

VICTORIAN NATIONAL PIGEON RACE COMMITTEE

Minutes of September 2025 National Committee Meeting

Held at WPF rooms 7:35 pm on Monday 15th September 2025

PRESENT:

Tony Price	President of the VPU
Jim Davis	Secretary/Treasurer of the VPU
Steve Brown	Secretary of the VHA
Andrew Spiliopoulos	President of the VHA
John Sagers	President of the WPF
Marc Tanaglia	Secretary of the WPF
Rod Churchill	President of the GMPF
Gary Gillard	Race Secretary of the GMPF

Guests:

Joe Farrugia	Pigeon Racing Victoria (PRV)
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Apologies:

Tony McPherson	Secretary of the GMPF
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Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

November 2024 Minutes were read by Jim Davis. Moved M.Tanaglia 2nd G. Gillard. Accepted.

2025 Race – Morgan National

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| • In line with previous minutes and agreements, it was agreed that it was the WPF's turn, in the rotation, to transport the birds. | WPF |
| • Federations or organisations will be responsible to get their birds over to the WPF rooms. | Note |
| • Federations or Organisations are to share costs of transport on a birdage pro rata system. Secretary/ Treasurer of transport Federation to invoice each Federation their share of costs for the race. | WPF |
| • Any flyers wishing to participate in the National that are not of the four major Federations are to check and gain approval to basket and produce at their nearest centre. It was agreed that Traralgon and Gippsland and Geelong Club (GCHC) could joint transport in the National, however Traralgon and Gippsland could not participate in the National results. | Note |
| • J.Davis questioned whether it would be advantageous to have the basketing of the National on a Wednesday night in line with the 500 and 600 procedures. Discussed and not agreed. Remain as scheduled. | Note |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J.Davis questioned how many birds per tier maximum would we follow. It was agreed 25 per tier and top tier empty. | All |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The matter of the VPO and their associated Geelong Club participating in the 2025 National was discussed. A motion was put forward by Jim Davis - that the VPO were ineligible to participate since their did not operate within the National rules. (Note VRPU rules). 2nd Steve Brown. Vote taken. Unanimous in favour. Carried. | Note |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Price advised that in meeting with then ANRPB, it was explained to the committee that we could not participate in an Australia wide National due to the different timing in our racing versus the other States and that a \$10 fee per flyer was unacceptable. It was also noted that the Victorian country pigeon racing Clubs have never been included in our Nationals. | Note |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Price advised that the ANRPB would again sponsor our National with \$1,000 donation to be split equally between the 4 Federations. | Note |

Combines 2025:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Combine race points would remain as previous minutes i.e., Carrieton, and Blinman. | Note |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J.Davis questioned how many birds per tier maximum would we follow. It was agreed 20 per tier and top and tiers empty. | All |

Other items – Joint Transport Initiative Continued

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested that in 2026 the Combines include the two 400's. | Note |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J.Davis suggested that since we are on the West track, it would be logical to have the WPF transport the above distance joint transport races and also the next year's North West track; with the VHA transporting the North and the North East all under the same arrangements as per the previous successful National's joint transport systems. This was further discussed and all agreed that in fairness to all parties, that the transport would be on a yearly rotation basis with the 2026 North West being the VHA. It was also noted that if one of the Transporters were to have trouble with transporting on a particular weekend then the other Transporter Federation would step in and support. | WPF/VHA |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For joint transport, each of the 4 major Federations would have a nominated Liberation person whose responsibility would be to work with all the Federation's Liberators, (as with the National) to decide the day of race release etc. Their combined decision would be final. If it became a 2/2 split on whether the race was to proceed or not, the race would be cancelled for another day or time. This was further discussed and it was agreed that, if in the unlikely situation that this was to occur, a final decision would be made by the President of the National Committee. | Note |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that GMPF continue to arrange their own 400's for 2025. | GMPF |

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- PRV – Sponsorship Carrieton 500

- Tony Price welcomed and introduced PRV representative Joe Farrugia.
- Joe Farrugia gave insight into the PRV noting that the organisation will be donate \$1,500 for the Carrieton 500 to offset some of the joint transport costs. All thanked Joe and appreciated the donation. Bank details of WPF to be forwarded. WPF
- It was agreed that all Federations will highlight on their pigeonracenets, the name of the race as “PRV 500” and the race point. All
- Joe Farrugia advised that then PRV was in quiet mode with nothing planned at the moment. Existing funds are in an interest-bearing account at this stage and the website is operational and new flyers continue to be added to the various Federations via the PRV. Note

- Other items

- It was agreed that since all 4 Federations were on the same race track in 2026, that clashing at the same race points was an important consideration in race point selection. All Federations to issue their draft 2026 draft race schedules to each other as soon as possible for coordination. All
- Rota was discussed and how vaccinations had dropped off due the vaccine not being fully effective like the PMV vaccine and very expensive. Rod Churchill advised that he had spoken with Mark White (Tredlia) about this and was advised that the original request for a vaccine did not cover the scope of a vaccine that fully covered the Rota virus. Tony Price to raise at tomorrow night’s ANRPB meeting. TP
- PIC’s were discussed and agreed that since law all members should make appropriate applications for the betterment of our sport. All
- Jim Davis suggested that we needed a clear protocol on “joint releases”. VPU draft to be issued to all for comment so as a final draft can be forwarded to VRPB for finalisation. JD
- **Next year’s event – 2026 from Broken Hill 10/10/26.** Federations to include this date in their 2026 Race Schedule. All
- **Meeting closed 8:50 pm - Next Meeting – 7:30 pm date and venue TBA**