

DRAGONBOAT SA RC MINUTES



8:00 pm Thursday 13 November 2025

At Aquatic Meeting Room / Zoom

1 MEETING OPEN – 8:00 pm.

2 PRESENT:

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| ▪ ASA 1: | Sue Robinson | ▪ Mannum 1: | Jason Kuhlmann |
| ▪ ASA 2: | Mary-Ann Holt | ▪ Mannum 2: | Julie Natrass |
| ▪ ACDC 1: | Chris Wood | ▪ Mildura 1: | Apology |
| ▪ ACDC 2: | John Holland | ▪ Mildura 2: | Apology |
| ▪ AP 1: | Apology | ▪ MB 1: | Not in attendance |
| ▪ AP 2: | Pauline Nelli - Z | ▪ MB 2: | Not in attendance |
| ▪ BSD 1: | Sandy Beagley | ▪ PBs 1: | Apology |
| ▪ BSD 2: | Lyn Payne | ▪ PBs 2: | Julie Lister |
| ▪ BWR 1: | Not in attendance | ▪ PBs 3: | Neil Parker |
| ▪ BWR 2: | Apology | ▪ PDs 1: | Apology |
| ▪ CC 1: | Vei Li Soon – Z | ▪ PDs 2: | Apology |
| ▪ CC 2: | Dennis Haydon – Z | ▪ SADA 1: | Mandy Tudor |
| ▪ CDs 1: | Roylene Nixon – Z | ▪ SADA 2: | Apology |
| ▪ CDs 2: | Apology | ▪ Subsonix 1: | Gareth Chee – Z |
| ▪ DAA 1: | Jo Hamlyn | ▪ Subsonix 2: | Ronnie Lane |
| ▪ DAA 2: | Apology | ▪ Waiwilta 1: | Not in attendance |
| ▪ DAPL 1: | Sandy Jansen – Z | ▪ Waiwilta 2: | Not in attendance |
| ▪ DAPL 2: | Not in attendance | ▪ WWs 1: | Leonie Kelley |
| ▪ KIDS 1: | Not in attendance | ▪ WWs 2: | Veronica Maidment |
| ▪ KIDS 2: | Not in attendance | ▪ VDs 1: | Rob Bowen – Z |
| ▪ | | ▪ VDs 3: | Mike Lowe – Z |

APOLOGIES:

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| ▪ AP 1: | Sharon Knights | ▪ Waiwilta 1: | Kay Cameron |
| ▪ BWR 2: | Julie Allen | ▪ Waiwilta 2: | Jill Furnage |
| ▪ CDs 2: | Brigitte Chapman | ▪ SADA 1: | Heather Wingard |
| ▪ DAA 2: | Lynsey Johnson | ▪ SADA 2: | Roger Horstmann |
| ▪ Mildura 1: | Kathryn Judd | ▪ SC Chair: | Pat Doogue |
| ▪ Mildura 2: | Shane Johnston | ▪ PBs 1: | Sharon Etherington |
| ▪ PDs 1: | Angela Yates-Taylor | | |
| ▪ PDs 2: | Melanie Garland | | |

The meeting was chaired by Neil Parker (Powerblades).

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Meeting 22/10/25

Agreed to accept as a true and accurate record. **Action: Marie #413**

4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

The Action list was reviewed. Of note:

- #409. Noted Starter's Tent was not actually broken as it was just being erected wrongly. A set of instructions have been included.
- #399. Noted Policy #05 – Condition of Entry to Races (Eligibility, Fixtures & Team Composition) had been updated by the Board and circulated to Clubs and RC delegates for information and feedback.
- #406. Noted the AusDBF survey results from AusChamps were for AusDBF's use only.

5 SEASON 2025/26

5.1 Race Day #3 – 10s&20s over 500m + 2000m – Mannum

5.1.1 Feedback

- Consensus was that the event was fantastic.
- Jason Kuhlmann thanked regional and metro clubs for their support on the day and Murray Bridge and Coorong Dragons for supplying boats as all five were needed. They worked hard to get everything ready and have a couple of areas to improve on next time.

5.1.2 Task List – any amendments

- Noted Mannum was reviewing the list and will make some changes. To be provided to Marie Cunningham for inclusion on the main task list. **Action: Jason #414**

5.1.3 Race Day Official's Report

- Tabled as read.

5.2 Race Day #3 – 10s&20s over 200m + 1000m – Sat 22/11/25 – Peter Bristow Long Course

5.2.1 Planning

- Umpire's Boat: Powerblades.
- Signs out front: BSD.
- Boat Driver: Ron Ottaway
- Safety Boat: Jason Kuhlmann
- Chief Official & Starter: Pat Doogue
- Timing: Joy Fisher plus Club volunteers.
- Stop Watches: JH to relocate from caravan and place in boatshed.
- Volunteers: Clubs to provide one and source from another Club if need be.
- PFDs: to be worn by anyone who cannot swim 100m.
- Teams; to launch own boat, dress with head, tail and number.
- Boat numbers:
 - 1 – BSD, 2 – WWs,
 - 3 – PBs, 4 – Subsonix,
 - 5 – ASA/Mannum, 6 – DAA/SADA
 - 7 – PBs #2/CC, 8 – BSD/Phoenix
- Teams to go out in reverse order with slowest going first.
- Intervals: 2 minutes.
- First boat to leave at 6pm.
- Time trial race.
- All teams to have a mobile phone and provide the number to the Starter and Safety Boat.
- Finish: if two or more boats finish within two seconds of each other's time they will hold the same time and placing to allow for human error.
- Safety boat: will follow the last boat around the island.
- Each team to pass through the two yellow powerline buoys on the way out and on the way back otherwise a 30 second penalty will apply.
- All teams to remain for the presentations.
- Passing: shortest distance. If one boat catches another then the slower boat must move over and let them through. The Sweep in the overtaking boat must warn the other boat that it is coming up on the inside.
- Sweeps' meeting. Raise agreement on passing.
- Minimum of x16 paddlers.
- Race cancellation: will be advised by Neil Parker at 2pm on race day should weather be inclement. Forecasted currently for 25km winds which is fine.

5.2.2 Sweeping up requests – approvals

- Not required.

5.2.3 Composite teams – approvals

- Noted DAA and ASA both require additional paddlers.
- Clubs forming composite teams need to have one Club enter the category and advise Marie Cunningham of additional paddlers to be added from other clubs to the team list.

5.2.4 Corporate Challenge – 7/12/25

- Noted entry kits have been circulated and Clubs encouraged to register teams.
- Powerblades will have two: Invictus and a Firies team.
- Subsonix and ASA hope to have a team.

6 DBSA

6.1 Courses:

6.1.1 AusDBF Level 1 Coaching Course: Dates

Set for Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 January 2026.

7 AusDBF

- John Holland advised the accredited training requirements for Coaches and Sweeps will be circulated to Clubs. Sweeps required to do the National Integrity Framework courses and the Annual Update and Coaches to do the same along with the Children's Safety course.
- Chris Wood noted that she attended with John Holland and Vi Duong, the AusDBF Coaches conference in Melbourne last Sunday which was outstanding. It was hoped it will be offered again either face-to-face or as a webinar.

8 SAFETY

Nil issues raised.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Clubs advised in future that they will be required to provide a volunteer on race days which will help with having them become accustomed to the different roles.
- Reminder given that the Volunteers' duties are on the website and Clubs should familiarise themselves with any tasks assigned them on a race day beforehand.
<https://www.dragonboatsa.com/media/82606/race-day-officials-and-volunteers-roles-february-2025.pdf>
- Mary-Ann Holt advised that she was updating the Volunteers' Manual.
- John Holland advised that the Regional Masters Games was tentatively set for Saturday 11 April 2026 at the Mannum Marina subject to written approval from the marina owner.

10 NEXT MEETING DATES

Wed 26/11/25	Race day #4 – Sun 7/12/25	ACDC
Mon 29/12/25	Race day #5 – Sun 11/1/26	BSD
Tue 20/1/26	Race day #6 – Sun 1/2/26	Phoenix & Subsonix
Thu 5/2/26	Fun day – Sun 15/2/26	DBSA
Wed 18/2/26	Race day #7 – Sun 1/3/26	WWs
Wed 11/3/26	State Champs – Sat 28 & Sun 29/3/26	DBSA

11 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

ACTION ITEMS				
NO.	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
413	Upload RC Minutes from 22/10/25 meeting.	ASAP	Marie	Done
414	Send copy of Mannum Task List to Marie for including in the main Task List document.	ASAP	Jason	
NO.	ONGOING	DUE	WHO	STATUS
388	Upload Emergency Points document to the website once revised copy is provided by the Board.	ASAP	Marie	