



Newcastle & Coalfields
Racing Pigeon Federation inc.

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Annual General Meeting

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Meeting Date: 08/02/2026

Meeting commenced: 10.05am

Location: Cessnock Invitation

Number present: 23

The chair, Tony Davis welcomed members to the meeting.

Apologies: M.Watt, W.Scherbak, S.Bailey, J.Banfield.

Presidents Report

Given by T. Davis

I would like to thank the Executive Committee for their effort throughout the year. Mal Watters and Val, his secretary, have decided to stand down as Secretary after 4 years in the role. Thank you both for your service. To Greg Jack as treasurer, Bill Colins Vice President, Mick Watt Race Secretary and Liberator, Stan Rippon as Public Officer and Liberator, Brian Walters, Liberator, Lyndsay Barry and Peter Pont, for transporting and look after the birds, thank you all for a job well done.

I would also like to thank the Central Coast Federation for working with us with transport arrangements. This included transporting our birds as well as hiring their truck, which has saved us money, and resulted in bigger joint liberations and couple of races where both our Feds competed. A great initiative that benefited both Federations.

Also, thanks to the members of the Truck and Rule review committee, Cheyne Hunter, Brendon Solomons, Stan Rippon, Mick Watt, Richard Clement, Ken Harris, Bill Collins and Greg Jack for attending the meetings. Thank you all for your input and suggestions, which has resulted in an update of the Federation Race rules and associated processes and procedures. Our remit was to review all our documentation to gain compliance with the

objectives as defined in the constitution, “To ensure adequate race rules, liberation protocols and procedures are in place, and followed, to support achieving compliance, successful and transparency in racing.”

During the review of the current rules, processes and procedures, we identify a number of ambiguities, contradictions and out-of-date processes that we believe are no longer required to be in the rules.

To this end there are a number of motions on the agenda that have been proposed for you all to consider and vote on, if approved the changes will be implemented.

In summary I have wish all flyers a successful preseason and we all have a competitive and successful race season will good weather and no disease.

Thank you.

Secretaries Report

Given by M.Watters

On the whole I thought that the 2025 season went very smoothly with only a couple of races cancelled due to the weather.

Thank you to the liberation committee and Lindsay & Peter for their care taken with our birds and the truck.

Thank you also to the Fed Executive and Truck/Rules Committees for your work to progress us toward the future.

As we all know we have reached a stage where we have to make some decisions about how we transport our birds going forward.

Whilst we have picked up a few new flying members, which is heartening, the trend is still for the sport to be in decline.

It is my opinion that with some modifications our truck can still serve us well into the future but that is for the Fed membership to decide.

Since I am not renominating for Secretary I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past 4 years and extend my best wishes to the incoming Secretary.

Treasurers Report

Current Assets	31/12/2025
Westpac Main Account	\$16,311.50
Westpac Truck account	\$781.62
Westpac Term Deposit	\$24,694.25

Cash	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$41,787.37
Non Current Assets	
Truck at Cost	\$135,947.85
Less Depreciation	\$122,353.78
Total Non Current Assets	\$13,594.78
Grand Total Of Assets	\$55,382.15
Current Liabilities	
Honorariums 2025	\$1,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$1,000.00
Total Members Assets	
31st December 2025	\$54,382.15

Given by G.Jack

Main Account

Balance carried forward 31/12/2025	\$26,126.39
Income – Deposits, vaccine payments	\$2,051.20
Expenses – CCF, P/money 24 and 25, vaccine	\$11,866.09
Total funds main account	\$16,311.50

Truck Account

Balance carried forward	\$807.62
Income	\$0.00
Expense – parts	\$26.00
Total funds truck account	\$781.62

Investment Account

Total funds investment account	\$24,694.25
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Total NCF members funds, 31st December 2025

\$41,787.37

Moved: V.Smola **Seconded:** B.Walters

Accepted

Truck & Rule Rewrite Committee Report

As reported at all Federation meetings since the committee was formed, the Truck Committee has been considering a number of options, to determine how best we continue to transport our birds over the next 5 years.

The objective is to ensure that we come up with solution that is fit for purpose and is in compliance with the constitution “To ensure that that cost of entering such races, are not prohibitive to flyers, and to provide recognition to members for success,” and “To ensure suitable conditions for the management transportation and welfare of pigeons.”

The Committee agree that there will be no changes to the truck for the 2026 race season. It was also agreed that any proposal to change to another vehicle, and or update the existing truck will not happen until a detailed cost assessment of any proposed changes, are detailed and risk assessed to ensure that all proposals for change, addresses all the requirement as identified in the constitution. This is required to ensure that prior to presentation of any proposal to the membership that is has been professionally assessed and evaluated by the committee as a financially and functionally viable cost-effective option for change.

It is proposed/anticipated that the committee will be in a position to put to the membership for consideration, all options that have pass the evaluation process, at a special meeting hopefully in June or July.

The committee will continue to report on progress at all future meetings.

Reading of 2024 AGM Minutes

The chair, Tony Davis, read the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Adamstown, 09/02/25. Chair asked that minutes be accepted as true and correct.

Moved: M.Watters **Seconded:** B.Walters

Minutes are a true copy.

Accepted.

Business Arising from Minutes: Nil

New Membership Applications

R. Atkins, Maitland

R. Walters, Lake Macquarie

G. Agius, Lake Macquarie

F. Stead, Hunter Club

It was **Moved:** M. Clement & **Seconded:** S. Rippon that all applications be accepted.

Accepted Unanimously

Election of Officers

Nominations Received:

President – T. Davis

Secretary – C. Hunter

Treasurer – G. Jack

Vice President – B. Collins

Ring Secretary –

Race Secretary – M. Watt

Liberation Committee – 3 positions

S. Rippon

M. Watt

B. Walters

As there was only one nomination for all positions except Ring Secretary it was **Moved:** R. Logue & **Seconded:** G. Lott that these nominations be accepted.

Accepted Unanimously

The chair then called for interest in the Ring Secretary position. G. Lott volunteered for the position. It was **Moved:** S. Rippon & **Seconded:** M. Watters that Garry be accepted as Ring Secretary.

Accepted Unanimously

Honorariums for Office Bearers

Motion for Honorariums to be paid for 2025 and for rate to remain the same for 2026.

Moved: A.Willmott **Seconded:** B.Collins

Accepted Unanimously

AGM Closed at 10.50am

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Tony Davis. President.

Cheyne Hunter. Secretary

