



**Minutes of the
PRESIDENTS' FORUM
Thursday 19 February 2026 @ 8:00 pm
Aquatic | Zoom**

1. OPEN MEETING – 8:00 pm

Peter Button as Chair opened the meeting.

2. PRESENT

In person

ACDC:	Chris Wood (President), John Holland
ASA:	Mary-Ann Holt (President)
Adelaide Phoenix:	Kierney Sieberhagen (President)
Black Sea Dragons:	Rob Harding (President)
Pink Dragons:	Shanan Anderson (President)
Powerblades:	Tracey Gardiner
SADA:	Helen MacLeod (President)
Subsonix:	Lynette Ferrari (Secretary)
Waiwilta:	Kay Cameron (President), Jill Furnage
DBSA:	Peter Button, Chris Wood, John Holland, Mary-Ann Holt, Tracey Gardiner

Present (online)

ACDC DD:	Heather McDonald (Secretary)
Copper Coast:	Judy Haydon (President)
DAA:	Julie Howie (Deputy President)
DAPL:	Susan Bishop (Vice President)
Mannum Dragons:	Jason Khulmann
Murray Bridge:	Miranda Roccisano (President)
DAA:	Deb Elfenbein (President)
Victor Dragons:	Morag Craig (President)
DBSA Board:	Jennifer Bould (Life Member)

3. APOLOGIES

Mannum Dragons:	Julie Metcalfe (President)
ACDC DD:	Heather Graetz (President)
Subsonix:	Jack Salagaras (President)

4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Meeting 12/11/25

Ratified as a true and correct record. **Action: MC #126**

4.2 Action List

Reviewed.

5. DBSA

5.1 Corporate Challenge: revisit

Noted there was low participation with Clubs to consider this further before the next season RC planning meeting.

5.2 CPR course – annual completion requirement – updated

Noted that it is a good qualification to have; however, it is not mandatory, and that DBSA will only reimburse the First Aid course and not the CPR course.

5.3 Club requirement to provide race day volunteers – different approach

Noted the difficulty remains in attaining the required number of volunteers for race days, despite it being a requirement for Clubs to provide a volunteer if racing.

Agreed for next season to continue this requirement, and if an individual Club is struggling with numbers, to ask for an exemption.

5.4 Event – Babcock Australia – Sat 18/4/26 – volunteers needed

Noted, an email will be sent shortly seeking volunteers, and it is being held during AusChamps restricting the number of available volunteers.

Volunteers will also be sought for a Pulteney Grammar school session on Wednesday 29/4/26.

5.5 Race days – boat loading delays

Reminder given for crews to get out on the water as timely as possible.

5.6 End-of-season feedback survey – results

Noted that a few responses were received, with the preference being for the event to continue; however, the format may change to a luncheon. Suggestions would be welcome.

5.7 New Westpac bank account details

Noted that a new account has been set up, with invoices issued using the new account details. The Bank SA account will remain open for the time being.

5.8 FOB management

Noted Clubs are responsible for the fobs assigned to them, and DBSA will undertake a stocktake shortly to identify who has been issued fobs so they can be cancelled as needed.

5.9 Strategic Plan session – Sat 30/5/26 (11 am onwards)

Noted Clubs are invited to attend this session to provide their input.

The facilitator has requested a preliminary meeting with Board members. The previous plan expired in 2025; however, it remains valid until replaced.

5.10 Boat seats – reminder not to pull on them

Reminder given to Clubs to remind their members not to pull on the seats whilst changing sides or moving the boats. Noted that a new fleet will be purchased prior to the 2027 AusChamps.

5.11 New Policy #041 – Sponsorship

Noted that this new policy is in place for DBSA and Clubs, so they should familiarise themselves with it.

5.12 Aquatic car parking

A reminder given that, to avoid a fine from the Council, cars should not park on the centre grass verge until all remaining car parks are filled. There are almost 100 car parks across the road in the Yitpi centre.

A reminder given not to park in front of the fire hose on the northern side of the building, as it is a designated “no parking” spot.

6. Events

6.1 State Championships – 28&29 March – planning

Noted that planning will occur at the next RC meeting, with the RevSport categories being checked beforehand.

7. CLUBS / OTHER

- Appreciation extended to Chris Wood and DBSA for arranging the liquor licence. Noted it is currently only for the remaining race days and next year will look to include meeting dates.
- Subsonix: noted Jack Salagaras is recovering from a double bypass operation.
- Reminder given for Clubs to work together on race days to bring the boats in and out with the first or easiest boat to be moved first.

- SA Masters Games. Noted that Sport SA are managing this through RevSport with team managers to enter their crew first, and then individuals will be able to register via the events module. This will allow crew sheets to be downloaded readily.
- Waiwilta: noted great camaraderie at the last race day and felt that SADA did a great job. Their members have been involved in a few race days with some doing the recent around-the-island event. If they are interested in joining another Club to compete they would assist.
- Waiwilta: noted DragonPass is working well for them. Have updated the Constitution and looking to adopt it next month. Their new name will be Waiwilta Dragon Boat Club Adelaide Inc and they have a new website provided at no cost by a sponsor.
- ASA: noted that 10 Waiwilta paddlers joined them in the around-the-island event, and they have now established a close relationship with them.
- Mannum: looking forward to the SA Masters Games to be held at the Mannum Marina.
- ACDC DD: have 18 active paddlers and were unable to paddle from early December to late January due to the water levels being too low.
- VDs: seeking when the next first aid course will be held as they have two Sweeps needing to update their accreditation.
Noted that it has just been held and will unlikely be held again for some time, as a minimum of 10 are needed. Suggested they look to do it elsewhere and seek reimbursement accordingly.
- VDs: they have a dedicated volunteer who is a husband unable to paddle. Going forward, they will look to invite some of their injured or non-paddling paddlers to carpool to volunteer.
- VDs: looking to organise a dinner for Saturday night at the Mannum Community Centre, and if they can book for 150, they will be able to have some music and a private dining room for the function. Details will be provided to John Holland to promote in the next bulletin and they will look to do up a poster and promote it to Clubs to get as many bookings as possible.
- VDs: they have 2 paddlers on Dragon Pass and 43-44 active paddlers. They have been receiving great coverage in the local press because so many are out on the water.
- VDs: stated they were unsuccessful in securing an ORSR grant to assist with building a shed. Meeting with council next week to try to secure suitable land.
- DAPL: updated their water safety test recently. Have 21 registered paddlers and another about to join. They are training up a new Sweep as they only have two, and one is out of action. A new coach has been trained.
- DAPL: had a paddler competing in the recent yacht race over from Adelaide who paddled with them and would look to join next year.
- DAA: membership is at a good level, and half of the team will be heading to Bribie Island in May to compete in a 30km marathon.
- CC: going well with 29 members and 3 on Dragon Pass.

8. AusDBF

8.1 Notice to State Presidents

For information.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

10. NEXT MEETINGS 2026:

- PFs: Tue 19-May, Wed 9-Sep, Tue 17-Nov
- AGM: Wed 9-Sep

11. MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

ACTION ITEMS PF – 19/2/26				
NO.	ACTION	DUE DATE	BY	STATUS
126	Upload Minutes from the 12/11/25 meeting.	ASAP	Marie	Done
127	Corporate Challenge – consider whether willing to support it and format it for the next season RC meeting.	RC meeting May	Clubs	
NO.	ACTION	DUE DATE	BY	STATUS
123	Provide a list of volunteers to MA for race days to DBSA so that a half-day training course can be held for them.	ASAP	Clubs	
125	Send into Marie any pain points/issues with DragonPass as it is being reviewed by AusDBF.	ASAP	Clubs	