

Bay Islands Multi Sport & Recreation Association (BIMSARA)

Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Minutes

Date: Saturday, 21 February 2026

Time: 2:05 pm **Location:** Bay Islands Sport & Resilience Hub, Russell Island

Chair: Ros Stiles (President)

Minute Taker: Dee Robert (Treasurer)

- 1. Opening of Meeting:** The Chair declared the meeting open at 2:05 pm. Initial audio/microphone issues were noted and resolved.
- 2. Acknowledgement of Country:** The Chair acknowledged the Quandamooka People, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the meeting was held, and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.
- 3. Attendance and Quorum Attendance** was recorded. A quorum was confirmed.
- 4. President's Report:** The Chair advised that written copies of the President's Report were available. A concise verbal summary was presented, with members invited to request further discussion on any item.

4.1 Subcommittees and Affiliated Groups External Subcommittees and Affiliations noted:

Church of Eternal Reign, led by Henry Satora.

Ochre Islands Enrichment School (Dance School), based on Macleay Island and led by Leah Zaki.

It was noted that some groups transitioned under BIMSARA following changes within the Chamber of Commerce, aligning with BIMSARA's strategic direction.

Netball Club: The Netball Club is now operating as a standalone club, while remaining a BIMSARA subcommittee.

Southern Moreton Bay Islands Art Trail – "Simply Art": Steve Asker & Samida Sargeant attended via phone due to a family commitment. The Simply Art initiative was outlined as: commencing with a small event in March–April near the jetty, including workshops, stalls and creative activities, expanding across the Bay Islands over time, encompassing multiple art forms including sculpture and making.

This initiative aligns with BIFF – Bay Islands Fusion Fest, which replaces Australia Day and the Multicultural Festival to celebrate the full diversity of the Bay Islands.

5. Internal Subcommittees, Volunteers and Networking

5.1 Event-Based Subcommittees BIMSARA has introduced event-specific subcommittees, enabling volunteers to contribute on a one-off or limited basis.

5.2 SMBI CONNECT: The Chair and Toni Bann established SMBI CONNECT, a collaborative network of community groups to: share event dates, avoid clashes, collaborate where beneficial, respect standalone events. The success of early communication in avoiding major scheduling conflicts was noted. It was also

noted that: additional event-focused and environmental/landcare networks are emerging, BIMSARA will seek collaboration with these groups to strengthen community outcomes and grant opportunities.

6. Quandamooka Festival Date Coordination The Quandamooka Festival was confirmed for 29 August 2026. Resolution: BIMSARA will hold its major event on 22 August 2026 to avoid conflict. Nominated by Toni Bann, Seconded by Gary Dubickas and members present.

7. Community Engagement and Emergency Preparedness: The Chair acknowledged the significant contribution of Community Champions, noting the current volunteer base is largely older members. Members were encouraged to refer younger, fit community members, particularly for: Community Champions SES (noting shortages of active members). The importance of volunteer capacity for emergency readiness and grant eligibility was highlighted.

8. Sport, Recreation and Insurance Challenges in securing suitable insurance for contact sports were outlined. Currently insurable activities include: Orienteering Cycling. As a result, BIMSARA is prioritising recreation, including: playgrounds, outdoor recreation equipment, recreation/sports sheds, inclusive family-friendly spaces. This aligns with BIMSARA's strategic plan focus on community wellbeing and recreation access.

9. Events and Program Ideas: The following were discussed.

- Bay Islands Community Dance – Well delivered by Wendy Frost & Megan Knight, but lower attendance than hoped, they decided to close Dec. 2025.
- Alcohol-free events – supported and encouraged.
- Potential activities: trivia and general knowledge nights, bingo-style social games (non-gambling focus), board games and casual social activities, pickleball, church-led social groups, mainland outings (e.g. Victoria Point), dive-in movies at the swimming pool, tennis participation and free workshops. Care was noted to ensure inclusive activities and avoid unnecessary division of groups.

10. Sponsors, Supporters and Acknowledgements: The Chair formally acknowledged and thanked

supporters, including: Redland City Council, extensive in-kind and logistical support, Sealink/ferry transport and promotion, Russell Island Bowls Club – \$2500 support enabling delivery of LUMI, LiveLife Pharmacy – \$500 community donation, Rebecca Young – jumping castle support, Chris McGregor – gazebo loan and ongoing support, Marley's Place Donation & Motel – accommodation for mainland food vendor, Johnny Walker Electrical – electrical works provided as a donation, DLB Cranes – transport assistance, Independent Soil Testing – discounted services, Russell Island IGA – regular in-kind supplies. The Chair noted the importance of many small contributions creating strong community outcomes.

11. Funding and Future Opportunities: The Chair advised: ferry-based inter-island transport options are being costed, a potential \$20,000 grant may be pursued for large-scale or inter-island events, no objections were raised to pursuing appropriate funding opportunities.

12. Community Partnerships Ongoing partners include: Bay Islands Netball Club, Bay Islands Soccer Club, Community Champions, other partnerships are under review or currently paused.

13. Acceptance of President's Report Motion: That the President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Garry Dubickas, Seconded Syd Mann.

14. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was presented.

Treasurer's Report Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Moved: Sorour Fattahi, Seconded Garry Dubickas.

14.1 **Move appointment of auditor/verifier for 2027** – Wendy Adams Bookkeeper. Moved Ros Stiles, Seconded Dee Robert.

Executive Committee Nominations:

President – Ros Stiles unopposed, nominated Garry Dubickas, Seconded Fred James.

Secretary – Loren Holman withdrew her nomination. The Chair opened nominations from the floor – none forthcoming, Dee Robert put her hand up Nominated Garry Dubickas, Seconded Ros Stiles.

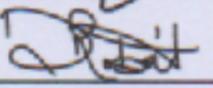
Executive Voting Member – Toni Bann, Nominated Ros Stiles, Seconded Dee Robert.

New SubCommittee – SMBI Connect committee President Toni Bann, Vice President Getano Bann, Secretary Ros Stiles, Treasurer Fred James. Nominated Ros Stiles, Seconded Syd Mann.

New SubCommittee – SMBI Art Trail Nominated Ros Stiles, Seconded Sorour Fattahi.

15. Close of Meeting there being no further business, closed at 3.45pm. Next AGM 20 February 2027.

Signed: President:  Name: Ros Stiles Date: 22.02.2026

Signed: Minute Taker:  Name: Dee Robert Date: 22.02.2026