



Hamilton Contract Bridge Club Inc.

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18 July 2025

Notice of Special General Meeting Friday 15th August at 9.45am

Purpose: Updating our constitution

The Hamilton Bridge Club Committee has called a :

**Special General Meeting (SGM) on Friday 15th August at 9.45am at
Hamilton Contract Bridge Club rooms located at 20 Richmond St, Hamilton**

The motion moved by the committee to be voted on is :

The Hamilton Contract Bridge Club adopt the new constitution

2025 HCBC Constitution V4.1g - June 2025

and formally re-register under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

We look forward to your support for this change.

Helen Rinaldi

President - Hamilton Contract Bridge Club Inc

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Supplementary Information

New Constitution (Rules) V4.1g 2025

The constitution being put forward for adoption was approved by the Club Committee in May 2025. The proposed Constitution has been displayed for 6 weeks on the Club Website with **NO** feedback, even with greater than 100 page views since the end of May, so is considered by your committee to be suitable for our organisation.

Viewing the changes

The new constitution can be viewed by :

(a) clicking the links below to view or download -

[Draft 2025 Constitution](#) (to be voted on)

[Draft 2025 illustrated Constitution](#) (all changes highlighted in “Red”)

[Updates / additions between the 2023 & 2025 Constitutions](#)

(b) The Club will provide you with a printed copy if requested – contact the Club Secretary.

(c) The new constitution and further information can be viewed by either browsing the Club’s Website front page or by entering into the browser using “*copy /paste*” the web address below and loading it

Web : <https://www.hamilton.bridge-club.org/2025ConstitutionUpdate1>

Why the change?

The Incorporated Societies Act that was enacted in 1908 needed to be updated. A new act, the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 along with updated regulations, came into force on 5 October 2023. Together, the new Act and regulations put in place a modern legal, governance and accountability framework for incorporated societies and those who run them. As the Hamilton Bridge Club is an Incorporated Society (**HN/214022**) we have had to prepare a new constitution that complies with the new Act so that we can retain registration and have the Registrar of Incorporated Societies approve it prior to 30 April 2026.

What has changed?

The changes in the Bridge Club’s constitution (rules) are too numerous to list here but can be found on the Club’s Website (in greater detail) or by clicking the [Draft 2025 illustrated Constitution](#) or [Updates / additions between the 2023 & 2025 Constitutions](#) links above

The new Act also has updated requirements for extended record keeping, the disclosure of Officers’ interests, Dispute Resolution and notification of changes by both the Club Officers and Members etc.

General

The only option at the SGM is to **accept or reject** the motion – there is **NO** option to change the motion

If you have any questions, please contact the Club Secretary or any member of the Hamilton Contract Bridge Club committee.