



VBA Council Meeting – Major Items & Decisions

18 April 2018

Congresses

- The Match and Tournament Committee is starting to consider the congress and state calendar for 2019. Now is a good time for clubs to consider their preferred congress dates and venues!

Club support

- After receiving in-principle support for the regional super congress proposal, we are forming a sub-committee chaired by Richard Giles to develop the concept further. Richard is tentatively aiming to be able to run the first one in September next year

State

- The VBA web site is having some speed and other operational issues at the moment. Our webmaster is working with our web host and programmers to rectify them. Please bear with us while we get it sorted out.
- The NSWBA had a motion at its annual meeting last year to correct a technical issue in its constitution regarding the appointment of their company secretary. The cannot and does not offer legal advice but it seems any club constituted as a company may have the same issue. The VBA is indeed a company and is investigating this issue as it applies to the VBA.
- The Victorian Open Team to contest the Interstate Teams Championship has been ratified. Congratulations to the playoff winners: Jamie Ebery, Leigh Gold, Michael Gurfinkiel, Dee Harley, Robbie Van Riel and John Yang.

We have two excellent opportunities for restricted players coming up. First, the State Restricted Pairs Championship on May 12 – the winner receives a well-subsidised trip to the Australian Restricted Pairs Championship at the upcoming Australian National Championships in Hobart. The second is the restricted events at our very own national – the Victor Champion Cup. These events are always great fun and really help to develop your bridge.

Ben Thompson, VBA President