

## Minutes of the General Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Location:** Spotswood Cricket Club

**Committee:** **President:** Colin Newport **Vice-President:** Darren Clifford  
**Secretary:** Rudy Fernandes **Treasurer:** Justin Toohey  
**Committee Members:** Gary White, Robert Watts, Leo Collins

### 1. Open Meeting & Welcome

**Colin Newport**

Meeting began at 7.10pm Colin Newport welcomed all umpires, VSDCA Rep Geoff Hart, Umpiring Department members Brian Goodman, Neill Murray and John Doig, Richard Paterson Cricket Australia Nationals Umpires performance coach, Penny Keaughran and Peter Stevens. He also thanked Michael Szulikowski, Secretary of Spotswood Cricket club, Sharon and Amanda from the Spotswood Cricket club who assisted with catering and helping out on that day. Colin Newport also requested members who had not purchased a Toyota Raffle ticket to do so.

### 2. Apologies (as sent to secretary)

**Rudy Fernandes (All)**

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|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Warren Pump    | Ian Wyatt     | Peter Boulter  |
| Aaron Ezekiel  | Frazer Hughes | Brendan Schutt |
| Gary Stokie    | Ryan Chhaged  | Brian Farrow   |
| Dennis Mills   | Jarrod Vanis  | Peter Riddell  |
| Neil Robertson | Bill Finnigan | Merv Hinderson |

### 3. Minutes from the last meeting (17<sup>th</sup> December 2025)

**Rudy Fernandes**

Motion moved, approved by Gary White and seconded by Rob Watts.

### 4. Correspondence

**Rudy Fernandes**

None other than apologies

Still waiting for nominations for the Brian Goodman award

### 5. Treasurers Report

**Justin Toohey**

1. Cash at Bank \$18,664.61
2. 89 members subs now paid, outstanding (\$715). All have received invoices and reminders.
3. \$1700.00 balance of Bendigo Bank sponsorship to be reinvoyed in March (as per RF discussion with Ruth Hall)

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4. Two ICON sponsorship invoices awaiting payment \$500 for 2024/25 & \$500 for 2025/26. JT following up.
5. Are gradually reducing the amounts owing for apparel orders and uncollected items.
6. Payments since last meeting – postage for apparel \$19.75, M Moore books \$44.62, RCH donation \$110.00, Name badges \$1,187.50, Craig medals \$176.15, RF \$193.20 (catering, equip, awards).
7. 2<sup>nd</sup> order for name badges available for collection at the End of season dinner meeting.
8. Toyota raffle ticket sales to date \$1010 (\$50 direct sales and \$960/- via Toyota website). Apparel Voucher for those members who purchase \$25.00 or more worth of tickets, and will be redeemable for apparel items only from 1 September 2026 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027.
9. VSDCA to be invoiced for Club umpires grant shortly (\$3,200).
10. Trophy order for end of season awards placed with Kingston Trophies.
11. Pre-finals dinner ticket sales – 25 tickets paid to date, plus 10 guests.

Motion moved on Treasurers Report, approved by Paul Loughrey and seconded by Greg Rollo.

### **6. Website & Team App update**

**Darren Clifford**

Nothing to report as per RF's comments on correspondence.

### **7. VSDCA Update**

**Dr Geoff Hart**

Comments on the weather that made Neill Murrays job that difficult as he had to reschedule games, thanked all umpires that officiated in the Craig Shield, Country week. Thanked Brian Goodman as Umpires coach and his 40 year association with VSDCUA. On behalf of the VSDCA board Dr Hart introduced the new VSDCA umpires coach David Stein for the next 2 seasons, who was present at the meeting. Gary White questioned the query of afternoon teas.

### **8. Umpire Coach**

**Brian Goodman**

Brian Goodman clarified the rules of tea time, player behaviour that was not picked up, one day and 2 day games. free hits, no wides down legside for 2 day games. also clarified the rule when the 2 day game. Have a spare ball. Rejected new balls, umpires have to check. Thanked Penny and she spoke about the accreditation program. Confirmed that 74.5 over's if you have over 15 minutes+, the team needs to bat. All details on the VSDCUA website.

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**9.**

**Guest Speaker**

**Richard Paterson**

All details on the website

A comment from Richard on the day “we umpire the game of cricket, we don’t play it when not playing “

Brian thanked Richard Paterson

**10. Officials HQ Update& appointments**

**Neill Murray**

Match Reports do as soon as you can as Ken Hilton needs to close off the game by Tuesday , else call Uncle Neill, will ensure senior umpires mentor upcoming umpires  
Thanked all the Craig and Country week umpires

**11. VSDCA Recruitment Manager**

**John Doig**

Welcomed the 2 new umpires good on those are part of the process to mentor these new umpires, 57 umpires plus 2

**12. Apparel Update**

**James Barrett**

James Barrett , all good to outfit these new umpires from the Railway station

**13. Any Other Business**

**All**

None

Meeting closed by 8.37pm

**14. Next Meeting**

End of Season Dinner at Sandy by the Bay on 3/3/2026

**Colin Newport**

Meeting concluded at 8:11pm

**Rudy Fernandes**  
**VSDCUA Secretary**

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