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Victorian Bridge Association Limited

Dear {first-name}

Happy New Year to all.

Awards for Excellence 2015

I am pleased to advise that nominations for the annual awards for excellence are now open. Attached are details on the awards, and a nomination form. Last year's winners were delighted to be honoured in these awards. I encourage all clubs to consider nominating anyone from your club who has provided a significant contribution to bridge in the past year - whether it is within your club or in a broader role.

Congress Champions for 2015

Congratulations to our 2015 congress champion, young gun Justin Howard. Justin won an impressive 7 congress events and racked up a mighty 70.5 points during the year. Chelliah Arul came in 2nd with 60.3 points and 4 wins.

The best female congress player of the year was Dr Jill Magee, finishing on 46.4 points and just 0.2 clear of Kim Frazer.

And the best Under Life Master congress player was Chen Ding, who came in 3rd overall as well with 56 points.

The best congress players by club are included in the attached document. We congratulate all on their congress performances in 2015. The full list of VQP awards for 2015 is available on the VBA website.

VBA Announces Schools Bridge Co-ordinator Appointment

The VBA is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Miller to the position of Schools Bridge Co-ordinator. Michael has extensive experience as a teacher and currently teaches bridge at University of the Third Age in a volunteer role. Michael will be building on the highly successful Schools Bridge program developed by the late Frank Power which still operates in several schools in Eastern Region.

Bridge provides benefits on many levels for children, aiding with skill development in a multitude of areas. We expect schools will also benefit from the increased skills the children develop through participation in the program.

To assist with the development of this program, Michael is seeking support from bridge players who may have contacts in the private and public school system and who would be willing to assist in setting up an initial meeting with Principals/Vice-Principals/Curriculum Coordinators. The program fits naturally with the maths-science courses and could be

delivered on a weekly basis over a one to two hour timeframe. Michael is also seeking assistance from bridge players willing to take on the teaching role on a voluntary basis.

Initially, the target number of schools in the first half of the year is three, preferably located in the Southern suburbs of Melbourne. Michael can be contacted by email at horriem@gmail.com or mobile 0412 125 803.

State-wide Disciplinary & Ethic Committee

A reminder that comments regarding the proposed implementation of a Statewide Disciplinary and Ethics Committee are due by 15 February 2016 (refer Club Secretaries December notice for further details).

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