arrive at the Club for events and the last to leave.

Because of her years of enduring, energetic commitment to the best interests of the Club, it is now recognized that she is indeed a font of knowledge of all Club activities and is always happy to make herself available to assist members with information or act as a mentor for expertise. If a job needs doing, Jenny is the first person to step up.

Jenny is indeed the go-to person in the Club. The spine of our Club.

In recent years, Jenny relocated to Bribie and so it would have been logistically sensible for her to join and play at the Bribie Club. Her abilities and knowledge were rapidly recognized by members of the Bribie Club who expressed a desire for her to take on leadership responsibilities in their Club. However, she remained loyal to our Club by choosing to remain an active Committee member of the Caboolture Club.

Thank you for that Jenny. Your loss to this club would have left a huge hole.

Jenny, your commitment, contribution and sustained meritorious service to this Club over an extended period has more than fulfilled all criteria required for the awarding of the high distinction of Honorary Life Membership.

In accordance with the provisions of the Club Constitution, which requires that a motion moved by Noreen Weyling, seconded by Peter Gruythuysen and supported by the Management Committee - that Honorary Life Membership be awarded to Jenny Hays, should be endorsed at a General Meeting of Members - I now ask members present to ratify the motion by show of hands. Carried.

Therefore, on behalf of all members present, Jenny, I officially and sincerely congratulate and thank you for your remarkably loyal service to the Caboolture Bridge Club and respectfully ask you to accept our offer of Honorary Life Membership.

Noreen Weyling

President Caboolture Bridge Club

