

BLACK MOUNTAIN RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

General Meeting Minutes

Date: 10 October 2026

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: 15 Diamond Street, Cooroy

1. Opening of Meeting

The President opened the meeting at 3:20pm and welcomed members. A quorum was confirmed.

2. Attendance and Apologies

Present:

- Rocky Elsom
- Leiataua Tomiki
- Peter Jones
- Colin Thompson
- Phil O'Brien
- Stu
- Lou Stodulka
- Ian Fielding-Smith
- Lia
- Tom Stodulka
- Colin Burridge
- Tony Bennett
- Bob McMahon

Apologies:

- Hugh White
- Andrew Lavender
- Todd Cunningham
- Nathan Jackson
- Robert Mallac

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented for confirmation.

Resolution: That the minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Lou Stodulka *Seconded:* Peter Jones *Carried:* Yes

4. Property Purchase and Background

The President discussed the details of the first property option proposed for purchase by the Unit Trust (10 Wurli Court, Cooroy), as well as the reasons why it is essential that Black Mountain Rugby has its own world-class field and facilities. He spoke about the value of the Club, the importance of establishing the fields and facilities, and how we can make it happen in a timely manner, given the World Cup in Aus is fast approaching.

Key points include:

- Hoping for 50 Unit Holders rather than 10, to reinforce the community-led nature of the project.
- When Rocky Elsom and George Smith presented their idea to Council, they were directed to look at the Wurli Court land, despite the ecological overlay needing adjustment. The initial enthusiasm from Council has stalled.
- The Noosa Dolphins' ability to provide the opportunity for its members to play rugby is undermined by the fragility of the competition and a new, string club bolsters the Dolphins' position in the community and support their new infrastructure project.
- The timing is everything with this project - Australia hosts the Rugby World Cup in Oct 27 so this is an opportunity for assistance in infrastructure funding which may not be as plentiful as after the RWC.
- Strategically, it makes better sense to invest energy into establishing a top team to strengthen the competition and get the best bang for buck to generate interest.
- The quality of the fields and facilities is key. The quality of the field translates into value, not just for the Club, but for Queensland Rugby and Rugby Australia.
- A world-class field makes all the difference - they last longer, are better to train on and reduce the likelihood of injury, and we have a wealth of knowledge and experience within the Club's leadership team to know where to invest money and energy facility-wise.
- The GPS culture and intensity is how competitiveness is elevated - supplement the local talent with overseas scholarships, encourage opportunity for growth and pathways for advancement and the whole comp level improves. We, as a Club, have the means and will to replicate that.
- Council action is valuable at this point. Once we have facilities, we're extremely well placed to run a team based on the experience and passion of the leadership team and then the dedicated community support.

5. General Business

No items raised.

6. Matters for Future Meetings

The following items were identified for discussion at the next meeting:

- Unit Trust details
- Updates from people talking to Councillors/Mayor

7. Follow-up Actions

Members with individual tasks as discussed.

Lou to email Site Overview of 10 Wurli Court to interested committee members and Club community members.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held:
13 November 2026, 5:30pm, 15 Diamond St

9. Meeting Closure

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4:05 pm.

Prepared by: Lou Stodulka, co-Secretary Black Mountain Rugby Union Football Club