

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Garden Island Fishing & Aquatic Association (Inc)
Held at the Cockburn Power Boat Association
Wednesday 19th November 2025

Present:

Jayne Reynolds, Peter Fry, Ken Reynolds, Ido Jorge, John Van Vliet, Bill Kelly, Garry Barker, Keryl Caird, Carolyn Campbell, Jeff Mullins, Aaron Beales, 72 Members and invited guests.

Presidents Welcome

The President declared the meeting open at 7:00 pm and welcomed members and Life Members Barbara Jeffrey, Les Jeffrey, Ken Reynolds and Jayne Reynolds to the 2025 AGM and thanked them for their attendance.

The President welcomed special guests Ranger Linda Hocke, Recfishwest Operations Manager Leyland Campbell, BWA President Colin Lockley, CBPA Commodore Tim Carson, Returning Officer Adrian Greathead and Peter Mitchell

The president welcomed the committee members - Ken Reynolds (Mooring Manager), Aaron Beales (Treasurer), Peter Fry (Secretary) and committee members Garry Barker, Ido Jorge, Carolyn Campbell, Keryl Caird, Jayne Reynolds, Jeff Mullins and Bill Kelly.

Apologies:

From the Secretary: Jaque & Mark Hagan, Noel Blandford, Sefton Edmonston Fearn, Nick & Robyn Walker, Lee & John Sharman, Pat & Shauna Holdsworth, David Bowden, Mark Sherriff, Jeff Pickup, HMAS Stirling Commanding Officer Ken Burleig, HMAS Stirling XO Fletcher Wall, Mark Crook, Ross and Bev Brenan

From the floor: Tim Gray and Geoff Reynolds

Confirmation of Minutes from AGM 20th November 2024

These have been published on the website and posted on noticeboard at current AGM.

The president asked that the minutes be accepted as a true record of that meeting

Moved – Stephen Knight Seconded – Bruce Wiltshire All in favour – Motion carried

Business Arising

From the Secretary:

Nil

From the floor:

Greg Bird requested an update on a range of merchandise being available for members. The president responded that this was something that the committee was investigating and was still work in progress

Presidents Report

Again, this has been progressive year in which in which we continued our focus on safe boating and management of the moorings, more inclusive and social element for the Club members and through the Navy and Ranger Linds) it appears the foxes have been eradicated.

The Committee has been focussing on developing a good relationship with the Navy, which is now very strong and looking positive for the foreseeable future.

Of special note were:

- GIFAA weekend, which had the greatest turnout of members in recent history
- Our midafternoon sun downers organised and run by Carolyn and Keryl
- Easter and Australia Day events organised and run by Chery and Ken Reynolds
- Keeping the moorings in good condition and safe by Ken Reynolda, Gary Barker and Ido
- Ongoing improvement of the island and its facilities

I believe this has progressing well with more members coming along to events, socialising and meeting other members.

We did not need any special or large busy bees this year through the ongoing efforts of Ranger Linda Hocke, the volunteers and the committee members that continually put time and effort into the upkeep or upgrades.

We would like to acknowledge and put a special thanks out to members that went above and beyond, these include:

- **Sefton Edmonston Fearn** (looking after the lawns and helped the Rangers with their ongoing work, including continually helping on the water with the Moorings.
- **Aaron Beales** for participating in all the busy bees, and spent many hours (Days) applying his skills applied in progressing the refurbishment of the toilet block
- **Gavin Benn/ Patrick Holesworth/ Zoren Zuvela** – Who often jump aboard with Ken Reynolds to help with maintaining and repairing the moorings.

Of course, we must acknowledge the Committees hard work for the smooth running of the association over the year including Ken Reynolds (Mooring Manager), Pete Fry (Secretary), Aaron Beales (Treasurer) who give up a great deal of their time for the busy role in looking our membership of around 500 members.

Thank you to all the Committee and volunteers for making this a successful and productive

The President asked that the Presidents report be accepted

Treasurers Report

TREASURERS REPORT AS AT 19/11/ 2025

This year, we faced a few financial challenges and recorded a modest loss of \$544 mainly due to unavoidable increases in our operating costs.

On a positive note, member numbers have increased to very close to being 500 members.

INCOME

The total income for the 2024/25 financial year was \$82,696, which is slightly below last year's figure by \$300.

This result comes despite an increase of \$630 from the income from the various Auctions, Raffles, and GIFAA Day proceeds when compared to the previous year.

Bank interest income fell by \$1,358, reflecting the current banking and financial environment.

EXPENSES

Total expenses for the 2024/25 financial year were \$83,240, compared to \$78,817 last year — an increase of \$4,423.

This increase was driven by several factors:

- **Insurance premiums** rose by **25.6% (\$2,213)**, reflecting broader market trends and higher coverage requirements.
- A **speaker microphone investment** of \$1,033 to improve event quality.
- **Support for the Garden Island Stories book project** totalling \$813.
- **Membership sticker and stationary costs** are up due to increased members.

The increase occurred despite cost-saving measures imposed by the Committee, including reduced island upkeep expenses with no major projects such as toilet upgrades or picnic tables installed and lower GIFAA Day costs thanks to the shift to a BYO format.

Detailed breakdowns of member amenities, committee expenses, and sundry costs are available in the figures attached to the Treasurer's Report on the website, and a copy is also posted on the mooring board in the foyer.

ASSETS

The total assets for the 24/25 year are just over \$ 106,000, which is slightly lower than last year due to an increase in expenses. Our term deposit still is now sitting at just under \$ \$81000.

LIABILITIES

The mooring waitlist has grown compared to last year and remains highly dynamic, with names frequently changing. This fluctuation occurs as members resign, new memberships are added, and some individuals change their minds about taking up a mooring.

CLOSING:

The committee has not yet finalised any specific expenditure plans for 2026, but we're actively exploring opportunities to improve member amenities and enhance the overall experience.

This year, sending out invoices wasn't as smooth as we'd hoped, but we're working on changes to make the process better next time. If you haven't received your invoice yet, please check your spam or junk folder. If it's still missing, just email me at treasurer@gifaa.com.au and I'll send it through.

Please make sure your email address and phone numbers are up to date and when you make a bank deposit, include the member's name or the invoice number.

A big thank-you to all our volunteers and members for your time, effort, and support throughout the year. Without you, Garden Island would not quite be the same paradise we all enjoy.

Treasurer

Aaron Beales

The President asked that the Treasurers report be accepted

Moved – Ross Donaldson Seconded – Zoran Zuvela All in favour – Motion carried

Audit Report

The Secretary advised that the Audit Report had been put on our website and was available at the meeting on the whiteboard.

The Secretary tabled the Audit report completed by the Auditors L Jeffrey Accountants and asked that the Audit Report be accepted

Moved – Pete Fry Seconded – Ross Donaldson All in favour – Motion carried

Appointment of Auditor

The Secretary proposed that the accountant L Jeffrey of Bibra Lake be appointed to audit the books for the 2025/26 year.

Moved – Peter Fry Seconded – Peter Marshall All in favour – Motion carried

Mooring Managers Report

Mooring Inspection

Mooring inspection for the year has been completed, and accounts have been sent out on the 1ST of November by email with the mooring report attached. If you have any queries, please contact the mooring manger not Offshore Moorings.

Reports for mooring with no repairs have not been sent out if you want to see if you have had repairs a report is on the notice board.

Repair cost for the year was \$25643, up from the previous year due to 3 mooring being upgraded and several rebuilds in Pig Trough.

Thanks to the people that helped with the mooring surveys - Bob Fry, Peter Fry, Aaron Beales & Broc Reynolds.

Mooring Maintenance

Thanks to the people that helped with the moorings through the year from the committee Jeff Ido Garry Bill Peter Aaron and members that helped Sefton, Gavin, Patric and Zoran.

Note that no one is to do their own repairs. If you see any damage or repairs needed, please contact the mooring manager.

New Floats

The new small beehive yellow floats system is working well with a few modifications and running repairs by Garry

New colours

Blue 16 MTS Max in Pig trough bay only

Grey 13 MTS Max in both bays

Green 10 MTS Max in both bays

Authorised Users/Primary Users

We have 80 people on the wait list down by 9 on the previous year.

Authorised users are helping keep the cost down Income received from AU'S \$10260

Authorised users need to build a relationship with the Primary Users the Authorised Users should contact the primary users and organize a weekend contact procedure by phone Text or Email

AU's pay 20% of the mooring repair bill over \$200

General

Non-members coming to HB have the right to use our mooring but when asked by A GIFFA member they should move off your mooring

Be a regular user this helps keep people from using your mooring

DOT & Insurance papers must be in by 30 November. The papers need to be current as at 1/10/2025

Pig trough moorings needing PU - 1 X 16MTS, 1X13MTS, 2x10 MTS

The President asked that the Mooring Managers report be accepted

Moved – Steve Cangemi

Seconded – Ross Donaldson

All in favour – Motion carried

Declaration of Poll by the returning officer

The President thanked all the current committee members for their input to the successful running of our association.

The President declared all positions vacant and introduced the returning officer Adrian Greathead to read the Returning Officers report.

Returning Officer Report

Adrian Greathead, appointed by the Garden Island Fishing & Aquatic Association (INC) as Returning Officer to conduct the 2025 election of office bearers presented the returning officer's report

I, Adrian Greathead submit the results for the GIFAA November 2025 election. All nominations were validated and confirmed to meet the GIFAA election requirements as per the constitution

There was one nomination for each of the positions

President

Secretary

Mooring Manager

Treasurer

There were 6 nominations for committee, thus resulting in the appointments being:

President (unopposed)	- John Van Vliet
Secretary (unopposed)	- Peter Fry
Mooring Manager (unopposed)	- Ken Reynolds
Treasurer (unopposed)	- Aaron Beales
Committee (unopposed)	- Garry Barker, Keryl Caird, Carolyn Campbell - Bill Kelly, Jeff Mullins, Jayne Reynolds

There are 7 allowed committee positions, and the vacancy will be dealt with by the new committee as per the process in our constitution.

I wish to thank all the applicants that nominated for a position on the committee and request that the Secretary move that this report be incorporated in the minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting.

The President asked that the returning Officers report be accepted

Moved – Adrian Greathead Seconded – Bob Fry All in favour – Motion carried

The President thanked Adrian Greathead for his help as Returning Officer.

Approval of Honorariums for the 2025/26 year

Garry Barker proposed that the Secretary, Treasurer and Mooring Manager be paid an honorarium of \$1,000 each to reimburse them for their out-of-pocket expenses for the 2025/26 year

Moved – Garry Barker Seconded – Zoran Zuvela All in favour – Motion carried

Membership Fees

Due to the increasing costs of insurance and mooring inspections, your committee has been reviewing income and expenditure, and we have agreed that a small increase is required to all fees as outlined below.

Peter Fry to propose that the Garden Island Fishing & Aquatic Association (Inc) fees be increased for the 2026 / 27 financial year.

- Membership fees increase to \$50

- Primary User Inspection Fee increase to \$105
- Authorised User fee increase to \$165

Moved: Peter Fry

Seconded – Peter Marshal

All in favour – Motion carried

Nomination for Life Membership

The President stated that Life membership is an honour bestowed on individual members who's exceptional, loyal, and outstanding service and contributor to the Association and has provided measurable benefit to GIFAA over an extended period.

Life Membership is the highest recognition that can be awarded. To maintain its prestige, it is not awarded easily. Life Membership is hard to obtain so that it is respected by members and valued by recipients.

Tonight, we would like to nominate three people for Life Membership for service to the Association.

The first person has been on the Committee for over 12 years and would often be seen greeting new vessels as they come into Hering Bay. He jumps into his tender in most conditions, greets the boat in a friendly manner, explains information about the Association and Bay and hands out our information flyer, He will also confront people or vessels that are not behaving as expected in the Bay to correct them in their ways. He always volunteered for tasks. You will see him behind the BBQ at our events and is eagerly willing to engage in all the Associations activities.

The committee advise that he has met the requirements for our association and propose that **Ido Jorge** be appointed to life membership.

Moved: John Van Vliet

Seconded – Jayne Reynolds

All in favour – Motion carried

Ido Jorge was presented with his certificate and Life Membership medallion.

The second person has been on the Committee for over 14 years and would often be seen helping repairing mooring with Ken Renolds in Hering and Pig Trough Bay. He always volunteered for tasks. You will see him loading his tender up to transport goods to the beach at our events and you will see him behind the BBQ at our events and is eagerly willing to engage in all of the Associations activities. He is a quiet achiever and works throughout the year, splicing ropes, preparing floats and buoys.

The Committee advise that he has met the requirements for our association and propose that **Garry Barker** be appointed to life membership

Moved: John Van Vliet

Seconded – Ken Reynolds

All in favour – Motion carried

Garry Barker was presented with his certificate and Life Membership medallion.

The third person has been on the Committee for over 10 years and President for 5 years and steering the Association through COVID. He always volunteered for tasks. He always steps forward to volunteer at events sponsors and supports events and always willing to engage in all the Associations activities.

The Committee advise that he has met the requirements for our association and propose that **Steve Cangemi** be appointed to life membership

Moved: John Van Vliet

Seconded – Barabar Jeffrey

All in favour – Motion carried

Ido Jorge was presented with his certificate and Life Membership medallion.

General Business

From the President

The president thanked Peter Mitchell for his efforts behind the scenes keeping our website operational and with the efforts put into the sound recording etc at all our events.

From the Secretary:

Misleading Report in the West Australian

Many of you may have read the 2-page article in the West Australian last Saturday that claimed the government had put a “Golden Ring” around Garden Island and we were at risk of losing our little piece of paradise.

Let me tell you loud and clear that this is not the case.

The HMAS Stirling Commanding Officer (Captain Ken Burleigh) has always stated that there is no intention of anything to change with arrangement continuing to be business as usual. At a recent reinforce by the Commanding Officer on the 8th of November appreciation dinner.

It was also reinforced that GIFAA is viewed in high regard by the Department of Defence, and we are seen as an integral part of Garden Island. Our commitment to the safe management of the bays is recognised and we are often referred to as “Neighbourhood Watch”, due to our adherence to the rules and our management of them.

Behind the scenes your committee has been actively working with the Department of Defence to update the current Mooring Management Policy that is in place and forms part of our Constitution. There are no major changes required to this document, the editing is to remove people’s names and will refer to positions of responsibility. The aim is to make the document more consistent with today and future proof it as best we can by making the references more generic. We have been advised this document will be signed off for completion prior to their shut down this year on December 16th, pending any unforeseen bureaucratic hold ups

The article in the West Australian contained misinformation and mis-quotes. It is believed the article was prepared with the assistance of a protest group that goes by the name of STOP AUKUS. They are protesting against nuclear submarines in our part of the world. The group had approached GIFAA to gain our support, but our committee found their case not to align with our operational or values. We understand the group is planning to hold an event where they rally as many boats as possible to form a convoy and drive around in Cockburn Sound flying flags and waiving protest banners. Again, we do not believe that this would be an action that aligns with our strong relationship with the navy.

The “Golden Ring” is associated with regulations that allow the forming of the Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Regulator and provides for the safe handling of low level and very low-level nuclear waste. This waste would be consumables such as gloves, rag, overalls and such items used for general maintenance of these vessels.

GIFAA were briefed on the pending change to Regulations some time ago. Several of the Committee members were invited to a public consultation in July of this year where we were presented with the facts for the submission including a draft of the Regulations. Should anyone be interested reading material please contact the Secretary. The Regulation allows ANNPSR to oversee any activities involving the handling and transport of waste, similar to the regulations that are now in place with the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) and state and territory radiation safety regulators This also applies to hospital cleans when an x-ray machine has been used. From the document– Australia will not manage, store or dispose of spent nuclear fuel or reactors from UK or US submarines. There are currently 2 areas that have been designated, one at HMAS Stirling the other at Osborne Naval Shipyard in SA. We believe they may announce a third area at the Henderson precinct once maintenance activities progress, but this is still to be confirmed.

From the floor

Nil

The next AGM will be held on Wednesday November 18th 2026.

The President thanked all for their attendance and invited members to join the committee at the bar and have a drink on GIFAA

Meeting Closed at 7.53 PM