

The City of Redcliffe Chess Club Inc.

Minutes of the Redcliffe Chess Club committee meeting held in F Block of the Grace Lutheran College, Buchanan Street, Rothwell QLD on Wednesday 9th April, 2025 commencing at 6.48pm.

Present: Mark C. Stokes (President and in the Chair); Tony Weller (Treasurer); Nikola Maljkovic (Committee member); Jai Turner (Committee member); Max Kershaw (Secretary) and one club member being Rohan Pyne.

Apologies: An apology was received from Allan Fossey and it was moved Tony Weller/Nikola Maljkovic that such apology be accepted.

Minutes of the last committee meeting of the Redcliffe Chess Club held on Wednesday 6th November, 2024 as circulated were adopted by Tony Weller/Jai Turner. There were no outstanding business matters arising from those minutes.

President's Report: The President provided the following update:

1. 2025 continues to go well for our great little chess club. We thank all of our members for their great support each and every Wednesday night.

2. Our ACF and QJ rated the six Swiss Events, the 2025 Summer Swiss and our current tournament, the 2025 Viv Greenelsh Memorial. All tournaments have been very well supported with 40 plus individual entries in each event which clearly shows the popularity of ACF and QJ rated events. Jai Turner convincingly won the Summer Swiss with 6/6 and David Beaumont has the sole lead in the current event, the Viv Greenelsh Memorial, with one round still to go!

3. Our 2025 Redcliffe Chess Club Blitz Chess Championship was

run between these two Swiss events and saw talented teenage player Simon Yousafi emerge victorious with the fine score of 8.5/9. Well done Simon!

4. Members and the general public can view some hard fought games from our Swiss events in 2025 on our Website under the games section and you can also view our 2025 tournament results thanks to the hard work of Rohan Pyne. Here is the link to our Website: <https://redcliffechessclub.com.au>

5. Our weekend tournament dates are now on the 2025 CAQ calendar and our dates have been approved for F Block and for J Block by the Grace Lutheran College. We are all very fortunate to have such great support for all our events from this wonderful school.

6. Our ACF and QJ rated Peninsula Open is on Saturday June 28th and Sunday June 29th and our ACF and QJ rated Leo Wilkinson Memorial is on Saturday September 27th and Sunday September 28th.

7. With our very healthy bank balance at the moment thanks to the great weekly numbers for our Wednesday night club events, our Club will once again offer its 2025 club membership a heavily discounted entry fee for both of our weekenders. Redcliffe chess club members will be able to enter these events for just \$20! Yes, just \$20! So put Saturday June 28th and Sunday June 29th and Saturday September 27th and Sunday September 28th in your diaries now!

8. With our weekly night fees of \$3.50 a night for adults and just \$1 a night for juniors, we can rightly claim to be the cheapest weekly chess club in all of Australia and we plan to remain so. Tell all your friends to come to our club on Wednesday nights for a great night out at a bargain basement price, with free tea, coffee, orange juice and biscuits for everyone as well.

9. The club will also host the running of this year's 2025 CAQ Seniors Chess Championship for players turning 50 years of age this year or already 50 years of age or older. This event will be held in the F Block of Grace Lutheran College. It is on Saturday November 15th and Sunday November 16th.

10. We will also host Gail Young's QWCL 2025 Christmas Special on the weekend of Saturday December 13th and Sunday December 14th and this event is also well worth playing in. Circle those dates in your diary.

11. I will be away overseas in August this year, but the club will be open as usual each Wednesday night, with Tony Weller and Allan Fossey sharing the opening up and closing up duties and Rohan Pyne continuing to run the Swiss Pairing Program as he does so well at the moment. Rohan has also agreed to act as Deputy President of Redcliffe Chess Club whilst Mark is away so the Club will be in very good hands with Rohan, Tony, Allan, Max, Jai and Nikola all on hand to help each Wednesday night.

12. I will playing chess during my August holiday in the 2025 Bruges Masters in Belgium from Saturday 9th August to Friday 15th August and would love others to come and play too! Google "Tim Harding seniors chess" to get the flyer for the Bruges Masters!

13. This year Jai Turner is happy to open up the Club on the three Wednesday nights of State of Origin and they will all be just \$1 entry fee nights for his Fischer Random (Chess 960/freestyle chess) and transfer chess tournaments. Game 1 is on Wednesday night May 28th, Game 2 is on Wednesday night June 18th and Game 3 is on Wednesday night July 9th. The Redcliffe Chess Club will be open on each of these nights - just bring a \$1 gold coin along each of these three Wednesday nights if you are not staying home and watching State of Origin and have fun playing fischer

random or transfer chess events.

14. Remember to check out games from the Melbourne International on now and the link is on chesschat. The Doeberl Cup is being held in Canberra over Easter and the Sydney International is immediately after that! Then we have the two Tournaments at the same time, a 9 round Churchie International and a 7 round Churchie International to choose from over the May, 2025 long weekend.

The President then moved adoption of his report which was seconded by Tony Weller and carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurers financial statement for the period ending 31st March, 2025 (as per attachment) was presented to the meeting. The following points were noted:

1. Expenditure for the year to date amounted to \$1,981.60 with income amounting to \$1,014.00 thus resulting in a loss to date of \$967.60.
2. A brief report from the treasurer on activities for the period was also presented.
3. Accumulated funds on hand as at 31st March, 2025 were \$19,991.71.

The financial report for the period ending 31st March, 2025 was moved by Tony Weller and seconded by Max Kershaw and was adopted.

Secretary's Report: NIL.

Correspondence: NIL.

General Business: The following items of general business were discussed:

1. Current tournaments at both a club and state level.
2. Upcoming state of origin events – it was agreed to only run small one night events for those three Wednesday nights. Verbal confirmation by Jai Turner confirmed that he will coordinate those events.
3. President again advised that he will be away overseas from 30th July until 3rd September and following general discussion it was resolved on the motion of Mark Stokes seconded by Jai Turner that Rohan Pyne be appointed to the the Redcliffe chess club executive in the role as Vice President. Rohan will be able to act President during Mark's absence. This motion was adopted.
4. The meeting was informed that life member Norm Braybrook was now residing in a Deception Bay nursing home. He has been visited and everyone sends him their best wishes.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.12pm.

Mark C. Stokes (President).