



# Professional Snake Catchers Association Inc

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## Meeting Minutes

Date: 1 February 2026

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Chipping Norton NSW

### 1. Welcome and Opening

The meeting was opened at 6:30pm by the Chair Cory Kerewaro, who welcomed all members in attendance and thanked them for their time and commitment to the Association.

### 2. Attendance

Cory Kerewaro, Chris Williams, Rob Ambrose, Andrew Melrose, Troy Hovenden, Sandra Trujillo	Apologies - Nil
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### 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

As this was the first meeting of the Association, there were no previous minutes to confirm.

### 4. New Memberships

Discussion was held regarding new membership interest in the Association. It was noted that there has been growing interest from professional licensed snake catchers across NSW.

Members discussed the importance of ensuring that the Association represents qualified, insured and professional snake catchers. It was agreed New applications would be discussed at the next meeting.

## 5. Concerns

Members discussed the attachments, showing several concerns raised by individuals:

Item 1 - Code of ethics - Concerns relating to correct uniforms, clothing and tools.

Item 2 - Membership conditions - Personal Insurance and first Aid.

Item 3 - Concerns about the picture on the website under heading Accreditation and Training.

Item 4 - Accredited courses and who runs them.

Item 5 - Snake Catchers Directory and how it will determine who is on it.

Item 6 - Concerns about the picture on the website under the Constitution.

Item 7 - Should Key Resources be listed alphabetically?

Item 8 - Wording on website contradicts - One section says no fee, other section says tax deductible.

Item 9 - Association mission statement wording, suggesting it will be one big network. How will that differ from Sydney Snake Catchers?

Item 10 - Concerns about code of ethics. How the association will dictate what each person does with their business and will there be discussions with members.

Item 11 - Why are there 2 logos and is there a need for it?

## Actions

Action	Responsible Person	Due Date
<p><b>Item 1</b> - The committee agrees it should be as per licence conditions and best practices. More discussions around recommendations to be had at a future meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to use equipment workshop</li><li>• Get clarity regarding the use of tongs</li></ul>	<p>All agreed</p> <p>Cory suggested and follow up</p>	<p>Next mtg</p>
<p><b>Item 2</b> - The committee discussed the removal of accident insurance. However, they agreed Public liability insurance is a must particularly for catchers that have other catchers under their</p>	<p>All agreed</p>	<p>Next mtg to discuss membership tiers.</p>



<p><b>Item 9</b> - The snake catchers directory was discussed along with changes to provide members with the opportunity to provide more info than currently shown on the National Parks website. i.e websites, logos etc. It was agreed it would continue to be listed under region and possibly alphabetically. The committee discussed the possibility to have an interactive map on the website in the future.</p>	<p>All agreed</p>	<p>To be developed in the future.</p>
<p><b>Item 10</b> - Code of ethics concerns was the same as item 1. However it was discussed that pricing for each catcher should not be standardised as running cost for each catcher is different.</p>	<p>All agreed</p>	<p>NFA</p>
<p><b>Item 11</b> - Website logos were discussed. Both logos are required. One is the Associations logo and one is a members seal that is given to members to display on their website.</p> <p>The board will discuss the design of the seal and will agree to a date when members will pay for membership.</p>	<p>All agreed</p> <p>Board to vote</p>	<p>NFA</p> <p>TBA</p>
<p><b>Additional Item</b> - the following concerns were discussed. Should non-licensed people be on the board? It was agreed that board members are not handling snakes, therefore no licence is required.</p> <p>- Should criminal records affect the association's ethics? If it doesn't relate to snakes, then we don't take it into account.</p> <p>-Do members have the ability to vote? Yes at the annual general meetings held once a year. This will be discussed in the future after public consultation.</p> <p>-Should seniority determine who is on the board? There was a motion to scrap this suggestion</p>	<p>All agreed</p> <p>Chris (Public officer)</p> <p>Motion passed by all.</p>	<p>TBA</p> <p>n/a</p>

## 6. Finance

A discussion was held regarding the financial position of the Association. It was confirmed that no membership fees are currently being charged while the Association is in its early stages.

Troy discussed bank requirements to open a bank account and legal criteria. It was agreed that 3 board members should be signatories on the account.

For the purpose of "Method of Operations" it was decided that only 1 signatory would be needed to make transactions. The board agrees to nominate Troy Hovenden.

The following board members gave Troy their \$50 membership fees to open the bank account. Cory, Andrew, Rob and Troy. A total of \$200 was collected.

#### **Motion**

Motion: The committee voted for Troy, Sandra and Cory to be nominated as signatories on the bank account. Troy to organise a card for the nominated bank account and would be nominated to be the principal signatory on that account.

Moved by: All agreed.

Outcome: Carried

### **8. General Business**

General discussion took place regarding the future direction of the Association and ways to support professional snake catchers across NSW.

- The board discussed the possibility of a new Whatsapp or Facebook group for members to have their say. It was agreed to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Chris suggested the association hold 3 members meetings a year for any members that have been with the association for longer than 3 months at which time a vote for 3 general committee positions.
- How to generate money for the association? - Merchandise was discussed. The board agreed this will be explored at a later date.
- What is the role of the advisory board? - to be discussed in the future as the association develops its core duties.
- What elevates us beyond National Parks? To be discussed in the future and consult with members.
- Working with kids check? Many catchers will be required to have this, particularly if attending schools, shows etc. This could be an extra credential. The board agrees this should be discussed further along with police checks, should it be included on the association website. The board agreed this will need to be discussed further at a future meeting.

### **9. Next Meeting**

Date: 1 April 2026

Time: 6pm

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## 10. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9pm.

Signed:

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_