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you  
informed*

As I look back over the month, I am again surprised by how much happens that isn't just about playing cards!

Along with our usual birthday cheers, this month we celebrated Miriam Garbutt's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday - a Founding and Life Member of our club.

Diane Brooks gave us a snapshot of Miriam's significant contribution to the establishment and continued running of RBC, her service in many roles and her continuing enthusiasm for the game of Bridge. We are truly grateful for her legacy and wish her many more years of card play.

Our Gala Day was a great success (read more later) and I would like to thank Nicky O'Connell and her team, Janice Hawker, Pat Ditchfield, Kerrie Kingston and Jenny Churchill, for their hard work and enthusiasm. Thanks too, to the others who helped on the day- the atmosphere was terrific and I'm sure we're all looking forward to next year!

Congratulations to the winners of the August Best of 3, Sue Stephen and Judy Minchinton. In October the competition will be running on Wednesday. To be in the running, the same pair needs to play at least 3 Wednesdays (out of 5). No need to sign up, the scores are automatically calculated by CompScore at the end of the month.

Coming up, we have our Club Championship Pairs on 2 consecutive Fridays- October 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure you are available for both days before signing up.

In early November we will have the Nedra Arnott Pairs. This is to be played on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>. As this is a trophy event, we will only hold this event with 7 tables (or more).

Lastly, the Committee have produced a survey that we'd like all members to fill out. Forms are on the Western bench and once completed, can be put into the barrel.

I just love bridge- don't you? 😊

Nia Parker  
President

28 September, 2025.



Fri. 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Championship Pairs (Round 1)
Fri. 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Championship Pairs (Round 2)
Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Rockingham/Mandurah Challenge TBC
Fri. 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Committee Meeting
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Australia Wide Restricted Pairs (300 MP TBC)

## Happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Miriam

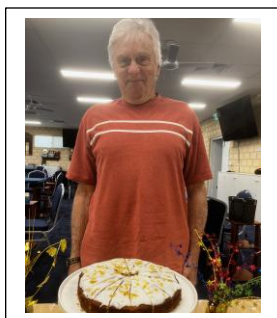


Members were delighted to help our much loved founding life member Miriam Garbutt celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Di Brooks told how Miriam and her husband Bob worked so hard in the early days of the club to build it up to the amazing institution it is today.

Miriam was quite emotional as she spoke of how she and Bob helped get the club set up where it is today.

President Nia Parker presented Miriam with a beautiful plant so she is always reminded of the members who have a great respect for her and Bob.

## Happy birthday Michael Dawson



Happy birthday Michael Dawson. I don't know how they managed to get a photo of you, as you are usually missing in action.

Best wishes Michael from all your bridge partners and members of RBC.

# Gala Day 2025 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Wow! What a fantastic day! A great atmosphere, a great turnout, great prizes, great produce and a great amount of funds raised for Coastal Districts Care i.e. \$3810. Thank you Helen Hansell for your bean counting.

A big thank you to all who contributed in their many different ways with plants, cakes, jams, heat bags, wine, chocolates, foodstuff to name a few.

Thank you to Felicity Anne O'Neil for her beautifully knitted scarf, which was auctioned by Wendy Pollock, and raised \$255. Hilary Hall was responsible for many of the prizes which were generously donated from surrounding businesses.

A big thank you to Nicky O'Connell who was the driving force behind the day and her committee members, Janice Hawker, Jenny Churchill, Kerrie Kingston and Pat Ditchfield. Jenny Currin was responsible for the beautiful presentation of the hampers. Jenny has a flair for making beautiful bows.

Also thank you to our official photographer Jenny Green (who was not photographed) but took so many lovely snaps. Big thank you to Lyn Bolton who looked after our food in the kitchen and Kaye Day who assisted Lyn.

We were fortunate to have so many visitors from Mandurah who attended the day and a number of mah jong players who loved playing the chocolate wheel.

Well done everyone.



Committee members  
Pat Ditchfield, Janice  
Hawker, Nicky  
O'Connell, and Jenny  
Churchill



Betty Philpot, Jenny Churchill  
and Yvonne Hoops who  
manned the produce and  
plant stalls for the morning.



Lee Bunney and Hilary Tunnard, recently returned from extended holiday, admiring the scarf knitted by Felicity. It does look as though Hilary is being auctioned.



Paul Bennett, the first prize winner of the day. Paul returned his name at least 7 times after being drawn out for prizes. I think I may ask if I can rub his tummy for luck. (Or maybe his head to be politically correct).



Rosemarie McCaskie who always brings in a lot of her plants to sell on different occasions.



Joan Rickers with some of the mah jong ladies who attended on the day.



Lyn and Kaye who looked after the kitchen and food on the day.



Lovely photos of Pat Hoson and Rita Hood and Di Brooks, Patron, who looked after the afternoon session, with Janice Hawker.



# Spring Pairs



This would have to be the long and short of it, literally. Alan Cransberg with his partner Nicky O'Connell and Alan resting on the shoulders of our Vice President, Jenny Churchill.

Alan and Nicky were N/S winners of the Spring Pairs with 63.69%.

Congratulations.



E/W winners of the Spring Pairs were Jan Pearson and Gillian Simmonds with 56.55%.

Here they are with Vice President Jenny Churchill.



Steve Cuddihy and Nelly Macek were the Understate Master winners with 53.57%. Here with Vice President, Jenny Churchill.

Congratulations Steve and Nelly. Well done.

The Spring Pairs was a well organised and well run event, thanks to Roz Davey and Steve Rogoysky.

Most members stayed to partake of nibbles after the game and a good afternoon was had by all.

## Smiles from a member - Stephanie McGlew

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" "I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"

When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised, "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."

A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one child.

"No," said another. "He's just for good luck. "

A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh, " he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

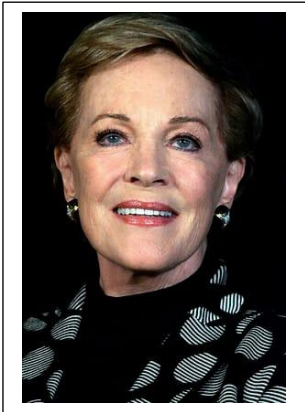
## October birthdays

04	Andrew Marsh
11	Janice Hawker
13	Margaret Fogarty
16	Jill Clark
16	Jenny Currin
19	Frank Hoad
27	Joyce Wilcock
28	Yvonne Hoops

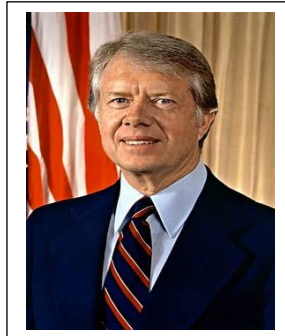


Born 7<sup>th</sup>  
October 1952

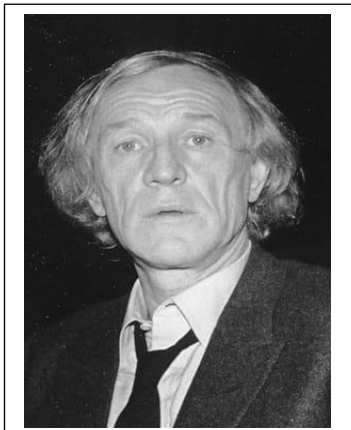
## Guess who these children are.



1<sup>st</sup> October  
1935



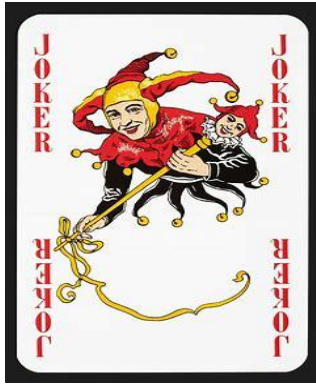
1<sup>st</sup> October  
1924



1<sup>st</sup> October  
1930



5<sup>th</sup> October 1975



# Janice's Jokes

**A million kids want  
to clean up the  
earth.  
A million parents  
want them to start  
with their rooms.**

**1300s: I'm dying of the  
Black Plague  
1800s: I'm 9 and I  
work in a factory  
1900s: I'm off to  
fight in a war  
2000s: I'M OFFENDED**

**Cell phones  
bring you closer  
to the person far  
from you. But  
take you away  
from the ones  
sitting next  
to you.**

Since Youngsters of Today have their Texting Codes (LOL, OMG, TTYL, LMAO, etc.) the Oldies decided not to be outdone by these kids and now have developed our own codes too :

- ◆ ATD - At the Doctor's\*
- ◆ BFF - Best Friend's Funeral
- ◆ BTW - Bring the Wheelchair
- ◆ BYOT - Bring your own teeth
- ◆ FWIW - Forgot Where I Was
- ◆ GGPBL - Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low\*
- ◆ GHA - Got Heartburn Again
- ◆ TFT - Texting From Toilet.

😊 Now share this with some other oldies, who are 50+, and make their day. 👍👍❤️😊💕"

9:54 AM ✓✓

**If you get a LOAN at a bank, you'll be paying it back for 30 yrs.  
If you ROB a bank, you'll be out in 10 yrs.  
Follow me for more financial advice**

**No one in the world needs an elephant tusk except an elephant.**



## Spread the word

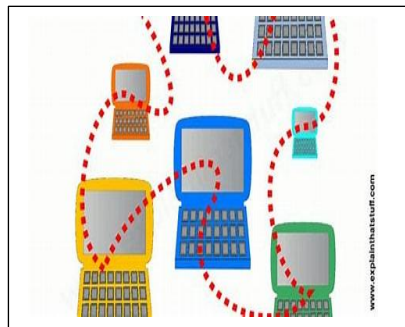
Please **spread the word about the Rockingham Bridge Club**, we would love more members. You can sign up online at:  
<https://rockinghambridgeclub.com/>



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**Club Website**  
**Club Calendar**  
**Club Results**  
**WA Bridge Association**  
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**Focus Magazine**

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