

VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION
(Trading as VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INC. A0011317E)

Minutes of APRIL2026 Committee Meeting

Held at 7.40pm on Monday 13th April 2026

PRESENT:

Tony Price	President
Joe Denaro	Vice President
John Share	Secretary
Luke Taliana	Assistant Secretary
Steve Cini	Committee
Mark Cavanagh	Committee
Robert Cauchi	Committee

Apologies:

Nil

Guests:

Nil

Meeting Chaired by: Tony Price

Distribution:

All Present
VPU Website

1.0 Previous Minutes March 2026

- 1.1 Minutes of March 2026 were read and received on a motion from Steve Cini seconded by Joe Denaro

2.0 Business arising from Previous Minutes.

- 2.1 Tony Price advised the original sign writer was no longer interested in completing the new sign above the roller door (5m by 1.2m) and will seek to find another sign writer.
- 2.2 Steve Cini advised the 24 S/S drinkers at a total cost of \$2,640 were in the process of being made.
- 2.3 Tony Price to arrange photos (by photographer Joe CHIONG) for the 500, 600, National winners and VPU bird of the year at the union rooms in June. All members will be advised of the exact date, to allow those wishing to have their own birds photographed.

Minutes adopted Mark Cavanagh seconded Robert Cauchi

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3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Tony Price advised that all monies for the Union Classic had been received.
- 3.2 Frank Quagliarella submitted a quote for the 2026 cleaning contract.
- 3.3 Application by Ali Naji of 67 Mount Albert Dve, Campbellfield (0426774511)

4.0 Correspondence out

Nil

5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 Minute 3.1 - Noted
- 5.2 Minute 3.2 – Frank Quagliarella’s quote accepted. The total cost for the 12 months cleaning of the units, drinkers, rooms and outside grounds is the same as paid in 2025. Frank’s two sons will also be assisting him.
- 5.3 Minute 3.3 – Ali Naji VRPU membership accepted (loft has been inspected).

6.0 Clock Chairman report:

- 6.1 Tony Price advised that he had arranged with Kevin Clark for the Benzing ETS clocks software update. Clocks to be dropped off at VPU rooms Thursday 14th May and collected Friday 15th May. SMS message to be sent out.

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7.0 Treasurer's Report:

- 7.1 Jim Davis advised books balanced at the end of March 2026. No outstanding accounts. Outstanding ring monies \$270. 31 renewed memberships received. Jim to contact those persons still owing money for rings.

8.0 New Business.

- 8.1 Tony Price advised Rota Vaccine not available till early June.
- 8.2 Becker has been appointed the VPU scribe for Social Media platform Facebook.
- 8.3 The VPU Website to be updated and maintained by Luke Taliana.
- 8.4 Spelling of name correction – Barry Dodds flying as Dodds & Sinopoli

9.0 Life Rings.

- 9.1 As per Rule 137 (3)" only VPU Rings or rings approved by the VPU will be Accepted". In 2025 the committee discussed and voted that any life rings bearing an Individual's phone number, including a second ring or plastic marker that identifies ownership (ie. Stud name) will be banned from competing. It has come to the attention of the committee that a number of flyers have received birds from outside persons rung with Australian rings. As these rings have an individual's phone number on them, they are subsequently not approved. However, to be fair to those flyers and in particular to the breeders of those birds, the committee has given an exemption for the 2026 season only.

As a comment, both the President Tony Price and the Secretary John Share have had discussions with the Central Cumberland Federation, Sydney President Stephen Shears, as the CCF have found themselves in the identical situation. Like the VPU, they are allowing those flyers with birds rung with Australian rings to compete for this year only (with the exception of a number of races), however those birds are ineligible to compete in 2027.

Flyers are requested to note that as from 2027, rule 137 will be strictly enforced. All foreign rings, excluding those issued by Federations/approved clubs thru out Australia, will **NOT** be accepted unless approved by the VPU committee.

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10.0 2026 Transport

10.1 The VPU and the WPF met on Friday 20th March 2026 to discuss joint transport for the season 2026.

Present was VPU President Tony Price, Secretary John Share, Treasurer Jim Davis, WPF President John Saggars, Secretary Michael Portelli, A/Secretary Ivan Fonti, Treasurer Charley Abela.

The WPF tabled a proposal that included the Union birds being picked up each week (the same as 2025), races commencing the 27th June thru to the 2nd Broken Hill. It did not include Tassy, the 400 mile National, 500 and 600 mile Combine.

Although Charley Abela put forward some costings, due to the fluctuation of the price of Diesel, understandably no firm agreement is possible at this time regarding the transport cost to the Union.

It has since been decided by the VPU Executive that we will **NOT** commence our transport with the WPF until the 1st Birchip on 4th July. As the WPF is commencing their race season on the 13th June from St Arnaud, it meant the Union would only have one St Arnaud before Birchip, a distance of 250kms. The executive believes the distance from Birchip is too great for the commencement of our birds.

Instead, the Union proposes to arrange our own transporter (Semi) to allow all members to send their birds (no limit) on Saturday 27th June to Serpentine (150kms) as a training flight. Like the training flights conducted in the Covid years 2020/21, the only cost will be a loft fee to cover the transport cost. Members will be encouraged to support this proposal.

Meeting closed 9.30pm