



Newcastle & Coalfields
Racing Pigeon Federation inc.

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General Meeting

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Meeting Date: 02/09/25

Meeting commenced: 7.00pm

Location: Maitland

Number present: 18

Apologies: S.Rippon

The chair, Tony Davis, read the minutes of General Meeting, Cessnock Inv, 05/08/25. Chair asked that minutes be accepted as true and correct.

Moved: A.Wilmott

Seconded: B.Walters

Minutes are a true copy.

Accepted.

Business Arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence In/Out :

1. Email from Bryan Solomons, Central Coast, applying to join and fly with NCF in 2026.
2. Email from Ng Dickson with link to website for pigeon ring & GPS.
3. Text from Stan Rippon explaining liberation times for 5 Bird National and the NCF & Central Coast.

Business Arising from Correspondence:

1. **Moved:** M.Clement and **Seconded:** **G.Jack** that Bryan Solomons be accepted to join NCF as a flying member.

For: 24

Against: 1

Passed

Welcome Bryan.

2. Pigeon ring & GPS tracker details are:

Website - www.pigeonringgps.com

Email - Dicksonng88@hotmail.com

Contact person - Dickson

Treasurers Report:

Given by Greg Jack

Main Account

Balance carried forward	\$27,328.20
Income - Surplus, Life Rings etc	\$1,680.00
Expenses - Truck account and wages	\$4,300.00
Total Funds Main Account -	\$24,708.20

Truck Account

Balance carried forward	\$1,197.82
Income - From main account	\$1,500.00
Expenses - Fuel, Inverter etc	\$1,755.50
Total Funds Truck Account -	\$942.32

Investment Account

Total Funds Investment Account -	\$24,694.25
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Total NCF Members Funds,

2nd September 2025 **\$50,344.77**

Moved: A.Wilmott

Seconded: B.Walters

Accepted

Race Report:

Given by G.Jack

All race results ratified.

Moved: B.Collins

Seconded: A.Wilmott

Accepted

Truck Committee Report:

Lindsay will plan to drop off crates, next Tuesday 9/9/25, LMC 9:30 – 10:00, then Maitland on the way back.

Lindsay suggested that we get rid of the old Aluminum feed troughs and buy new plastic feed troughs.

This was unanimously supported. Action - Greg Jack to source.

Lindsay advised that after a discussion with the Chair regarding getting an evaluation of the truck, he advised that he send information to his brother, who works in truck sales and repairs, to provide an estimate of its current value.

Peter Edman addressed the meeting advising that he is willing and able to join and contribute to the Truck Committee. He advised that he believed that we should make an application for a government grant. He further advised that he has experience in this area, via the canary club, in successfully receiving a grant for that club in the past.

The Chair advised the meeting, that we need all the help we can get, and welcomed Peter aboard. The Chair further advised the meeting that the committee have started the process of exploring all options to determine what will best suit our Federation in the future.

The Chair further advised that he has engaged Richard Clement to undertake an assessment of the Federations current position and identify all possible options moving forward. This will include the following:

- Undertaking an age demographic study to identify the expected decline in flyer numbers over the next 5 years.
- Identify, estimate, risk assess and rank the possible transport options, e.g. build a unit similar to Central Coast, buy a Ute and Trailer and use existing baskets, explore the possibly of transport arrangement with other federation, etc.
- Based on the information gathered, prepare a project plan that timelines all activities.

The Chair advised that he believed that we should be able to continue to use the truck next year, and hopefully, we will be able to maintain similar race fees as this year.

He reminded members that we need all flyers to advise their intention to fly, including the number of birds they plan to fly in 2026 without delay.

Once the information is received it will be used to set the fees for 2026. All members planning to fly in 2026 must pay a \$200 deposit by the AGM and then pay the remainder prior to the first race.

The committee will report on progress at each meeting and will present the plan and options at the AGM for consideration and endorsement by the membership.

General Business:

1. Drawing of Toowoomba OLR/NCF Fundraiser Raffle.

1st - Lindsay Barry - 3 entries in 2026 race.

2nd - Tony Davis - 2 entries in 2026 race.

Congratulations Lindsay & Tony.

\$1370 was raised from tickets sold. Thank you to Peter & Sandra Flack for kindly donating the free entries.

2. A Wilmott asked why DNT or DNF is not being entered on website when fliers haven't trapped. Race secretaries please enter all flier's details.

There was some general discussion as to the value that this adds. The chair advised that it's important to get the trapped birds information correct, but added, that providing additional information only emphasized bird losses which adds no value.

3. Allen also mentioned that Fed junior birds cannot be in fliers Fed 5 Bird team and advised that this was passed at a meeting in 2014. This created a bit of discussion which got a bit heated. The Chair called the meeting to order.

Greg Jack found the motion and read it to the meeting.

"Birds nominated for the "junior races" cannot be entered in the opens section - Steven Bailey – Seconded by Terry Condran - The motion was presented and discussed. Steve Bailey advised the meeting that a true Junior who bred, feed and raced his birds had decided to give the sport away, as he was constantly being beaten by senior flyers who were nominating birds for either their children or grandchildren in both the 5 Bird club as well as the Junior section. He noted that these senior flyers by their actions were in essence racing senior birds in the junior section thus putting a true junior at a complete disadvantage. The Chair call for a vote by show of hands – 17 for 5 against. Motion Passed.

The Chair advised that we need to encourage junior participation, not restrict or discourage. He stated that this is a classic example where a rule has been made or changed and left in the minutes, as a result creates ambiguity, an argument. We need to review, rewrite or remove, we're required, to ensure that the rules are still relevant, current and reflect what we are doing now.

He asked members to participate in this review, stating that if you think that a rule is wrong, or ambiguous, send an email to the Secretary identifying your concerns and suggestions for improvement.

Items For Next Agenda: Nil

Meeting Closed at:8.35 pm

Next Meeting: 7th October,2025 at Adamstown

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Tony Davis. President.

Mal Watters. Secretary.

