

RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc.
2025 AGM Minutes
Lake Wellington Yacht Club, VIC
Tuesday 7th January, 2025



Meeting started at 6:07pm

Present:

Darren Dyer, *Whatever*
Matt Harper, *Liquid Limo*
Tim Jackman, *Dodgy Vindaloo*
Johnny Knight, *Sasha*
Paul Harris, *Steal Away*
Brian Phelan, *Sangria*
Mark and Yvonne Francis, *Vintage Red*
Paul Corben, *Cosmic Sedso*
Doug Dyce, *Gundaroo 2*
Adam Chambers, *Pipe Dream*
Gary Hodges, *Happy Hour*
Wayne Hill, *Spiral Navigator*
Jeff Maynard, *September Song*
Simon Walsh, *Ohau-Rua*
Peter & Lisa Brooks, *Allegro B*
John Foley, *ReLax*
Casey Slater, *Sequoia*
Mitch Bayliss, *Steaker*
Lloyd Graham, *The Sting*
Liam Harper, *Toucan*
Lachlan Lamont, *Hi-Jack*

Apologies: None

President's Welcome:

Welcomed boat representatives and gave an outline of why we have an association and need for an AGM.

1. Minutes from last AGM

These had to be enhanced for Bank formalities

Move to accept minutes. Moved - Matt Harper, 2nd Brian Phelan, Accepted by all.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes – none

3. Correspondence

Letter for John Foley to enable registration of his boat trailer with VicRoads

Letter inviting Barbara Castle, Ross Corben and Michael Shannon to the Presentation.

They are unable to make it. Barbara hopes to visit at some point.

4. **President's Report:** Wayne Hill

The Association is functioning well. Great contributions from longer-term and new members have streamlined the volunteer contribution.

We now have:

- a shared electronic filing system based in Google Drive. It saves reinventing the wheel. Thanks Yvonne and Pres
- a digital banking system that has better security and enables quick payments easily; we can also access community grants
Thanks Doug, Yvonne and also Collin for getting it rolling
- a basic agreement that enables a tidy negotiation with hosting clubs based on Hollywell and motivated by a bit of a poor negotiation a bit late in the process at Yamba. Thanks Darren & Matt (and Pres. for the Yamba near mistake!)
- a comprehensive and well-maintained registry that enables contact with nearly all RL24 owners. We also have a very well-developed history of many boats adding depth to the class and safeguarding the Rob Legg heritage. Thanks Colin in the new position of Registrar.

Our class rules are in good shape and we are seeing some great innovations within the rules. Thanks Simon as Class Measurer for his part that crystallizing these rules, advising along the way and being ready to tackle new issues.

We are part of the CBH Trailable discussion lead by Vic Trailable Assn and ready to contribute. Darren and the Pres generally make most meetings during the year.

We will part of the Vic Traveller series and the Victorian State Trailable titles - part of a larger Vic Titles at GYLC in 15 & 16 Feb.

RL24 owners are accessing more mixed fleet racing and comradery.

Our media presence is excellent, and Darren continues to draw in more participants at all levels of competition and the Association continues find new members among families and friends.

The Middle of Everywhere coverage, video and sponsorship as well as great support from sailing based firms is a new benchmark.

Thanks also to Darren as Commodore in coordinating a very comprehensive Regatta delivery at LWYC. We will talk more of LWYC vols fabulous efforts at the presentation but here it is in writing.

Special mention to Jonny for the merchandise and supporting system.

We can grow this with a small community grant. It would be great to encourage new and young sailors with useful merch giveaways that aid their access to sailing.

I've enjoyed coordinating the artwork for wine and apparel. It's been inexpensive, memorable and adds polish to the Assn delivery.

I've investigated Archive storage for an RL24 history that goes back over 50 years. Best price I could get between Brisbane and Melbourne was \$700 p/a . Too much given the Assn's resources.

We can investigate a community grant to digitise the record (it's a huge job! even with fast feed copiers) and keep an eye open for a good fire, rat and flood proof container space. Remarkably that price was near Paynesville and only 25% of most quotes. In closing a thanks to all the Exec, to all the members and special thanks to Keith Merkley who has been the web based rock that so much of the Association's identity has been built on. The website continues to be a comprehensive resource and a great capture of the RL24 vibe. Thanks too to Jenny Legg and her social Facebook page that's capturing sharing the Legg Family legend and the joy the boat brings to so many.

Moved - Simon Walsh, 2nd Lloyd Graham, Accepted by all.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Doug Dyce

The 51st National Regatta at Yamba Yacht Club was another success despite strong currents and the small confines of the Clarence River. All entry fees were handled by the club which covered their expenses for the running of the event. There was no agreement in place for a commission on entry fees and therefore no income from this event. The usual Association expenses for photos, gifts, postage, trophies as well as the Welcome BBQ, totaled \$1474.80.

This included: -

Restoration of the Coolibah Trophy	\$189.80
Plaques and Engraving for 51st Nationals	\$324.89
Gift Wine & Labels, Wooden Trophies, Artwork for Tee Shirts	\$713.01
Drop Keel Trophy	\$120.00
Yamba Commodores Dinner at Presentation	\$127.10

Banking

As we had been notified by CBA that cheque accounts were basically becoming obsolete, we enquired as to whether we could convert to a digital two authorisation type of account. CBA did not have this facility so with the help of Wayne we researched and finally decided to open an account with Bendigo Bank. The Everyday Savings Business Account has been up and running since 26/04/24.

An amount of \$9500 was transferred 08/05/24 leaving a small balance in the CBA until the remaining balance of \$448.71 was transferred 29/07/24. The CBA account is now closed.

The Bendigo Bank account is paying us a small amount of interest on the monthly balance, no charge for deposits, \$0.70 for withdrawals. It also has branches in Qld, NSW and Vic.

Income

Membership	1170.00
Interest to date	2.19

Expenses

Transaction Fees	2.80
D G Dyer – Welcome BBQ	261.10
Australian Sailing	300.00

Wayne Hill – Tee shirt design	145.12
Brookes Engraving – Trophies	282.70
Complimentary Wine	<u>360.00</u>
	\$ 1348.92 as of 13/12/24

Account Balance as of 01/01/2025 \$9793.78

There was a question about Tax status and not for profit, which we are and falls under the Consumer Affairs Victoria

Moved Doug Dyce, Seconded Adam Chambers, Accepted by all

6. Secretary’s Report: Yvonne Francis

The Secretary’s job has not been onerous during the year.

I have simplified and combined the membership tables, list of boat owner’s spreadsheet and other associated contacts (crew etc), so there is only one spreadsheet needed.

There are 50 financial members.

Emails for publicity of the 2025 Nationals were sent with support from Darryn as publicity officer, along with the AGM materials.

We have had a couple of Zoom meetings of the Executive during the year to organise the Nationals.

Thanks to Colin Boylan for his support and organisation of various tasks before I took over. I have enjoyed helping out, and would be willing to continue in the future, after some time travelling overseas and around Australia during the next 12 months.

Moved - Yvonne Francis, 2nd Wayne Hill, Accepted by all

7. Media Report: Darryn Dyer

Continued all year. FB page doesn’t get as much activity, so will learn more about how to use it. Keeps activity up, advertise things going on in other states. Useful for VIC State Trailable and Marley Point

Keith Merkley has put things on the website for the Nationals. Darryn has set up things up for the Nationals, so he has put everything on the LWYC website and has all forms needed for the Nationals – camping, NOR, CAT 7 etc. IT was easy for Keith to link into it. Some skipper and crews didn’t know about the link to see NOR, camping, social events

Sail pass for regatta, driven by the club. Needs to be expectation at another club.

Moved - Darryn Dyer, 2nd Simon Walsh, accepted

8. Election of Officer Bearers – Chaired by Paul Corben

President: Wayne Hill

Vice President: Matthew Harper

Treasurer: Doug Dyce

Secretary: Colin Boylan Nominated by Doug Dyce, 2nd Wayne Hill, Carried

Media and Publicity: Darryn Dyer

Office Bearers (apart from Secretary) were continued, as no other nominations were received.

Measurer: (Exec appointed) Simon Walsh

Registrar: (Exec appointed) Colin Boylan

9. Business arising from submitted Motions – None

10. General Business

Simon Walsh: discussion about boats

As boats are getting older, some will need repairs or refurbishment, and the association needs to think of what is needed or allowed. There are cracks to fix, paint, damage from putting on trailer (or trees in the water). There may be significant refurbishment needed, and how the association feels about the class rules and how it happens moving forward. Buoyancy, stiffness, some have Kevlar. The Executive will think about this moving forward.

Johnny Knight: Merch store is open for all of January to order online, will arrive mid February.

Doug Dyce: Insurance is getting more expensive. Don't need it to be surveyed, just need a condition report.

Darryn: James Frecheville will do condition report, then not needed for another 3-4 year. Oracle \$400

Lloyd: RACV \$450-500

Wayne: Need for ethical way of exchanging information on condition or experiences with insurance

Wayne: Investigate how to get participation with grants from Bendigo, and subsidise merch from grants or for young people or people going long distance (QLD/SA to VIC)

Simon Walsh: has a carbon mast – may be able to get more, if there is any interest.

John Foley: Class rules reflect how to measure sails. Discussion about the square top sails.

Mitch Bayliss: history of CBH and how it works for mixed fleet.

Announcement of January 2026, 53rd National Championship

To be held at Royal Motor Yacht Club, Toronto, Lake Macquarie NSW

The dates are not yet fixed, similar agreement to Holywell and LWYC

Meeting Closed at 7:12pm

Perpetual Trophies awarded Lake Wellington 2025

Oldest Skipper	Lloyd Graham
Rob Legg Invitation Races Trophy	Whatever

Bruce Castles Participation Trophy	Colac Yacht Club
Handicap Series	The Sting
Coolibah Cup, State Teams	Victoria: Whatever, Streaker, Ohua Rua
Best Presented Boat	NOT AWARDED, to be located
Toad of Barmera	Johnny Knight
Swing Keel Division	Whatever
Drop Keel Divion	Ohua Rua