2026-27 Balmain Sailing Club Management Committee Meeting Minutes.

Date and time of Meeting: 6-00 pm Wednesday 19 August 2026.

Location : Balmain Sailing Club.

Type of Meeting : Management Committee**.**

Attendees: Campbell Reid (CR), Chris Price (CP), Joost Bekker (JB), Louise Blair (LB), Sharon Harvey (SH), Emma Thomas (ET),Ben Millar (BM) Colin Grove (CG) (John Blair **JB** in his role as Regatta Chair)

Apologies:

Secretary/Minutes: Colin Grove

- The meeting commenced at 6. 00 pm.
- The minutes of the BSC Management Committee Meeting of 22 July 2026 were approved without amendment.

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ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

CR welcomed newly elected Director Ben Millar to the committee and thanked retiring director Geoff Watkins for his very positive contribution to BSC over the past 4 years.

Downstairs bathroom and toilets:

CG advised that under the terms of the NSW $ 33,000 grant (including $3000 GST) the work undertaken must be completed or substantially underway by 3 September 2026. **CG** wrote to the administrators of the grant (the NSW Dept of Community and Justice) seeking an extension to the completion date .

The written advice from the Department is that an extension will not be considered; this is because a condition of the original application was that any applicant must have all approvals in place at the time of the application, and we did not meet that condition. Due to approvals required but not anticipated at the time of the original application, the work did not commence to the satisfaction of the Department.

As agreed at the last meeting **CR** and **CG** have been reviewing the options available to enable the continuation of the project. **CG** has discussed the issue with the Department who have agreed to review the matter subject to the club providing approval from the Inner West Council for the works and a firm quote and date for the work to commence .

The committee noted this advice and agreed that **CR** and **CG** should continue seeking an extension from the Dept .

MANAGEMENT ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION:

Update on Regatta Preparation:

John Blair provided details of the current issues that requiring clarification re the regatta and **CR** advised on the Working Boat Convoy. **CP** advised on race arrangements for the regatta; the Pub Challenge was discussed (with hotels and other related companies to be identified and approached) and **JB** will coordinate.
FINANCES:

JB advised he had found some errors in the P&L forming part of the BSC 2026 Annual Report which resulted in a paper loss the corrections have resulted in a paper profit. The revised P&L will be provided at the next meeting.

Small Scale Offering :

JB recommended to the committee that it considerer offering the opportunity to members to participate in a small-scale loan offer to assist in the renovating of the downstairs showers and adding toilet facilities.

Like the earlier dock project, funding comes with significant one-off costs that in some circumstances, due to cash flows at the time may result in having to start and stop the work to match the club's cashflow — which tends to push out the, timeline and add to the overall cost. The offering is designed to close this gap. Funds raised through the offering provides flexibility for money on hand when needed, so the renovation can proceed without interruption.

The new offering will be for $50,000 divided into 10 x $5,000 lots (a member may take up more than one lot). The offer is only made to current financial members and will be for a period of up to 2 years, with the option to extend for a further 1-year period. The interest rate will be 4% per annum.

The committee agreed to the recommendation subject to all documentation and information memorandum being updated and reviewed by the committee, prior to it being sent out to members

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SAILING ACTIVITIES;

CP advised that the Skippers Meeting would be held on 19 August 2026, commencing at 7pm following the Management Committee Meeting.

INFRASTRUCTURE:

See item above re new toilets and bathroom facilities.

SAILING SCHOOL: Nil report **.**

REGATTA: See above

RISK MANAGEMENT WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY (WHS):

The updated Risk Register and Incident Management Plans completed by **SH** have been posted on the Club’s website

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GENERAL BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

CR received a note from Club Life Member Lyn Evans objecting to the placement of computer equipment on the wall next to race starters table. In Lyn’s opinion the equipment should remain in the sailing office The committee thanked her for her suggestions and noted her objections.

MEETING CLOSED: 7PM

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 9 September 2026 6-30 PM in the Clubhouse.

The BSC committee usually meets once a month on a Wednesday evening at 6.30pm to discuss and agree actions in respect of general club matters. If members would like to attend or wish to have an item raised at the meeting, please email info@balmainsailingclub.com at least one week prior.

A question or concern may be dealt with before the meeting, if not, it can be added to the agenda if time permits, or to the following month if the current agenda is already full. All members are encouraged to access and read the Committee Meeting Minutes which are posted on the Clubs website.