

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

**Date and time of Meeting:** 6-30 pm Wednesday 8 April 2026.

**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)

**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 4 March 2026 were approved without amendment.

## ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Presentation Night : Saturday 2 May 2026
- 2026 Annual General Meeting Wednesday 22 July 2026
- **CR** advised that the handover of several of day-to-day duties of the former manager are continuing. CR advised that he had interviewed a candidate to assist with many of the duties and provided full details of the candidate and recommended that the committee approve the engagement of the candidate for a maximum of 20 hours per week at a set hourly rate. The committee approved the recommendation .
- **CR** provided an update as to the current plans for the downstairs bathrooms and toilets, and advised that meetings had been held with various consultants regarding the design of the plumbing and drainage layout of the renovations and that these discussions are continuing, and CR hopes to be able to make a recommendation to the committee in the next few weeks
- **CR** advised that the 3 pylons that required urgent attention have now been repaired , there are 9 more that will require attention in the 12 months and that he has recently discussed with AMD a timetable for the repairs.

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## MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Planning for presentation night and allocation of responsibilities and trophy engraving for past 3 years with **CP** offering to have this work undertaken prior to the presentation night .
- Julie Grove kindly attended the meeting and provided an excellent presentation on ideas for the updating of the BSC website , however whilst the committee agreed with the strategic direction of the presentation it felt that as significant funds that would need to be allocated to any upgrade of

hardware any upgrade would have to be deferred in the short term ,with priority being given to more urgent capital expenditure projects.

- Discussion re membership fee for next financial year and budget preparation **JB** advised that he prepare a draft recommendation on for the next meeting. Discussion re next year's calendar. A new calendars will be provided asap.
- Update on sailing office repairs .**JB** and **CG** provided details of a potential insurance claim that may be lodged in respect of the recent water inundation of the sailing office and irreparable damage to our internet and security hardware
- Security concerns re the number of keys held by members and by non-members who have not returned them. The committee remains concerned re this matter and agreed that a lock box for the keys will be installed .
- World Boating Day is on 21 May 2026 and will be noted with a sailing race event .
- The *Sail our Way Women's Charter* was discussed by the committee and approved for adoption by the club.
- Table Nachos suggestion for fund raising was discussed and agreed as a fund raiser at. Date to be decided.
- **ET** detailed proposal for the dinghy learn to sail program at the sailing school and presented a financial business case to support the purchase of 2 RS Zest dinghies. The RS Zest is particularly suitable for women, teenagers, adult beginners.

In support of the proposal **ET** noted that there is a strong and growing opportunity for BSC to relaunch its dinghy Learn to Sail (L2S) program and build long-term membership. Demand for adult and women's dinghy sailing is rising nationally, and locally.

A current Australian Sailing grant would need to be applied for and if approved would contribute approximately 30% of the purchase cost. The business case confirms the program can pay back the remaining cost in under two years and then operate as a fully profit-making program. This initiative is revenue generating and directly supports new membership growth.

**ET** also advised that she had applied on behalf of the club for a \$3k grant (maximum offered) with Five Dock RSL under the club grants scheme they run.

The committee thanked **ET** for putting forward the proposal and approved an application being lodged to apply for the Australian Sailing Grant and will further consider the proposal once we have a response to Australian Sailing grant application.

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## FINANCES:

- The Committee reviewed the draft Profit & Loss for the period, noting that the overall financial outcome is expected to be approximately break-even. It was noted that wages and salaries have increased following the transition to payroll. Minor reclassifications are still to be finalised; however, these are not expected to materially impact the overall result.
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## INFRASTRUCTURE:

- See item above re new toilets and bathroom facilities.
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## SAILING SCHOOL:

- See item above re dingy purchase proposal .
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## SAILING:

- **CP** advised that a corporate regatta will be run out of the club on 19 March 2025 and 8 yachts owned by club members will be involved ,with the sponsor of the regatta donating to the club.
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## REGATTA:

**CR** Advised that he had lodged the Aquatic Licence for the regatta with Transport for NSW.

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## RISK MANAGEMENT WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY (WHS):

- **CG** advised that the club tenders continue to be left on the pontoons; this is in contravention of licence conditions (6.3) with Transport for NSW licence. It is dangerous and encourages non-club members to use the tenders illegally and row to the Hopetoun Quays Marina. , The committee recommended that a further note be sent to all members reminding them of their responsibility to return the tenders to the storage rack.
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## GENERAL BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

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**MEETING CLOSED:** 8-30 pm

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**NEXT MEETING :** Wednesday 13 May 2026 6-30 PM in the Clubhouse

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*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*