

**MINUTES of the 93rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the QUEENSCLIFF  
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB Inc.**

Held in the Clubroom on 7th August 2016 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:** Hon Mike Baird, David Hay MBE, Jean Hay AM, Tracey Hare-Boyd - Representing Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Branch, Frank Traugott – President North Steyne SLSC, Chris Bell – President Manly LSC, Adele Heasman and Barry Antella OAM

**Sponsors:** Des MacAteer, Bob Paterson, John Cunningham

**Apologies:** **Life Members:** Danny White, Robyn Holt  
**Patrons:**  
**Members:** George Prescott, Dave and Julie Slennett, Chris Snell, David Boardman, Penny Boardman, Paul Boardman, Robert McGeachie,  
**VIPs:** David Murray, President NSW SLS, Dick Persson,

The minutes of the 92nd AGM were approved and accepted.

Kevin Harris acknowledged the contribution of members and past members who had passed away during the year and David Piper lead the acknowledgement of deceased members – Don Donkin MBE, Ian “Sandy” Saunders, Mal Shaw, John Langford, Anthony Hogan and Tony Ritchie.

**Presentation of the 93rd Annual Report and financial statements and reports:**

The President presented the Club’s 93rd Annual Report and spoke to the AGM about the Club’s activity, awards and achievements. He noted that the report including the special purpose financial report 2015-16 and the minutes of the 2015 AGM have been available on the club’s website prior to the AGM.

The President advised that the key focus of the elected officers of the Club in 2015-16 was to take stock of the Club’s key measure of success and sustainability – the member’s satisfaction of their Club experiences.

The President advised that Members’ highest priorities were that the number of Club Active and Proficient members is not falling, that our patrols are being assessed as competent and ready, and that we are producing each season new patrol members and higher qualified life savers.

The meeting was advised of the following key performance results in line with the members’ priorities:

- In the last three years, the number of active 18 and over members has increased by 7.4%.
- Life saving patrol performance as assessed by SNB SLS, was above average and with a number of perfect scores: The Club coming third overall in the Branch.

- There were 70 Bronze graduates, growing the number of Bronze Medal qualified members by 18% over the previous year.
- There were also 53 higher-level Lifesaving awards gained; e.g. Gold Medal, ARC, First Aid, IRB, etc.

The President referred to the members' keen interest relating to our Nippers and Junior members - the future of the Club.

He reported that at the Junior membership level (Under 17s), the Club is very fortunate to have a group of very talented young athletes who achieved numerous State and Aussies medals over the 2015-16 Season.

The front cover of the Annual report recognises one of the U17 team members, Calum Lowe-Griffiths. Calum, in recognition of his achievements, at the Branch, State, National and International levels and his selection as the Junior Captain for the SLSA International Team was awarded the Branch Youth Athlete of the Year. Calum typifies his U17 team mates. They are not only superb athletes but also fine young people and great club contributors.

Nipper participation at Carnivals grew in 2015-16 with the participation level greatly enhanced by the Club's initiative in introducing The Paul Hammond Nipper Beach Carnival. The Club Competition and Coaching Team also implemented a comprehensive Nipper Coaching Program over the winter period and we can look forward to a significant increase in Nipper participation in surf events next season.

Nipper Junior Activities Director Kate Perrett and her fantastic team of Age Managers and team leaders have once again delivered to the several hundred Nippers and parents arriving at the beach each Sunday a wonderful, rich and happy Season.

Opens and Masters competitors had a great year in competition. Competition and Coaching Team leaders: Ed Kwanten, Dave Slennett, Chris Allum and Michael Gedz have done a super job over the season and along with all the athletes are to be congratulated.

The President reminded the meeting that as an incorporated association and registered Charitable Fundraising entity, the Club is required to appropriately manage and report its affairs.

The meeting was advised that the Club Board has developed, introduced, ratified and registered the Club's new constitution in 2015-16. The constitution meets the latest statutory requirements and addresses a number of significant shortfalls of the old Club Articles.

He advised that the Board is also pleased to advise of the strong financial performance of the Club over 2015-16 and healthy end of year cash position. Whilst the Club continues to enjoy significant support from our sponsors, the Board has taken action to develop new sponsorship sources and has also launched the Queenscliff Foundation.

The President also sincerely thanked:

- Northern Beaches Credit Union, Cunninghams Property, Balgowlah RSL and Peppercorn Food Company as the Club's leading sponsorship partners.
- All members including the Board who gave an extraordinary amount of their time throughout the season.
- Dave Walton outgoing Deputy President for his support and assistance.
- Roger Whiteman outgoing Club Captain for his great work and leadership.
- Barry Antella OAM and his "Dad's Army" the building and renovation team
- Alan Butler and his Golf Day Crew for the 2015 fantastic fund raising results.
- Chippa's passion and contributions to ensure the history of the Club is captured.
- Phil Bird and the Queenscliff carnival organization teams
- Patrol Captains and patrolling members including Graham Lugsdin who is the Club's grants officer, patrol captain and first aid leader.
- Craig Susans, Rob Dainel, Jim Young and the bar services team

Before moving to the Financial Report, The President advised the most important statement in the reports is "*in the 93rd 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 ins and outs of the report.

Ed Kwanten on behalf of Danny White spoke to the reports and moved that the 93rd Annual Report and Special Purpose Financial Report for the 2015-16 be approved.

Motion was carried.

### **Speakers to the Annual Report and AGM:**

Mike Baird, Member for Manly, Premier of NSW addressed the AGM and thanked everyone for their contributions.

Tracey-Hare Boyd on behalf of Branch congratulated Queenscliff on their report and thanked Queenscliff for working cohesively and for all their assistance.

John Cunningham advised that it was a pleasure and a honour to be involved and that they enjoyed being part of the community.

### **Declaration of Affiliation with Sydney Northern Beaches Branch of SLSA**

It was moved that:

'Affiliation be sought for the 2016/17 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 2016-17 Budget:**

Grant Henderson presented the 2016 – 2017 Income and Expenses Budget which again has been prepared and again structured on a portfolio of activity basis.

### **Meritorious Service and Life Membership Awards:**

#### **Life Membership:**

- Greg Heard. Craig Susans spoke for to Greg's nomination with Ian Martin seconding – motion voted and motion approved.

Greg Heard was awarded Life Membership

#### **Distinguished Service:**

- Alan Butler – Barry Antella spoke to the nomination with Ray Williams seconding – motion voted and motion approved.
- Dave Slennett – Craig Susans spoke to the nomination with Ed Kwanten seconding – motion voted and motion approved.
- Kerry Seipelt – Geoff Lyall spoke to the nomination with Terry Boardman seconding – motion voted and motion approved.

Alan Butler, Dave Slennett and Kerry Seipelt 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 Board. The following members were voted in:

The Management Board was elected as follows:

President: Kevin Harris

Deputy President: Vacant

Senior Vice Presidents: Ed Kwanten and Barry Antella

Club Captain: Gavin Larkings

Life Saving Coordinator: Tiffany Hutcheson

Competition and Coaching Director: Dave Slennett

Deputy Competition and Coaching Director: Chris Snell

Chief Instructor: Garry Fox

Secretary: Kathryn Shearsby

Treasurer: Grant Henderson

General Activities Director: Craig Susans

Junior Activities Coordinator: Kate Perrett

Marketing and Sponsorship Director – Graham Lugsdin

Members Welfare Director – Chris Davern

Boat Captain: Pip Butt (non “elected officer” position)

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

Child protection Officer: Marie White (non “elected officer” position)

### **General Business:**

Matt Hamilton requested a Junior Captain be reinstated – The Board committed to review the suggestion.

### **Meeting Close:**

Kevin Harris, President then addressed the AGM and thanked the meeting for their attendance and their confidence in the incoming board as demonstrated by the meeting's vote. He advised that, whilst there are challenges on the horizon, members should be confident about the club's future

He advised that in 2016-17 the Board will continue to strive to provide for all club members in achieving the club's objectives. The Board will also meet the increasing



challenges of escalating choices open to all members of the community in recreation and community service activities.

The Board also recognizes that it is becoming more and more difficult to win sponsorship and to raise funds and will face that challenge in a number of ways.

Meeting Closed at 12.15pm