

# Committee Report

PLUG 2026 AGM

**PLUG**  
Perth Linux Users Group



# Membership

24 current members

6 new members this year

3 overdue members (i.e. awaiting renewal but still have voting rights)

10 expired completely in 2025

691 people subscribed to MeetUp group

# Events in 2025

2 × formal talks (Home Labs by Jasper and State Charts by Harry)

1 × Raspberry Pi Jam

2 × Install fests

1 × End of year BBQ

6 × PLUG in the Pub

12 × PLUG+POSH hack afternoons

# 2025 Finances

## Incoming credit

Membership new/renewals + donations \$910.00

## Outgoing debit

Hosting expenses (inc. domain and backups) -\$756.53

Meetup (inc. late invoices for 2022-2024) -\$784.63

Food and drinks for events -\$183.43

Venue hire -\$86.00

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Balance -\$900.59

Excluding carried over Meetup invoices -\$428.05

# Bank Balance as of 6th January 2026

Bendigo Bank	\$2191.50
Cash box	\$386.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2577.60</b>

# Not-for-profit Self Review

The ATO introduced new rules requiring not for profits to declare why they should be tax exempt, starting with the 2023-2024 financial year.

Harry began investigating the requirements in 2024.

Filing online required that the ATO trust that we could act on behalf of PLUG.

Paperwork to add James as a public officer was accepted in June 2025. New public officers can easily be added and removed now.

We are now up to date with our NFP self reviews.

# Server Migration Project

Initially started in 2018 as a planned upgrade from Debian 7 to Debian 9, driven by Benjamin and Nick.

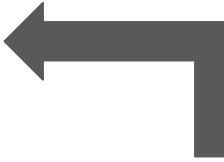
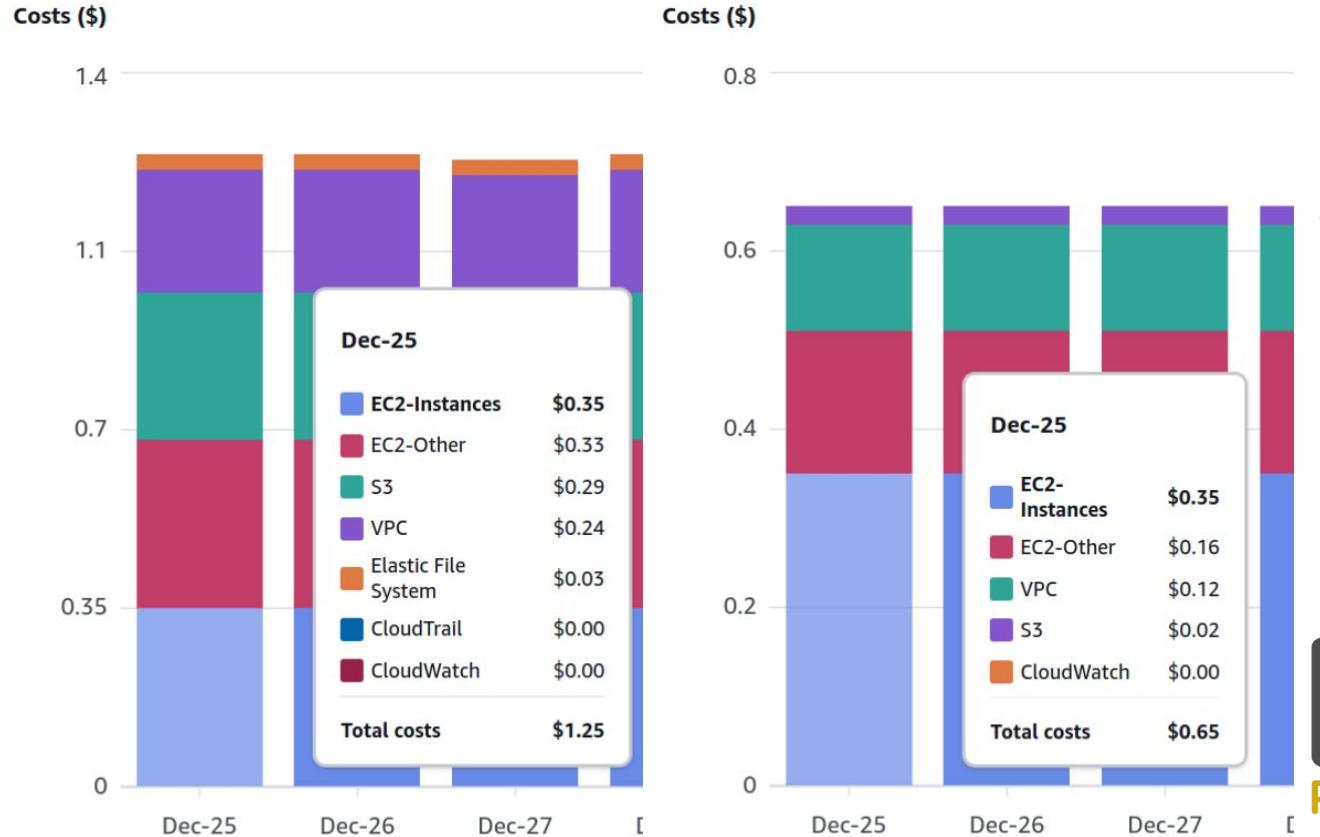
Used Ansible to describe our configuration

Restarted in 2025, updating playbook to target Debian 12

Deployed on a VM hosted at Binary Lane

Now upgraded to Debian 13, with most services migrated.

# AWS Cost Reduction 2024 vs 2025



Hopefully S3 is all that will be left in 2026

# Aspirational server costs

		Cost/year
Server Hosting	Binary Lane	AU\$99.00
Domain registration	White IT Solutions	AU\$12.00
Backups	Rsync.net	US\$19.20
Video data storage	Amazon AWS	US\$8.30
	<b>Total</b>	AU\$152.00

# Venues

Our regular meetings at SpaceCubed relied on a SpaceCubed member to act as sponsor.

We've had multiple people filling this role over the years, but lost our most recent sponsor during 2025.

We have tried a few alternative venues since: Collins Street Centre in South Perth, and UWA's EZONE.

We will hopefully be cash flow positive in 2026, and able to spend money on venues, but free is always preferred.

# Elections

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Ordinary committee member (up to three)