

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Garden Island Fishing & Aquatic Association (Inc)
Held at the Cockburn Power Boat Association
Wednesday 20th November 2024

Present:

Jayne Forte, Peter Fry, Ken Reynolds, Ido Jorge, John Van Vliet, Bill Kelly, Garry Barker, Keryl Caird, Carolyn Campbell, Jeff Mullins and 61 Members

Presidents Welcome

The President declared the meeting open at 7:00 pm and welcomed members and Life Members Ken Reynolds and Geoff Reynolds to the 2024 AGM and thanked them for their attendance.

The President welcomed special guests HMAS Commanding Officer Captain Ken Burleigh, Recfishwest Operations Manager Leyland Campbell, Returning Officer Adrian Greathead and Peter Mitchell

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

Apologies:

From the Secretary: Jaque & Mark Hagan, Mike & Ros Coe, Ollie Hood, Garry McDonald, Noel Blandford, Theo Berden, Perry Hollan, Sefton Edmonston Fearn, Linda Hocke, Ian Lynass and Nick Carter

From the floor: Matt Kinsella, Charlotte & Anthony Osborne, John & Karen Guy, Steve Pollard and Phil Cutt

Confirmation of Minutes from AGM 15th November 2023

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 – Geoff Pickup

Seconded – Zoran Zuvella

All in favour – Motion carried

Business Arising

From the Secretary:

Nil

From the floor:

Nil

Presentation By HMAS Stirling Commanding Officer Captain Ken Burleigh

Ken provided an update on what was happening at the south end of the island. Things were very busy with a successful maintenance period and major steps towards the AUKUS piece and submarine rotation force. There has been an increase in security which will continue in the future. Members will not see much impact in the mooring bays. Next year will see much of the same and more visits with the nuclear-powered attack submarines. Members will be kept up to date through the regular meetings with the GIFAA Committee.

Ken advised that our members play a very vital part in the security at the north end of the island and referred to us as the civilian police. He stated that they were very focussed on making sure that our rights were maintained and asked that we continue to pass on any information on activities that may require further attention.

Ken asked if there were any questions. Mark Sachs stated that he had been advised by friends that were base personnel that due to the AUKUS the whole island was going to become off limits. Ken replied, "Absolutely Not". There was no interest from senior Australian, US or UK officers that had any intention of restricting the public use of the bays.

The president thanked Ken for his attendance

Presidents Report

Again, this has been a progressive year in which we continued our focus on safe boating and management of the moorings, and a more inclusive and social element for the Club members.

Of special note were:

Life jacket and flare demonstrations and training on the Saturday of the GIFAA weekend, organised by Bill Kelly.

Our monthly 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 Jorge.

I believe the club is 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 (for participating in all the busy bees, looked 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 – Who often jumps 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), Jayne Forte (Treasurer) who give up a great deal of their time for the busy role in looking our membership of around 480 members.

Thank you to all the Committee and volunteers

Unfortunately, our Treasurer Jayne Forte will not be continuing as treasurer as she wants to spend more time travelling and using her campervan, we thank Jayne for all of her time and hard work over his 14 years as Treasurer for the Association.

The President asked that the Presidents report be accepted

Moved – Archie Donaldson Seconded – Peter Marshall All in favour – Motion carried

Treasurers Report

TREASURERS REPORT AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

INCOME

The total income for the 23/24 year was just over \$ 83,000, which is above last year, mainly due to the increase in new membership, Primary User fees, Bank Interest and less members being written off due to non-payment of membership. There were only a few decreases and these were raffle proceeds and donations

EXPENSES

The total expenses for the 23/24 year were \$ 78,817 which is up on last year's figure of \$ 76,148

This increase is due partly to the island upkeep expenses, new picnic tables and new signage in the bay. Insurance has increased as well as our mooring maintenance costs.

Our members amenities were \$2,964, which is higher than last year due to the increase in costs of the AGM and Open Day events

The members amenities, committee expenses and sundry expenses have been broken down in the Treasurers report, available on the website and the noticeboard.

Assets

The total assets for the 23/24 year were just over \$ 108,000, which is above last year due to an increase in both our bank accounts. Our term deposit is sitting at just over \$78,000.

Liabilities

The mooring waitlist is higher than last year. We have added another dozen or so members to the wait list this year.

Expected Expenditure in 2025

The committee hasn't made any concrete improvisations for expenditure in 2025

In Closing

This year the email gods smiled upon us, and we had a relatively smooth run with our accounts going out. If for some reason you haven't received your invoice for the year, please check your spam/junk folder and if there is still no sign of an invoice, please email me at treasurer@gifaa.com.au and I will send a copy through.

Please ensure that you update your email address to me so we can make sure you receive your invoice. Also, please remember to put the members' name or the invoice number on your bank deposit. Each year I go through the unnecessary hassle of trying to figure out who has paid because members pay direct from a company account, or their partner pays the account but has a different surname. It is very time-consuming and can be easily rectified by members putting correct information on their bank deposit. So, on that note – Do we have anyone here who would of paid from a company called Red Rock please let me know?

If you haven't paid for your account yet, please do so prior to the end of the month.

In closing, I think that the bottom line shows GIFAA is still traveling quite well. We do have the members' interests at heart and are always looking at ways to improve the facilities at Garden Island as well as implementing new activities for the members. We will certainly keep you up to date as things come to light.

On one final note, this is my last year as your treasurer. I have been in this role for 14 year and while there have been some challenging times, I have persevered and very much enjoyed the role and the conversing with the members. You're a great bunch of people and I have made some really great friends.

I plan to stay on the committee for a while and help the new treasurer transition into the role. Aaron has some exciting plans and there will be some great changes ahead.

Treasurer

Jayne Forte

The President asked that the Treasurers report be accepted

Moved – David Macdonald Seconded – Paul Nichols 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 – Aaron Beale

All in favour – Motion carried

Appointment of Auditor

The Secretary proposed that the accountant L Jeffrey of Hamilton Hill be appointed to audit the books for the 2024/25 year.

Moved – Peter Fry

Seconded – Ken Reynolds

All in favour – Motion carried

Mooring Managers Report

Mooring Inspection

Mooring inspections have been completed and accounts have been sent out on the 1st of November by email with the mooring report the week before by mail. If you have any questions please contact the Mooring Manager and not Off Shore Moorings

Repair cost charged by Offshore Moorings was \$17,424, down from the previous year of \$20,736

Thanks to the people that helped, Andrew Lewis during the inspections and through out the year from the Mooring Committee Jeff, Ido, Garry and Bill. Also thanks to the members that helped out Sefton, Gavin, Patrick, Warren and Zoran

Just a reminder that no one is to do their own repairs

New Floats

The new small beehive yellow float system is working well with a few modifications made.

Just to confirm the new system is:

- Blue moorings to maximum 16 M in Pig Trough Bay only
- Grey 13 M max
- Green 10 M max

During the year we had to replace 8 sets of ropes at GIFFAA's expense due to damage by other boats. Please if you see someone tangled up, rush over and help them as it could save us some money.

Mooring Fees

We are proposing a change to fees this year. The Primary user pays inspection fees of \$100, Insurance \$80 and Membership of \$45 with a total for fees of \$220. The Authorised user fee is made up of \$160 mooring fees and \$45 membership for a total of \$205

For mooring repairs more than \$200, 20% is charged to the authorised user.

Mooring Wait Lists

89 members are now on the mooring wait list. This is helping in keeping the costs down and income received from the authorised users is \$10,660 this year which is a fair contribution towards our expenses.

DOT and Insurance papers due

DOT and insurance papers are due by the end of this month. Please send me just the details and not all the terms and conditions.

General

Non-members coming into the bays have the right to use our moorings but when asked by a GIFAA member they should move off your mooring. Be a regular user as this helps keep people from using your mooring

Questions

Steve Cangemi asked why the invoice and the mooring report could not be sent as one. He stated that he had received his invoice in the mail before the report. It was explained that the invoice had been emailed, not posted.

The President asked that the Mooring Managers report be accepted

Moved – Steve Cangemi

Seconded – Mark Sheriff

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 2024 election of office bearers presented the returning officer's report

I, Adrian Greathead submit the results for the GIFAA November 2024 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 7 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 Forte and Ido Jorge

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 2023 Annual General Meeting.

The President asked that the returning Officers report be accepted

Moved – Adrian Greathead Seconded – Peter Marshall All in favour – Motion carried

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

Approval of Honorariums for the 2024/25 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 2023/24 year

Moved – Garry Barker Seconded – Archie Donaldson 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 2025 / 26 financial year.

- Membership fees increase to \$45
- Primary User Inspection Fee increase to \$100
- Primary User Insurance Fee increase to \$80
- Authorised User fee increase to \$160

Moved: Peter Fry Seconded – Steve Cangemi All in favour – Motion carried

Nomination for Life Membership

The president advised that the committee would like to nominate Jayne Forte as a Life Member to the Garden Island Fishing and Aquatic Association.

Jayne has been on the committee for 14 years. Jayne's time as treasurer has seen the membership grow from about 150 members to now nearly 500 members. Jayne has implemented a financial management package. Jayne has given a lot of her personal time overseeing the associations finances and been very active in meetings and events. Jayne has also been very generous with donations for our raffles and auctions.

The committee advises that Jayne meets the requirement for appointment to Life Membership and ask that the members vote in support of this nomination.

Moved: John Van Vliet Seconded – Paul Nicholls All in favour – Motion carried

Jayne was presented with her certificate and Life Membership medallion.

Jayne thanked everyone for the nomination. She stated that she has enjoyed her time and met some great people.

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:

Nil

From the floor

Nil

The next AGM will be held on Wednesday November 19th 2025.

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

Meeting Closed at 7.40 PM