

**MINUTES of the 91st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the QUEENSCLIFF
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB Inc.**

Held in the Clubroom on 3rd August 2014 commencing at 11.05 am

The President Kevin Harris declared the meeting open and welcomed the Sponsors, VIPs, Life Members, Distinguished Service Members, friends and partners, to the meeting. Kevin Harris advised that the 2014 AGM agenda would follow as advised on Page 3 of the 2014 Annual Report.

VIPs Present: David and Jean Hay AM Mayor of Manly, Mark Epper, President - Manly Life Saving Club, Adrian Lowe - Representing Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Branch, Alan Le Surf - Manly Council, Henry Wong - Manly Council

Sponsors: Des Mac Ateer and John Langford Balgowlah RSL

Life Members: Craig Susans, Robyn Holt, Barry Antella, Geoff Lyall, David Piper OAM, Ray Williams, Col White, Grant Spradbrow, Ed Kwanten, Jim Ashton, Jack Nash, Don Donkin MBE, Tony Foster, Denis Heard, Ian Saunders, Trevor Horton.

Apologies: David and Julie Slennett, Kiersten Jones, Troy Andrew, Gary Cook, Tim Hayes, Rob Daniel, Boardman Family, Danny and Maree White, Tracey Hare-Boyd from North Steyne SLSC, Matt Hamilton.

The minutes of the 90th AGM were approved and accepted.

Presentation of the 91st Annual Report and financial statements and reports:

The President presented the Club's 91st Annual Report and spoke to the AGM about the Club's activity, awards and achievements. He noted that the report has been available on the website prior to the AGM.

The President summarized the following highlights:

- Members want Queenscliff to be a "family club", an inclusive organisation. Our club should be "balanced" in each of the various facets of Surf Life Saving.
- To be the best we can at life saving, developing our nippers and in competition from Nippers to Masters across all areas.
- The findings from the surveys and member meetings set the agenda and objective of the 2013-2014 Management Committee.
- The Committee strived to deliver on enabling the club to be "balanced" and to ensure decisions made for one group were always in consideration for everyone.
- Improved communication and member engagement, held open member's forums to obtain feedback.
- Annual Report reflects on the success and achievement across all areas of the club. The most important statement in the reports is *"in the 91st 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."*
- Competition Results were the best for many years.

- Thanked all members for the extraordinary commitment, hard work and congratulated them on behalf of the community at large.
- Acknowledged our 2013 -2014 Sponsors for their support.
- Thanked the team that worked on the annual report.
- Thanked the Management Committee for their support and hard work.
- President then asked the Treasurer to present the 2013-2014 Special Purpose Finance Report

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 91st Annual Report and Special Purpose Financial Report for the 2013-14 be approved.

He asked for those in favour to please raise your hand – unanimous. Motion was carried.

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

Graeme Forsyth
 Brian Pashley
 Paddy Stone
 Chris Simpson
 Dot Crowe
 Laurie Little
 Toby Prescott
 Moira Donkin
 Peter Daley

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

Meritorious Service and Life Membership Awards:

There were no nominations received for Life Membership or Distinguished Service for 2014 prior to the AGM.

There were two Long Service Awards presented:

- Bert Kwanten 50 years Long Service Award
- Paul Hammond 40 years Long Service Award

Speakers to the Annual Report and AGM:

Jean Hay, Mayor of Manly congratulated Kevin Harris and Management Committee and the 1700 members. She advised that she was proud and privileged to be a Patron of Queenscliff.

Adrian Lowe on behalf of Branch congratulated Queenscliff on the results and the patrol hours. Also to Michael Gedz as Branch Master Athlete of the Year and Robyn Holt who received the President's Award.

Balgowlah RSL - accepted a presentation from Queenscliff for their sponsorship support over the 2013-2014 season.

Election of Office Bearers:

Kevin Harris handed over to David Piper to conduct the election of officers. The Management Committee was elected as follows:

President: Kevin Harris

Deputy President: Neil Schafer

Senior Vice Presidents: Ed Kwanten and Barry Antella

Club Captain: Rodger Whiteman

James Keene: Life Saving Coordinator

Competition and Coaching Director: Dave Slennett

Deputy Competition and Coaching Director: Tim Hayes

Chief Instructor: Garry Fox

Secretary: Kathryn Shearsby

Treasurer: Grant Henderson

General Activities Director: Craig Susans

Child Protection Officer: Dave Walton

Junior Activities Coordinator: Kiersten Jones

Deputy Junior Activities Coordinator: Troy Andrew

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

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

AFFILIATION with Sydney Northern Beaches Branch of SLSA

It was moved that:

‘Affiliation be sought for the 2014/15 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

General Business:

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

A member rased a question regarding the Building and Master Plan – Kevin Harris replied that we would need to continue to strive to find revenues and apply for grants to carry forward the Master Plan in the future.

Meeting Close:

Kevin Harris, President then addressed the AGM.

“In 2014-15 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. Also in response to the challenge I am pleased to announce that, following very generous pro-bono services from our club lawyer,

Chris Finn, we are now fully ready to register and establish a charitable Trust where the sole beneficiary is the club and where the sole purpose of the Trust is to support the club in meeting its objectives.

David earlier today, mentioned that there has been great support from members nominating for many of the other important leadership roles in the Club, which do not require election at the AGM, leadership positions such Boat Captain, Assistant treasurer, Club Vice Captain, IRB Captain, Building Committee Chair, First Aid Officer and many more. The incoming Management Committee will be calling on you shortly after today.

I have one more very important thing to do before I close today's Annual General Meeting.

Our club's culture is one of inclusiveness, a club for both families and keen competitors, and a club with a proud tradition in protecting the people who enjoy our wonderful beach and a place where people feel safe.

Queenscliff Surf Life saving Club, and by "club" I don't mean this building, I mean the heart and soul of the club, the way it operates and its achievements, stands on solid foundations built by many. All members contribute to their capacity and with the time they can spare. Some contribute much more.

One such person has contributed a great deal indeed and I refer to Peter Daley, Life Member and past president. In recognition of Peter's extraordinary commitment and contribution to our club, his portrait will be placed in a position of honour with other club Life Members in our photo gallery and Kevin asked Peter's son Damien Daley to come forward to talk to the AGM about Peter."

Damien Daley highlighted that Peter was a father, brother, husband, life member of the greatest club in the world and how much Peter loved Queenscliff. Peter believed that Juniors were the future. Peter did not win an Aussie Gold but was part of every medal in every race. His proudest achievements were his State medal with his daughter, Kelly and also the Aussie medal with him. Peter's greatest friends are with Queensie.

Kevin Harris thanked DD and also thanked everyone for attending today. He advised that the meeting was closed and invited everyone to join us for drinks and to continue the interaction of invited guests, sponsors and members.

Meeting Closed at 12.15pm.