

MINUTES
AIF COMMITTEE – GENERAL MEETING
Monday, 7 July 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)

APOLOGIES: Bob Clarke (Cobar), Pat Kinghorn (Bondi Diggers & Bondi Junction Waverley)

ODE: The meeting opened at 7.43pm by Sean Henly reading the Ode.

CORRESPONDENCE

IN:

- Change of email for Nerang
- New committee members for Twin Towns

OUT:

- Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Bob Kelsall advised that the current bank balance is \$17,256.
- The Income and Expenditure will be completed and circulated to the committee.
- The website has been upgraded.
- Affiliation fees will remain at \$50 per club.

2026 CARNIVAL

- Helen advised that preparation for the 2026 carnival is on-track.
- A deposit has been paid for the 2026 function in Nelsons Bay.

CROW'S NEST CUP

The meeting discussed the item raised by Manly Diggers Swimming Club regarding the need to continue to encourage participation of returned service people.

It was agreed that a motion will be brought to the next AGM to change the By-Law that will allow clubs to enter more than one full team of four for the Crow's Nest Cup. If a club enters more than one team, the club will only receive points for one team.

Action: The Secretary (Anita) will circulate the motion regarding amendments to the Crow's Nest Cup to all clubs prior to the next AGM.

ASSISTANT CARNIVAL DIRECTOR

Mick McMahon is talking to one of the Coogee Diggers members regarding their interest in the Assistant Carnival Director role and will liaise with Peter Bain.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- It was noted that there are enough water bottles and glasses left over for the 2026 carnival. We will need to purchase additional towels and trophies. Any left-over trophies will be re-purposed for 2026.
- Helen Little asked for suggestions on raising the profile of the AIF Swimming Association.
- Kerry Ryan suggested promotion through RSL Clubs to try to boost numbers for the Services Relay.
- Jo Falla and Peter Bain will liaise regarding the hand-over of the carnival program preparation for 2026.
- Sean Henly suggested the AIF meetings be moved to 7pm. Helen Little indicated that she is not available until 7:30pm.

Meeting closed: 8:25pm

Next meeting: 29 September 2025, 7.30pm