

Maitland Bridge Club Ltd

Life Member Nomination

For

Fay Smith

Fay has been a member of the Maitland Bridge Club (MBC) for around 25 years. She has been an outstanding servant of MBC, as it has transformed into the current expanded, very successful format. When Fay started playing, games were held at various venues around Maitland; before each game tables had to be set up and the boards dealt, then everything had to be packed up at the conclusion.

Fay was a member of the MBC committee that guided the club into our own premises, and importantly, she held the role of treasurer looking after club finances that were needed to complete the building project. Fay was also one of the generous members who lent money to MBC to allow the new hall to be built.

One of the key fundraisers was the annual Maitland Bridge Congress. This was a two day event held in community, church or school halls. MBC was responsible for the catering and the management of this was crucial to the profitability of the event - and it was very challenging. While lots of members worked hard in this area, Fay was either the chief coordinator, or one of the main contributors. There were lots of fund raisers held to support the acquisition of the MBC Bridge Hall, and Fay was an instigator and participant in a very large number of these.

When she was in better health, Fay was a core member of MBC. She played frequently, making sure there were enough tables for each session, and there were very few functions, working bees or projects that did not benefit from Fay's participation.

In short, the MBC has greatly benefitted from Fay's involvement, and consequently we are delighted to nominate her for the award of Life Membership of the Maitland Bridge Club.

Nominated by: *AR Pawson*

Seconded by: *JK* *Baldman*

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