



MINUTES OF
General Meeting COWA
13th January 2026
Bassendean Bowling Club

ATTENDEES

As per attendance sheet

APOLOGIES

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Meeting opened at 7:34pm by club president Natalie Page.

Introduction of new committee

President introduced the new committee in the following positions

- President/ Social Director – Natalie Page
- Vice President – Geoff Haley
- Treasurer/ Membership – Andy Weatherburn
- Web Master/ Magazine editor – Richard Webb
- Secretary – Wesley Hewett

Update that Richard has commenced Magazine again with a new issue to follow soon

Call for CMC representative – nil forthcoming at this stage.

Previous Minutes

Nil discussion on previous minutes

Minutes Moved – Ron Flood, seconded- Greg Walker

Treasurers Report

Andy Weatherburn – presented latest financial report. Club still in good financial position. Term deposits in growth. Explanation on current activity including the rollover of one of these accounts for a further 11 months. Working account still in good positive territory with minimal outgoings.

Reminded membership that 90% of the money into the club is to be reused by the club, this is currently being done by way of subsidising Events, Dinners, apparel and BBQs.

Discussion on possibility of using some of the larger club fund towards National Convention to be held in WA in 2029. Avenues of spendature to be discussed once Convention Committee appointed (further Convention Discussion later in meeting)

Andy also mentioned that he is currently looking into changes to the accounting software used by the club (Xero) to reduce costs. Current software costs more per month than club brings in.

Treasures report moved by Kevin Donetta, seconded Rod Tunnercliffe

Membership Report

Andy Weatherburn welcomed new member Nic Bennett – Nic is a first-time owner with a '97 C5 he hopes to have on the road in coming weeks.

Andy mentioned that with a membership of 153 as of this date there is no need for a membership drive.

\$50 cash draw conducted – winner Ron Brukwinski not present, jackpot to \$150 next meeting. (remember- you must be present at the general meeting to win, don't miss out)

Membership report moved by Neil Felthouse, seconded by Kevin Donetta

Webmasters Report

Richard Webb put the callout for members car for the website.

Suggestion made by Natalie that a photograph be present at an event, such as Whiteman Park show and shine, with the view to using these in the members ride section of the website. Positive response from members present.

Richard then put out the call for any classifieds for the website/ magazine and any articles for the magazine.

Webmasters report moved by Mark Williams, seconded by Mike Jacobson.

CMC Report

Position vacant

No correspondence from CMC.

C4C and 404

Natalie Page reminded all members on C4C that a new logbook is required as of 1st January. Old logbooks must be retained for 2 years in-case of an audit.

404 members reminded that if vehicle is to be used for a day outside of club events that an Impromptu Run for must be submitted via the website (form under club info heading)

Social Report

Natalie Page updated meeting on status of current merchandise and that the jackets received were unwearable. New jacket samples expected the week of 19th Jan 2026 and once received will be assessed and then a new call will be put out for new orders of merchandise sets.

Nat has been in contact with the organiser from Grandies Big Day out in Fremantle and is still waiting to receive the photos taken on the day by their photographer.

Classic cars is to be held on 29th March 2026 at Robinson Reserve Osbourne Park. This is the event that used to be held at Ascot but is now being organised by a different group.

No formal invitation/ registration received by the club at this time.

Suggestions for future events for consideration by members including; hoist day, Whiteman Park, Poker run and a weekend away. Members are asked to come forward with any ideas that they may be interested in.

Past events;

Christmas party at Karrinyup Country Club was well received and will likely be highly considered again for future events.

December weekend run to Ravenswood – 20 members in 15 Vettes.

January midweek run to Bindoon – 15 Members in 9 Vettes.

Social report moved by Richard Webb and seconded by Ross Owen

Mail

No mail received.

PO Box has been moved to Leederville from old Yanchep address. It was confusing people as to where the club was based.

General Business

Natalie Page informed the meeting of the purchase of new club gazebos that are smaller and easier to transport in a Vette.

Call was made for suggestions of what to do with old gazebos.

Suggestion made to sell them as still in good condition. Will be advertised on the website classifieds.

2026 convention in Noosa – No CofWA members attending, some WA NCRA members are attending.

Suggestion made by Ron Flood to consider a donation to the 2026 convention organisers for naming rights on a trophy, this has been done in previous years for past convention organisers.

2029 Convention for WA – Call made for a committee to be formed to start preparing for this convention (ideally 6 members would be good but can be done with 4 minimum)

Rod Tunnercliffe and Greg Walker offered to act as advisers to the committee.

Ron Flood provided a comprehensive file of past convention organisation that includes things to be considered and a timeframe for leadup to convention.

4 or 5 members show interest in being involved in this committee.

Final decision to hold the 2029 convention will be made at next general meeting in March if a committee can be formed. March is final time we can formally accept or decline in order to give hosting club enough lead time to organise.

Discussion was then held on idea surrounding what financial commitment will be required by the club. Sponsorship will likely be zero due to current world financial view.

This mean that the club may need to invest savings into the event that may not be recovered fully as in past event. (Convention committee to discuss further when formed)

Suggestion made by Andy Weatherburn to possibly offer a holiday type experience for attendees with leadup runs (pinnacles, York for example) in the week leading to the convention weekend and then a southwest trip after the weekend.

Other idea included assistance to transport Vettes from the east for the event, and offers to secure visiting Vettes so owners can fly to the northwest if they wish to see more of the state.

Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held in March 2026.

No date at this time due to Bowling Club schedule not finalised

Meeting closed at 8:21pm.

COWA ATTENDANCE SHEET

DATE 13-1-2026.

MEETING

CREE WALKER	MARTIN TRUSCOTT
RON FLOOD	
Frank Vitalone	
DON BAKER	
ANDY WEATHERS	
NATALIE PAGE	
Richard Moss	
Wes Hewitt	
NEIL FELTHOUSE	
SOE TULIP	
BARRY FOSTER	
ROD TUNNERCLIFFE	
BRAD WATKINS	
NEVILLE DUNN	
KEVIN DONETTA	
Geoff Haley	
SOLW O'HARA	
Luciano Gricci	
STEPHEN SIMMONS	
GEORGE VESKOJICH	
Mike Jacobson	
Nic Bennett	
PETER DABELSTEIN	
ROSS OWEN	
Mark Williams	
DON HILL	

Apologies

- Peter & Wendy Jellesma
- Rod Ross
- Damien Frazer
- Bob & Lorraine Sterling
- Dave Jennings
- Msek & Jen Deisen.