

AIF SWIMMING ASSOCIATION MINUTES – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday, 7 September 2026, 7pm via Zoom

PRESENT: Helen Little (Southport), Peter Bain (Wentworthville), Sean Henly (Wentworthville), Anita Hawtin (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley), Joanne Falla (Coogee Randwick), Lizzy Lodge (Kurranulla), Gavin Batcheler (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley), Andrew Madden (Grafton)

APOLOGIES: Lynley Ravenwood (Nerang), Bob Clark (Cobar), Russell Crane AO (Patron), Michael McMahon (Coogee Randwick), Kerry Ryan (Gosford)

ODE: The meeting opened at 7.15pm by Sean Henly reading the Ode.

Helen Little welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 September 2025 were accepted as correct. Peter Bain moved the minutes be accepted, Helen Little seconded.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Helen reported on a successful year and carnival in Nelson Bay, noting that it ran smoothly and efficiently. The Committee looks forward to working with Grafton, who will host the 2027 carnival at their newly upgraded pool.

Peter Bain confirmed the success of the 2026 carnival. He noted that printing the championships on the Friday night and posting them the next morning worked well and expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming 2027 carnival in Grafton in March 2027.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report is to be distributed out-of-session.

It was agreed that Club affiliation fees remain unchanged at \$50 per club.

Action: Anita Hawtin to distribute the 2026-27 membership form and request clubs to pay their affiliation fees.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2026-27 – Sean Henly declared all positions vacant. Office Bearers for 2026-27 are:

Position	Name	Proposed, Seconder
Patron	Vice Admiral Russell Crane AO, RAN (Ret'd)	Sean Henly, Helen Little
President	Helen Little	Anita Hawtin, Lizzy Lodge
Vice President	Sean Henly	Peter Bain, Lizzy Lodge
Secretary	Anita Hawtin	Helen Little, Sean Henly
Assistant Secretary	Jo Falla	Anita Hawtin, Peter Bain
Treasurer	Bob Kelsall (to be confirmed)	Helen Little, Peter Bain
Carnival Director	Peter Bain	Helen Little, Peter Bain

Kerry Ryan will remain as the Public Officer Holder.

Subject to the Treasurer's confirmation that funds are available, Helen Little proposed, and the Committee agreed, that the Honorariums remain the same as last year:

- President: \$150
- Vice President: \$150
- Secretary: \$250
- Treasurer: \$150
- Carnival director: \$250
- Assistant Secretary: \$150

GENERAL BUSINESS

New Clubs: The meeting welcomed Coffs Harbour to the AIF Swimming Association, noting they will participate in the upcoming nationals. It was also noted that Dubbo has also officially joined the Association.

Major Trophy Project: The meeting noted that several reports have been received from clubs regarding the condition and history of the major trophies they hold. This information will be featured in the next Carnival Program and on the official website.

Action: Anita to follow-up clubs who have not yet submitted their report on the major trophies.

Association Communication & Distribution List: Anita Hawtin advised the meeting that a new official email address had been created and will be used for future Association communications - aifswimmingassociation@gmail.com.

Anita also mentioned the importance of keeping the Association's distribution list up to date. Clubs are requested to let Anita know of any changes to their key contacts, with a preference for a minimum of two contacts per club.

Carnival Update:

- The 2027 carnival entry form will be sent out to clubs in November.
- Grafton will confirm costings to be put on the entry form by the end of October. This will include the cost of the dinner, who will collect the money and pool entry.
- The Grafton Club will host a BBQ at the pool.
- Grandstand seating (capacity approximately 400 people) and some umbrellas will be available at the pool.

Action: Andrew Madden will provide an update on arrangements for the 2027 carnival at the next meeting.

Carnival Program: It was noted that Jo Falla will be managing the Carnival Program. It was agreed that the Program will be available on the AIF Swimming Association website and two printed copies will be included in each Club's information pack.

Action: Sean Henly to send Peter Bain the website page-view statistics for the AIF website.

Meeting closed: 8.05pm

Next general meeting: Monday, 12 October at 7.30pm.