



## Minutes of SCF Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 7 April 2026 at 7.00 pm

### Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club

**Attendance:** Jason Matthews, Matt Nelson, Luca Krkovski, Frank Rascilla,  
Adam Southwell, Bill Hider, Julie Hider (minutes)

**Apology:** Alec Krkovski

## Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** held on Tuesday, 3 March 2026

Moved: Jason Matthews                      Seconded: Matt Nelson

### Business arising from the Previous Meeting Minutes

#### SCF Trailer

On Tuesday, 10 March 2026, Jeff Sheppard picked the trailer up from Bulli and took it to Peter Clarke. On Friday, 13 March, Peter obtained a Pink Slip for the Trailer and moved the trailer to the Shellies Lake Pigeon Club at Albion Park Rail.

The trailer's back left blinker light is very faint, and the top left blinker light isn't working. We need an auto-electrician to look at the trailer for a possible bad earth. This has been looked at in previous years, but they were unable to fix the problem. Eric, the new pigeon flyer at Shellies will obtain a new cover for the trailer. The Trailer was registered on 18 March 2026.

Many thanks to Jeff, Peter and Eric for their work on the trailer, it is greatly appreciated!

**ACTION 4.1:** Trailer needs to be looked at by an auto-electrician to fix left back blinkers

#### Final Racing Schedule

Schedule has been finalised for the 2026 Racing Season, however, the Soldiers' Plate has not been confirmed as the East Coast Long Distance race is on mid-October and our season is to finish on Saturday, 26 September 2026. SCF Flyers can still race in the East Coast Long Distance Race but we will not hold the Soldiers Plate mid-October (ACTION 3.8). Leave TBA on the Soldiers Plate and choose a liberation point closer to the end of the season.

## Basket Audit

Julie has sent out an email asking for basket numbers at their clubs. Correction to Berkeley's baskets, they have 17 tan baskets. Final numbers due **Tuesday, 14 April 2026**.

## Volunteers' Insurance

Julie completed the forms and submitted them to Karyn Isaacs (ACTION 3.2). Karyn emailed Julie with a recommended provider for our Voluntary Workers' Insurance, and the premium was paid on 27 March 2026 for \$854.43 to DUAL/DEFT.

## SCF Charity Race and East Coast Long Distance Race 2025

An article has been submitted to the Australian Racing Pigeon Journal by Matt Nelson, featuring SCF, SPF and CCF's fund-raising for the SCF Charity Race and the recipients at the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD). The East Coast Long Distance Racing Combine (ECLDRC) have also thanked the SCF for supporting the 'Dave Miller Memorial Race' which raised funds for Prostate Cancer Australia last year. Photo of Jeff Sheppard in the article with a thank you plaque from ECLDRC.

## Treasurer's Report

**Treasurer's Report** for March 2026 was presented by Frank to the SCF Committee.

Moved: Luca Krkovski

Seconded: Bill Hider

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

- Flyers' monies for SCF rings to be receipted by Alec
- Frank will receipt monies he receives from Alec.
- Debit card account paid SCF Trailer registration and \$57 Fair Trading
- Trailer pink slip, Voluntary Workers Insurance and Telstra paid.
- Investment of \$35,000 over 6 months, around \$500 can be raised.
- ACTION 3.1: Complete - Frank and Julie now have access to the IMB Accounts

**ACTION 4.2: (ACTION 3.1)** Frank and Julie to organise a six (6) month investment account

## Correspondence

6 March 2026 – Email from Iris Elliott, Towradgi Pigeon Club nominating Luca Krkovski on the SCF Liberation Committee

7 March 2026 – PROPOSED SCF Schedule for 2026 sent to Committee. Unfortunately, the East Coast Long Distance Race will be held mid-October so would not be suitable for the Soldiers' Plate

Race. After numerous emails it was decided to put a 'to be announced' (TBA) on the Soldiers' Plate Race on the Schedule. The final Schedule was sent to the Club Secretaries on 24 March 2026.

8 March 2026 – Email from Warren Hinde nominating himself for the SCF Liberation Committee

8 March 2026 – Email from Adam Southwell, Shellies Lake Pigeon Club, a new flyer will need to be entered into the System. Luca and Adam waiting on SCF Website Log on and passwords from Matt to enter new flyers.

9 March 2026 – Letter from Dapto Homing Pigeon Club

**To the SCF Committee,**

We, the members of the Dapto Homing Pigeon Club, respectfully request clarification regarding how a partnership is permitted to hold two positions and receive two votes on the committee.

The partnership in question is **A & L Krkovski**.

According to **Rule 27 of the SCF By-Laws, specifically clause 27(b)**, it is stated that:  
*“Only one membership to compete from one loft.”*

Based on this rule, it appears that a partnership competing from a single loft should be entitled to **only one membership**, and therefore only **one committee position and one vote**.

If this interpretation is correct, we believe that one of the positions currently held by the partnership should be declared vacant, and that the votes associated with that position should be reassigned to the next eligible candidate (“the understudy”) to ensure that Rule 27(b) is properly upheld. We request the Committee’s formal clarification and guidance on this matter to ensure consistency, fairness, and adherence to the SCF By-Laws.

**Sincerely,**

Members of the Dapto Homing Pigeon Club

9 March 2026 – Email from Katie Bedwell with a copy of the photo to go with the SCF Fundraising Story.



10 March 2026 – SCF Email sent – SCF Truck Repair/Maintenance Officer – no volunteers were received
11 March 2026 – Letter from Andrew Szalai correcting the number of baskets – 17 tan
11 March 2026 – SCF email to Andrew Szalai who asked what the cost per bird will be for flyers who did not participate in the SCF Freight Sale. \$4,080 was raised with 79 birds so the average will be \$51.65 per bird, so that will total <b>\$103.30 per flyer</b> who didn't participate in the sale.
13 March 2026 – Email from Dapto Homing Pigeon Club - A member of our club has just pointed out that there is a missing detail in the SCF AGM minutes.  There was supposed to be an action stating that the new SCF committee will send a letter to the CCF about their member Mr Paul Vassalo who hasn't paid for his blind auction birds causing 2 of the birds and their owner(s) to be now disqualified from the blind auction event stating that the above mentioned CCF member is no longer welcome to be involved in any future SCF events or pigeon functions as he is unfinancial with the South Coast Pigeon Federation.
23 March 2026 – ClubGrants – receipt of application for Club Grant for Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club for \$1,000 in sponsorship and an In-kind grant for room hire.
23 March 2026 – Department of Fair Trading – Form A9 - Notice of appointment of a public officer
26 March 2026 – SCF Email with Iron Bird Championship Flyer for 2026 sent to clubs – Luca is running again this year.
26 March 2026 – Department of Fair Trading – Receipt of Public Officer details.
26 March 2026 – Karyn Isaac, Risk Advisor, INTERCHARGE - Renewal terms for your upcoming Voluntary Workers Insurance Policy for the period <b>31.03.2026 to 31.03.2027</b> . DUAL has offered premium at \$854.43 – this was paid on Friday, 27 March 2026.
30 March 2026 – SCF Email - Basket Audit – due Tuesday, 14 April 2026
30 March 2026 – SCF Email - Number of Flyers in 2026 – due Tuesday, 7 April 2026
30 March 2026 – SCF Email - Number of Junior Flyers in 2026 – due Tuesday 7 April 2026

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

### SCF Liberation Committee

Four nominations have been received (ACTION 3.7) and after discussion it was decided to appoint three flyers to the SCF Liberation Committee, ie:

- Peter Clarke
- Greg McEwen
- Warren Hinde
- Luca Krkovski – will not participate on the Liberation Committee as he is the SCF Race Secretary and it was thought that Committee members should only hold one position.

### Dapto Homing Pigeon Club letter regarding Partnerships and Rule 27 b.

The SCF Committee discussed how there were several precedents of partnerships holding two positions on the South Coast Pigeon Federation (SCF) Committee in previous years. All current members of the SCF Committee were duly elected at the SCF's 2026 Annual General Meeting in accordance with the **SCF's Model Rules—specifically, Rule 15: Election of Officers**, as set out in our Constitution. Alec and Luca Krkovski hold only **one vote** on the SCF Committee consistent with established practice in prior years. Rule 27 b. relates to only one membership can race pigeons from a single loft.

**ACTION 4.3:** Julie to send a letter to clarify Dapto's query

## **SCF Freight Sale**

Cost per bird for flyers who did not participate in the SCF Freight Sale.

\$4,080 was raised with 79 birds, the average will be \$51.65 per bird, totalling **\$103.30 per flyer** who didn't participate in the sale.

## **Dapto Homing Pigeon Club email regarding Paul Vassallo & Blind Auction**

After discussion, the Committee acknowledged that there had been considerable miscommunication surrounding the unpaid invoice, compounded by extenuating personal and family circumstances affecting Paul Vassallo, a long-term supporter of the SCF, charities and pigeon racing all over Australia. There was also differing rules between what was published on the HOP Website and the Blind Auction rules held by the SCF. In light of these miscommunications, the Committee felt that including our flyer and Paul in this race would reflect positively on the SCF and would promote our commitment to pigeon racing in Australia.

**ACTION 4.4:** Julie to write an official letter with our bank details to Paul Vassallo asking for payment and, confirming that if the invoice was paid within seven (7) days the SCF would allow Paul and our flyer to participate in the SCF Blind Auction Race.

**ACTION 4.5:** Julie to obtain a copy of both the HOP Website and SCF Website's Blind Auction Rules so that the SCF Committee can correct any discrepancies and align the two sets of Blind Auction rules.

**ACTION 4.6:** Julie to write a letter to Dapto Homing Pigeon Club advising them of the actions taken.

## **Number of SCF, SPF and SCF Junior Flyers for 2026**

- Number of SCF Flyers in 2026, possible 50, plus 8 from Shoalhaven = **58 flyers**
- Number of SCF Juniors – Dapto 2, Gwynneville 1, Towradgi 1, Shellies Lake 2 = **5 Junior Flyers**

## **General Business**

### **SCF and Out of Area Ring Transfers**

Alec needs Ring Transfers by Friday, 1 May 2026

**ACTION 4.5:** Julie to email all clubs regarding SCF and Out of Area ring transfers

### **SCF 2026 Schedule**

It was decided to push on with racing even though there is a lot of uncertainty about fuel supplies.

**ACTION 4.7:** Julie to email all clubs to advise them that we will push on with racing.

**ACTION 4.8:** Julie to Word Process the Schedule and send to Ian Price to be printed at Berry Printers

## **Truck Working Bee**

Truck working bee to be held on Sunday, 19 April 2026 (this has been changed to Saturday, 20 April 2026). There are a number of things broken on the truck, including the whirly gigs which have come off altogether and the back door needs fixing. We need a Truck Maintenance person who can help with these problems and coordinate repairs.

**ACTION 4.9:** Julie to send out an email to all clubs for volunteers to help in the Truck Working Bee

**ACTION 4.10:** Julie to find out where the two sets of truck keys are located.

## **SCF Rings – Kevin Clark**

Alec will forward the Invoice from Kevin Clark which needs to be paid within seven (7) days

**ACTION 4.11:** Frank to pay the Life Ring Invoice within seven (7) days

## **Gwynneville \$10 Ring Race**

Matt spoke about obtaining some Life Rings from Queensland with the Gwynneville name on them ie “Gwyn” to be used for the \$10 Ring Race.

Meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Next meeting at Warilla Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 5 May 2026 at 7.00 pm.