

**MINUTES of the 92nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the QUEENSCLIFF
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB Inc.**

Held in the Clubroom on 2nd August 2015 commencing at 10.35 am

The President Kevin Harris declared the meeting open and welcomed the Sponsors, VIPs, Life Members, Distinguished Service Members, Club Members friends and partners, to the meeting.

VIPs Present: David and Jean Hay AM Mayor of Manly, Shannon Job - Representing Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Branch, Henry Wong - Manly Council

Sponsors: Des Mac Ateer and John Langford Balgowlah RSL, David Thomas NBCU

Apologies: **Life Members:** Jim Ashton, Robyn Holt, Grant Spradbrow, Ed Kwanten, Col White, Peter Horton
Patrons: Tony Abbott and Mike Baird
Members: George Prescott, Dave and Julie Slennett, Jayson Elkins, Michael Gedz, Chris Allum, John O'Toole, Damien Daley, Andrew Sommerville, Greg Heard, Col Tansley, Brian Geddes
VIPs: Tony Haven SLSNSW, Steve McInnes SNB Branch, Mark Epper Manly LSC, John Watt NBCU and Joan Sommerville.

The minutes of the 91st AGM were approved and accepted.

Presentation of the 92nd Annual Report and financial statements and reports:

The President presented the Club's 92nd Annual Report and spoke to the AGM about the Club's activity, awards and achievements. He noted that the report including special purpose financial report has been available on the website prior to the AGM.

The President advised that the key focus of the elected officers of the Club in 2014-15 was to ensure delivery on our members expressed expectations of their Club:

- maximizing opportunity for members to be engaged in the club's business and decision-making processes.
- that our Club direction and activities delivers on providing a "family club" experience for all members
- and
- our Club is an inclusive organization

The President noted that the Club's results demonstrate that we are achieving members' aspiration of being "balanced" in each of the various facets of surf life saving.

Highlights mentioned were:

- There is no aspect of Surf Life Saving that Queenscliff hasn't been a contributor and active over the season and in many of these excelled
- In competition – Masters were again State Champions, followed by outstanding results in World Titles in France and Australian Open and Masters medal tally also on par with that of last year.
- Best ever results for March Past Team in the history of the Club at Aussies and the U17s outstanding performances in Pool Rescue and our first ever U17 Champion Life Saver gold medal at Aussies.

The President also sincerely thanked:

- Competition and Coaching team of Ed Kwanten, Dave Slennett, Chris Allum and Michael Hall.
- All members who give an extraordinary amount of their time at carnivals as officials.
- Barry Antella OAM and the building and renovation team
- Grant Spradbrow and Alan Butler for their passion and contributions to the Peter Daley Club Room's amenity.
- Jim Young and the Bar team
- Phil Bird and the carnival organization teams
- Patrol Captains and patrolling members including Graham Lugsdin who is the Club's grants officer, patrol captain and first aid leader.
- Clubs sponsors and supporters such as NBCU, Cunninghams Property, Balgowlah RSL, Manly Council, Peppercorn Food company, Mosman Locksmiths and Navigate Financial Group
- The 2014-2015 Management Committee Team and life members, age managers, officials, members of the Building Committee, Golf Day Committee and Selectors and on behalf of the thousands of people who came to our beach over the season – thank you to patrol members, patrol captains, our life saving trainers and all club members.

The most important statement in the reports is *“in the 92nd season we are proud, once again, to report that no lives were lost under our watch whilst patrolling Queenscliff Beach, as has been the case since the club's first active patrol in 1924.”*

Grant Henderson, Treasurer presented the Special Purpose Financial Report and summarized the details and explained in's and out's of the report.

The President, Kevin Harris then put the motion that the 92nd Annual Report and Special Purpose Financial Report for the 2014-15 be approved.

Motion was carried.

Kevin Harris then acknowledged the contribution of members and past members who had passed away during the year.

Bob Berry
Peter Daley
Paul Hammond
John Richards
Peter Walkaden

All stood and faced the water for a minute silence in honour of the Deceased Persons.

Speakers to the Annual Report and AGM:

Jean Hay, Mayor of Manly thanked Queenscliff on behalf of the community and the council for a sterling year and congratulations on a wonderful season.

Shannon Job on behalf of Branch congratulated Queenscliff on the results (including Nick Warby's Gold Medallion) and acknowledged and thanked officials, trainers and assessors

Also to Robyn Holt, Garry Fox and Brian Ward on their Branch awards. Thanked Kevin Harris for his leadership.

David Thomas NBCU spoke that the relationship is a partnership not a sponsorship, and that he was proud of the relationship and thanked the ANZAC Girls for the coverage on Channel 7

Declaration of Affiliation with Sydney Northern Beaches Branch of SLSA

It was moved that:

‘Affiliation be sought for the 2015/16 season with the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch of SLSA. Further, that the Articles, Constitution, By Laws, Regulations and Resolutions, together with the awards and equipment of SLSA Australia Limited, and/or affiliated State Centres and /or affiliated Branches, be accepted without reservation.’ - Resolution passed

Presentation of the 2015-2016 Budget:

The 2015-2016 Income and Expenses Budget has been prepared and structured on a portfolio of activity basis. Members are welcome to review the budget in detail. The projected revenue for 2015-16 is \$500,046. Compared to actual gross income of \$591,314 last year.

Incoming Management Committee will be reviewing the planned budget for the season as a first priority and will endeavor to recruit from the membership ranks a Marketing and Promotions leader to address the challenge of increasing the club’s income.

The proposed new Club Articles already presented to club members for review will be put to a special members meeting in October this year.

The President thanked Neil Schafer, the outgoing Deputy President, for all his work and his 2 years of service on the Management Committee.

Meritorious Service and Life Membership Awards:

Life Membership:

- Col Harrison - David Piper spoke for the award with Geoff Lyall seconding – motion voted and motion approved.
- Jim Young – Barry Antella and David Piper spoke for the award with Danny White seconding – motion voted and motion approved.

Col Harrison and Jim Young were awarded Life Membership and presented with life member badges and certificates

Distinguished Service:

- Maree White – Beth Laughton spoke for the award with David Piper seconding – motion voted and motion approved.
- Kay Lyall – Craig Susans spoke for the award with David Piper seconding – motion voted and motion approved.
- Jayson Elkins – Garry Fox spoke for the award with Geoff Lyall seconding – motion voted and motion approved.
- John O’Toole – Beth Laughton spoke for the award with David Piper seconding – motion voted and motion approved.
- Tiffany Hutcheson – Danny White spoke for the award with David Piper seconding – motion voted and motion approved.

Members were awarded Distinguished Service.

Election of Office Bearers:

Kevin Harris handed over to David Piper to conduct the election of officers David Piper thanked the outgoing Committee.

The Management Committee was elected as follows:

President: Kevin Harris

Deputy President: David Walton

Senior Vice Presidents: Ed Kwanten and Barry Antella

Club Captain: Rodger Whiteman

Life Saving Coordinator: vacant

Competition and Coaching Director: Dave Slennett

Deputy Competition and Coaching Director: Chris Allum

Chief Instructor: Garry Fox

Secretary: Kathryn Shearsby

Treasurer: Grant Henderson

General Activities Director: Craig Susans

Child Protection Officer: Maree White

Junior Activities Coordinator: Kate Perrett

Boat Captain: Michael Hall (non “elected officer” position of Management Committee)

IRB Captain: Jayson Elkins (non “elected officer” position of Management Committee)

General Business:

There was no correspondence or business put of an urgent nature.

Meeting Close:

Kevin Harris, President then addressed the AGM.

Whilst there are challenges on the horizon, I think we can be pleased and confident about our surf club’s future and for a number of reasons.

In 2015-16 we will continue to strive to provide for all club members in achieving the club’s objectives.

We will also meet the increasing challenges of escalating choices open to all members of the community in recreation and community service activities.

We recognise that it is becoming more and more difficult to win sponsorship and to raise funds. We will face that challenge in a number of ways and will be engaging with Council to seek their support.

Meeting Closed at 11.50am