



VBA Council Meeting – Major Items & Decisions

2 January 2018

Congresses

- Updating the congress & state disciplinary regulations has been delayed slightly as we wait for the ABF to resolve some technical issues regarding their “up and down” policy under which players suspended at state or national level anywhere in Australia would be suspended Australia-wide for all state & national events

Club support

- The annual club secretaries update is in progress and should be available for circulation to clubs in early February
- Joan Butts will be visiting Ballarat May 5/6 and the VBA June 23/24 for her ever-popular teacher training program
- Reminder: the Affiliated Clubs Day is coming up on March 3

State

- Kim Frazer has been reappointed as one of the ABF Councillors from Victoria. Kim is currently a member of the ABF Management Committee and chairs the ABF’s International Performance Task Force.
- The Interstate team selection regulations have been finalised and are now available on the VBA website. There are still selection events open to all comers to be played in each category. We encourage everyone to enter, whether to contend for selection or for the experience of playing strong bridge.

The VBA Council decided to provide Honorary (free) membership to 50-year continuous members of the VBA. There aren’t many Victorian bridge clubs with a 50+ year history but it’s always worth thinking about ways to recognise and acknowledge long-term supporters of our clubs.

Ben Thompson, VBA President