

Minutes Solos Network General Meeting
St George Rally, QLD, 23rd May 2025

Meeting was opened by CMCA CEO Nelson Crawshaw at 3.06pm

No written apologies.

CEO commenced the meeting as follows;

Thank you all for welcoming my wife and me at this rally. Please remember to be respectful to our volunteers, who, like everyone else, have paid to be here. There have been instances where volunteers felt uncomfortable. A big thank you to Jerry and the team for their fantastic work.

Carol will not be re-standing for President in Canowindra, and Carl will not continue as Vice President/RLO. The rest of the committee will remain unchanged. Merron will share the survey results in her report later. We have a great club and membership!

President's Report – Presented by Carol Reason – report attached, main points covered are:

- **St George Rally:** Enjoying the event; thanks to Jerry and his team.
 - **Upcoming Rally:** Planning for Canowindra from **October 22-29**; Martin North as Rally Manager.
 - **Leadership Changes:**
 - Carol will not re-stand for President in October.
 - Carl will not continue as Vice President/Rally Liaison Officer.
 - **Member Engagement:** Interested members encouraged to contact committee for involvement.
 - **Committee Acknowledgment:** Appreciation for the dedicated committee; rewarding experience over the past years.
 - **Continuing Roles:** All other committee members will remain in their positions.
 - **Survey Results:** Merron will present results regarding future rallies and bush camps.
 - **Next Meeting:** Looking forward to seeing everyone in Canowindra!
- Acceptance:** Report accepted by Gayle Clark, seconded by Sue Fairley. Carried.

Vice-President's Report - Presented by: Carl De Boer report attached, main points covered are:

- **Shipping Solos Crates:**
 - Crates confirmed for shipping after the Rally.
 - **Transport:** YONG Transport approached; St George Freight Lines to store crates at **\$15/week**.
 - **Storage:** Free storage at the Age of Fishes Museum in Canowindra until needed.
 - **Pickup:** Notify YONG Transport when crates are ready for pickup.
 - **Venue Planning for 2026:**
 - Ongoing efforts to secure venues for **Autumn and Spring 2026**.
 - **Maryborough** is a promising option requiring further investigation.
 - **St George Rally Success:**
 - Rally was successful with all teams performing well.
 - A new Rally Liaison Officer (RLO) interested in taking over next year; confirmation at the AGM.
 - **Collaboration:** Martin North will assist the new RLO with venue selection and surveying for future rallies.
- Acceptance:** Accepted by Ed Sainsbury. Seconded by Garry Cole.
Carried.

Treasurer's Report – Presented by Glenda Farrington report attached, main points covered are:

- **Financials:**
 - St George Rally financial details to be provided later.
 - Solos Financial Statements included in the May newsletter.
- **Bank Balance:**
 - As of May 23, 2025: **\$46,701.59**; expected to decrease to **\$30,000** post-rally.
- **Next Rally:** Registration forms for Canowindra available on the website in early June.
- **Refunds:** Request refunds by providing BSB and account numbers.
- **Membership Payments:** Options are Card and payment transfers.

Acceptance: Report accepted by Geoff Phillips, seconded by Sandy Hardman.
Carried.

PR-Media Report – Presented by Merron McEvoy – report attached, main points covered are:

- **Newsletters:** Distributed November 2024, February 2025, and May 2025 editions; thanks to all Solos Chapters and to Karin and Cathie for distribution.
 - **Member Survey:** Conducted with positive responses with the final conclusion that members would like to keep the current format of 2 Rallies and 1 Bush camp per year.
 - **Article Submission:** Submitted to "The Wanderer"; will follow personal guidelines for future submissions due to presentation issues.
 - **St George Rally PR:** Liaised with Josh Euler; awaiting results on article and photos submitted.
 - **Local Dignitaries:** Invitations accepted by key figures, resulting in positive connections.
 - **Social Media Promotion:** Posted on St George Community Facebook page; promoted rally Open Day.
 - **RV-Friendly Town:** Ongoing efforts to encourage St George's RV-friendly status.
 - **General Communication:** Facebook remains primary medium; seminar presented on using Solos Facebook page and Network website.
- Acceptance:** Report moved by Merron. Seconded by Liz Gregory.
Carried.

Membership Liaison Report – Presented by Karin Kirk – report attached, main points covered are:

- **Attendance:** Great to see many members!
- **Membership Statistics:**
 - Current membership: **854** (includes 6 Life Members and 38 Honorary Members).
- **Facebook Engagement:** Strong presence with **786 members** (92% of total); private page for financial members only.
- **Badges:** Membership badges will be handed out.

Acceptance: Report moved by Karin. Seconded by Louise Kynoch.
Carried.

General business

Nelson Crawshaw opened the meeting to the floor.

Diana Hanlon N42038 asked if we should include the Fossils. It was advised that they were included and paid the usual \$25 per year membership.

Sue Coad Q70796 congratulated Merron and Karin for their excellent interview on the Sunrise Morning Show stating that it was a great achievement for the club.

Lind Hughes W90674 suggested that it would be useful to have an idea of where the next rallies are to be held as it helps with travel arrangements. Nelson advised that the next CMCA Rally is to be held in Bundaberg so the Solos Rally will be in that area but the 2027 rallies were not agreed yet.

Nelson thanked the solos for their attendance and closed the meeting at 3.37pm.