



Minutes of SCF Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 5 May 2026 at 7.00 pm

Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club

- Attendance:** Jason Matthews, Matt Nelson, Luca Krkovski, Alec Krkovski, Adam Southwell, Bill Hider, Julie Hider (minutes)
- Guests:** Aidan Cavill and Eric McAuley
- Apology:** Frank Raschilla, Alec Krkovski

Guests

Aidan

Aidan will need to use a logbook and will need to have a 10-hour break before he can drive again. It was found that a logbook is only needed for a truck over 12 tonnes. However, a logbook would be helpful to record mileage, fuel purchases and make a note if any repairs are needed.

ACTION 5.1: Julie to organise a simple logbook to record mileage before and after a trip and fuel purchases with any repairs needed on a clipboard for Aidan.

ACTION 5.2: Julie to give the IMB Debit Card to Aidan for Diesel Purchases before racing season begins.

- The truck has an eTag.
- Basket earlier starting at Shellies 4.30 for the 1st Old Bar race.
- Aidan unable to toss on Saturdays, Eric said he would be able to do tosses on Saturday and Luca volunteered to help Eric.

Eric

- Eric from Shellies Pigeon Cub has volunteered for the position of **SCF Truck and Trailer Maintenance Officer**. He has an HR Licence and doesn't mind organising services, repairs and rego checks to both the SCF Truck and trailer.
- Eric organised for a reputable auto-electrician to look at the trailer. The blinker lights on the left-hand side of the trailer have been fixed free of charge for 1 ½ hours of labour. Many thanks to Eric and the auto-electrician, Gary Winter Auto electricians – 0408 627 858.

- Eric can get us cheap batteries for the truck and knows what sort to get as he has had Isuzu Trucks in his business
- 28 April 2026 – Truck taken to Skilton’s for service and rego check by Eric and Jeff Sheppard. Dimmer switch will be installed and truck back door closing mechanism will be fixed over the next week while it is kept at Skilton’s. Eric to return truck to ANTAX after service completed. Unfortunately, Skilton was unable to complete the service.
- Thanks to Jeff and Eric the truck was taken to AA Truck Repairs and Auto Care on Monday, 4 May and service and rego check was completed on Tuesday, 5 May 2026. The truck back door has been repaired but the rod will need to be replaced and rewelded. Wall of the pipe is too thin. It was suggested that a latch be put on the back of the door when it is open.
- The whirly gigs and the fans are not doing their job properly. Eric spoke about the Newcastle pigeon federation and how they fixed their truck ventilation. He also spoke to a ventilation expert who recommended hooking into the air conditioner compressor. Eric knows someone who knows how to ventilate a chook truck at 15 degrees and will let us know what can be done.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on Tuesday, 3 March 2026

Moved: Luca Krkovski

Seconded: Jason Matthews

Business arising from the Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Basket Audit

Club	Baskets 2026	Basket colour
Berkeley	20	17 Tan 2 Red 1 Green
Dapto	22	Yellow
Gwynneville	10	Silver
Shellies	27	Blue
Woonona Bulli/Towradgi	36	33 Black 2 Green 1 Red
Shoalhaven	16	Green
TOTAL	131	

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

ACTION 4.3: Letter sent to Dapto regarding Partnerships and Rule 27 b. - COMPLETED

ACTION 4.4: Letter sent to Paul Vassallo regarding Blind Auction - COMPLETED

ACTION 4.5: Correction to discrepancies to align the HOP Website and SCF Website's Blind Auction Rules and publish - INCOMPLETE

ACTION 4.6: Julie to write a letter to Dapto Pigeon Club advising of actions taken regarding Paul Vassallo - COMPLETED

ACTION 4.7: SCF email to all clubs regarding Out of Area ring transfers by 1 May – COMPLETED and this is a **Reminder to clubs for SCF and Out of Area Ring Transfers to send to Alec** as soon as possible.

ACTION 4.8: Schedule has been prepared for printing. To be sent to Berry Printers once approved by the SCF Committee. – INCOMPLETE notation needed for Inaugural Ladies Race.

ACTION 4.9: Julie to send out email for volunteers to help in the Truck Working Bee – COMPLETED

Huge thank you to everyone who attended the Truck Working Bee!

- Eric McAuley and Peter Clarke are going to either replace the whirly gigs or place an aluminium sheet over the holes in the roof where the rain has been getting through. Paul Barnes has some sheet aluminium that can be used at his place which he dropped off.
- Dom and Joe Monteleone are placing spring-loaded barrels bolts over the bars for the truck walkways so they can be accessed easily and locked easily before driving.
- Jeff Sheppard, Adam and Bill gave the truck a good clean with the gurney.
- Adam obtained 13 spring-loaded barrel bolts from Shellharbour Bunnings
- Eric organised an auto-electrician to fit a dimmer switch on the ceiling fans so they are not too noisy, also supplied by Paul Barnes.
- Peter to drill holes in the floor at the back of the truck to allow water to drain from truck floor
- Eric and Peter to have the lock bar welded to fix the back door of the truck.

ACTION 4.10: Julie to find the two (2) sets of truck keys – COMPLETED. ANTAX keep one set of keys and Aidan our truck driver has the other set.

- **ACTION 4.11: Frank to pay the Life Ring Invoice within seven (7) days – INCOMPLETE as Life Ring Invoice has not been received by Alec.** Basket earlier starting at Shellies 4.30 for the 1st Old Bar race.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for April 2026 was presented by Julie to the SCF Committee.

Moved: Luca Krkovski

Seconded: Bill Hider

- Payment received from Paul Vassallo \$2,081
- \$1,000 donation from Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club received.

ACTION 5.3: Julie to write a letter of thank you to WBRC for the donation of \$1,000 and hosting our SCF Committee Meetings and events free of charge.

- Payment to Adam for barrel bolts for truck repairs.

- Proposed freight costs and fees with current nominations will be \$500 for initial fees and \$1 per bird for discounted freight, however, this may change if nominations change. This is in line with 2025 AGM Motion 2 which was voted in as shown in the results below:

2025 AGM Motion 2					
Determine running cost of truck and divide equally between all members					
Club	For	Against	Abstained	Total Votes	
Berkeley	0	5	0	5	
Dapto	7	2	0	9	
Gwynneville	0	6	0	6	
Shellies/Lakes	9	1	0	10	
Towradgi	10	0	0	10	
Woonona/Bulli	0	6	1	7	
TOTAL	26	20	1	47	

- Flyers who did not participate in the SCF Fundraiser Squeaker Sale will pay **\$103.30 per flyer** (ie \$4,080 was raised with 79 birds so the average will be \$51.65 per bird, so that will total \$103.30 per flyer) or pay dearer freight.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE TREASURER’S REPORT

ACTION 5.4: Clubs to be advised of proposed freight costs and fees with current nominations after the final binding nominations are received.

Correspondence

8 April 2026 – email from Gordon Smith, SPF, any news on nominations and approximate costs and confirmed start date?

8 April 2026 – SCF email to all SCF clubs, push on with the 2026 racing season even though there is a lot of uncertainty. Nominations, tosses, Life ring transfers due 1 May, SCF Truck Working Bee.

10 April 2026 – SCF phone call, email and official letter to Paul Vassallo asking for payment for the Blind Auction along with the HOP Invoice.

11 April 2026 – email from Frank regarding the toss on 16 and 17 May and the Air Show. Towradgi would like to continue on with the weekend toss.

12 April 2026 – SCF email to Dapto regarding Follow-up on SCF AGM minutes and Committee Decision regarding the Blind Auction.

13 April 2026 – email from Robert Yeaman, confirming nomination numbers

28 April 2026 – email Remittance Notice from Accounts, Warilla Sports and Recreation Club for donation of \$1,000

28 April 2026 – email from Andrew Szalai – Vale Joe Szalai

29 April 2026 – email from Andrew Szalai thanking the SCF for the floral tribute for his father

29 April 2026 – email receipt from Katrina Subotic, Baskets Because Florist, for Joe’s floral tribute, (02) 4256 9900

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Tosses on 16 and 17 May - cancelled

The toss on Saturday, 16 and Sunday, 17 May, was cancelled because of the Air Show at Shellharbour Airport but Frank asked if the toss could go ahead as Towradgi have potentially 30 to 40 baskets. Shoalhaven are also keen to toss on 16 and 17 May.

There was discussion that the Air Show would affect all flyers as the planes flew all over the coast and we need to cancel this weekend's tosses for the welfare of the birds. As an alternative there would be a toss held on Wednesday, 13 May 2026 and Monday, 18 May. Tosses on 23 and 24 May will remain the same. All tosses will be from Wanda Beach with pickup times:

- 8.30 am – Shellies
- 9.00 am – Woonona Bulli /Towradgi Toss nominations should be given to the Club Secretaries and sent to Julie and Bill

Cost per basket will be \$10.00

ACTION 5.5: Luca to message SCF members to advise them of the tosses' cancellation and the alternative tosses.

General Business

ACTION 5.6: Julie to email clubs to advise and ask for toss nominations by Monday, 11 May.

Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club – function bookings

- Charity Night / Junior National – Friday, 24 and Saturday, 25 July 2026
- SCF National and Grand Prix – Friday, 25 and Saturday, 26 September 2026

Ladies race

Limit of 3 bird teams at \$5 per bird. The SCF Committee will draw teams of two women out of a hat and the Ladies' team with the best combined velocity will win.

SCF 2026 Schedule

It was hoped that the liberation Committee could calculate a liberation time so that the birds arrived home in the middle of the federation around 1.00 pm.

Basketing will start earlier at Shellies, 4.30 pm Friday for the 1st Old Bar race.

Basketing will be on Thursday Night on both the 2nd and 3rd Old Bar races; this will be helpful for the Charity Fund Raising night on Friday Night and the Junior SCF National.

PMV Declarations

ACTION 5.7: Julie to email clubs to send in their PMV declarations to the SCF Secretary before the first race.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Next meeting at Warilla Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 2 June 2026 at 7.00 pm.