Gold Coast Pickleball Association Inc. ABN 23 315 313 698

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Sunday 8 November 2026 | 11:00 am | Currumbin RSL

Chairperson	Ryan Chilton	**Minute taker**	Annette Markey
Meeting opened	11:00am	**# Of members present**	59
Quorum present (5 members, cl. 33)	☐ Yes ☐ No	**Attendance register recorded**	☐ Yes ☐ No

The President chairs the meeting, or the Vice-President in their absence (cl. 34). Proxy votes are not permitted (cl. 40). Only business listed in the notice of meeting can be dealt with.

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies

Committee members present

- **Ryan Chilton** - President
- **Martin Simpkins** - Treasurer
- **Annette Markey** - Secretary
- **Darrell Rose** - Ordinary Committee Member
- **Geoff Aitken-Smith** - Ordinary Committee Member

Apologies

- **Troy Methorst** - Ordinary Committee Member
- **Peter Bell** - Ordinary Committee Member

2. Confirmation of the 2025 AGM minutes

Motion	**That the minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting be confirmed as a true and accurate record.** **Note: 2025 AGM minutes were amended on 21/05/2026 with a Remuneration & Benefits Statement which had been omitted.**		
Moved	Martin Simpkins	**Seconded**	Annette Markey
Vote Result	☐ Carried ☐ Lost		

3. President's Report 2025/26

Presented by	Ryan Chilton

Key points / discussion
Ryan Presented Presidents Report which is to be published on GCPA Resource Centre.

Motion	**That the President's Report for 2025/26 be received.**		
Moved	Carley	**Seconded**	Deb Simpkins
Vote Result	☐ Carried ☐ Lost		

4. Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements 2025/26

Presented by	Martin Simpkins
Key points / discussion	

Martin Simpkins presented the financial statements and audit report. A one-page summary was handed out, and members were directed to the full report on the Resource Centre.

Questions and discussion

- **Ally Cooper:** Asked what made up the **$51,162 in "other expenses"**. **Response:** The committee could not itemise it at the meeting and took the question on notice.
- **Ally Cooper:** Asked how the approximately **$762,000 in cash and term deposits** would be used. **Response:** The roof was the only committed project; court-surface work was being considered.
- **Michael O'Malley:** Asked how much remained to be paid for the roof. **Response:** No exact figure was available because variations remained unsettled.
- **Nicole Rose:** Asked whether GCPA would establish a **confidential, independent complaints and feedback hotline**. **Response:** Nicole was invited to submit the suggestion in writing. No decision was made.
- **Tracey Arnott:** Asked whether session fees would increase. **Response:** No increase was planned at that stage; the incoming committee would review fees.
- **Carley O'Connell:** Asked whether committee-member payments were included in "other expenses" and could be itemised. **Response:** The committee would check the accounting classification with the bookkeeper.
- **Nicole Rose:** Asked whether members had been offered the work now being paid. **Response:** The committee described the requests for volunteers for various tasks that had been made but were not filled by any volunteers. It was confirmed that the tasks were undertaken by the incumbent Secretary, and that the specific role had not been advertised externally as a paid position.
- **Theo Rose:** Asked why someone receiving payment had asked others to volunteer for work. **Response:** Necessary work may need to be paid for if volunteers cannot be found.
- **Sarah Godwin:** Asked why paid work had not been advertised so others could apply, and noted her objection to committee members receiving payment. **Response:** The committee cited an immediate operational need. Murray Simpson proposed continuing the **$200-per-week** arrangement until procedures were documented, then advertising the role. **This remained a proposal.**

Motion	**That the Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements for 2025/26 be received and accepted.**		
Moved	Carley O'Connell	**Seconded**	June Webber
Vote Result	☐ Carried ☐ Lost		

5. Remuneration and Benefits Statement

Presented by	Ryan Chilton
Key points / discussion	

Remuneration Disclosure:
For the 2025/26 financial year, the association

- Paid **3 people** a total of **$37,951** in remuneration and benefits for Coaching and Administration Services.
- Paid meals & non-alcoholic drinks at committee meetings totalling **$229.61**

Ryan Chilton, presented the remuneration & benefits statement. The total amount & number of people is the minimum requirement for disclosure however the committee further provided info on the people who are paid.

Annette Markey, Ian Goldie and Darrell Rose were identified during discussion as recipients of payments in 2025/26 for services outside committee duties. Individual amounts were not stated.

Ryan made it clear that any payments are for genuine services rendered to the club and not for individual roles on the committee and that those outside of the 3 mentioned above do not receive any benefit or remuneration for their roles on the committee or other services.

Motion	**That the Remuneration and Benefits Statement be received.**		
Moved	Martin Simpkins	**Seconded**	Michael Date
Vote Result	☐ Carried ☐ Lost		

6. General business / questions from members

Member/ Format	Question / matter raised	Response / outcome
Question From AGM RSVP Form	Runaway Bay Updates & Lease Finalisation.	**Geoff Aitken-Smith:** spoke about the lease being received needing review and should be done for signing in the following weeks. **Murray Simpson:** Spoke on the costs of the lease vs 35k from pure tennis, current cost from council being substantially less. He discussed the council is providing $150k for fixes and general upkeep in relation to taking on a facility which has needs for restoration. **Sarah Godwin:** Asked why **$100,000** had been allocated to Runaway Bay before its lease was signed, and whether Runaway Bay and Currumbin should become separate clubs due to a clear schism between runaway bay & currumbin. **Response:** The amount was an internal GCPA allocation. Separation would require substantial administrative work. No decision was made. Is not a logical time to split the clubs. **David Bewley:** Stated the club isn't much different from runaway bay to currumbin and that the proposal to council, was built off the income & history from GCPA. **Ryan Chilton (President):** talked about how we are one club and we work together across all the venues, with resources being able to be shared across both.

Question From AGM RSVP Form	Costs & timeline for court repair following the roof.	Ryan reported that GCPA had **no formal quote, approved cost or confirmed timeframe** for repairing the Currumbin courts after the roof works. Contractors would need to assess the courts once the roof structure was sufficiently complete. **Member:** Asked whether the courts would be resurfaced or replaced. **Response:** Contractor assessment was needed but likely a full replacement needed. **Member:** A question was asked if there would be a problem with money being split between Runaway Bay and Currumbin. **Response:** As we are a financial club the committee is sure there will be enough funds with increasing revenue and current balances to prioritise both venues.
Darrell	Roof Update	The committee said it hoped to reopen approximately four Currumbin courts while builders continued working outside the court footprint. The remaining courts would reopen after further work was complete. This was an anticipated sequence, not a confirmed completion date given the builders delays to date.

Question From AGM RSVP Form	Governance Updates, Constitutional Review and Legal Updates.	Legal advice from constitutional review: *"Generally, the existing Constitution of the GCPA serves its objectives and management operations scope in a broad-based approach. We note that there is no immediate need to amend the present Constitution beyond the committee resolving to have in place revised regulations to meet good governance of its management and operations."* *The committee have put in place:* ● *2 signatories on all bank accounts.* ● *Conflict of Interest register* ● *Improved meeting minutes templates to allow executive business & general business.* ● *Share workspace & cloud storage.* ● *Digital Assets Register* ● *Service Agreements For Paid Roles.* ● *Police checks for committee members.* **Michael Waterson: Bylaws,** Michael asked whether GCPA had bylaws and whether there was a document setting them out. The response was uncertain. **The AGM did not establish whether bylaws existed.**

		Sarah Godwin: Access to minutes. Asked whether Clause 54 could result in committee minutes being withheld or extensively redacted, and how members could inspect them, given Sarah's previous attempts to gain minutes. **Response:** Before discussing Sarah's private email to the committee in the open meeting, Ryan asked her permission to refer to it publicly. He explained that the committee had sought legal advice on her request for documents. He said the requested earlier committee minutes had not been provided because executive and general matters, including names, complaints and sensitive legal or commercial information, were recorded together. The committee did not have the resources to review and redact those minutes for release. Ryan distinguished general-meeting minutes from committee minutes and said the revised template separates executive and general business, making appropriate material easier to provide on request. **Sarah Godwin: Complaints-policy email address.** Said the published address was incorrect, that she had raised it previously, and asked when it would be corrected. **Response:** Ryan said the committee would locate and review the document and update it. No timeframe was given. **Sarah Godwin: Special-meeting threshold and member oversight.** Questioned the constitutional threshold of **25% of members** and suggested **10%**, citing concern about members' ability to respond if a small committee majority gained control of significant club assets. **Response:** Ryan said legal advice had not identified an immediate need to amend the constitution. He acknowledged that 25% was high in his personal view, discussed the need to balance member oversight with the practical demands of holding special meetings, and said the incoming committee could review the threshold. Murray also expressed openness to reviewing the constitution. **No amendment was decided.**

		Sarah Godwin: Legal expenses. Asked whether Ian Goldie was paying legal expenses associated with his matter. **Response:** Ryan answered **no** and explained that the year's legal advice covered several matters. He said the constitutional review arose from Sarah's earlier correspondence which predated Ian's resignation and was separate from that matter. **Sarah Godwin: Equitable court access.** Asked whether the approximately **4½-week private-hire** and **four-week session** booking windows could be shortened to around **10 days**, explaining her concern that popular times were difficult for other members to access. **Response:** The proposal was discussed, including Sport Logic settings, existing booking expectations and differing member needs. The incoming committee indicated it would seek member views and consider the advantages and disadvantages before changing the windows. **No change was made at the AGM.** **Sarah Godwin: Active and Healthy Program.** Suggested listing suitable beginner-accessible Tuesday or Friday social sessions through the council program and offered to help. **Response:** Members discussed how a session might work alongside existing social play. The suggestion was received for further discussion; **no registration decision was made.** **Sarah Godwin: Heat policy.** Asked that the AGM minutes record her concern that installing the roof does not, by itself, increase safe playing hours, and that temperature and humidity requirements still need to be considered. **Response:** Her point was discussed and noted for the minutes. **No change to playing hours was decided.**

Question From AGM RSVP Form	Process for allocating committee members paid jobs within the club, and advertisement of roles with the wider community.	Current administration & day to day operational tasks have been put out to the club over years as numerous volunteer roles with minimal uptake. With a growing club day to day admin, venue management and increased workloads the committee decided to pay Annette Markey (and formerly Ian Goldie) to provide services crucial for day to day operations and which were outside of their normal roles in the committee. This decision was made and not publicly advertised previously as the need for quicker decision making made sense for these duties to be undertaken by someone on the committee with full knowledge and details of the clubs executive business. Historically we have not had the resources to allocate this externally as a paid engagement. **Member:** Welcomed the civil discussion and observed that improved communication could help address concerns about transparency and encourage volunteering.

Question From AGM RSVP Form	Who has been paid on the committee and how much?	The remuneration & benefit disclosure is limited by nature due to personal confidentiality. While we are only obligated to share the number of committee members paid and the total amount. We have chosen to provide more details with the permission of those whose personal details it shares. **Annette Markey -** Is paid for Sports Logic administration, venue support and organising activities such as the Christmas party **Darrell Rose -** Is Paid For Coaching, this only includes time on court coaching. **Ian Goldie -** Was paid for administration of Sports Logic and Currumbin Venue Management. This has now been absorbed by Annette who has taken on more responsibilities. The rest of the committee are not paid for any services to the club. And the whole committee is NOT paid for their volunteer roles as committee members. Those paid acknowledge that any payments are for duties outside of their role on the committee. Due to personal confidentiality the committee chooses to not disclose the exact amounts for each person but the total figure across all 3 paid for services in 2025/26 equals $37,951, This is consistent with Gov regulations and also the same confidentiality any service provider for GCPA is entitled to. Example Required Disclosure As Per QLD Gov.
Carley O'Connell	Committee Members To Be Given free membership - made to vote.	Carley proposed that the incoming committee consider waiving the approximately $97 annual membership fee for committee volunteers. **Response:** The suggestion was acknowledged, with insurance, PAA/PAQ and decision-making implications noted for consideration. **No vote was taken and matter to be considered by future committee.**

Questions only. No new motions can be moved, as only business listed in the notice can be dealt with.

7. Election of the 2026/27 committee *(all positions)*

Interim Chair / Returning Officer	John Collins acted as interim chair of the meeting until the election of the new Committee. He thanked the members for the 2025-2026 Committee and declared it dissolved. John stated that the Treasurer's position had Zero nominations prior to AGM and opened the floor for members to nominate for the position. The committee and members discussed the role and its duties. Ryan Chilton, then declared a 5min break. In which time the current Treasurer (Martin Simpkins) would be available to answer questions about the role. Once resumed, John called for final nominations from the floor. Pru Rousselot nominated Sarah Godwin to stand as Treasurer. Sarah declined the nomination. The position went with zero nominations and will remain a casual vacancy to be filled by incoming committee at a later date. John then went on to announce the 2026/27 Management committee as shown Below.

Position	Elected	Method
President	Murray Simpson	☐ Unopposed ☐ Ballot
Secretary	Annette Markey	☐ Unopposed ☐ Ballot
Treasurer	**Casual Vacancy**	☐ Unopposed ☐ Ballot
Ordinary Committee Member	Michael Waterson	☐ Unopposed ☐ Ballot
Ordinary Committee Member	Geoff Aitken-Smith	☐ Unopposed ☐ Ballot
Ordinary Committee Member	Michael Omalley	☐ Unopposed ☐ Ballot
Ordinary Committee Member	Shane Seccull	☐ Unopposed ☐ Ballot

Vice-President (appointed by the President, cl. 17(3)(b))	TBA

The chair hands over to the returning officer for the election. Ballots, if needed, are conducted as the chair directs (cl. 18(6), 36). Elected members complete the Committee Position Acceptance form.

8. Close of meeting

Closing Remarks	Murray Simpson the new president, gave his regards and thanked the outgoing committee and members for attending. The meeting was declared closed shortly after 1pm.
Meeting closed at	1.06pm

Chairperson confirmation

I confirm these minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting (cl. 19(3)).

Name	Ryan Chilton	**Signature**	
Date	8/11/2026	**To Be Confirmed at**	2027 AGM

Attachments: President's Report • Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements • Remuneration and Benefits Statement