

# 2025-26 Balmain Sailing Club Management Committee Meeting Minutes.

**Date and time of Meeting:** 6-30 pm Wednesday 10 September 2025

**Location :** Balmain Sailing Club.

**Type of Meeting :** Management Committee.

**Attendees:** Campbell Reid (CR) Chris Price (CP) Joost Bekker (JB) Colin Grove ( CG) Louise Blair (LB) Sharon Harvey (SH) Emma Thomas ( ET) David Stenhouse (DS )

**Apologies:** Geoff Watkins (GW)

**Secretary/Minutes:** Colin Grove

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- The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm.
  - The minutes of the BSC Management Committee Meeting of 13 August 2025 were approved without amendment.

## **ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

- The Club has received funds of \$33,000 ( which includes \$3000 for GST) to upgrade toilet facilities on the deck level the committee noted and thanked **Ray Miller** for his involvement in securing the grant and a note was sent to local NSW State Member Kobi Shetty thanking her for her assistance.
- The Committee thanked **Lyn Evans and Kathy Myers** for their very kind offer to donate \$600 towards the cost of an honours board which will be completed in time for the next annual presentation evening.
- **Campbell Reid** advised that he had delivered a statement on 4/9/25 to a Land and Environment Court hearing at the site of the proposed Woolwich Marina expansion. The statement was given on behalf of the local sailing community and was made to the judge hearing the case along with statements from 11 other speakers who had objections to the development The developers are wanting to expand the marina, and the onsite hearing was followed by 10 days in court commencing 8/9/256
- **CG** advised that large gum tree infested by *Longicorn borers* was removed by the Inner West Council on 4/9/25. A note has been sent to the Inner West Council and to Mayor Byrne thanking them for the removal of the tree.
- A BSC volunteers “*thank you function*” will be held on 26 September 2025. Invitations will be sent to all members from the Commodore in order that no one is unintentionally excluded.
- The committee discussed a quote to sand and polish the main hall of the clubhouse. It was agreed to postpone the works until a further date.

- The club will assist in a model boat event to be held at the Dawn Fraser Pool on September 28 the club will run a BBQ and will receive sponsorship of \$1000 in addition to any profits made by sales at the BBQ. Committee members **Emma & Sharon** will attend and represent the Club.
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#### **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION :**

##### Club Managers Report

- **DS** provided a verbal update on matters relating to the BSC Regatta and a suggested format for the annual Pubs Challenge and details of a new club sponsor Blackwattle Distilleries .
  - Membership renewals are currently at approximately 50%. We expect to see more renewals once the new racing calendar is issued online (DS) and twilights commence.
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#### **FINANCES:**

- Treasurer **Joost Bekker** provided an update on the financial position ( see details attached )
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#### **FUTURE DIRECTIONS DISCUSSION:**

- Nil discussions
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#### **INFRASTRUCTURE:**

- **CR** advise of a meeting he had recently held with **Conrad Johnston** about the facilities to be built with the recent \$33K grant
  - A maintenance priority report is to be updated following the work completed during the working bee.
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#### **SAILING and SAILING SCHOOL:**

- The meeting discussed in broad terms issues relating to the sailing school. **CP** will arrange to have CCTV installed to cover the start/ finish line . The committee thanked Chris for his very kind contribution. CP also offered to arrange to have all trophies engraved
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#### **REGATTA:**

- Positive discussions have been held with the Working Boats Association re its participation in the regatta. It was agreed to seek local business participation for the raffle. It was agreed to potentially promote the regatta in the Darling magazine, subject to negotiating a lower cost (**LB**)
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## **RISK MANAGEMENT WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY (WHS):**

- Risk management plan, policy, incident plan & forms have all been reviewed with controls to be updated by **Sharon Harvey**. The committee thanked Sharon for her work in respect of the work

## **GENERAL BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A letter was received from the Australian Sports Foundation re outstanding grant funds they are holding on the club's behalf **DS** and **JB** will follow up .
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**MEETING CLOSED** at 8-30PM

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**NEXT MEETING : Wednesday 8 October 2025 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](mailto: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*