

Farewell to Deborah Tangney

Welcome All

I have prepared Debbie's farewell speech from the perspectives that I have known her at the Club – firstly as President, then as Bridge partner and finally as a friend.

The Club has been very lucky to have Debbie as our Club manager – she has worked tirelessly to bring a personality and welcoming culture to the Club – encouraging, supporting and engaging with all those who call ABC their home, those who come to the Club to play in tournaments and those who visit the premises as either guests, room hire or as tradespeople. She is firm and fair in her dealings – with a keen passion for the Club and the game. She is extremely proud, and rightly so, of the beginner classes and novice groups, and her nurturing nature is well suited to encouraging and inspiring those new to the game.

As a bridge partner she can be fearless – but she is also trusting, and supportive and forgiving! She knows how to celebrate successes and commiserate catastrophes with the same sense of fun and fellowship to both outcomes. We have had some wonderful experiences playing together and I have become very aware of how highly regarded by other clubs, as our Club Manager. She is never off duty – playing a contract she is still thinking about the food, the prize money, the temperature in the room.

Debbie is a very loyal friend – giving her time and enthusiasm to a big group of friends. She is always happy to be included and participate in anything that is going and has that special skill of being able to put people at ease. She describes this trip away as the Gap Year she never had – and admits that parts of the plan of travel will be out of her comfort zone – but I am really confident that she will charm lots of people, see and do some wonderful things, and surprise herself with all that she can accomplish.

The Club wishes her all the best for what ever adventures she is now heading into. Safe travels.

Anne Barrowclough

Past President