



SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING – 23 SEPTEMBER 2025

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

The Club has received a number of questions from members about the Special General Meeting (SGM) to be held on 23 September 2025. Because of this we have set out some of the more frequently asked questions in this FAQ together with the answers to the same. If members have questions about the SGM, they can write to the Club or alternatively ask those questions at Tuesday's SGM.

Please note that, pursuant to Rule 58(d) only Honorary Life Members, Life Members, Ordinary Members, Ordinary (Transferable) Members and Nominees of Corporate Members (Transferable) may be present at the SGM and be entitled to vote. References to "members" in this FAQ refers to those members entitled to vote.

1. **Question:** Do I need to attend the SGM physically to vote?

Answer: No. Voting will be electronic and members can vote whether or not they attend the SGM. Members will have received instructions on how to vote electronically with the Notice of the SGM sent on 8 September 2025 and subsequent email notifications.

2. **Question:** Will the SGM be livestreamed for the benefit of members who cannot attend?

Answer: No. Members who wish to participate in the discussions at the SGM should attend the Club personally at the times set out in the Notice of the SGM.

3. **Question:** Why is this matter being brought before an SGM and why can it not wait until the AGM in 2026?

Answer: The Club's Rules (and Rule 59 specifically) obliges the General Committee to call an SGM within 21 days of receiving a requisition in writing signed by not less than 50 voting members of the Club. The requisitioners of this SGM have met this criterion and therefore the General Committee must hold the SGM within 21 days of the requisition.

4. **Question:** Has the General Committee made any effort to ask the requisitioners to delay this matter until next year's AGM?

Answer: Yes. The President and General Manager of the Club met with representatives of the requisitioners on 15 September 2025 to ask whether the matter could be delayed to next year's AGM.

On 16 September 2025, a representative of the requisitioners wrote to the General Manager of the Club stating that the requisitioners wished to proceed with the SGM.

5. **Question:** What reason was given by the requisitioners for wanting to proceed with the SGM, rather than waiting for the 2026 AGM?

Answer: The representative of the requisitioners stated that they considered this a serious matter and that deferring the SGM would only leave a wound to fester.

6. **Question:** How much will the SGM cost the club?

Answer: The total costs incurred by the Club of holding an SGM are estimated at **\$22,500 - \$24,500** in operational costs.

This includes the cost of setting up the online voting platform (\$10,500), hiring Scrutineers (\$3,000), loss of income from the Padang Restaurant and Victoria Room (\$6,000 - \$8,000), and the additional staff overtime and part-time costs (\$3,000).

This does not include the cost of management time, General Committee and Rules and Membership Sub Committee time and legal expenses. It also does not account for F&B sales from members participating in the SGM.

Please also note that this is an estimate only and it is not possible to be precise.

7. **Question:** Why can't the General Committee simply change the name of the "Men's Bar"? Why does this need to be voted on by members?

Answer: The General Committee does technically have the power to change the name of the "Men's Bar".

However, given that the issue of the name has been the subject of three different votes at three previous general meetings of the Club's membership (excluding this SGM) and given that the members voted by a majority to revert to the name "Men's Bar" at the 2025 AGM, this General Committee believes that it would not be appropriate for it to exercise this power to change the name of the "Men's Bar".

8. **Question:** Resolution 1 says:

"No facility at the SCC shall be or can be named on the grounds of race, religion or gender."

(Note to resolution: Such a rule will not apply to those facilities required to be so labelled legally or for functional purposes (e.g., changing rooms etc). Likewise it will not apply to non-permanent installations or events that require such labelling (e.g., CNY, Deepavali and Hari Raya celebrations etc)."

If Resolution 1 passes, would it affect other facilities at the Club?

Answer: This is not clear. It depends on how the phrase "named on the grounds of race, religion or gender" is understood. It is possible that the name "Victoria Room" would be prohibited and would need to be changed because "Victoria" is arguably a female name and as such that room would be named on the grounds of gender. However, on the other hand, if that room is named after Queen Victoria or Victoria Concert Hall (being opposite), then the facility is not named on the grounds of race, religion or gender, but rather on the grounds of a historical person or another building.