



Hi Members,

We're almost there!

REMINDER: PROGRAMME BOOK LAUNCH AND CATCH-UP

Programme Books will be available at the club on Sunday, 1st of February, from 3 pm to 5 pm.

START OF PLAY

The start of play date, Tuesday 3rd of February, is confirmed. Please remember that the start time for evening sessions is now 7:15 pm (be seated by 7:05 pm).

Note: the laying of vinyl in the kitchen, supper room, and bar is scheduled for 2nd, 3rd and 4th February, so there will be no tea breaks during this time.

STATE OF THE BUILDING UPDATE

The original contract period for the recladding of the Bridge Club was due to finish on 31st January, 2026. It has now been extended till the end of February, 2026.

This is due to the following additional work being requested:

- Repainting the whole of the interior of the Club Rooms rather than just the walls that were being repaired.
- Recarpeting and new vinyl throughout the building,
- Replacing the old heat pump, rather than reinstalling the old one,
- Replacing the large doors between the main room and the supper room.

It should be noted that thanks to CD van der Meer Builders, this extra work is being done within the original budget. It will also improve and future-proof the clubrooms.

While the Contractors are still to complete the concrete work around the access areas, they have given us permission to occupy the building to play Bridge. However, this comes with some health and safety warnings and restrictions.

Please be advised that access to the Bridge Club is currently compromised.

- **Wheelchair access will not be available** for the duration of this period (i.e. to the end of February).
- **Individuals with mobility issues should be aware** that entry and exit to the clubrooms may present minor difficulties, and some assistance may be required.
- **All Members are asked to assist others**, where necessary, to support safe access and movement.
- Extra care should be taken on entry and exit to avoid slips, trips, or falls.

We would appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation in maintaining a safe and supportive environment.

IMPORTANT. Please remember that the site is still a work site. Once you are through the gate, enter the building directly. Please do not wander about the site. There are still many hazards and a high risk of injury.

WORKING BEE: SATURDAY 31st January

There will be a Working Bee on Saturday, 31st January, to set up the club for play.

Hot water, tea and coffee should be available.

Some of the Work required needs good handyman skills:

1. Hanging the library shelves and Jigsaw shelves.
2. Hanging the coat hook rail in the hallway.
3. Hanging the compass signs: **N S E W**.
4. Hanging the speakers.

5. Hanging the clock.
6. Hanging the whiteboard.
7. We may also hang the First Aid Cabinet and the Defibrillator.

If you believe you have the necessary skills, please let Alan know and bring the appropriate tools.

Since the working bee on Saturday, 17th January, there has been significant movement in and out of the building, resulting in dust and dirt entering the building.

The Working Bee will therefore include general cleaning and dusting throughout the office, hall, toilets, and main playing room before setting up tables and chairs.

Alan will be on site from 9 am on Saturday to get things ready.

If people could please let Alan know by email at astevens@xtra.co.nz if they can help and what times suit them, we can sort out any overlaps so it doesn't get too crowded.

Looking forward to seeing you all and playing Bridge again in our newly repaired and renovated clubrooms.

Bob Jennings

President