



# PENINSULA BRIDGE CLUB INC

An ABF Accredited Teaching Club

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Dear Fellow Peninsula Bridge Club Member,

The Committee of the Club is proposing an update to the Club's constitution. The main reason we are proposing to follow a number of other clubs in this is that the government department responsible for overseeing organisations such as ours has changed, from The Department of Services, Technology and Administration to the Department of Fair Trading. The governing regulation has also been updated and is known as the Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016.

The Department of Fair Trading has produced a Model Constitution on which associations can base their own particular constitution. The New South Wales Bridge Association has taken this Model Constitution and incorporated changes to suit bridge clubs such as ourselves and had this ratified by the Department of Fair Trading. It is this modified model constitution we have used in developing our own.

Please be assured that the proposed changes do not change our status as a non-profit association, and in fact strengthen and protect this status. The constitution is what defines the club and its objectives and protects members' rights.

In the attached proposed constitution, any variations to the NSWBA's model constitution are highlighted in red. The Committee is seeking any comments, questions and suggestions before we put the document as a Special Resolution to the Special General Meeting on Wednesday 16 May 2018. Assuming the constitution is approved by the membership it will then be submitted to the Department of Fair Trading for approval and ratification.

The current constitution was published along with our Operating Procedures and Playing Rules, but we have now separated these two documents as the former is higher level and rarely changed while the latter is our working document and frequently updated to reflect Committee decisions.

Can you please consider the proposed constitution and revert to the President or Vice President with any questions.

Sarah Young  
President