

DRAGONBOAT SA RC MINUTES v1



8:00 pm Tuesday 20 January 2026

At Aquatic Meeting Room / Zoom

1 MEETING OPEN – 8:02 pm.

2 PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

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| ▪ ASA 2: | Steve Holt | ▪ Mildura 1: | Kathryn Judd |
| ▪ BWR 2: | Julie Allen | ▪ Mildura 2: | Shane Johnston |
| ▪ Subsonix 2: | Ronnie Lane | ▪ Waiwilta 1: | Kay Cameron |
| ▪ SADA 1: | Roger Horstmann | ▪ Waiwilta 2: | Jill Furnage |
| ▪ PDs 1: | Angela Yates-Taylor | ▪ SC Chair: | Pat Doogue |
| ▪ PDs 2: | Melanie Garland | | |

The meeting was chaired by Gareth Chee (Subsonix).

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Meeting 29/12/25

Agreed to accept as a true and accurate record. [Action: Marie #424](#)

4 BUSINESS ARISING – ACTION ITEM STATUS

The Action list was reviewed - refer to Action Items list for status.

- Neil Parker requested clarification regarding the 200m drummer's toggle line and was advised that the spacing is not right and some clips are missing. Intention is to source clips to hopefully have them fixed by Wednesday 21/1/26.

5 SEASON 2025/26

5.1 Sun 11/1/26 – Race Day #5 – 10s&20s over 500m + 2000m (Premiers, Senior A/B/C)

5.1.1 Feedback

- Rob Bowen mentioned that there were significant delays all day waiting for a couple of B-Grade Women's crews at the 200m start line. Unless those crews are independent of their club's A-Grade crews then this issue will remain.
- John Holland noted that same problem at the 500m start line and the later arrivals need to make an effort to paddle to the start line with more urgency.

5.1.2 Race Day Official's Report

Tabled as read.

- Agreed with suggestion in the report to have Open crews start before the Women to avoid congestion.
- Right-of-way calls over the radio could not always be heard by the boats during the 2km Turn Race. Holding up race card numbers in the umpire's boat was mentioned, however a suggestion that a loud hailer/megaphone be used by those in the umpire's boat to communicate which boat has the right-of-way received positive responses.

5.1.3 Task List – any changes required?

- Include a task for a loud hailer/megaphone to be placed into umpire's boat for use in turn races. **Action: Marie #425**

5.2 Sun 1/2/26 – Race Day #6: 10s&20s – 200m, 1000m (Premiers, Senior A/B/C)

5.2.1 Planning

- Subsonix to enter a B-Grade Open crew (from Corporate Crew day as previously agreed)
- Premier 10 – Open/Women/Mixed: heat and final.
- Senior A 10 – Mixed: 2 heats and a final.
- All other Prem/Senior A/B/C races: straight finals.
- Clubs to make any necessary crew entry changes in revSport by 11:45 pm Fri 23/1/26.

5.2.2 Australia Day Cup

- John advised that trophies are held in a locker at National Storage, and the thought amongst many in the room was that this cup was for Premier Mixed 20s over 500m. Will it need engraving? Chris and John will try to locate the cup first.
Action: Chris / John #426

5.2.3 Sweeping up requests – approvals as follows:

- ACDC: Cassidy Burns – Premier to Senior A.
- PBs: Jayana Dos Santos – Premier to Senior A.
- PBs: Cathy Tran – Senior A to Senior B.

5.2.4 Composite teams – approvals as follows:

5.2.4.1 Entries

- ASA & Pink Dragons: B-Grade Women 10.
- B-Grade Open crews for Pink Dragons and Copper Coast have requested to borrow Sweeps on the day – to be sorted at the Captain & Sweeps Meeting.
- Lyn Payne has advised that BSD B-Grade Women 10 will again be Non-Qualifying.
- All above crews will be ineligible for race day prizes.

5.2.4.2 Paddlers' details to be sent to MA Holt for inclusion in revSport

- ASA and Pink Dragons to sort out crew lists as applicable. **Action: ASA/PDs #427**

5.2.5 Race Day Official

- Pat Doogue.

5.3 Sat 7/2/27 – Peter Bristow Long Course

5.3.1 Planning

- Clubs to enter crews and/or changes in revSport by 11:45 pm on Fri 30/1/26.
- Neil Parker advised that the previous task list/details still apply, e.g., mobile phone in each boat and numbers to be shared with officials; PFDs to be worn if paddlers are not covered by the exemption; start at 2-minute intervals; etc. Task list and other relevant info, including boat starting order, will be sent out prior to the day.
- DAA and Powerblades still have some empty seats, so contact them directly if needed.

5.3.2 Sweeping up requests – approvals

- Not applicable.

5.3.3 Composite teams – approvals

- As of this meeting, ASA, DAA, SADA and 1 of the Powerblades boats have requested to participate as composite crews – approved.

5.3.4 Race Day Official

- Chris Wood.

5.4 Sun 15/2/26 – 10s&20s – 200m & Fun Day (U40 | 40+ | B-Grade)

5.4.1 Race Program (draft) – early discussion

- Julie Lister, and others, questioned the viability of the program regarding the under 40 y.o. crews given most clubs have limited number of members in this age group. Some discussion was had on the matter with Gareth Chee suggesting that perhaps those still in their forties (ie. 49 years and under) could help fill the <40 void with others filling the >40 age crews – this idea received favourable support.
- Any further suggestions around the under/over 40 age groups to be sent to Chris Wood. In the meantime, Chris and John will investigate further, with info to be initially sent out to the Race Committee delegates. **Action: Chris / John #428**
- Chris explained what the Fun Races are about and that all clubs can enter.
- revSport to be updated to include the Fun Race categories. **Action: Chris / Marie #429**

5.4.2 Possible venue relocation to Aquatic due to LIV Golf

- Chris confirmed that the Fun Day will be held at Aquatic.

5.5 Powerblades – Turn Races – clarity request

- John Holland has spoken with Peter Button about the matter, and they have agreed that it's a conversation for the Sweeps' Committee. Feedback/answer will be forthcoming once the committee have met and discussed.

6 DBSA

- Reminder to Clubs to tell members not to pull on boat seats - use the recessed handles to move/lift the boats.
- Pauline Nelli commented about the potential dangers of vehicles entering and exiting Aquatic Reserve due to a number of factors, including the turning lane, bicycle lane, footpath, and the Bower Rd / Old Port Rd junction. Agreed that there is potential for accidents to happen but it is a Council issue. Pauline has volunteered to contact the City of Charles Sturt council outside of this forum.
- Mary-Ann advised that there will be screw-in pegs, and 2 x power drills, for use to secure the gazebos on race days.

7 AusDBF

- Participation Planning document from AusDBF to be circulated to clubs for feedback. **Action: Chris #430**

8 SAFETY

- Mary-Ann commented that non-slip paint for the boatshed is being organised.
- Neil Parker said that people need to be patient when handling the boat trolleys in the shed while boats are on the slings and being manoeuvred across.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Jack Salagaras would like to see yellow plastic safety caps on the boat-number star droppers that are placed on the beach for race days, as one had fallen onto a club member last race day and had the potential to cause injury. **Action: Rod P #431**

10 NEXT MEETING DATES

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 9:06 pm.

ACTION ITEMS				
NO.	NEW	DUE	WHO	STATUS
424	Upload RC Minutes from 29/12/25 meeting.	ASAP	Marie	
425	Update task list to include loud hailer/megaphone in umpire's boat for use in turn races.	Before next race day	Marie	
426	Locate Australia Day Cup.	ASAP	Chris / John	
427	Composite crew names for inclusion in revSport.	Before 1/2/26	Pink Dragons / ASA	
428	Fun Day under/over 40 age crews – ideas how to make it work	ASAP	Chris / John	
429	Fun Day races to be added to revSport for that event.	ASAP	Chris / Marie	
430	Circulate the AusDBF Participation Planning doc to clubs.	ASAP	Chris	
431	Purchase plastic protective caps and fit to the star droppers.	Before next race day	Rod P	
NO.	ONGOING	DUE	WHO	STATUS
388	Upload Emergency Points document to the website once revised copy is provided by the Board.	ASAP	Marie	WIP
418	Follow up Council re issue of ramp slipperiness.	ASAP	Marie	On-going
422	Repair 200m Drummer's toggle line.	ASAP	Neil P / Rod P	21/1/26 ?