



**Minutes of the
PRESIDENTS' FORUM
Wednesday 27 August 2025 @ 8:15pm
Aquatic | Zoom**

1. OPEN MEETING – 8:15 pm

Peter Button as Chair opened the meeting.

2. PRESENT

In person

DBSA Board:	Julie Lister, Tracey Gardiner
Life Members:	Chris Wood, John Holland, Pat Doogue
ACDC:	Chris Wood (President), John Holland
ASA:	Mary-Ann Holt (President)
Adelaide Phoenix:	Kierney Sieberhagen (President)
Black Sea Dragons:	Rob Harding (President), Patrick Stubbin
Powerblades:	Peter Button (President)
SADA:	Helen MacLeod (President)
Subsonix:	Jack Salagaras (President), Lynnette Ferrari (Secretary)
Victor Dragons:	Morag Craig (President)
Waiwilta:	Kay Cameron (President), Jill Furnage
Water Warriors	Sam Slabbert (President)

Present (online)

ACDC Desert Dragons:	Heather McDonald (Secretary)
BWRs:	Jenny Chillingworth
Coorong Dragons:	Annabel Kitchin (President)
Copper Coast:	Judy Haydon (President)
DAA:	Julie Howie
DAPL:	Sandra Jansen (President)
Mannum Dragons:	Julie Metcalfe (President)
Murray Bridge:	Miranda Roccisano (President)
Pink Dragons:	Robyn McKenzie
DBSA Board:	Jennifer Bould (Life Member), Rodney Purbrick, Teresa Riccio-Goodwin

3. APOLOGIES

ACDC Desert Dragons:	Heather Graetz
Coorong Dragons:	Roylene Nixon
DAA:	Deb Elfenbein (President)
Life Member:	Mick Burrige
Pink Dragons:	Robyn McKenzie
Powerblades:	Sharon Etherington

4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Meeting 15/5/25

Ratified as a true and correct record. **Action: MC #115**

4.2 Action List

Reviewed. Of note:

- #109 – re State Champs relevancy carried over to RC meeting.

5. DBSA

5.1 Dual membership category – removal

Noted this category would be removed as is not relevant in SA and caused problems with registering for AusChamps. Any registered paddler looking to paddle with another Club can always join them as an Affiliate/Associate member. **Action: Marie #116**

5.2 West Lakes – dry zone 1/7/25

Noted the Council have advised that:

- Alcohol can be consumed in the Aquatic meeting room
- Can be distributed as prizes
- There is no actual consumption of alcohol allowed outside the meeting room.

The impacts of this were discussed and it was suggested that perhaps the organising Club could look to book the meeting room and Clubs could then mingle after a race day and consume alcohol. They would be responsible for cleaning up the room afterwards and if they were not going to stay around for this then it would need to be assigned to another Club.

Noted that DBSA could look to book the meeting rooms for events at Aquatic on behalf of the Clubs.

Agreed that Clubs should come back with their position on this by Friday 12 September.

Action: Marie #117

5.3 EOI for AusDBF D&I sub-committee

Noted an email was circulated by Julie Lister to Clubs with the deadline for nominations set for Friday 6 September.

5.4 EOI for AusChamps 2027 Organising Committee

Patrick Stubbin advised that he would be keen to be on this organising committee and that Cleanaway would be interested in sponsoring the event.

Noted the Board would be circulating an EOI in due course and developing a sponsorship package.

5.5 Finance – reimbursement forms, RevSport invoices, Treasurers' contact details

Tracey Gardiner advised Clubs:

1. Requirement to submit any reimbursement claims within four weeks.
2. Invoices going forward will generally be from RevSport and not MYOB.
3. Ensure Treasurer's contact details are up to date in RevSport.

5.6 Events:

5.6.1 First Aid course – Sun 14/9/25

Noted will proceed as are currently 12 registrations.

5.6.2 AusDBF Level 1 Sweeps' & Drummers' course –Sun 26/10/25

Noted details were sent out re this course and to register directly with Pat Doogue however an updated registration process through RevSport will be circulated. **Action: Chris #118**

5.6.3 AusDBF Level 1 Coaching course – Sat 8/11/25 & Sun 9/11/25

Noted there are currently seven registrations for this course and John Holland advised that it may need to be rescheduled due a conflicting AusDBF coaching conference at the same time. Anyone looking to renew their qualifications could join in on the DBSA course.

6. CLUBS / OTHER

- Most Clubs advised it was business as usual with training for some being somewhat quieter during the winter months.
- SADA: Come & Try is scheduled for Saturday at 11:30am. They are seeking responses to their planning email for the upcoming BCS race day from BCS Clubs as there have been few responses. Suggested respective Clubs check their junk mail folders for the initial email.
- SADA: noted trailer tyre in the boat shed was flat and they were advised that it could be pumped up with a bike pump. Tabled the DBSA New Team Manual which was quite dated. Noted that this was out-of-date and needed updating.
- Subsonix: queried the high increase in race fees for this season. Noted this has been raised before at previous PF meetings and resolved. Agreed DBSA would follow up. **Action: Tracey #119**

- Waiwilta: 39 members – noted appreciated help provided by Rodney Purbrick and all Clubs and the Board. They are working on governance documents and their app so all are uploaded to that platform to keep members informed.
- ACDC: Reviewing the strategic plan and a Members' handbook. Come & Try scheduled at Aquatic for Sunday 28 September and on Sunday 16 November they will have a min-regatta on the Torrens to launch their ACDC Chinese Dragons with an invitation extended to all. Details to be circulated.
Action: Chris #120
- VDs: increase in membership numbers with more male members which will allow them to compete in more categories. In negotiations with the Council about building some sheds to store their boat and equipment at the Hockey Club oval. Increase in volunteers as well for their race squad.
- Noted Mildura Dragons have been entering DBSA race days for a few seasons now on an ad hoc basis which was supported.
- Adelaide Phoenix: AGM held with all committee position filled. Streamlining social media presence and have a few promotional activities planned.
- DAA: have 3 volunteers for BCS event in October.
- Copper Coast: involved in local community events to raise funds. Updated constitution and finalised their Members' handbook and looking to extend the clubrooms. More FB socials activity.
- Mannum: making good progress for their upcoming race day. Have organised a quiz night, noted lots of holiday homes available for accommodation. Compiling a list of foods on the day so participants can pre-order a lunch box from a local caterer. Event will be at Mannum Waters.
- CDs: noted held a joint paddle event with KIDS at the Murray mouth and will be travelling to KI on weekend of 20 September for a paddling weekend. Regional training day is scheduled for 5 October. Doing lots of fundraising in order to purchase a second aluminium trolley. Have x7 sweeps and training x2 more with x2 coaches doing the next course. Club survey results pointed to fitness and fun. Reviewing their constitution and have a strong FB page.
- MB: changing over to new name and getting merchandise. Searching for new premises as the current owners of the marina no longer want them or the houseboats there so will need to liaise with the council for assistance.
- PDs: recruitment drive to increase numbers, looking to recruit some sweeps. Finished updating their constitution.
- BWRs: on Sunday are padding at Second Creek south of Tumby Bay to a marine sanctuary and mangroves.
- DAPL: back in training. Second co-founder passed away. Have 22 paddlers, lost 3 recently for various reasons. Encouraging one to be a sweep and one a coach.
- PBs: Joan Daly was awarded Life Membership at their annual awards. AGM held with some constitutional changes being proposed to include junior members. 61 members, mini-break during July. Several members a 22km walk from Verdun to Beaumont as part of their off-season events. Returned to training Saturday. Qualified for 2026 WCCC in Taiwan in the Senior C category.
- Peter Button: noted that he was arranging for the emergency response map developed by their Club to be updated with accurate addresses.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Marie Cunningham advised:

1. AusDBF are required to provide participation statistics to the ASC so they can maintain their funding. As a result, they require all Clubs to ensure they upload into RevSport details for anyone who enters a boat via a training session, Come & Try, corporate event or schools event. Clubs to contact Marie or AusDBF for assistance on how to set this up.
2. First RC meeting is set for Wednesday 10 September with ASA/DAA to coordinate the race day. Team entries will be opened up this weekend.
3. Club AGMs: besides updating changes to position holders in RevSport, details of changes to Office Bearers to be advised to Marie as she maintains a separate list.

8. NEXT MEETINGS:

- Wednesday 19 November 2025.

9. NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:11 pm.