



**Notice of Annual General Meeting
Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Incorporated**

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Incorporated will be held in the Southern Waters Room, Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron, 2900 Nepean Highway, Blairgowrie, on Saturday 13 July 2024 at 4.00pm.

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome by the Commodore.**
- 2. Apologies.**
- 3. Members who have passed since the Half Year General Meeting.**

- William (Bill) Montague – member for 43 years;
- Anthea Warwick – member for 3 years;
- Tim Fox – member for 15.5 years;
- Ann Clayton – member for 9 years;
- Michael Cadden – member for 23 years;
- Gary Spooner – member for 5 years.

- 4. Minutes of the previous Half Year General Meeting.**

The following resolution is proposed:

'The Minutes of the Half Yearly General Meeting held on Sunday, 7 January 2024 are confirmed.'

- 5. Receive the following Reports:**

- (a) Commodore's Report: Martin Kudnig.
- (b) Club Captain's & Sailing Committee Report: Richard Backwell.
- (c) Chair of the Audit and Financial Risk Committee's Report: Megan Bolton, including the Audited Financial Statement for the year ending 30 April 2024.
- (d) Chair of the Clubhouse & Operations Report: Georgina Plumridge.
- (e) Chair of the Membership Committee Report: Ian Delmenico.
- (f) Chair of the Marina Committee Report: John Petschel.

- 6. Election of Flag Officers.**

In accordance with BYS Rules 18.1 and 18.2, the Flag Officer position of Club Captain will be declared vacant at the Annual General Meeting.



As at the close of nominations the following nomination had been received:

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Club Captain	Richard Backwell	Stephen Cowell	Martin Kudnig

There being only one nomination for the Flag Officer vacancy, the above nominee will be declared elected without further action.

7. Election of Executive Committee Members.

In accordance with BYS Rules 18.1, 18.2 and 18.7, the Executive Committee positions currently held by Alistar Singh, Megan Bolton and Andrew McIntyre will be declared vacant at the Annual General Meeting.

As at the close of nominations the following nominations had been received:

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Executive Committee	Megan Bolton	Georgina Plumridge	John Plumridge
Executive Committee	Andrew McIntyre	Martin Kudnig	David Brown
Executive Committee	Felicia Brown	Martin Kudnig	Richard Backwell

There being only three nominations for the three Executive Committee vacancies, each of the above nominees will be declared elected without further action.

8. BYS Rule Change – Flag Officer Membership of the Executive Committee

It is proposed to change the BYS Rules to provide that the composition of the Executive Committee be enlarged to include the Vice Commodore, the Rear Commodore and the Club Captain. It is also proposed to give the Chair of the Executive Committee a casting vote and to specifically allow the Secretary to attend meetings of the Executive Committee.

Members are referred to the accompanying paper entitled '*Information for Members - Flag Officer Membership of the BYS Executive Committee*' for detailed information in respect of this proposed Rule change.

The following resolution is proposed:

'That Rules 17.1.1, 22.3.1, 22.5 and 22.9 of the BYS Rules be altered in accordance with the document attached to this Notice of Meeting headed 'Proposed Amended Rules of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Incorporated.'

9. BYS Rule Change – Creation of Investment Committee

Members will recall that advice received by the Club in relation to the BYS Foundation requires alternative arrangements to be put in place for the holding of investment funds on behalf of the Club.



Acting on that advice, the BYS Foundation has already given all funds held by it to BYS and they are currently held on term deposit with the Club's bank. It is proposed that the investment of those funds, and any additional Club funds the EC wishes to be invested, will be overseen by a new sub-committee called the Investment Committee, which will operate at the direction of the EC in the same way as other Club sub-committees operate.

To that end, it is proposed to formally wind up the BYS Foundation and to introduce new rules into the BYS Rules establishing the Investment Committee. Once the Rules creating the Investment Committee have been passed, the former trustees of the BYS Foundation (Justin Arter, Callum Burns, Adrian Mulcahy and Brian Smith) will be appointed by the EC as members of that sub-committee.

Accordingly, the following resolutions are proposed:

1. *That the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Foundation be wound up.*
2. *That the BYS Rules be amended by including the marked definitions and new rule 24.8 in accordance with the document attached to this Notice of Meeting headed 'Proposed Amended Rules of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Incorporated'.*

10. BYS Rule Change – Eviction of Members and Visitors

Members will be aware that there is a power in the BYS Rules to evict Members from BYS premises for 24 hours in certain circumstances. However, having regard to recent instances of poor Member and Visitor behaviour, the Executive Committee has considered and approved for submission to Members for their consideration, an amendment to the BYS Rules to provide for more severe action in relation to such behaviour. The proposal is to increase the period of eviction to up to 7 days, with the power exercisable by an increased range of Club officers.

The following resolution is proposed:

'That the marked definition and Rule 29.1.3 of the BYS Rules be amended in accordance with the document attached to this Notice of Meeting headed 'Proposed Amended Rules of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Incorporated.'

11. Marina Repairs Funding

Members are referred to the paper accompanying this Notice of Meeting headed 'Information for Members Regarding Marina Funding Resolutions' which sets out the background to this proposal.

The following resolution is proposed:

1. *Notwithstanding the provisions of any Berth Licence, whether granted before or after the making of this Rule, the Executive Committee:*



- (a) *is authorised to approve expenditure on behalf of or in the name of BYS in respect of capital repairs, maintenance, replacement of components, sand by-passing and other works of an environmental nature in respect of the Marina; and*
 - (b) *is not obliged to recover the cost of, or seek forward contributions for, such expenditure or foreshadowed expenditure from any holder or transferee of a Berth Licence, noting that it is understood that recovery will be made where BYS considers the expense to be expenditure that reflects fair wear and tear relating to the use of the berths.*
2. *Pursuant to Rule 23.5 the following Material Transaction may be undertaken by the Executive Committee:*

An amount up to \$3 million over approximately the next three years on Marina capital maintenance and repairs as follows:

- (a) *Pile repairs;*
- (b) *New through-rods;*
- (c) *Concrete repairs;*
- (d) *Knee brackets;*
- (e) *Replacement of handrails.*
- (f) *Other unforeseen items of a capital nature that comply with the intent of the remediation program.*

12. Other Business.

- (a) **Announcement of Junior Club Captains.**
- (b) **Announcement of Ian Pender Award – Club Person of the Year.**
- (c) **To consider any other business that is presented in accordance with the Rules of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Incorporated relating to General Meetings.**

Gerard Magner
Secretary
20 June 2024