

HERON

National Newsletter June 2025



Jack Holt Regatta 2025, Lake Cootharaba Queensland.

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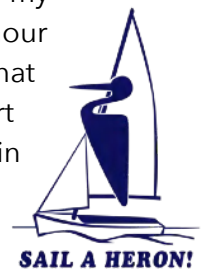
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Hi all, welcome to the June 2025 newsletter, and my first as the new association President. It is an honour to be serving in this capacity for an association that I (and the Carey family in general) have been part of for so long. The Heron is quite a unique class in Australia, allowing for the most challenging and close racing while still maintaining the family and fun atmosphere that is so important.



As I pick up the role from Paul Armstrong, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Paul for all the hard work and enthusiasm he has brought to the association - not just during his three years as President, but for several years before that as a highly valued committee member. Throughout that time, Paul has been an enthusiastic traveller, attending just about every regatta on the calendar, transporting other people's boats to and from regattas, and generally doing everything he can to ensure fleets are vibrant across the country. Paul is now focused on his new role as Commodore of the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club but he continues to make a significant contribution to the QLD fleet - especially sharing our love for Lake Cootharaba as our spiritual home!

Also moving on at the last AGM was Wayne Spencer, who has worked tirelessly over 10 years as the Association Secretary. All members cannot thank Wayne enough for the enormous contribution he has made over many years. We have been very lucky to have Wayne perform this role for such an extended period so a huge thank you Wayne!



Adam and Ned Ross sailing 10359 Hooray for Birds at the 2025 Jack Holt Regatta, Lake Cootharaba

Photo: Russell Witt Photography

Stepping into the role of Secretary and joining the committee is our very own National Champion, David Johnson. Thank you, David, for accepting the role and stepping up to help keep the association in good shape.

All other committee roles remain the same as last year, with the exception of the South Australia Vice President role, which is still to be decided at the state level.

With that, I'll sign off and wish you all a relaxing winter break. Kate and I have already booked our accommodation for Wangi Wangi, which looks set to host a wonderful National Championship regatta in January 2026. I look forward to seeing a huge crowd there - if I don't see you before.

Happy sailing!

Justin Carey

President NHSSA



Ready to race at the 2025 Jack Holt Regatta
Photo: Mardi Smith

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the lands on which we walk and waters on which we sail. We recognise their continuing connection to the land, water, culture and community.

We pay tribute to all of those who have nurtured the sea, rivers, lakes and streams over many thousand of years. May we sail gently and respectfully upon these waters. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



65TH HERON NATIONALS

WANGI, NSW | JAN 2026

Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club in conjunction with the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia invite you to join us in January 2026 for the 65th National Heron Titles.



5-10 JANUARY 2026

MON
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Registration, invitation
race, opening ceremony

TUE
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Championship race day

WED
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Championship race day,
Heron Idol

THUR
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Reserve Day

FRI
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Championship race day

SAT
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Championship race day,
Presentation



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2025 Jack Holt Regatta, Lake Cootharaba Photo: Russell Witt

Another year, and another huge weekend at Lake Cootharaba for the QLD Heron fleet - and guests! We had an impressive fleet of 27 Herons competing on the traditional May weekend at the lake. A special thank you to several interstate sailors who made the trip north, including Anthony Morgan who came all the way from Tasmania. We also welcomed several sailors from Sydney and other parts of NSW. Thanks for coming up and keeping the Queensland sailors in check!!

As always, *(we like our traditions here in Queensland)*, the regatta was held over the two days of the Queensland Labour Day long weekend. The weather was a bit on the cool side, but the wind was fresh and steady - perfect for racing. The Lake Cootharaba Sailing club did an amazing job, as always, hosting and running the races with great professionalism.

I would love to say that the racing was closely contested, but to be honest, David Johnson gave everyone a sailing lesson, winning very convincingly. He only dropped one race after hitting the finish mark in a manoeuvre I witnessed, but still can't quite describe!



John and Christine McKeown in 9700 Jaws

Nick and Hannah Billett sailing 10169 The Hopeful Heron
Photo: Russell Witt Photography

In second place and almost as dominant, were James (Goughy) and super crew Becky Gough. Many local challengers vied for third place, which was finally secured by sCarey, sailed by Chris Carey and Feb Browne, flying the flag for Queensland. Brett and Mandy were also super impressive all weekend followed closely by team Breadsell (Nicole and Rosie) in Carew. And I should say that Adam and Ned Ross would have been right at the font of the results had they not found the wrong side of the start line on a few occasions. Perhaps next year we will move the start line a metre to the East, and Adam will be good to go.

A special mention to our first junior sailors, Isabella Winks and Joe Thompson. This duo sailed a great regatta, finishing every race in the testing conditions and becoming the resounding winners of the junior category!

This was the first year at the lake since the passing of Peter Carey. On Saturday night, the family BBQ and Toad Racing went ahead, with a heartfelt toast to Peter and the wonderful legacy he created. No one quite knows how those toads actually work, but once again the kids and not-so-kids were totally mesmerised trying to make them hop to the finish. Lots of fun and laughter as always.

All in all, a fabulous weekend! We look forward to seeing everyone at Lake Cootharaba again next year!

Justin Carey

9671 Little Aussie



Jemima and Justin Carey sailing 5805 Hazardous Jam
Liz and Sammy Gough sailing 10288 She Said Yes!



Isabella Winks & Joe Thompson in a great rolling jibe in 10131 Ard-Ri
Photo: Russell Witt Photography

Jack Holt Regatta & Qld State Titles results

Sailed: 7, Discards: 1, To count: 6, Rating system: AS, Entries: 27, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	HelmAge	HelmSex	HelmName	CrewName	Boat	SailNo	Club	CrewSex	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Total	Nett
1st		Male	David Johnson	Max Ross	Chicken Dinner	10365	NLSC	Male	1.0	1.0	1.0	(2.0)	1.0	1.0	1.0	8.0	6.0
2nd		Male	James Gough	Becky Gough	Murra Ngura	10163	NLSC	Female	(5.0)	2.0	2.0	5.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	23.0	18.0
3rd		Male	Chris Carey	Feb Browne	sCarey	10275	SBSC	Other	3.5	4.0	3.0	6.0	4.0	(28.0 DNC)	5.0	53.5	25.5
4th		Male	Brett Buckley	Mandy Kennedy	Nan	10194	DPSS	Female	3.5	6.0	5.0	(28.0 OCS)	5.0	3.0	6.0	56.5	28.5
5th		Female	Nicole Breadsell	Rosie breadsell	Xsrew	9506	SBSC	Female	7.0	(11.0)	7.0	1.0	8.0	5.0	7.5	46.5	35.5
6th		Male	Nick Billett	Hannah	The Hopeful Heron	10169	DPSS	Female	6.0	5.0	(28.0 DNC)	4.0	6.0	7.0	7.5	63.5	35.5
7th		Male	Michael Spies	Tegan Mitchell	Ugly Duckling	10368	SYC	Female	9.0	(12.5)	10.0	7.0	7.0	2.0	4.0	51.5	39.0
8th		Male	Adam Ross	Ned Ross	Hooray for Birds	10359	CHYC	Male	2.0	3.0	6.0	(28.0 OCS)	3.0	28.0 OCS	2.0	72.0	44.0
9th		Male	Paul Armstrong	Jozee Fowler	Forever Young	10366	LCSC	Female	(10.0)	9.0	4.0	3.0	10.0	9.0	10.0	55.0	45.0
10th		Female	Jemima Carey	Justin Carey	Mazardous Jam	5805	SBSC	Male	8.0	7.0	9.0	(10.0)	9.0	6.0	9.0	58.0	48.0
11th		Male	Mark Hughes	Rosetta Hughes	The Devil Made Me Do It	9988	SBSC	Female	11.0	(28.0 DNC)	12.0	8.0	11.0	8.0	11.0	89.0	61.0
12th	J	Female	Isabella Winks	Joe Thompson	Ard-Ri	10131	SBSC	Male	(17.0)	14.0	14.0	15.0	14.0	11.0	12.0	97.0	80.0
13th		Male	Michael Armstrong	Mariella Brady	Patchwork	10363	PHSC	Female	13.0	12.5	11.0	9.0	(28.0 DNC)	13.0	28.0 DNC	114.5	86.5
14th		Male	Robert Preston	Sarah Frago Coelho	Suttie	1010	SBSC	Female	16.0	(28.0 RET)	28.0 DNC	13.0	12.0	12.0	13.0	122.0	94.0
15th		Female	Mollie Carey	Elizabeth Carey	Little Aussie	9671	SBSC	Female	15.0	10.0	8.0	20.0	(28.0 DNC)	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	137.0	109.0
16th		Female	Kate Carey	Laura Parker	Little Miss Magic	10280	SBSC	Female	14.0	15.0	13.0	12.0	(28.0 DNC)	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	138.0	110.0
17th		Female	Liz Gough	Sammy Gough	She Said Yes	10288	NLSC	Female	12.0	8.0	(28.0 DNS)	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	10.0	28.0 RET	142.0	114.0
18th	J	Male	Benjamin Hamilton		Lake Heron	9676	SBSC		(28.0 DNC)	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	14.0	16.0	15.0	28.0 DNC	157.0	129.0
19th		Male	John McKeown	Christine McKeown	Jaws	9700	SBSC	Female	(28.0 RET)	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	11.0	28.0 DNC	14.0	28.0 DNC	165.0	137.0
20th		Male	Anthony Morgan	Kimberley Nguyen	Bullfrog	9535	DPSS	Female	(28.0 RET)	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	16.0	13.0	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	169.0	141.0
21st	J	Male	Teoman Belek Fiahlo Teixeira	Nikita	Zen	9712	SBSC	Female	(28.0 DNC)	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	17.0	15.0	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	172.0	144.0
22nd		Female	Alexandra Glauert	Sebastian Axelsen	Floating Dollar	10160	SBSC	Male	(28.0 DNC)	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	18.0	17.0	28.0 RET	28.0 DNC	175.0	147.0
23rd		Male	Luis Pedro Coelho	Anna Teresa Frago Coelho	Dooney's Fiddle	SBSC2	SBSC	Female	(28.0 DNS)	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	19.0	28.0 DNC	28.0 RET	28.0 DNC	187.0	159.0
24th		Male	Tony Ridgway	Diane Ridgway	Mobo on board	10205	LCSC	Female	(28.0 DNC)	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	196.0	168.0
24th		Male	Peter d'Abbs	Rosie d'Abbs	Amazing Grace	10364	SBSC	Female	(28.0 DNC)	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	196.0	168.0
24th		Male	Tim Guymer	Samuel (Ziggy) Guymer	Gone Bananas	9932	LCSC	Male	(28.0 DNC)	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	28.0 RET	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	196.0	168.0
24th		Male	Doug Fleming	Veronika Krieger	Jawani	10291	SBSC	Female	(28.0 DNC)	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	28.0 DNC	196.0	168.0



The cats who got the King Island double cream, or is it the Chickens?

David Johnson and Max Ross in 10365 Chicken Dinner Photo: Russell Witt Photography

Jack Holt Regatta Awards

1st	David Johnson & Max Ross 10365 Chicken Dinner
2nd	James & Becky Gough 10163 Murra Ngura
3rd	Chris Carey & Feb Browne 10275 sCarey
4th	Brett Buckley & Amanda Kennedy 10194 Nan
1st Female	Nicole & Rosie Breadsell 9506 Carew
1st U23	Isabella Winks and Joe Thompson 10131 Ard-Ri



Michael Spies and Tegan Mitchell in 10368 Ugly Duckling Photo: Russell Witt Photography

Back in a Heron

Adapted from an article written for 'Sailing Anarchy'.

I was a youngster growing up and living above the family Funeral Home in the 1960's when my late father decided to get back into sailing. He'd decided that his motor racing exploits weren't conducive to long-term fatherhood. He was racing a Scow Moth on Saturdays. I displayed an interest in sailing when I was about 4 years old and begged him to take me out on the Moth. Dad's solution was to buy a Heron and race that with me as crew on Sundays.

I crewed for my father for six years. We were regularly on the podium in major regattas. It was a true and enviable family scene with super competitive racing and the opportunity as a child to explore the country as the National Titles were rostered between the states every year. We took a newly built boat to New Zealand over Easter 1967 for the Interdominion Championship, which we won.

I have fantastic memories and made life-long friends during our time in the class. In 1969 we moved into the NS14 class. We still dragged the Heron out for the Australian Championships for another couple of years.

Fast forward 56 years, and my Offshore 2 Handed Co-Skipper Peter Vaiciurgis called last week and kindly offered me his Heron for the Queensland State titles as he couldn't make it to Lake Cootharaba. I jumped at the chance as the class has always attracted good competitive sailors. Although still One Design, class custodians over the years have allowed sensible development and refinement to keep the class relevant and subsequently still popular.

My 56 years out of the class have seen fibreglass then foam sandwich hull construction, a Bermudan rig allowed as an option for the traditional gaff/gunter spar

layout and allowing crews with a combined weight of over 135 kg to sail with a genoa instead of the original smaller jib to create parity. These changes have certainly worked to keep the class thriving.

Peter's self-built boat is an absolute work of art. He normally sails with his son Joel using the genoa, and his wife Kylie sails her Heron with their daughter Mia using the jib. Kylie and Peter are highly credentialled sailors and champions in other classes, and they more often than not occupy steps on the podium. However, in recent championships they have both been beaten in their foam sandwich boats by a newly built wooden boat, proving the old adage 'Wood is Good' is still applicable.

Armed with one of the best and proven boats in the fleet, it was going to be hard to hide if reasonable results weren't forthcoming. I had to find a crew on short notice and managed to

secure the services of a delightful young lady and Laser sailor Tegan Mitchell from my home club, Southport Yacht Club.

Three races were scheduled for Saturday and four for Sunday. A stiff 20 knot plus south easterly saw great close racing on both days, with current National champion David Johnson in Chicken Dinner dominating. His downwind technique was superb.

Our first sail together was on the way to the start for the 1st Heat. We got better as the regatta progressed as we learnt to crack the code for the idiosyncrasies of these different boats with a 10th, 12th, 10th, 7th, 7th, 2nd and 4th for 5th overall before the drop and 7th after the drop in a 27 boat fleet.

It was a timely reminder that it doesn't matter what class it is, but the regular podium visitors and those just off it are all very good sailors.

There is very little low-hanging fruit for the taking. Any creditable result has to be earned.

A huge and hearty thank you to all the competitors and race officials who welcomed Tegan and me into their domain and put on a great regatta. Great racing, great people and a great class that, due to the vision of the past class custodians, is still relevant and popular today. Other classes that are struggling for numbers could do a lot worse than look at the ethos of the Heron.



Michael Spies and his father Ian, in 6464 Snoopy holding off 6165 Kumale

Michael Spies
10368 Ugly Duckling

It is fabulous to see Michael back in Herons after a long break. In the time away from the Heron, Spiesy has become one of Australia's most outstanding sailors, with two World Championships in 18' skiffs, 47 Sydney-Hobarts (including line honours and corrected time wins) and numerous other championship achievements under his belt.

We hear on the grapevine that Michael has now bought a Heron (10264) to campaign in the 65th Nationals. He will be a fierce competitor and become a great mate to many in our class.

Tasmanian News

In good news for our Hobart fleet, we would like to welcome the Andrewartha family back to our numbers.

Tristan Andrewartha has recently purchased the well-known 9106 'Wot Not', which was built by his Grandfather (Tom). At various stages it has previously been owned by his uncle (Rod), his father (James) and his sister (Jessica).

Tristan and his family have returned to Tasmania after an extended period as a naval architect in Denmark, and he hopes to introduce his boys to sailing through Wot Not.

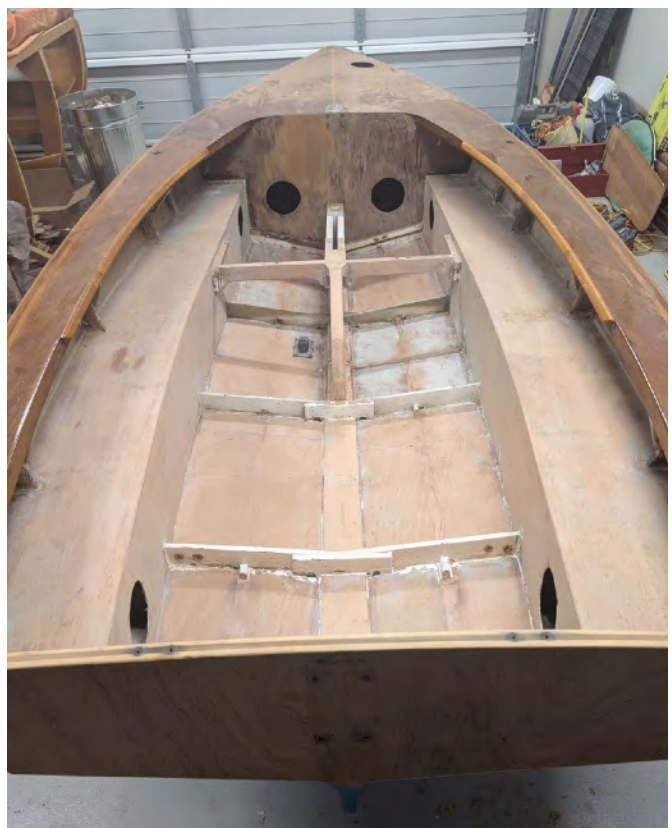
'Happy Hour' is currently in Anthony's shed and Brendan has commenced converting it to the contemporary 'walk through' layout. The photo shows the cockpit stripped and the intermediate frames and longitudinal stringer removed.

Anthony Morgan

9753 Dynamite Jack



9535 Bullfrog sailed by Anthony Morgan and Kimberly Nguyen at the 2025 Jack Holt Regatta at Lake Cootharaba



10175 Happy Hour - mid makeover



2025-26 Regattas

To keep us all aware of racing opportunities and to assist with planning sailing holidays here is a national calendar of upcoming events. Please send any dates or even tentative dates for regattas in your area and we can let the wider Heron sailing community know. Send dates and regatta details to the newsletter editor katedcarey@gmail.com.

Heron Sailing National Calendar

Oct 20-24 2025	Australian Masters Games Herons competing against other boats on yardstick. All crews must be 30+	YMCASC and CYC, Canberra, ACT
Nov 15-16 2025	ACT Dinghy Championships	YMCASC, Canberra, ACT
Dec 13-14 2025	Battle for Waterloo	Darling Point Sailing Club, Brisbane, QLD
Jan 5-10 2026	65th National Championships	Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club, Lake Macquarie, NSW



Herons on the beach at the 2025 Jack Holt Regatta at Lake Cootharaba - photo Mardi Smith



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Date	Tuesday 13 May 2025
Time	8.03pm AEST
Venue	By Zoom Meeting
Chairperson	Chris Denman
Present	
On Line	Chris Denman, Neil Burford, Anthony Morgan, James Gough, Nick Kollias, Justin Carey, Peter Vaiciurgis, David Johnson, Michael Hitchens, Rohan Nosworthy, Michael Bolenski, Chris Sant, Jeremy Brown, Bryan Clark, Kate Carey, Andrew Campbell
Apologies	John Veale, Stuart Emery, Paul Armstrong (NSW), Ryan Kelly

Ref.	Item	Responsible	Due
1	Minutes from 2024 AGM		
1.1	Motion: That the 2024 AGM meeting minutes be accepted as correct. Moved: Neil Burford Seconded: Jeremy Brown	Note	
2	Business arising from 2024 AGM		
2.1	Auditor appointment was made with Michael Hitchens taking on the role.		
3	President's report		
3.1	Paul resigning due to other commitments. Class participation is healthy with good numbers at regattas. Thanked other committee members and acknowledged the privilege of leading the association. Detailed report attached. Motion: That the President's Report presented by Paul Armstrong (Qld), refer attached, be accepted. Moved: Wayne Spencer Seconded: Jeremy Brown	Note	
4	Treasurer's report		
4.1	Finances in good shape. Revenue steady, expenses down, two herons owned by the association, one trailer. Closing balance of \$27k and small net deficit for the year of approximately \$200. Detailed report attached. Motion: That the Treasurer's Report prepared by Chris Sant, refer attached, be accepted.	Note	



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Ref.	Item	Responsible	Due
	Moved: Justin Carey Seconded: Chris Denman		
5	Measurement		
5.1	Report attached. James Gough stepped in as Chairman in late 2024 and thanked Paul Armstrong (NSW) for his long-standing contribution. Allan Takacs is a new measurer for NSW. Motion: That the Measurement Report prepared and presented by James Gough be accepted Moved: Chris Sant Seconded: Justin Carey		
6	Registrar's report		
6.1	Chris Denman presented the attached report. Steady increase in membership base. 181 paid members, 27 new paid members details in the Attachment. RevSports platform working well and usage increasing. Two new boat numbers issued. Valuation of Boolong is currently at replacement cost (\$14k) and proposed and agreed to write it down to current value (\$11k) and trailer (\$2k). Motion: That the registrar's report attached and presented by Chris Denman be accepted. Moved: Neil Burford Seconded: Justin Carey		
7	Newsletter		
7.1	Report provided by Kate Carey. Four newsletters through the year. General format provided in the attached report. Motion: That the Newsletter Report by Kate Carey be accepted. Moved: Neil Burford Seconded: James Gough	Note	
8	Website		
8.1	Chris Sant is now website manager, continuing to tick over, a view glitches fixed as they are reported.	Note	
9	Election of Officers for 2025/26		
9.1	Chris Denman declared all positions vacant nominations received before the meeting. Wayne Spencer presiding. President, Justin Carey Nominated: Chris Denman, Seconded: Chris Sant		



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Ref.	Item	Responsible	Due
	<p>Justin Carey presiding.</p> <p>Vice President (NSW): Chris Denman continuing</p> <p>Vice President (SA): Ryan Kelly not continuing but SA Association will reply following AGM in August</p> <p>Vice President (QLD): Nick Billett continuing</p> <p>Treasurer: Chris Sant Proposed Justin Carey Seconded: Chris Denman</p> <p>Secretary: David Johnson Nominated by Chris Denman Seconded: Rohan Nosworthy</p> <p>Registrar: Chris Denman Nominated: Chris Sant Seconded: Justin Carey</p> <p>Newsletter Editor: Kate Carey Nominated: Chris Sant, Seconded: Justin Carey</p>		
10	Confirmation of Public Officer		
	David Johnson. Proposed Wayne Spencer Seconded: Justin Carey		
11	Appointment of Auditor		
	Michael Hitchens volunteered. Proposed: Justin Carey, Seconded: Chris Sant		
12	Motions put to the AGM		
		Note	
13	General business		
	<p>Discussed potential to move Boolong on and replace with new association boat.</p> <p>Chris Denman discussed generating a google sheet with class register of boats. Chris will distribute the link to the google sheet.</p> <p>Chris Denman proposed a note of thanks to both Wayne Spencer (outgoing Secretary) and Paul Armstrong (outgoing President and previously NSW VP) for their contributions to the Association over a number of years.</p>		
14	Meeting closed		
14.1	The meeting was closed at 8:40 PM AEST.	Note	
15	Next meeting		
13.1	Next AGM: 8.00pm AEST , 12 th May 2026 AEST	Note	



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Attachment 1: Presidents Report 24-25

As many of you will already know, I have decided to step down as President of the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia. There are several reasons for my decision, not the least of which is the amount of time required to do the job effectively and the time I now spend on my other volunteer role as the commodore of Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club. There has also been some fall out from some issues arising from the recent nationals held at St Leonards, and I feel a change of leadership will help the organisation move forward without internal politics and conflict standing in the way of progress.

In the four years since taking on the role, there has been a significant growth in membership and attendances at regattas have been steadily growing. The class is doing very well, especially in comparison to other classic dinghy classes, many of which have seen a significant decline in numbers.

I would like to thank all members of the NHSAA for the opportunity to serve as your president; it has been an absolute honour to do so, and I have enjoyed it immensely.

I'd also like to thank my fellow committee members for the support you have provided me and for all your hard work. Although your contributions often go unnoticed, the work of the committee is vital to the success of our class.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the AGM but will hopefully see many of you on the water next season and in the years to come.

Kind regards
Paul Armstrong



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Attachment 2: Treasurer's Report 24-25

I am pleased to report that the Association's finances remain in good shape.

Ordinary revenue was steady this year, while there was a reduction in expenditure.

The Association continues to own 2 Herons: 10194 – Boolong, which has been located in Victoria this season, but will be moved to NSW for next season in line with our policy of using the boat to attract additional sailors to compete in the National Championships; and 10185 - This is the Life, which is located in Tasmania and is used to promote the class in that State.

Overall, there was a net deficit for 2024-25 of \$260.63, and a closing bank balance of \$27071.43, together with the Herons mentioned above and Boolong's trailer. We continue to have the capacity to undertake initiatives to promote the class.

Income relating to the running of the 64th Nationals, as well as other regattas, was processed through the Association accounts, at no cost to the Association.

Chris Sant
Treasurer



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National Heron Sailing Association Accounts 2024-25

Income	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Subscriptions	4317.94	5088.65	5277.84	4752.60	4795.60
Plans and handbooks				300.00	150.00
Regatta income - nationals				16541.50	19698.00
State funds received				3127.00	3136.00
Other				443.12	0.00
Total Income	4317.94	5088.65	5277.84	25164.22	27779.60
Non-regatta income				5495.72	4945.60
Current Expenditure					
Website	99.00	99.00	99.00	119.00	232.10
Handbooks and plans	390.50	185.88	265.00	0.00	285.00
Insurance	880.00	981.20	982.01	1445.74	1475.65
Affiliation				256.73	307.76
Business fees				289.26	99.44
Teleconferencing	418.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank charges	4.13	11.36	8.28	12.38	11.28
Transport of Association Heron				823.99	248.25
Promotional material, incl t-shirts		148.50	0.00	1817.00	1301.85
Boat running costs				603.95	1118.30
Regatta expenses - nationals				16606.43	19698.00
State funds remitted				3127.00	3136.00
Miscellaneous	323.12	1463.34	765.20	1964.00	126.60
Total	2115.16	2889.28	2119.49	27065.48	28040.23
Non-regatta expenses				7332.05	5206.23
Net Revenue	2202.78	2199.37	3158.35	-1901.26	-260.63
Assets					
Bank Deposits	26762.80	28962.17	32120.52	27219.26	27071.43
Heron <i>Boolong</i> fully rigged *	14000.00	14000.00	14000.00	14000.00	14000.00
Double road trailer *	2500.00	2500.00	2500.00	2500.00	2500.00



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Heron *This is the Life*

Total Assets

43262.80

45462.17

48620.52

3000.00

46719.26

3000.00

46571.43

Liabilities

Accounts payable

Total Liabilities

0.00

0.00

0.00

0.00

0.00

Members' Equity

Retained earnings

41060.02

43262.80

45462.17

48620.52

46719.26

Net revenue

2202.78

2199.37

3158.35

-1901.26

-260.63

Total Equity

43262.80

45462.17

48620.52

46719.26

46458.63

* *Book value*



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Attachment 3: Registrar's Report 24-25

It has been a pleasure to be the National Heron Register for the past racing season. The past 12 months has been a very strong year with memberships and also racing over the past 12 months.

The Following is how the membership has grown over the past 4 years

2024/25 - 253

2023/24 - 234

2022/23 - 200

2021/22 - 181

New Members

2024/25 - 25

2023/24 - 37

2022/23 - 19

2021/22 - 40

We have 168 paid members as of 13/05/25 . There is 85 unpaid members

This year there has been some great numbers across the country

NSW - 53 /86

QLD - 42 /71

ACT - 7 /10

VIC - 17 /23

TAS- 3/4

WA - 2 /5

SA - 35/44

The Membership breakdown is listed below



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Family Membership - 184

Single Membership - 21

Crew - 32

Non Boat Member - 6

Life Member - 10

2 New boats were registered this year . 1 being a Freddy Built boat , 1 x Don Rantanen built boat .

Overall as you can see there are a mixed number of new members and also members that have been part of the Heron Association for years. There is still an issue with members that have invoices that are unpaid for membership year on year.

The Use of the revsport planform has been increasing year on year and has been a great platform for not only the commutation to the members but also for use of events form Nation Titles and also State base events.

I would like to pass on my Thank you to the National committee for their hard work over the past 12 months and a special thank you to both Pau Armstrong and Wayne Spencer who after many years are stepping away from the National Committee. Thank you both again for your support.

Have a great winter rest and get those boats ready for what is shaping to be a great 2025/26 Heron Season and hope to see you on the water real soon or even better at the National Titles on the wonderful Lake Macquarie at Wangi RSL Sailing Club

Chris Denman

National Heron Register



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Attachment 4: Newsletter Editor's Report 24-25

Over the last year we have produced four newsletters.

The general format of each letter is as follows:

- June 2024 – Report on AGM including minutes of meeting with details of resolutions announcements and election results.
- September 2024 – Details for next National, NOR.
- December 2024 – Proposed amendments to the Bylaws, calling of nomination for election of officers.
- March 2025 – Report on National Championships, Notice of AGM, notice of proposed amendments to constitution, election of officers.

The newsletters are an important historical record of the class and association. The newsletters record not only great stories and photos from around the states but also document outcomes of the AGM and any other relevant general meetings and committee decisions throughout the year.

I hope you enjoy the newsletters and feel free to send feedback on social media or directly to me so we can continue to provide a newsletter that is enjoyable and informative for all. We encourage Heron members who have an interesting article and photos to contact me via email katedcarey@gmail.com.

Please let me know if anyone is interested in taking on the role the newsletter editor, I am ready pass the baton.

Cheers

Kate Carey
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Attachment 5: Measurement Committee Report 24-25

Paul Armstrong stepped down from the Chairmans role in the Measurement Committee at the end of 2024, being replaced by James Gough. We thank Paul for his valuable service as Chairman over many years, and are pleased he will remain on the Committee.

One new NSW measurer has been appointed, Allan Takacs, Allan has restored and built more than a few Herons and brings decades of Heron class experience to the role.

The Nationals at St Leonards went without major measurement issues, Peter V corrected a number of boats that had issues fastening the main at the tack, and one boat was noted with carlins not following a fair curve, this was not performance related and will be rectified.

James Gough.

Chairman.