



# WESTERN PIGEON FEDERATION

of Victoria Inc. A0008336A

## Board of Management (BOM) Meeting Minutes

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Date: 7 August, Tuesday

Meeting opened: 6.55pm

Location: Caroline Springs.

Meeting Chaired by: Ray Russell – President

Present: R. Russell, J. Farrugia, M. Tenaglia, S. Mifsud, D. Tenaglia, J. Saggars,  
S. Cutajar, C. Cachia, J. Pulis.

Apologies: Nil.

Guests: Nil.

### 1. Review of previous BOM minutes.

- i. Minutes from last month's BOM meeting 11 July 2023 were taken as read.

All business arising from the previous meeting minutes moved to General Business.

Moved: J. Pulis      Seconded: S. Cutajar      Carried: All

### 2. Correspondence.

IC

1. 02/08/2023 – Willi/Newport Club, letter regarding liberation.
2. 12/07/2023 – Werribee Club, Life Membership Nomination Tony Abraham.
3. 23/07/2023 – Melton Club, Racing Boundaries & Schedule.
4. 27/07/2023 – Melton Club, Fairness of Competition.
5. 29/07/2023 – Melton Club, WPF axis.
6. 04/08/2023 – Liberation Committee, response to Willi/Newport liberation letter.
7. 03/08/2023 – Brimbank Council, Waste Management.
8. 03/08/2023 – Yarraville Club, questions.
9. 04/08/2023 – Hewitt & Whitty, feed sale and BBQ.
10. 12/07/2023 – Brimbank Council, SEP meeting dates.
11. 10/07/2023 – Altona City, Life Membership Tony Abraham.
12. 11/07/2023 – Barry Devine, Online Auction [uploaded to website].
13. 31/08/2023 – Ballarat [CHPC] 700M advertising [uploaded to website].

OC

1. 02/08/2023 – Letter to Green Gully club requesting supporting information to Life Membership Nominations.

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2. 02/08/2023 – Letter to Werribee club requesting supporting information to Life Membership Nominations.
3. 24/07/2023 – Breeders Plate prize money.
4. 03/08/2023 – Yarraville Club, questions – response.

All correspondence moved to General Business.

Moved: D. Tenaglia Seconded: J. Farrugia Carried: All

### **3. Financial Report**

- i. Financial reports for 31 July 2023 presented by treasurer C. Cachia.
  - a. Westpac balance \$51,051.96
  - b. La Trobe Investments Balance \$173,907.69

Moved all outstanding accounts be paid.

Moved: J. Saggars Seconded: J. Farrugia Carried: All

### **4. General Business**

#### **4.1. Business arising from previous minutes dated 11 July 2023.**

1. IC, 6 - C. Cassar to discuss alternate transport, invite after race season completed. Target date October/November 2023
2. IC, 9 - Speak to VRPU & GMPF regard displaying and overall transport result.
3. GB, 4, 4.1,1 - VRPB State Based Code of Practice still in progress.
4. NB, 1 - Transport 2023 and beyond.
  - 4.1. Pledge form active, C. Cachia to draft cover letter.
  - 4.2. Current transporter will not be transporting birds in 2024 due to business expansion and growth. WPF will need to get tenders out for a transporter and convoy in 2024 and beyond.
    - 4.2.1. S. Cutajar provided details of a transporting company.
    - 4.2.2. Explore alternative types of trucks.
5. NB, 8, 5-person team unload units save \$15 per week.
  - 5.1. Publish volunteers wanted on a permanent base during 2024 full race season to unload truck. 5-person team will not have to pay the \$15 weekly admin fee.

#### **4.2. Correspondence.**

IC-1, Willi/Newport letter requesting explanation for liberation early release.

IC-6, Liberation committee response to Willi/Newport.

IC-2, IC-11, Life membership from Werribee and Altona City Clubs.

OC-1 & OC-2, Letters to Green Gully and Werribee requesting further information about the incomplete applications.

IC-3, IC-4 & IC-5, Letters from Melton regarding racing boundaries, race schedule, fairness in the competition. [Letters notes for now until race season completed].

IC-8, Yarraville questions.

OC-4, Secretary response.

### 4.3. New Business.

1. Thank you to J. Farrugia & M. Bennett for the supply and installation of the letter box.
2. 2023 Breeders Plate 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Convoyer confirmed D. McPherson.
3. Breeders Plate prize pool.

#### 2023 Breeders Plate - Mt Hope

		\$ 50,650.00	
costs		<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 45,650.00</u>	
1st	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,650.00	65.72%
2nd	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 9,750.00	12.92%
3rd	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 5,850.00	8.54%
4th	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 3,950.00	4.16%
5th	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,950.00	2.19%
6th	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,150.00	1.75%
7th	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,550.00	1.31%
8th	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,150.00	0.88%
9th	\$ 200.00	\$ 950.00	0.44%
10th	\$ 200.00	\$ 750.00	0.44%
11th	\$ 150.00	\$ 600.00	0.33%
12th	\$ 150.00	\$ 450.00	0.33%
13th	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00	0.33%
14th	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	0.33%
15th	\$ 150.00	\$ -	0.33%
16th	QTY valued at \$100	2	2024 BP rings
17th	QTY valued at \$100	2	2024 BP rings
18th	QTY valued at \$100	2	2024 BP rings
19th	QTY valued at \$100	2	2024 BP rings
20th	QTY valued at \$100	2	2024 BP rings

<u>costs</u>		<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Sale 1	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00
Sale 2	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00
Sale 3	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00
<b>total</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>

transport \$ 3,500.00

4. Brimbank Council Meeting Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August.
  - a. BOM to provide submission to council regarding use of facility and provide photo evidence.

5. J. Farrugia reminder to check the trickle charger is connected to the battery when the truck returns and the units are unloaded.
6. Shepperton GVPF asked if they can transport with WPF to Yolla. [pending].
7. Breeders Plate race reminder and loading of ring register on website 1 week before for all participants to check and confirm registered birds and rings.
8. Any birds not leaving the unit of their own free will, will be transported back to the Federation rooms and release or the owner contacted. No birds are to be chased out of the unit.
9. PRV confirmed using the WPF rooms for the 2023 \$100K race. Basketing FRI 22/09/23 for a SUN race 24/09/23.
10. Brad Strong asked if the WPF would be willing to donate any past year's rings to his collection. BOM agreed no past rings to be issued out.
11. Racing By-laws amendments.
  - a. 1.1 Remove wording "Constitution".
  - b. 1.4 Remove wording "Constitution".
  - c. Remove paragraph "Conduct of Business" replaced under Fair Play Code of Conduct and Constitution.

Racing By-law rule amendments, replace current rules with new rules.

6. Conducting Races.
  - 6.2 All outside basketing centers must send two (2) representatives to the WPF rooms with their pigeons on basketing nights to assist with the loading of their pigeons on the transporter.
    - 6.2 (a)
      - (i) All outside basketing centers must ensure all vehicles transporting the units to the WPF federation center have either two outside center representatives present in the vehicle or a second vehicle following the first ensuring the unit is always in view.
      - (ii) If multiple vehicles, then both should travel in a convoy ensuring arrival to the WPF rooms at the same time [tolerance 5 minutes] and have either two people present in each vehicle or a third vehicle following the second unit ensuring the units are always in view.
    - 6.2 (b) All clubs basketing within the WPF rooms must ensure a minimum of two members remain in the rooms on basketing night to assist with loading their pigeons onto the transporter.
    - 6.2(c) Failure to abide by the by-law may result in the whole basketing center's pigeons being removed from the race subject to further investigation.
- 7.10 Wire Baskets and Units.
  - a) Outside clubs must transport their birds via the safest and most practical route as agreed by the clubs committee, to ensure arrival to the WPF Federation rooms.
  - b) An outside basketing centre must ensure all vehicles transporting the units to the WPF Federation Centre is followed by another vehicle always ensuring the car and unit in front is always visible.

- c) If multiple vehicles, then the outside basketing centre must ensure all vehicles transporting the units to the WPF Federation Centre are followed by another vehicle always ensuring the car and unit in front is always visible.  
E.G., two vehicles towing trailed with units will require a third vehicle following.
- d) When using a WPF provided 8 tier unit, seal all tiers using two (2) WPF approved numbered seals one on each side of each loading door.
- e) Ensure the unit release door is closed correctly with the handle inserted into the locking slot and seal the unit release door handle using a WPF approved numbered seal.
- f) When using baskets, all race baskets are to be sealed using numbered seals, two (2) on the side door, one (1) on each side and two (2) on the release door, one (1) on each side halfway up the door.
- g) All seal numbers must be recorded on an appropriate document confirming the seal numbers.
- h) All seal numbers must be checked prior to the units being loaded onto the transporting vehicle by a room steward or approved center delegate to ensure they are still secure and have not dislodged.
- i) Each seal sheet must be signed by the room steward or delegate [not to be the driver transporting the pigeons] confirming the seals are present, the numbers recorded are correct and the units are in fact sealed.
- j) The seal sheets along with any other documents must then be placed in a sealed envelope and initialed by two members prior to leaving the outside basketing center [the BOM will commit to developing a secure online lodgment system to remove the paperwork].
- k) All outside clubs/centres/members are responsible to ensure the Racing By-laws are adhered to.
- l) If an outside clubs/centers unit arrives with a seal missing the BOM will make every effort to determine what occurred.
- m) In the event a resolution on the night cannot be made in a timely manner all units relating to the outside club/center will be taken off the truck and retained in the Federation rooms until the race has concluded pending further investigation irrespective of the type of verification method [race rubbers or EBSS rings] used.
- n) Any breach of the WPF Racing By-laws may result in disqualification, fines, suspensions or all-inclusive.

Moved: D. Tenaglia    Seconded: J. Farrugia    Carried. All.

Reminder BOM meetings are normally held on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Tuesday of every month.

Meeting closed:	Time:	9.40pm
Next meeting:	Date:	12 September 2023 – Tuesday
	Time:	7.30pm
	Location:	TBC

**Important Dates:**

check out the events calendar. <https://wpf.org.au/events>

## **Sales.**

### 2024 Breeders Plate Sale dates.

Sunday 19 November 2023

Friday 8 December 2023

Sunday 7 January 2024

Friday 16 February 2024

### 2024 Transport Squeaker Sale date.

Saturday 3 February 2024. To be held in conjunction with the WPF Annual registration day.

### 2024 Melton Classic Sale [Melton Rooms]

Friday 26 January 2024.

### 2023 Victorian Racing Pigeon Convention

Friday 24 November 2023 – Sunday 26 November 2023

### 2023 End of year presentation night date to be set.

## WPF Secretary

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**From:** Christopher Cachia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 2 August 2023 12:32 PM  
**To:** secretary@wpf.org.au; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Daniel Tenaglia; Joe Farrugia; Joe Pulis; John Saggars [1]; Marc Tenaglia; Ray Russell; Shane Mifsud; Steve Cutajar ; WPF Treasurer; Trevor Holwell ; 'George Borg'; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Liberation Times

WPF board of management

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Cheers

On behalf of the Willy / Newport Members

**Christopher Cachia** / DipFp   
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## WPF Secretary

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**From:** Antione Dalli <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 12 July 2023 6:13 PM  
**To:** secretary@wpf.org.au  
**Subject:** Voting for life member

Werrabee would like to add Tony Abraham to be a life member.

## WPF Secretary

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**From:** Jim Mcpherson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 23 July 2023 8:42 AM  
**To:** secretary@wpf.org.au  
**Subject:** Fwd: WPF Racing boundaries and schedule

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**From:** Jim Mcpherson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2023 8:40:16 am  
**To:** president@wpf.org.au <president@wpf.org.au>  
**Cc:** treasurer@wpf.org.au <treasurer@wpf.org.au>  
**Subject:** WPF Racing boundaries and schedule

Hello Chris, Ray and Mark.

I attended the special General meeting recently where the proposal of joint events with VHA and others was discussed. In discussions several crucial and interesting points were raised.

1. The inherent differences of drag and overfly and logistical impossibility of racing such a geographically group.
2. The changing demographic of pigeon racing in general.

On the second point discussion occurred where one of the members talked about the fact that flyers are moving from inner to outer areas. This no doubt true, when I was a boy with my first pigeons Essendon was considered an outer suburb. I think many of today's young families are located a long way out of the city zone. Melton (my club) being a good example.

We need to cater for today or disappear. Federations seem to be unstable now with VPO and others forming from tension in the established Federations. There are tensions within the WPF. This year for example Melton are filling the bottom of the Fed consistently every week.

There are many good flyers with good birds that don't feel that the playing field is level.

Comments are heard about moving to Yarraville if you want a chance.

I am also sure that the flyers from the southern end of the Fed are offended when they hear people say they have it easy.

The fact is some flyers live in better locations than others, it's not cheating or trying to take advantage and we need to be open about that.

We have sections currently that go some way to addressing issues of inequity, but they don't adequately address the big picture issues of the overall result. The importance of this was discussed at the last meeting with members agreeing that sponsors etc would only every look at this.

Secondly but most importantly to me is the issue of attrition. When young birds are dragged long way offline losses are high.

Whilst there is some truth in training birds to break and having birds good enough to lead being less affected. It is also absolutely true that large flocks do cause drag. This was raised unchallenged by a Werribee flyer at the last meeting when discussing the effect of a proposed VHA,WPF,GMPF combine.

I believe we need to look at what the VHA is doing, separate releases for North and South members.

They have two separate races, so two distinct Fed results and a separation of the effect of drag and overfly.

I think we need to consider this. It seems to me that the current demographic of the WPF is more affected on the North and North East tracks and we should consider it up to about 350 miles. I believe at the longer distances there are less birds in the race and they tend to break into smaller groups on the way home so the problem is much less

The boundary would need discussion but I believe the idea has some merit.  
Do you think it is worth raising this for discussion at the next meeting?

Regards

Jim McPherson

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## WPF Secretary

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**From:** Jim Mcpherson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 July 2023 8:16 AM  
**To:** secretary@wpf.org.au; treasurer@wpf.org.au; president@wpf.org.au  
**Subject:** Fairness of competition

Please accept the following input in good faith, it is intended to be helpful.

From page 1 of minutes of the special general meeting. WPF 24th July 2023.

Regarding why we rejected combining with organisations in the South and East.

" the negative impact to them and possible loss of membership, impact of weather and mass of birds to western boundary flyers Melton, Bacchus Marsh, Werribee, Tarneit, Gisborne....."

" cost is not an issue to them and that the opportunity to compete fairly in their own organisations race is more important "

Why did we break up? " the western boundary flyers could not compete against the eastern boundary flyers and the northern boundary flyers could not compete against the southern boundary flyers "

These are the minutes published on our own Web sites. Voted for by a large turnout of members.

The issue of drag and overfly is well known and accepted, it's affect on the fairness of competition is well known and accepted.

What is true is that it is as far from Melton to Yarraville as it is from Yarraville to Frankston.

I think it is imperative to survey the membership and ask one simple question;

" Do you believe that you have a fair and equal chance of winning the Fed every week?"

Ultimately it is the responsibility of the organisation to ensure that the answer is yes.

I strongly believe that many flyers have simply accepted the fact that the competition is not fair, the growth areas will wake up one day as their numbers grow. Melton has a couple of flyers choosing not to compete this year but is still the largest club.

The time will come when someone else will offer them a better deal.

I would rather see the WPF take real action to address these issues.

One thing is certain , people are sick of hearing drag and overfly issues acknowledged in one context and not in others.

Also, re sponsorship . I am retired but still have contact with potential sponsors. My problem is that I would be embarrassed to ask them to sponsor me as I am sure they would want to know how often they might feature as a winner. The answer probably never, is ridiculous.

The other issue raised last year is money, I asked a friend about it as I was interested.

When is it gambling and when is it competition for a prize? In essence a prize is sourced from a third party. There is no difference between what we do and throwing money into the " pot " or kitty" playing cards.

I think we need to re-examine this issue as we may be on thin ice legally.

I know these are difficult issues, however there is growing pressure to address them.

I believe the current board is progressive and capable.

Regards

Jim McPherson

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## WPF Secretary

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**From:** Jim Mcpherson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 29 July 2023 7:12 AM  
**To:** Jim Mcpherson; secretary@wpf.org.au; treasurer@wpf.org.au; president@wpf.org.au  
**Subject:** Race axis offering least bias and overfly.  
**Attachments:** WPF axis.jpg

The current distribution of flyers is roughly a line North ,South . The least variation between the shortest and longest flyers is an equidistant axis .

This is WNW to NW in direction , the Easterly mode probably disrupted by mountainous terrain too much. Obviously the track creating the worst bias is Nth and Nth East.

This offers a possible path to fair competition within the modern distribution of flyers.

Regards

Jim Mcpherson

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## WPF Secretary

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**From:** Daniel Tenaglia <maningabirdpark@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 4 August 2023 4:34 PM  
**To:** Christopher Cachia  
**Cc:** Marc Tenaglia; Ray Russel; Joe Farrugia; Joe Pulis; John Saggars [1]; Marc Tenaglia; Shane Mifsud; Steve Cutajar; WPF Treasurer; Trevor Holwell; George Borg; boondie@icloud.com  
**Subject:** Re: Liberation Times  
**Attachments:** image013.png

I would like to respond to the email by C. Cachia on behalf of the Willi/Newport club.

The weather charts on the day of liberation, Saturday 29 July 2023 showed winds at ground level of 5 to 10 km northerly, at 100m 15 to 20 km north westerly, at 300m 20 to 25 km north westerly and at 600m winds were 47 to 49 km west.

Fog at ground level, no fog at 100m, No fog at 300m, No fog at 600m.

Winds were forecast to increasing throughout the day as the birds got closer to home.

The winds were increasing westerlies of greater than 50km/hr.

As part of the liberation committee, it was decided to get the birds up early to give them every chance to get home safely.

Our returns were great not like the other federations who went up later and struggle to get their bird's home.

Our decisions to let the birds up earlier was the right decision.

If the birds had gone up later, the strengthening west / northwest winds would have pushed the birds across into the Great Dividing Range which then would have created greater problems.

Shane and I have lengthy discussions regarding liberation, and it was the right decision that was made for the health and well-being of the birds.

Daniel Tenaglia

On Wed, 2 Aug 2023, 12:32 pm Christopher Cachia, <[Chris@ccafp.com.au](mailto:Chris@ccafp.com.au)> wrote:

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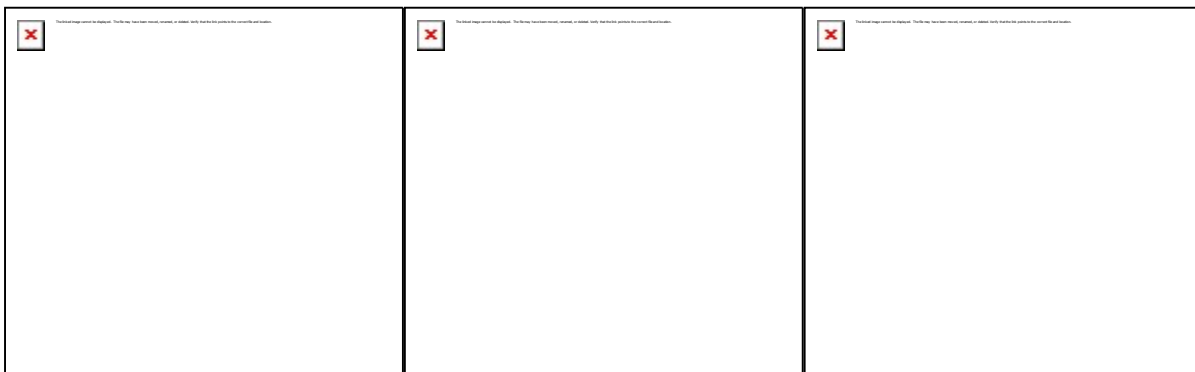
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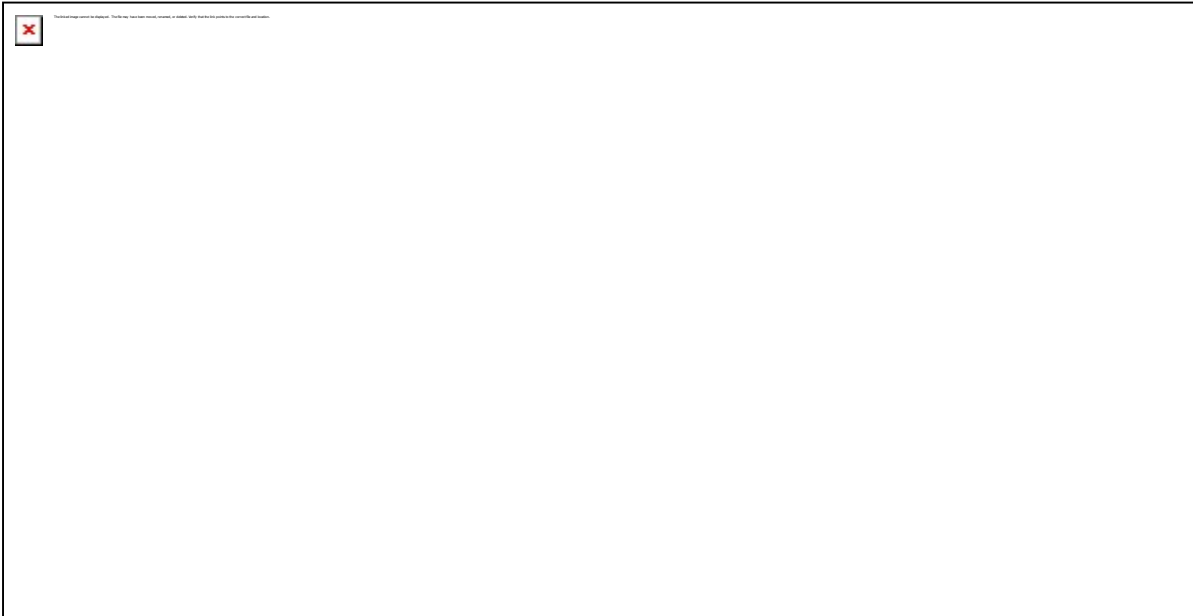
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## WPF Secretary

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**From:** Daniel Trevillian (He/Him) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 3 August 2023 10:47 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]; 'secretary@wpf.org.au'  
**Cc:** Troy Parkinson  
**Subject:** Waste Management

Hi Ray / Marc –

Hope you are both well.

Our waste collection team have noted that the bins from the Pigeon Club have been extremely heavy recently and difficult to move and/or lift which can be an OHS issue for us.

It was noted that the bins were full of Pigeon manure which makes the bins considerably more heavy than regular waste? We understand the club needs to dispose of the pigeon waste and but we would be open to any suggestions or actions you may have that might make the bins lighter for our collection crews? How regular are the bins at capacity? Can this be spread over time to 'lighten the load'? Or would an additional bin/s help?

Let me know if you have any thoughts or possible solutions here.

Thanks,




**Daniel Trevillian (He/Him)**

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Sent from my iPhone

## Marc Tenaglia

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**From:** Maria Mifsud [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 4 August 2023 11:07 AM  
**To:** Marc Tenaglia  
**Subject:** Hewitt and Whitty Flash Sale  
**Attachments:** ONE DAY ONLY SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST 9-12pm.jpg

Hi Marc,

Would it be possible to post this up onto the website and on FB for us please. Chris has gone above the mark with getting a great deal for the pigeon fanciers and would love if we could have the support of the WPF.

There will be a FREE bbq on the day and more savings across the whole store.

Thanks

*Kind regards*  
Maria Mifsud

*Hewitt & Whitty Pty Ltd*  
**102 High Street Melton**  
P – 03 97435644  
E – [REDACTED]



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**From:** SEP <SEP@brimbank.vic.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 12 July 2023 5:52 PM  
**To:** secretary@wpf.org.au  
**Subject:** Sunshine Energy Park - meeting with Western Federation Pigeon Club

Hi Marc,

I've just left a voicemail for you - returning your phone message to Chris.

We're hoping to organise a meeting with you and any other interested/available members of the Western Federation Pigeon Club. Are you free for a meeting during either of the below timeframes?

- Monday, 7 August between 10:30am and 1:30pm
- Wednesday, 9 August between 9:30am and 1:30pm

Please let me know if any of these times work for you.

I can see you've booked in for next Wednesday's information session - which is great. During the session we'll step through the draft vision in further detail and then we can talk through your feedback, questions and ideas in further detail in our meeting in early August. Please note, no changes are currently proposed to your use of Sunshine Energy Park. Should changes be considered in the future this would be informed by your feedback, a final vision plan adopted by Council and through ongoing consultation with you.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,  
Letitia

### SEP Engagement Team

Brimbank Community and Civic Centre - 301 Hampshire Road, Sunshine

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# ALTONA CITY PIGEON CLUB



President: C. Abela

Secretary: J. Farrugia

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10th July 2023

Western Pigeon Federation (WPF)  
27B Carrington Drive  
Albion, Vic 3020

Subject: Recommendation for Tony Abraham for Life Membership

Dear Members of WPF Board of Management,

Altona City Pigeon Club members would like to nominate Mr. Tony Abraham for the Life Membership in the Western Pigeon Federation at the 2024 AGM.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust that the Western Pigeon Federation Board of Management will make the right decision in recognizing Mr. Tony Abraham's invaluable contributions to the sport of pigeon racing.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary, J. Farrugia

## WPF Secretary

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**From:** Barry Devine <phoenixloftsaustralia@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 July 2023 2:53 PM  
**To:** secretary@wpf.org.au  
**Subject:** Online auctions

Dear Mark

Please see ad online auctions

Can it go up this week and stay up.

**Please call Barry Devine on 0477-222187**

Phoenix Lofts Australia Online Auctions in August  
with House Of Pigeons [www.hopauctions.com.au](http://www.hopauctions.com.au)

Birds in the Auction include.

Dirk Van Den Bulck sire bred SCF national winner.

Raven Van Loon have bred this year 2 equal first Federation winners for Angelo Barark Victoria.

Two Prize winners for Allen Zrha SCF well up in the federation:

Cock off Blue Cavier winner of \$51,000 Meadow one loft Race.

One down of Good as Gold and the Syndicate cock.

Pittbulls, Grizzels, Heremans Ceusters Samson line, Marcellis, Gabby Raven, Cootman and Wouter.

View online now to see full Pedigrees and photos of the pigeons at [www.phoenixloftsaustralia.com](http://www.phoenixloftsaustralia.com)

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**10 Pigeons Race Teams available for \$780**

**Please call Barry Devine on 0477-222187**

**Do not email as bary is only available on the phone.**

**Regards**

**Dominic See**

**Barry Tech.**

# Ballarat Pigeon Attractions

## VICTORIAN OPEN PIGEON RACE



2023 FROM GLENDAMBO S.A. 2023

Basketing Tuesday 19th September 2023. Release Friday 22nd September 2023.

Watch interim results as flyers clock at [pigeonrace.net](http://pigeonrace.net)

1<sup>st</sup>=\$1250 – 2<sup>nd</sup>=\$750 – 3<sup>rd</sup>=\$500 – 4<sup>th</sup>=\$250 – 5<sup>th</sup>=\$200 – 6<sup>th</sup>=\$200 – 7<sup>th</sup>=\$200 – 8<sup>th</sup>=\$200  
9<sup>th</sup>=\$100 – 10<sup>th</sup>\$100

2023 V.O. Entry costs \$25 per bird.

\$1000 bonus if winner has closed BPA or V.O. marker on leg  
(Lofts must be in Victoria)

Entry payment close **31<sup>st</sup> August 2023** Entry Confirmation posted to Flyers after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

### Contacts for 2023 Entry's:

**Aaron McKay      Mob. 0438 666 510 Bank Details    BSB 083-526 Account No 676549992**

**Post: Barry Marshall, 31 Ditchfield Lane, Brown Hill, Vic 3350 Home ph. 53347655**

**Email: [barrygmarshall@hotmail.com](mailto:barrygmarshall@hotmail.com)**

Flyers, when entering, please inform No. of Entry's needed, name, address, phone number, and email address. Also name of club.

Each 2023 entry allows flyer to nominate 1 pigeon on Basketing Night in 2023V.O.P.R

All race birds with closed BPA or V.O. Ring on leg have free entry into 2023 V.O.P.R. alongside 2023 Nominated birds. Clock setting, turn over and velocities are to be supervised and carried out at flyers clubs.

Major sponsors Godfrey Stevens---Max Smith---Lonsdale Constructions thanks for support again in 2023.

Basketing W.P.F. 6.30pm to 8pm Tuesday 19th September 2023

Dandenong club rooms 5.30pm to 7pm Tuesday 19th September 2023

Central Highlands Pigeon Combine 7pm to 10pm Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

LIBERATION: Aaron McKay. Phone 0438 666 510

TRANSPORT: Andrew Djordjevic. Ph. 0439 613 139

### **Previous Winners**

2013 Aaron McKay Noccundra 1092km—F.T. 13H 4M 10S—Vel.1392.569—BEHC 2010/184 BBP Hen

2014 Tony Sofra Toompine 1022km—F.T. 18H 4M 13S—Vel.943.526—SHP 2012/734 BCP Hen

2015 Jerome Bignold Glendambo 1045km—F.T. 20H 21M 04S—Vel.855.96—TAM 2014/536 BB Hen

2016 BJD Marshall Noccundra 1085km—F.T. 12H 53M 57S—Vel.1403.03—Croy.Clas. 2015/0641 BCP Hen

**2017 No Race (Rota Virus)**

2018 Gatt & Maine Glendambo 1176km—F.T. 16H 07M 08S—Vel.1216.315—GMPF 2015/3845 DC Hen

2019 Stevens brothers Noccundra 1132km—F.T. 13H 13M 0S—Vel.1427.533—VHA 2017/14270 BBP Hen

**2020 No Race (covid 19)**

**2021 No Race (covid 19)**

2022 T&J Stevens Noccundra 1133km—F.T. 24H 07M 34S—Vel.783.227—VHA 2019/21666 BBP Hen

**2023**



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**Sent:** Wednesday, 2 August 2023 1:02 PM  
**To:** Felix Lia ; Des Vatzakis; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Letter to Green Gully Club requesting information regarding Life Membership Nominations.

**Importance:** High

To the members of the Green Gully Club. [ @Felix, @Des]

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**Sent:** Thursday, 3 August 2023 11:11 AM  
**To:** 'John Saggars'; WPF Treasurer; WPF President; WPF Secretary; Ray Russell; Chris Cachia; Matthew Ciancio  
**Subject:** RE: For BOM meeting 7-9-23

Hi John [ @Matthew Ciancio]

Thank you for your email.

1. You are correct. The points are counting up, 1, 2, 3 etc. When this was set up, I did not realise this was the case. It should not in any way affect the result. In previous years we scored the section and club points down from 30, 29, 28 etc. and every flyer received points. Counting upwards will not change the result as every flyer in the section and club results is still get points. Please note the Federation average points system is still the same 30 points and down.

I am happy to change this, but it is a bit of work and will not change the result.

2. Trailer fund. Good Question. Can you tell me when a trailer fund was first setup? To the best of my knowledge all income has been going into general revenue for many years. Again, to the best of my knowledge the \$0.05 per bird levy previously charged was to cover repairs and maintenance. As you know this has been costly the last couple of years. We will be embarking on a transport fund raising program and all the money raised from this will be set aside for a trailer/transporter replacement.

3. No idea. Let's hope we do not have a bad weekend. If the Yarraville club has any suggestions, please feel free to pass them onto the BOM for consideration. In the event a bad weekend occurs I am sure the BOM will work together to resolve the situation.

4. Misprint. By the time it was realised it was already in print. Premier League does not exist as per the SGM in January 2023.

PS. I am assuming your meeting was Friday 28/07/2023 and not 28/08/2023. Now I am being cheeky.

C/C @WPF Treasurer, @WPF President, @WPF Secretary, @Ray Russell, @Chris Cachia.

Marc Tenaglia.

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