

**MINUTES**  
**AIF COMMITTEE – GENERAL MEETING**  
**Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 7.30pm via Zoom**

**PRESENT:** Helen Little (Southport), Peter Bain (Wentworthville), Anita Hawtin (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley), Bob Kelsall (Manly Diggers), Kerry Ryan (Gosford), Michael McMahon (Coogee Diggers), Joanne Falla (Coogee Diggers), Sean Henly (Wentworthville), Ann Meller (Bronte), Keran Thurston (Maroubra Diggers) Pat Kinghorn (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley), Peter Green (Cronulla)

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**ODE:** The meeting opened at 7.40pm by Sean Henly reading the Ode.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**IN:**

- Articles for the 2025 Programme
- Lismore: re venues for 2026
- Cronulla: re Over 90's age championship.

**OUT:**

- Reminder to clubs for affiliation fees.
- Any clubs holding trophies to bring to Coffs Harbour.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bob Kelsall advised that the current bank balance is \$46,050. It was also noted that a balance of \$29,340 will be deducted for the dinner. That will bring our balance to \$16,710.

Bob advised that 25 clubs are now affiliated. It was noted that Gosford and Bronte have not paid their affiliation fees.

Bendigo Bank account is now set up and active.

Peter Bain mentioned about the terms and conditions for the dinner. It states that we pay the balance 10 days prior whereas in previous years we have paid after the event.

**Action:** Peter Bain and Bob Kelsall will follow up with final numbers.

**Action:** Bob Kelsall to look at a term deposit after the nationals.

**MEET AND GREET**

- 5pm at the same bar we used last time.
- Clubs will be asked to return any major trophies

## 2025 CARNIVAL UPDATE

- The “engine room” will be set up in a room rather than the trouble of setting up a tent.
- Peter Bain advised that he is still trying to contact the local swimming club about BBQ. If no BBQ, food will be organised for the officials and the clubs will be informed. The canteen would also be informed.
- Numbers entered are 348 swimmers.
- Bruce Towner (Lismore) will be the announcer.
- Championship results will be posted at the pool so if there are any discrepancies they can be discussed with Helen Little before the Presentation.
- Confirmation of the colour coded sheets.  
*The timekeeping teams will be called Team Orange and Team Yellow. The timekeeper sheets for the handicap events (25m, 50m and 100m) will be colour coded and times need to be written on the coloured part of the sheet only. Team Orange will time the odd numbered heats for the handicap events and Team Yellow will time the even numbered heats. Team Orange will always time heat one of the handicap events.*
- There will be a raffle at the pool for AIF with tickets being sold from 8am. This is made through donations from Budgy Smugglers. The raffle will be drawn at the pool.
- A painting of “The Lone Charger” has been donated. The meeting acknowledged and thanked Sean DeGelder (Southport) for this significant donation. A silent auction will be run prior to, and at, the presentation evening.
- Timekeepers and lanes will be sent with the handicap sheets.
- 25m timekeepers will be positioned on either side of the pool.
- We have no photographer at this stage.
- Wendy Stamford will organise trophies at the presentation. Jo Falla and Mick McMahon (CD) have offered assistance.

**Action:** Jo Falla (CD) to get two people from Coogee to sell the raffle tickets at the pool entry.

**Action:** Helen Little to contact clubs re the silent auction.

**Action:** Helen Little to contact officials.

**Action:** Anne Meller (Bronte) to check with her club re a photographer.

**Action:** Helen Little to confirm numbers for wristbands to Anita Hawtin 10 days prior.

## AIF PROGRAM

- 200 copies of the programme will be printed.
- 1 copy per club will be given out at the Meet & Greet.
- Copies will be available at the pool for each club to take. But clubs will be made aware of the limited numbers.
- A QR code will be available so the digital version can be downloaded.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Bob Kelsall thanked Coogee for their organisation in putting forward Orange as a venue for 2026.
- Kerry Ryan asked about the pricing for the Programmes for 2025. Peter Bain responded that the printing cost will be less but there will still be set up costs.
- Mick McMahon (CD) asked about using a “square to collect money for raffles. This can be done using an app on the phone.
- Bob Kelsall suggested putting the Bendigo Bank logo on the back of the programme.

**Action:** Bob Kelsall to look at the use of the app for collecting money for 2026.

**Meeting closed:** 8.45pm

**Next meeting:** TBA