



Goolwa Aquatic Club Annual General Meeting

Date: August 15th, 2025

Time: 6.30pm

Location: Goolwa Aquatic Club, 92 Barrage Road Goolwa

MINUTES

1. Welcome

Commodore Tanya Mitchell welcomed the 37 members to the 2025 AGM at 6.30pm.

Apologies

Lynley Chalmers, Geoff Overall, Chris & Brian Baillie, Peggy Offler, Bev & Dig Traeger, Dean Maul-Dunn, Jason Maul

Attendees

Liz Rosevear, Ian McLean, Merv Arbon, Colleen Underwood, John Moore, Haig Walker, Julie Smart, Lizzie Chappell, Graham McKee, Angela Whyte, Peter Whyte, Janet Chandler, Doug Chandler, Deb Shepherdson, Peter Shepherdson, Kylie Raymond, Ann Harvey, Pat Carslaw, Adam Spees, Debbie Turner, John Smithers, Mallee Bower, Roylene Nixon, Rod Flintoff, Brain Wisbey, Jenny Wisbey, Judy Shaw, David Gubbins, Tanya Mitchell, Neil Oatway, Paul Simmons, Danny Maul, Keith Parkes, Steve Jervis, Alison Whyte, Bryan Lindsay, Greg Mitchell

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes 11th August 2024

Minutes of the 11 August 2024 Annual General Meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Janet Chandler

Seconded: John Moore

Carried

3. GAC Commodore's Report 2025

Commodore Tanya Mitchell

Reflecting on the past year, I want to recognise the dedication of our committee, especially as we faced multiple challenges together.

We began the year with a smaller committee than usual, which limited our ability to cover all necessary functions for the Club and Committee and negatively affected our income from memberships and sponsorships.

Thank you to Peter Shepherdson, Peter Whyte and Steve Jervis for stepping up to fill vacant committee positions this year to help get things done and for nominating for Committee for the new term.

After many years of discussion and preparation, the GAC Sailing Group became their own incorporated group this year. Committee transferred the assets and funds allocated for the sailing program to Goolwa Sailing Club Inc which is reflected in a depleted Club balance sheet.

Insurance was major focus this year. In October, shortly after the season started, we began the process of renewing our Club insurances. The following month, our underwriter notified us that our water liability and associations liability cover would not be renewed. The committee worked persistently with several insurance brokers to secure appropriate insurance cover, ensuring the Club's ongoing operations and stability. By late December, we had secured most policies, except for water liability cover which caused the cancellation of the recent speedboat season.

After 8 months of searching, we are very pleased to have secured water liability cover for the coming season, allowing us to finalise the Club program, which includes Picnic Days from September and the Aquafest Spectacular in April 2026.

Despite dealing with insurance and membership changes, we've remained focused on making the Club a welcoming place and laying the foundation for future growth. Thanks to everyone's dedication, we can take pride in our achievements and look forward to new opportunities ahead.

We also ensured there was fun for our members, with monthly meal nights, a twilight cruise on the PS Oscar W, and two successful quiz nights that helped raise funds for the Club.

Membership statistics in case there is interest

Vintage	17	10%
Speedboats	38	22%
Social	67	39%
Sailing	42	24%
Coorong	10	5%

174 Financial members
8 Life members

182 Total membership for the 2024/2025 year

The Member Cash Card Draw remains a popular feature of Friday nights, thanks to the generosity of our Club sponsors. Without their support, many of our activities would not be possible.

This year, the Club secured another grant of \$3,000 from the State Government Regional Drought Relief Program, which will be used to pay utilities and promotional expenses.

The new season commences on 1st September. Members will soon receive an email to renew their membership using our new RevSport online system. This platform allows for convenient at-home registration and helps the Club manage a centralised membership database, reducing paperwork and administrative tasks.

We ask for your patience as we implement this new system. The committee is available to assist or process renewals in person at the Club. Membership payments can be made online with RevSport (noting a software fee of 2% plus \$1.60 per transaction), or without extra fees via direct bank transfer to GAC, or at the bar. We're here to help with any questions or issues regarding renewals.

Membership fees remain unchanged: \$60 for adults and \$120 for families. There will be an additional fee for speedboat drivers—\$100 for individuals or \$160 for a speedboat family—an increase of \$40 to help offset the higher costs associated with speedboat activities.

I would like to once again thank the committee and the volunteers who give their time each week to keep Friday Member's Night running and support Club activities and events.

Our committee achievements this term include:

- Developing a new Club constitution
- Introducing the Member Cash Draw on Friday nights
- Repainting the exterior of the building
- Securing necessary insurance cover
- Paying an additional \$25,000 off the Club's loan
- Receiving two \$3,000 grants
- Purchasing new chairs for member comfort
- Realigning the door between the boatshed and galley
- Preparing a draft business plan
- Developing a new centralised membership database and management system
- Enjoying a social cruise on the PS Oscar W and hosting two successful fundraising quiz nights
- Achieving a positive trading profit despite significant changes to the Balance sheet

This coming year, our priorities include

1. filling the Treasurer position—please let us know if you can assist
2. and finalising the business plan to sustain and grow the Club further.

We are also finalising the Club program for 2025/26, which will be published soon. Please save the date for our Club Open Day on Sunday, 19 October; we look forward to celebrating together.

Thank you for attending this evening. Are there any questions?

Nil Questions received for the Commodore

3. Treasurer's Report – Financial year ending 30th June 2025

Acting Treasurer – Janet Chandler

Janet gave a summary of the audited financial report from SMP Chartered Accountants.

2024/2025 has been a big year with the Sailing part of our club incorporating and the uncertainty of the speedboats on-water insurance, but this has now been resolved.

The financials show an overall trading loss of \$99,351 which was generated from the transfer of assets to Sailing. There were also other challenges.

Due to the lack of water activities, we lost a number of memberships and sponsors as we had no-one to fulfill both roles. In saying that GAC together with Speedboats have met all the financial obligations and made a trading profit of \$10,235 in the year

I am happy to report that the purchase of the new square register has improved the functionality of the bar operations, making both the reporting and tracking of stock easier.

I am now stepping away from the treasurer position and would love for someone from the floor to put up their hand, preferably with some bookkeeping experience. I will be around to support that person as much as possible

Thank you
Janet Chandler
15th October, 2025

Thank you for attending. Are there any questions?

Nil Questions received for the Treasurer

5. Life Membership Nomination – Graham McKee

Graham McKee Life Membership Nomination

Graham McKee has been nominated for Life Membership

Graham has had a long association with the Goolwa Aquatic Club, demonstrated with passion, and determination to ensure the club's survival and growth.

Graham first joined the GAC Speedboat Committee back in 2012 before becoming the GAC Commodore for two terms between the years 2015 to 2019 when the club's existence was at significant risk. Graham, along with the committee at the time, led the club through its significant financial difficulties and steered a path back to being financially viable and secured its longer-term future.

Graham was part of the Speedboat committee from 2012 to 2025, driving the growth of speedboat events. He helped plan and run the annual Aquafest and handled key administrative tasks for Aquafest and club days each season.

In 2016 the Aquafest was awarded the Alexandrina Council's Australia Day Event of the Year. The citation stated:

"Aquafest 2016 was a financial and public success. The Goolwa Aquatic Club has created a unifying, family-friendly event that grows in stature each year. The Club should be extremely proud of their efforts over the last five years."

Graham served two terms as the club's patron, consistently representing the Club within the local community and in interactions with the Alexandrina Council and other government bodies.

For more than 13 years, Graham has been a passionate member of the GAC community. He has prioritised the club's interests and worked diligently to secure the club's future while supporting its development and success.

Thank you, Graham, for everything you have contributed to at the Goolwa Aquatic Club.

Moved – John Moore

Seconded – Steve Jervis

All in favour - Unanimous

6. Election of Committee Members

The following positions on the Committee are declared vacant:

- Commodore
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 6 additional Committee positions

At present, the role of Treasurer remains unfilled, as no nominations have been received. Until this position is filled, the Committee will collectively manage the Treasurer's responsibilities.

The following nominations have been received

- Commodore: Peter Whyte
- Secretary: Peter Shepherdson

Committee

- Tanya Mitchell
- Jenny Wisbey
- Steve Jervis
- Brett Hoppen representing Goolwa Vintage Boat Club

Re-standing for a 2-year term are:-

- Roylene Nixon – representing Coorong Dragons
- Adam Spees – representing Goolwa Sailing

Kylie Raymond Vice Commodore

And Committee members David Gubbins, Judy Shaw, John Smithers

Are all part way through their term on Committee.

Can I ask someone to move that we accept these nominations?

Moved – Lee-Ann Butterfield

Seconded - Lizzie Chappel

All in favour - Unanimous

7. AOB

- Vice Commodore, Kylie Raymond, thanked Tanya for her time as Commodore under some very difficult circumstances including but not limited to, a depleted committee, the transition of the Sailing Group, and the loss of on-water insurance. During all of this Tanya remained positive and was always the smiling face that represented the club. Tanya was absolutely the best person for the job during this time.
- Peter Whyte addressed the meeting as the new Commodore
 - Thanking Tanya for all her hard work
 - Calling out again for someone to step in as treasurer to complete the roles
 - Congratulation to Graham McKee for his life membership, well deserved.
 - Peter made mention of the special attributes of the club, its members, the activity groups, the location/outlook and the friendships and social interactions that are made possible by the club.

8. Meeting Closed at 7.00 pm

Tanya thanked everyone for attending which contributed to having a quorum for the AGM.