

2025-26 Balmain Sailing Club Management Committee Meeting Minutes.

Date and time of Meeting: 6-30 pm Wednesday 13 August 2025.

Location : Balmain Sailing Club.

Type of Meeting : Management Committee.

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

Apologies: Campbell Reid (CR), 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 16 July 2025 were approved without amendment.

ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

- The meeting welcomed new BSC Director Emma Thomas to the meeting and thanked retiring Director Ray Miller for his extremely valuable contribution and dedication to the committee and the club over the past 6 years .
- A letter from NSW Premier Minns was tabled advising that the Club was to receive funding of \$30,000 to upgrade toilet facilities on the deck level , the committee noted and thanked Ray Miller for his involvement in securing the grant .
- CG advised that large gum tree infested by *Longicorn borers* will be removed by the Inner West Council in the next few weeks .
- DS provided an update on the success and achievements of the recent working bees due to the enthusiasm and effort put in by numerous club members .
- It was agreed by the committee that a BSC volunteers “*thank you function*” will be arranged for 26 September 2025. Invitations will be sent to all members so that no one is unintentionally excluded

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 .
- The committee discussed a quote to sand and polish the main hall of the clubhouse ; it was agreed that the matter needed further input in respect of the availability funds and the timing for the works. JB will provide details to be included in any circular resolution paper.
- The club has been asked to assist in a model boat event to be held at the Dawn Fraser Pool on September 28 the club has been asked to run a BBQ and will receive additional sponsorship of \$1000 in addition to any profits made by sales at the BBQ The committee agreed in principle subject to it being provided full details of what is required to supply .
- JB provided details of a suggestion from a club member that we could raise funds by provision marshals for next year's City to Surf .The committee noted the suggestion and will consider further, although it was noted that the date of the event falls on a race day and we may struggle to get volunteers.
- The Committee discussed a note from Life-member Lyn Evans in respect of the club making a future provisions for a people inclinorator, the committee noted the merits of the proposal and that it was not in a financial position to make a provision in the budget for many years, without external financial funding.
- Also, Lynn suggested the committee nominate firm date for the presentation night and suggested a cocktail party to recognise contributors to the club and provide information to the membership to make it aware as to whom life members and club members of the year are and why those members were chosen and how they contributed to the club.
- Lynn also suggested an honour board to be installed to recognise life members and that she and Kathie Myers would contribute to the funding of the honour board.
- The committee thanked Lynn for her suggestions and agreed to set dates for where practical, a volunteer's party has been planned for the 28 September 25 and life members will be invited and duly recognised. The club will install an honour board with life members and club officers noted the committee thanked her and Kathie for their very kind offer to contribute to the honour board
- 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.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS DISCUSSION:

Nil discussions

FINANCES:

- See attached P&L
- JB will provide detailers of funding capacity to undertake the floor repairs

INFRASTRUCTURE:

Maintenance priority report is to be updated following the work completed during the working bee.

SAILING SCHOOL:

- The meeting discussed in broad terms issues relating to the sailing school the committee asked Emma Thomas to liaise with Chis Price re several future actions related 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 updated
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GENERAL BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- A letter from the NSW Premier re the granting of funding of \$30,000 for new toilet and shower facilities.
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MEETING CLOSED at 8-30

NEXT MEETING : Wednesday 10 September **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 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

