

BRISBANE ZONE

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BRISBANE ZONE SECRETARY 2016 – 2023

I was Brisbane Zone Secretary for 8 years from 2016 to 2023 inclusive. In this role, I have met many bridge players across the Brisbane area and received wonderful support from the Brisbane Zone clubs.

I started playing club duplicate bridge at QCBC in 2007. In my first few novice years I was very enthusiastic and competitive and achieved some minor success in winning a few novice titles and awards.

- ♥ 2009 Summer Festival of Bridge Australian Novice Pairs
- ♥ 2011 Barrier Reef Congress Restricted Teams
- ♥ 2008 & 2009 Qld Graded Teams C Grade
- ♥ 2012 Qld Graded Pairs B Grade.
- ♥ 2009 McCutcheon Award *Local Master
- ♥ 2009 James O'Sullivan Award Graduate Master
- ♥ 2010 James O'Sullivan Award *Local Master

After playing for a year or so, I became interested in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge and decided to try my hand at directing. I joined the ABDA (Australian Bridge Directors Association) and participated in several of their annual directors' seminars. I found the directing role very satisfying and my bridge focus changed to Directing as opposed to playing. I set my sights on achieving National Director accreditation and finally achieved this goal in 2022.

- ♥ 2010 Accredited QBA Club Director
- ♥ 2013 Accredited QBA Congress Director
- ♥ 2018 Accredited QBA State Director
- ♥ 2022 Promoted to ABF National Director Level 3

Additionally, I have been involved in the organisation of major QBA events.

- ♥ 2016 ANC Secretary
- ♥ 2018 Commonwealth Nations Tournament Secretary
- ♥ 2025 ANC Convenor

Directing Kenmore Novice Congress 2018



Australian Novice Pairs 2009



QCBC NOVICE TEAMS 2009

Elizabeth Zeller, Alison Dawson, Judith Leathley, Julie Jeffries



Although, now retired as Zone Secretary, my support for bridge at the club level will continue as it has in the past.

- ♥ 2011 – 2016 QCBC Board of Directors
- ♥ 2013 – 2020 QCBC Masterpoint Secretary
- ♥ 2018 - 2022 BBC Committee
- ♥ 2019 - 2022 BBC Masterpoint Secretary
- ♥ 2020 - QBA Certificate of Thanks for supporting bridge players during the Covid 19 pandemic through the provision of online bridge opportunities
- ♥ Delegate to QBA Council since 2013
- ♥ Member QBA Tournament Committee for a number of years
- ♥ 2010 -2016 Board Dealing QCBC



Di McAlister (TBC pres.) with the Restricted Teams winners, Julie Jeffries, David O'Gorman, Brenda Lazarus, Evelyne Mander & Geoff Allen (TBC v-p)





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BRISBANE INTERCLUB TEAMS Marion Cooke Memorial Trophy

Marion Cooke was the Brisbane Zone Secretary from 2008 to February 2016. Marion passed away in office on 24 February 2016 during the Gold Coast Congress.

Marion Cooke (nee Russell) was born on 20th August 1936, in Essex, London. She had 2 brothers and 3 sisters.

Marion was taught bridge by her parents at a young age. They would play a lot, often all weekend, especially when Marion's younger brother Peter was home from school.

In 1958, Marion married Philip Cooke. In 1965, the mines in Wales started to close down. Philip accepted a job offer in Mt Isa and in March 1966 the family migrated to Australia.

Marion continued to enjoy bridge and was one of the founders of the Mount Isa Bridge Club. Her daughter, Kim (Ellaway) at the age of 14, took up the game and became her partner. Marion and Kim played at many representative competitions and soon became Queensland champions.

Shortly after the family moved to Brisbane in early 1981 Philip passed away. A few years later Marion began a part time job looking after the administrative work for QCBC, back when the club was still at its Manning Street premises. She loved this new role as QCBC Secretary and was a driving force behind many of the club's initiatives.

It was often a "family affair" on a Sunday or New Year's Eve when Marion relied on her children and grandchildren to help caddy, setup, breakdown, deal or even cater for many of the QCBC events.

In the early 2000's Marion joined the QCBC Board of Directors and chaired the board for several years. She was Chairperson of the QCBC Board during the stressful time when Brisbane City Council was planning to resume the Gabba premises.

Marion won several State Titles and represented Queensland in the Senior's and Women's teams at the Australian National Championships (ANC)

- Qld Women's Pairs Championship 1988 & 2007
- Qld Graded Teams A Grade Championship 1997, 2007, 2011
- ANC Women's Teams 1990, 1992 (1st), 1994, 2004, 2006
- ANC Seniors Teams 2007 (2nd)
- ANC Secretary 1991, 2000, 2008
- Bicentennial Expo Secretary
- Brisbane Zone Secretary 2008 – 2016
- QBA Board Dealer including Gold Coast Congress 20 years
- QBA Delegate 25 years



ANC SENIORS RUNNERS UP 2007



QCBC FESTIVAL PAIRS 2007 CHAMPIONS - MARION COOKE & MARION O'MALLEY



**QLD GRADED TEAMS
A GRADE CHAMPIONS 2011
KIM ELLAWAY, RICHARD WARD,
LINDY VINCENT, MARION COOKE**