MANLY 16FT SKIFF SAILING CLUB LTD

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MINUTES

The 102nd Annual General Meeting of the Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club Ltd was held at 10am on Saturday 27th September 2025, in the Clubhouse, East Esplanade, Manly.

Meeting opened: 10:09am

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Steve Bowen (Vice President), Ross Bull and Tina Armour. No other apologies were noted. The President advised that ballot boxes for the election of Directors were located at the rear of the room and could be lodged at any time during the meeting, in recognition that some members may need to leave for sailing commitments.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

It was moved by Dave Burkett and seconded by Andrew St John that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting be accepted.

Carried.

3. President's, Treasurer's and Commodore's Reports

The President noted that the reports of the President, Treasurer and Commodore were published in the Annual Report on the Club website (no printed copy was produced this year). Members were invited to raise questions or points on the reports. No substantive questions were raised.

It was moved by Dave Burkett and seconded by Clint Bowen that the reports be received.

Carried.

4. Financial Reports

The meeting received and considered the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Financial Performance and the Auditor's Report, all published in the Annual Report on the website.

In response to a question regarding the Club's cash position, it was noted:

- The Club had purchased a property across the road for $1.45m.
- Approximately $1 million was held in the Club's trading accounts, with total funds of approximately $3 million.
- The Club has a financial liability to RMS/Transport for NSW relating to rent, structured as a deferred repayment over five years, equating to approximately $600,000 per year.
- After allowing for this repayment, the Club's net position is approximately $500,000 positive per year.

There were no further questions. It was moved by Clint Bowen and seconded by Michael McMahon that the financial reports be accepted.

Carried.

5. Election of Directors

The President advised that ballot boxes for the election of four Director positions were located at the rear of the room. Six nominees stood for four positions:

- Incumbents: Craig Nicholls, James Lawira Fernandez, Chris Thomas, James Bury
- New nominees: Daniel Turner, Georgia Clancy

Members were asked to select four of the six candidates and place their ballot in the box at the rear of the room.

The following positions received no other nominations and were declared uncontested:

- President — Rolf Cohen
- Vice President — Steve Bowen
- Treasurer — Anthony King
- Commodore — Michael Childs

It was moved and seconded that these four uncontested positions be accepted.

Carried.

The President thanked members for their support and congratulated those elected to the uncontested positions.

Voting for the four contested Director positions closed at 10:16am and ballots were handed to the counting team, led by Steven Ilses and Michael McMahon, for counting. Results are recorded in Item 11 below.

6. Appointment of Auditor

It was moved by Barry Hodge and seconded by Clint Bowen that Peter M. Power be reappointed as the Club's Auditor.

Carried.

7. Ordinary Resolution

The standard ordinary resolution (covering, among other matters, catering/hospitality arrangements for volunteers, including boat operators, directors and their families) was put to the meeting.

In discussion, Matt Triglone asked whether a specific budget was set for hospitality expenditure under this resolution. The President, Rolf Cohen, advised that no formal budget has historically been set for this item; expenditure is reviewed annually as part of the overall Club budget and monitored on an ongoing basis, and has not been considered unreasonable. It was noted that a specific figure for the Board lunch had previously been reported in past annual reports, being $5,131.

Matt Triglone proposed a motion that the Board provide a budgetary amount for each of the expenses in the ordinary resolution. The motion was seconded by Greg Windust. The President, Rolf Cohen, advised that the motion was carried.

Carried.

It was moved by Dave Burkett and seconded by Clint Bowen that the ordinary resolution be accepted as proposed. The President, Rolf Cohen, advised that the original motion was carried.

Carried.

8. Special Resolutions

Two special resolutions, both amending the Club Constitution, were put to eligible Active members.

8.1 Special Resolution 1 — 5km Membership Radius Rule

Following a recent change in legislation affecting the 5km radius rule, the Constitution was proposed to be amended to give the Board flexibility to retain, amend or remove the radius provision in future, rather than being fixed in the Constitution. The Board's recommendation is to retain the current 5km radius for the time being, given the value it provides to the Club's membership base, while allowing the Board flexibility to review this in future. The amendment also brought the Constitution into line with other recent changes in relevant legislation. A minor grammatical correction (replacing 'his' with 'their'/appropriate wording) was noted and accepted as a non-substantive correction under the standing rule allowing grammatical corrections at the meeting.

It was moved by Clint Bowen and seconded by Dave Burkett that Special Resolution 1 be accepted.

Carried.

8.2 Special Resolution 2 — Board Power to Create New Membership Categories

This resolution gives the Board power to create new categories of membership (for example, a youth or under-30s membership) and to set rules for any new category created. The Board does not have power under this resolution to alter the terms of any existing membership category — any change to an existing category would still require approval at a General Meeting. In discussion, it was clarified that the Club currently has very few members under 40, and the intent is to allow the Board flexibility to introduce, for example, a discounted under-30s membership without breaching the requirement that members within the same existing category be treated equally.

It was moved by Clint Bowen and seconded by Dave Burkett that Special Resolution 2 be accepted.

Carried.

9. Life Membership Nomination — Barry Hodge

The President advised that a nomination for Life Membership had been considered by the sub-committee of existing Life Members, which recommended the nomination to the Board. The Board considered and supported the nomination, and it was brought to the AGM for a formal vote.

Dave Burkett read the nomination letter on behalf of Steve Bowen, Vice President, nominating Barry Hodge for Life Membership. The letter noted Barry Hodge's long service to the Club, including:

- Joining the Club as a novice sailor prior to 1990
- Serving as Public Officer between approximately 1987 and 1990
- Serving as Vice Captain for three years from 2005
- Serving as a Director of the Club for 11 years from 2007
- Long service to the mid-fleet and the Club's volunteer rescue boat team
- Founding and sustaining the Cape Cup regatta over close to 40 years, including its recent 50th celebration with approximately 140 competitors, recognised as fostering an inclusive community culture within the sport

The meeting voted unanimously in favour of electing Barry Hodge to Life Membership. Barry Hodge spoke, saying he was proud and happy to be recognised and included in that group. The President congratulated Mr Hodge on behalf of the Club and existing Life Members.

Carried unanimously.

10. General Business

10.1 New 16-Foot Skiffs Project

A member asked for an update on the new 16ft skiffs project and associated funding. Michael Childs advised that the project has not fallen over; however, the original boat builder was no longer able to proceed and the Club is now assessing alternative options. The approved budget for the project remains unchanged. The main impact is a delay to the original timeline; no further detail was available at this stage.

10.2 Australian Sailing Team Alumni Recognition

Mal Page, recently appointed CEO of Australian Sailing and a proud member of the Club, addressed the meeting and, together with national coach Victor Kovalenko, presented a Barranjoey Pin to Club member Nathan Wilmot under the Australian Sailing Team Alumni Program.

The Barranjoey Pin recognises athletes who have represented Australia at Olympic/Paralympic class sailing events, world championships or Olympic Games (or achieved qualifying results) since the Australian Sailing Team was established in 2006, and is named after the Barranjoey, the boat that won Australia's first sailing gold medal at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics (sailed by Bill Northam, Peter O'Donnell and James (Poppy) Sargeant).

Victor Kovalenko spoke to Nathan Wilmot's sailing career, noting multiple world and European championship titles across several classes over more than two decades, an Order of Australia (OAM) recognition, and his character both on and off the water. Nathan Wilmot thanked the Club, Australian Sailing and his family for their support.

11. Adjournment Pending Election Results

With the count of ballots for the four contested Director positions still underway, the President adjourned formal proceedings, noting attendees were welcome to remain informally while counting continued.

On resumption, the count showed three candidates clearly elected and one position tied between two candidates, Georgia Clancy and Daniel Turner, with the remaining nominee clearly not elected. As the Constitution does not specify a tie-break procedure for this circumstance, the votes were recounted. Following the recount, Georgia Clancy was declared successful and duly elected to the fourth Director position.

Meeting Closed

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11:12am.

By order of the Board of Directors

Matt Hazell

Secretary Manager