

Sadly, after more than 50 years, the West Australian Bridge Column will finish at the end of November. BAWA regrets this decision and is sure that the column will be missed by the four and a half thousand players in WA. The decision was triggered by the need to cut editorial production costs. Should you feel the need to express a view the email address of the West's Chief of Staff is cos@wanews.com.au

A number of players have written, the standard response from the Chief of Staff has been

It was certainly not our intention to cancel the bridge column altogether, but when the current columnist put out a call for volunteers to contribute there was no response from the bridge community.

We are still hopeful someone will come forward and **we will provide** the weekly space required.

This is not quite correct as the initial correspondence would indicate.

Sadly, we are having to cut editorial production costs so we will no longer be in a position to pay you for the weekly Bridge column after the end of November.

You have both been valued contributors over a considerable time so the decision is regretful.

I understand your commitment to the Bridge community so if you would still like to contribute this weekly service we will **endeavour to find the space** but won't be in a position to pay.