



Draft Minutes of BFACT Council Meeting 7 August 2026, Teams

Attendees: - Wendy Boxall (President), Cathy Nichols (Vice President), Roger Brake (Treasurer), Tamara Cutcliffe (Secretary), Niek Van Vucht (Tournament Secretary), John Donovan (Masterpoint Secretary), Edie Flanagan-Grumley (Monaro), Angela McGill (Bungendore), Mary Tough (CBC), David Clarkson (South Canberra), Toni Adams (Gunghalin), Keith Huggan (Capital)

Apologies: Judy Hillam (Cootamundra)

Confirmation of minutes of previous Council meeting of June and July 26, Moved KH, seconded EFG
CARRIED

Matters dealt with out of Session

Nil

Standing Reports

1. President's Report

Wendy Boxall - President BFACT

Wendy advised the ANC was well received. Lyn Carter and Cathy Nichol were ably assisted by BFACT clubs and a team of volunteers from the clubs.

The Sean Mullamphy Teams event was great, and financially too, the event was a success.

Sean Mullamphy equipment – discussed at previous meetings had been paid for and we now need to consider where it would be stored. In the short term it was agreed to be stored in Wendy's basement where it can be sorted. A working bee may be organised soon.

2. Treasurer's Report (and CIB)

Roger noted that an external reviewer was examining the BFACT books for 2025-26 FY.

ANC numbers are close to finalisation with printing and ABF costs yet to be paid. The side events were well patronized after the cut out rounds and this swelled profits.

CIB 2026 numbers – as foretold – are lower than 2025 at this stage. Early bird closes on 15 August. We need to rally attendances wherever possible.

3. Tournament Secretary's Report

Niek discussed ACT representation at the Brisbane GNOT comprising 3 ACT teams. The first is the ACT1 Team, the second Gala Pairs, and the third a GNOT regional component yet to be determined. After some discussion Niek proposed to email Bungendore, Cooma and Cootamundra to ascertain interest in representation – perhaps a team of 2, 2 and 2



members. Alternatively there may be a session in person or a RealBridge tournament depending on levels of interest. John Donovan offered to help if the need arose.

Niek excused himself following his report.

4. Club Reports

Gungahlin – Toni said membership is steady at 71. AGM 2 September. Considering adding another day session - possibly need to consider director remuneration – currently done by volunteers. Directors Workshop was excellent. Need 2x 36 and 1 x 20 boards for small feeder group.

CBC – Mary advised beginner lessons just commenced. Barb Toohey is relocating to Central NSW Coast. A farewell is being hosted by the club on Thurs 20 August. Attendees are requested to bring a plate. Many people expected to attend. The Education Subcommittee are considering how to replace Barb. CBC need new recorders.

Capital – Keith said the Club session prior to the ANC was boosted by the Mullamphy's attendance. Else everything stable at Capital.

Bungendore – Angela advised everyone who attended enjoyed the ANC. The Constitution has been updated with assistance of Judith Miller, ChatGBT and a Special General Meeting passed the new Constitution in record time. AGM in November. Would like 1 set of boards.

Monaro - Edie advised they had held their AGM on Saturday and she is the new President of Monaro. Numbers are stable, finances ratified, Congress fully booked with a waiting list. Have just received a new dealing machine through another successful grants application. Wish to sell old dealing machine at nominal price.

South Canberra – David said RB sessions in conjunction with Capital on Thursday night are continuing. DC is away for a month and Alex Hewat will be attending next meeting.

5. General Business

Wendy advised BFACT AGM in mid to late October after CIB.

Cathy Nichols thanked all the BFACT clubs for their assistance at the ANC and moved a motion: That the total remuneration/allowance for the Canberra in Bloom Congress be raised from \$750 to \$2000 and that this figure be reviewed from time to time.

RB excused himself from the discussion and voting on this matter.

Seconded by KH. CARRIED

Wendy advised that Daryl Whitfield had been after an email contact for directing matters within BFACT. Mary suggested John Brockwell as Chief Director be consulted. Cathy Nichols put together a paper on directing 18 months ago that could aid discussion and further consideration of this matter. It was agreed to resurrect.



The meeting closed at 6.04pm.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Friday 4 September face to face following the afternoon bridge at the Canberra Bridge Club, approximately 4.15pm.

Sec Note: David, Niek and Roger will be absent and apologized in advance. Invite Alex Hewat