

MINUTES

RBYC JANUARY (HELD IN FEB) COMMITTEE MEETING



Name:	Royal Brighton Yacht Club Inc
Date:	Monday, 2 February 2026
Time:	6:00 pm to 9:10 pm (AEDT)
Location:	Default Location, 253 Esplanade, Brighton VIC, Australia
Board Members:	Peter Demura (Chair), Andrew Holmes, Betty Ryan, Cath Hurley, Grant Dow, John Mooney, Mark Buckley, Mark Woodland, Marnie Irving, Peter Gebhardt, Steven Reynolds
Attendees:	Philip Hall

1. Opening Meeting

1.1 Attendees

1.2 Confirm Minutes

RBYC November Committee Meeting 24 Nov 2025, the minutes were confirmed as presented.



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Decision Date: 2 Feb 2026
Mover: Andrew Holmes
Seconder: Marnie Irving
Outcome: Approved

AH was not in attendance at this meeting note 3.8 to be reviewed.



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Chair to review minutes prior to distribution.
A discussion was held regarding the use of AI to prepare minutes.

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Co Pilot or Fireflies were suggested.

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Due Date: 2 Mar 2026

Owner: Grant Dow

2. Membership Reports

2.1 Membership Update & Reports

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New Membership Election

New Memberships proposed to be elected as members

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Mover: Cath Hurley

Seconder: Peter Gebhardt

Outcome: Approved

3. Management Reports

3.1 General Manager

Watertech report overdue. Dredging decision based on the extent of this report.

3.2 Finance & Risk

Finance & Risk Report taken as read.

MB working on a membership proposal.

This may include the following items

- Early Bird Special
- Collapsing of various membership categories to a single membership class.
- Reviewing Social membership
- process to lock up Sauna/Steam Room/Gym

CH indicated a Special General meeting is required to change membership categories.

GD suggested incentives for members to upgrade their memberships by adding time limits for certain categories.

MB indicated that working capital is currently tight.

It is the 25th Year of Icebergers being at RBYC, it will be recognised as a milestone.

MB also working on Financial Marina Pens analysis and the parity between certain classes/sizes of boats.

Finance Sub Committee are working on the line of business reporting module. All lines of business need to match the current budget.

Minutes of FSC to reflect the financials. MB to provide updated copy of minutes.



Finance Sub Committee Minutes

MB to provide updated copy of minutes.

Due Date: 2 Mar 2026

Owner: Mark Buckley

3.3 Sailing

MI summarised activity including DSC, Regattas held and planned.

Heat policy enacted during Stonehaven Cup

Plans for off season include: Smart Classes // Skipper De-Brief // Safety Role-Play scenario.

Sailing Pathways for youth to be reviewed.

PD asked if the sailing Committee have considered the Price Phillip Cup scheduled for 2028.

3.4 Cruising

Report on current Cruising Activity.

Dinner 20/2/26 - Cruising in Indonesia.

3.5 Assets

JM working on pro-active maintenance budgeting with Keith. Preliminary report tabled. Marina inspection to follow.

Watertech - meeting to be held in the next 2 weeks. PD asked that JM keep all informed.



Report from Keith Franklyn

Preliminary Report on OH&S items in asset reports.

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Owner: Philip Hall

MB summarised the proposed Parks Victoria new sea-bed lease.

Standard Commercial Lease

Commencement date 28.02.2026

21 Year Term

RBYC to hold lease over marina/hardstand & tower area.

RBYC to hold license over the eastern channel and responsibility for dredging the eastern channel.

Reviewed by David Hallam for RBYC

Currently being reviewed by PV legal department

Lease includes \$40K bond. Suggested that prior bond be rolled to new lease.

PD & MB to sign probably next week.

Commodore Peter Demura thanked Peter Strain, Niesje Hees, Mark Buckley and Philip Hall for the work that has gone into securing a new lease.



PV Seabed Lease

Proposed the the club enter into a new seabed lease, as described, with Parks Victoria

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Mover: Mark Buckley
Seconder: Peter Demura
Outcome: Approved



PV Seabed Lease

Sign new Parks Victoria Lease

Due Date: 20 Feb 2026
Owners: Mark Buckley, Peter Demura

3.6 Social

SR suggested that a buddy system be adopted for new members whereby each new member is assigned a member of the social committee who will engage with them and invited them to Friday nights etc.

Discussion was held regarding the format of the Friday Night draw.

MB asked that the draw be delegated to the social Committee with a \$50/week budget.

PG asked that we agree on the format and let the member know so that we manage expectations.

CH asked for some sensibility in the process.

JM asked that the screen displaying the draw be made larger.

It was agreed that SR would document how the draw is to be conducted.



Friday Night Draw process

Document the process for the Friday night draw.

Due Date: 2 Mar 2026
Owner: Steven Reynolds



Friday Night Draw

Ensure the Friday Night draw programming fits the intentions.

Make the screen larger.

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Owner: Philip Hall

3.7 Aquatic

3.8 Master Plan Working Group

MB asked that the language used for the Master Plan working group fits with New Lease Proposals



Half Yearly Meeting of Members

To Check on Rules requirements for 1/2 yearly Annual Meeting.

The rules state that :

29. General meetings

(1) General Meetings of Members of the Club shall be held in the Club Rooms or some other convenient place during the months of March and September in each year

Good Friday is April 3rd.

I have the 1/2 yearly scheduled for 24.03.2026. It is in the club diary.

Andy had nominated the 31.03.26 in his Notice of Agenda for the Masterplan Agenda item.

This date was also in Board Pro. I have amended it to 24.03.26

This date is the week of Easter and schools breaking up.

We should remain with the published date of 24/3/2026.

Due Date: 2 Mar 2026

Owner: Philip Hall

3.9 Cleaner Sailing

4. Other Business

4.1 General Business



M Cowdell letter to the Committee

Reply to M.Cowdell

Due Date: 2 Mar 2026

Owner: Peter Demura



Reciprocal arrangement Yacht Club of Como

Reply to Yacht Club of Como

Due Date: 2 Mar 2026

Owner: Peter Demura



Louie Hortomartis / David Bingham

meet with Loie Hortomartis re letter of complaint

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Owners: Peter Demura, Philip Hall



Rory Thomas

Reply to Rory Thomas

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Owner: Peter Demura



Martin Hunt Letter

Reply to Martin Hunt

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Owner: Philip Hall



Damian Letter

Meet with Simon

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Owners: Peter Demura, Philip Hall



Emma Letter

Meet with David

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Owners: Peter Demura, Philip Hall

5. Close Meeting

5.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: RBYC February (held in March) Committee Meeting - 2 Mar 2026, 6:00 pm

Officially close the meeting and outline next steps.

Signature: _____

Date: _____