

AIF MINUTES – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday, 29 September 2025, 7pm via Zoom

PRESENT: Kerry Ryan (Gosford), Peter Bain (Wentworthville), Helen Little (Southport), Sean Henly (Wentworthville), Anita Hawtin (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley), Joanne Falla (Coogee Randwick), Michael McMahon (Coogee Randwick), Bob Kelsall (Manly Diggers)

APOLOGIES: Lisa Hedge (Cronulla), Peter Green (Cronulla), Gavin Batcheler (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley), Steve Donnelly (Grafton)

ODE: The meeting opened at 7.06pm by Sean Henly reading the Ode.

Helen Little welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of the AGM held on 23 September 2024 were accepted as correct. Helen Little moved the minutes be accepted, Jo Falla seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Treasurer's report was circulated and read by Bob Kelsall. It was noted that the bank balance at 1 July 2024 was \$16,469 and at 30 June 2025 was \$17,256. Current balance at 28 September 2025 is \$17,265.90.
- It was agreed that Club affiliation fees remain unchanged at \$50 per club.
- It was also agreed that once the affiliation fees have been received, Bob Kelsall will move some of the funds from the Commonwealth Bank into a term deposit with Bendigo Bank. The remaining Commonwealth Bank funds will be used as a working account.
- The annual finance summary will be lodged with the Department of Fair Trading following this AGM.
- It was noted that a *not-for-profit* return will be lodged with the Australian Taxation Office.
- Kerry Ryan will remain as the Public Officer Holder.

Action: Anita Hawtin to request clubs to pay their Affiliation fees.

It was proposed that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Proposer: Anita Hawtin, Seconder: Michael McMahon.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2025-26 – Kerry Ryan declared all positions vacant. Office Bearers for 2025-26 are:

Position	Name	Proposed, Second
Patron	Vice Admiral Russell Crane AO, RAN (Ret'd)	Bob Kelsall, Helen Little
President	Helen Little	Michael McMahon, Jo Falla
Vice President	Sean Henly	Helen Little, Bob Kelsall
Secretary	Anita Hawtin	Helen Little, Jo Falla
Assistant Secretary	Jo Falla	Michael McMahon, Anita Hawtin
Treasurer	Bob Kelsall	Peter Bain, Michael McMahon
Carnival Director	Peter Bain	Jo Falla, Helen Little

It was noted that Vice Admiral Crane AO, RAN (Ret'd) has had a distinguished career and his experience as Patron of other organisations align to the values of the AIF Swimming Association.

Action: Anita Hawtin to draft an email from Helen Little formally inviting Vice Admiral Crane (Ret'd) as the Patron of the AIF Swimming Association.

Kerry Ryan congratulated all the office bearers and wished them a successful year.

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
- Assist. Secretary: \$150

CROW'S NEST CUP

It was noted that a motion to amend the Crow's Nest Cup was circulated to member Clubs as follows:

Motion: To allow clubs to enter more than one full team of four in the Crow's Nest Cup. However, if multiple teams are entered, the club will receive points for only one team.

Rationale: This amendment aims to increase participation and engagement among service swimmers while maintaining fair competition standards for championship relays.

The abovementioned motion was unanimously agreed. Responses were received from: Southport Sharks, Blacktown Diggers, Wellington Diggers, Coogee Randwick, Manly Diggers, Bondi Diggers and Bondi Junction Waverley, Maroubra Diggers.

Photo identification for service/ex-service swimmers is required

It was further noted that feedback had been received about providing identification for those participating in the Crow's Nest Cup.

If not already provided to the AIF Swimming Association, Clubs will need to provide proof of service or ex-service swimmers in the form of photo identification, for example, discharge papers, a page from a paybook, letter from a Sub-Branch etc. It was noted that a service number alone would not suffice.

Action: Leading up to the 2026 Carnival, Anita Hawtin will request and co-ordinate identification information from Clubs on service or ex-service swimmers.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Carnival Update:

- Peter Bain will liaise with Anita regarding the 2026 carnival entry form which will be sent out to clubs in November 2025.
- Given the distance between the pool and the engine room, Peter emphasised the need for a lot of 'runners' at the pool on carnival day.
- Club payment for the carnival entry and the dinner function will be managed by the AIF Swimming Association.

Carnival Program:

- It was noted that Jo Falla will be managing the Carnival Program.
- The meeting discussed the need to compile a list of all Programs and look to storing these on the website so that, as Committee members change, the Association retains a historic record.
- It was suggested that it may be possible to get a grant from the National Library of Australia for restoring historical data.

Actions:

- Jo Falla to ask our new Patron to feature in the Program.
- Jo Falla to source photos from previous Programs for an AIF's 90th year celebration article.
- Anita Hawtin to request Clubs to prepare articles for the Program.
- Sean Henly to progressively scan the Carnival programs for historical records.
- Bob Kelsall to investigate a grant from the National Library of Australia.

Assistant Carnival Director Role:

A person to assist the Carnival Director was discussed.

Action: Michael McMahon will follow-up with a Coogee Digger member regarding their interest in the Assistant Carnival Director role. Michael will liaise with Peter Bain on the outcome of this discussion.

Meeting closed: 8.00 pm

Next general meeting: Tuesday, 11 November 2025 at 7.30pm.