

MINUTES OF THE 112TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NORTH STEYNE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC. HELD ON SUNDAY 21ST JULY 2019 AT NORTH STEYNE SLSC

Meeting commenced at 11.00am

Chairperson, President Frank Traugott welcomed those in attendance including life members, members and sponsors.

PRESENT

James Griffin MP (Member for Manly and Patron), Michael Regan (Mayor, Northern Beaches Council), Jean Hay AM (Patron), David Hay (Patron), Des McAteer (President of Balgowlah RSL and Patron), John Garland (Director, Balgowlah RSL), Bryan Renshaw (Director, Balgowlah RSL), Bob Paterson (Director, Balgowlah RSL), Karen McCart (Channel 9), Jarrod Kreeft (Manly Lions), Shannon Job (Sydney Northern Beaches (SNB) Branch), Tracey Hare-Boyd (Sydney Northern Beaches Branch), Life Members, Members and sponsors.

Life Members and Distinguished Service Members:

Jack Sutherland, Arthur McCarroll, Keith Crampton, Ronald Morton, Paul Day, Shan Grose, Keith Abraham, Paul Mathew, Bernard Burrows, Col Stanford, Richard Donaldson, David O'Brien, Geoff Cooper, Lee Cooper, Deb Foote, Mark Neighbour, Frank Traugott, Tim Platt, David Cowell.

Other Members and Guests as per attendance book.

APOLOGIES

Doug Menzies (President, SNB Branch), Steve McInnes (CEO, SNB Branch), Ken Prior (President QSLSC), Zali Steggell (Member for Warringah), Nigel Jeny (Manly Lions), Trevor Lane, Joe Mastrangelo, Mark Maddox, Jeff Brown, Damian O'Shannassy, Andrew Taylor, Ella Falzarano, Adam Traugott, Paul Thomson, Peter Chapman, Rob Burgess, Sarah Lally, Ross Birch, Claire Oxlade, Jon Colwell, Emma Hillier

That apologies be accepted.

Moved: Arthur McCarroll

Seconded: Peter Frater

Carried

VALE

On behalf of North Steyne, the Chair gave his condolences to those who had lost family members and friends during the year. He invited Life Members Arthur McCarroll and Paul Day to pay tribute to Life Member and Club legend Neil Purcell OAM who had recently passed away.

Arthur McCarroll said he was deeply honoured to say a few words about Neil Purcell. Neil joined North Steyne at the age of 14 in 1942 in the middle of the war, and he received his Bronze Medallion. Neil trained and competed in resuss and in surf boats. He was the club captain, club secretary, vice president, assistant secretary and assist treasurer. He served at all levels of surf lifesaving, and was a Club Trustee right to the end. He always kept a watchful eye and was an advisor and a mentor during Arthur's presidency. Neil was great help, great mentor and a great friend. It says it all when a person can join at age 14 and keep an active role for 77 years. Rest in Peace.

Paul Day said he knew Neil since 1957 when he joined the Club, and Neil assisted with his bronze squad training. He was of great assistance when Paul was Club president for 7 years. Neil was a foundation member of the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch, which was started by North Steyne. He also provided much assistant to Paul when he was Branch president. He was a competition official and secretary of SNB for 6 years. He was passionate about the

R&R competition and handed down his knowledge and experience to many. You could always find Neil at carnivals assessing march past, R&R and providing assistance at branch, state, and national levels. He was a life member of North Steyne, SNB, SLSNSW, SLSA, and received the Order of Australia in 2007. He spent many hundreds of hours maintaining equipment, and was a history buff who insisted that history needed to be told accurately. He was a doer, humble and never sought recognition. He was involved with the Dee Why Bowling Club and Probus. Neil and Ann celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary 4 days before Neil passed away. You would have to go a long way to find someone who has contributed some 77 years of continued services at all levels. His record of service speaks for itself. He has never known Neil to be absent from a North Steyne AGM until today. He was a top companion, loving husband and great father. Rest in peace.

One minute silence was held in tribute to the recent loss of life within the surf lifesaving community.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was resolved that the Minutes of the 111th Annual General Meeting of Sunday 22nd July 2018 are correct as read.

The Chair noted that we had overlooked inserting the affiliation clause under other business. Minutes will be corrected accordingly.

Moved: Jack Sutherland

Seconded: Paul Day

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

Nil

112TH ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Chair presented the Annual Report to the members and reflected another great season for North Steyne SLSC.

He noted the focus for this season was on improving the Club and clubhouse. That included the new balconies which were opened at Christmas time.

Four (4) years ago the Board identified increasing membership as a key objective, as member numbers had been declining. Membership grew again during the season, and has grown by double digits over the past 4 years, whilst Branch membership has declined 4%. North Steyne is one of only 2 clubs that have increased our membership consistently. Similarly, we made a financial loss 4 years ago, and we have improved our financial position every year over the last 4 years.

Patrolling membership grew by 20% and we won most outstanding club on Sydney Northern Beaches for lifesaving. Most importantly, 'there were no lives lost this season'. None of this would be possible without good training and our education team. Kyra did an impressive job as Chief Instructor over the past 3 seasons, particularly for someone who is so young.

Nippers and Ripper Nippers had a great year with good results in competition, as did our champion lifesaving team. Congratulations Joe Jenkins on bronze at Aussies. Our boat section grew to 5 crews including a women's crew, and they achieved great results in carnivals. even more pleasing was the launch of our new surfboat "Iris".

Shannon Job was given Distinguished Service for 15 years of service to Sydney Northern Beaches Branch. Keith Abraham, with Dad's army, was given the President's award. Tracey Hare-Boyd takes over from Shannon as Branch Deputy President.

Our long serving members continued to be engaged and promoted the Club through the media with an appearance on the Today Show, and as the A team raising funds on the BBQ. Jack Sutherland did an outstanding job as Deputy President.

We continue to support the community outside of surf lifesaving through a range of activities.

In June we lost one of North Steyne's most respected members, Neil Purcell OAM, who in 2017 was recognised as 75 years of volunteer service. Neil was an absolute gentleman who unselfishly served the club until the end. Thank you, Neil, for everything you have done for North Steyne and surf lifesaving. Your legacy will live on.

The Chair noted that he was stepping down as President after 4 years. He noted that it had been an absolute privilege to have served in that role, and said he was constantly amazed and humbled at what North Steyne members do for the community. Every member, supporter and sponsor is responsible for the club's success.

The Chair thanked the Board for their support and working together, with special thanks to Chris, Tony and Jack for their leadership and thank you to Audrey. He noted that good things happen when you have a great team and North Steyne is a great team.

Tony Falzarano, Treasurer, spoke and said he had an easy job presenting the finances. North Steyne had another great year and the Club has done very well. The results can particularly be attributed to the boaties and the sponsorship from Pure Legal and Careline. The sponsorship revenue was recognised in full in the accounts, but the boat costs will be depreciated over several years.

Tony thanked North Steyne sponsors Channel 9, Balgowlah RSL, Steyne Hotel, Scott Farrell, club member, who donated his speaking fees to North Steyne. He recognized and thanked all the other sponsors in the annual report. Tony also noted that we had the best ocean swim ever and it was an excellent event.

He referred to the annual report where other financial details can be found, and noted that revenue was down in some areas, particularly the BBQ and the bar, but noted that we still made a good profit. He thanked the A Team for their efforts during the season.

There were no questions from the floor.

Mark Neighbour, Assistant Treasurer, read a statement from Trevor Lane, Honourary Auditor. The statement congratulated the Board, all members and supporters for a great team effort. When you read all the reports that make up the annual report you see strong leadership and a willingness of members to participate in patrols, learning new skills, competition, fund raising and administration ably supported by way of grants, sponsorship and donations. The financial success of the Club is not achieved in a single season. It is an ongoing process helped by the input of the more experienced members willing to pass on their knowledge to the young brigade. This leads to success in all the different operations of the Club be it patrol, competition, youth programs, special needs and administration. Before any major or unusual cost is incurred, the Club currently needs to find about \$200,000 to fund its day-to-day operations. So far, the Board and members have been successful in meeting that challenge.

The Chair invited others to make comments from the floor.

James Griffin thanked Frank, all members of the Club and all volunteers for making North Steyne a great club. He noted it was fitting to be at North Steyne, as the season was opened on North Steyne beach with the Raising of the Flags, a very prestigious honour which North Steyne should be proud of. He thanked Frank for his friendship and leadership of the Club, and noted that the work of North Steyne spreads far into the community. He said it has

been a great privilege and honour to be a patron and congratulated Frank, the North Steyne team, and all members once again on a great job and a fantastic season.

Michael Regan thanked Frank for his leadership and thanked all members for their service. He thanked the Club for allowing the public to use the hall as it is a great attraction to the community. He thanked Paul and Arthur for their thoughtful comments about Neil. He noted that Council has been getting its act together since amalgamation, and a new CEO had been hired to whip the place back into shape, improve relationships with the community and get the basics right. He again thanked all members, and noted that the Council will be playing a stronger role in being a part of the Club.

Jean Hay AM said that it was an honour for her and David to be patrons at the 112th AGM. She congratulated Frank and all the team involved. She noted that the Club goes from strength to strength and it is great to see that membership is increasing as it only seemed like a short time ago that the Club would have to close. She said she was very proud to be a patron of this Club. She noted that she and David recently celebrated 61st wedding anniversary and needed to thank North Steyne as this is where they met. The Club will always be very near and dear to her heart.

The Chair thanked Richard Donaldson and Chris Stewart for putting the annual report together. Chris Stewart presented Richard Donaldson with a token of the Club's appreciation for all his great work with the Annual Report.

That the Report be adopted:

Moved: Arthur McCarroll

Seconded: Ron Morton

Carried

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND PLAQUES

James Griffin presented the NSW Premier's Volunteering Service Award, 40 years of volunteer services to Keith Crampton and Paul Day.

Dan Hillier spoke about the National Patrol Service Awards and particularly recognized those with 20 years' service.

National Patrol Service Awards presented to -

20 years Tim Platt, Paul Mathew, Malcolm Peake

10 years Chris Stewart, Des Silberberg, Daniel Flynn, Mathew Bennis

5 years Kevin Silvy, Shane O'Neill, Van Stewart, Michelle Hare, Jessica Purvis, Mia Stewart, Riana Takeda, Claire Oxlade, Malcolm Chapman, Trae Hare-Boyd, Colleen Button, Jeffrey Brown, Molly Parker, Ewan Cooper-Frater, Oscar Cowell, Joshua Whelan, Georgia Quinn, Ella Ritchie, Antonio Matruglio

Shannon Job spoke to the other service awards, and said that we were playing a bit of catch up on some of the awards. He also noted that SLSA has released a new coaching service award. He congratulated all who received service awards as listed in the Annual Report, and as follows:

Officiating Service Certificate: 15yr Chris Dooley; 10yr Keith Abraham, Bernie Burrows; 5yr Rebecca Chapman.

Assessing Service Certificate: 15yr Keith Abraham; 10yr Shannon Job, Paul Mathew; 5yr Tracey Hare-Boyd, Joe Mastrangelo, Frank Traugott.

Training Service Certificate: 15yr Keith Abraham, Shannon Job, Frank Traugott; 10yr Joe Mastrangelo, Paul Mathew; 5yr Tracey Hare-Boyd, Rebecca Chapman, Richard Donaldson.
 Facilitating Service Certificate: 10yr Shannon Job; 5yr Keith Abraham.
 Coaching Service Certificate: 10yrs Colin Stanford, Peter Landsey; 5yrs Richard Donaldson.

Distinguished Service Award

Presented to Chris Gibbs Stewart by Jack Sutherland – Contribution across a number of areas including Nippers (Age Manager, Competition and Secretary), Assistant Secretary, Assistant Youth, and now Secretary for 4 years. Always helping around the Club and has some of the highest patrol hours in the Club.

Outstanding Service Awards

Presented to Brett Patrick by Paul Mathew – Classic example of someone who flies under the radar and works quietly behind the scenes. Introduced pool lifesaving, on Paul’s patrol for 14 years, and influential in the IRB section. He has overseen a lot of the building work, including managing Council and the builders.

Presented to Kyra Jenkins by Deb Foote – Youngest receipt of this award in the Club’s history. Joined in 2010 and ever since doing her SRC, she has been competing, training and volunteering. She has her IRBD and holds about every award there is. She is always putting up her hand to help, and gets everything done without fuss.

The Chair thanked the members of the Life Membership and Honours Panel for all their work with the awards.

Future Fund Scholarships were presented to Ella Falzarano, Emma Hillier and Oscar Cowell.

David Cowell presented James Griffin, Michael Regan, Jean and David Hay and Jerrod Kreeft, on behalf of Manly Lions, a token of appreciation.

Chris Gibbs Stewart thanked Audrey Bruen for her great work and ensuring the smooth running of the Club on a daily basis and presented her with a token of appreciation.

ELECTION OF PATRONS, DIRECTORS, JUDICIARY PANEL AND TRUSTEES FOR SEASON 2019/2020

The Chair thanked all Board members for their contribution during the season. He particularly acknowledged and thanked those Board members who were not standing again for the upcoming season.

The Chair declared all positions vacant. He noted that only one nomination had been received for nearly all positions. An election, therefore, was unnecessary as those that were nominated were automatically appointed to those positions.

The following Board members were appointed at the AGM:

President	Chris Gibbs Stewart		
Deputy President	Jack Sutherland		
Treasurer	Tony Falzarano	Assistant	Mark Neighbour
Secretary	Cath Hillier	Assistant	Dannii Edwards
Club Captain	Dan Hillier	Assistant	James Purvis, Jack Watt
Chief Instructor	Trae Hare-Boyd	Assistant	Tracey Hare-Boyd
Competition Director	Deb Foote	Assistant	Robert Szewczak, Sarah Lally
Junior Activity Director	Brian Mariotti	Assistant	Hillary Burrows
Marketing Director	David Cowell	Assistant	Brett Edwards
General Activities Director	Claire Oxlade	Assistant	Peter Frater

Youth Director Jodie Fraser Assistant Emma Hillier, Ewan Cooper-Frater

Moved: Paul Day Seconded: Shannon Job Carried

The following Panel members and Patrons were confirmed:

Patrons	Jean Hay AM, David Hay, James Griffin MP, Des McAteer
Trustees	Keith Crampton, Paul Day, Arthur McCarroll
Judiciary Panel	Adam Traugott, Mark Maddox, Keith Abraham
Life Members & Distinguished Panel (election held)	Shannon Job, Paul Day, Ron Morton, Arthur McCarroll
Rules Panel	Lee Cooper, Adam Traugott, Keith Abraham, Gordon Lang, Frank Traugott

The Chair wished the new Board, panels, trustees and patrons all the best for the coming season.

GENERAL BUSINESS

As nothing had been received in writing there was no other business.

From the floor, Bernie Burrows raised the severe rat problem. He asked what Council could do to help with this. Michael Regan responded that he will look into it.

Jack Sutherland noted he was organizing a once-a-month get together for older members. Please contact Jack if interested.

The Chair declared the meeting closed and thanked everyone for their contribution and attendance.

The Meeting closed at 12.31pm.

President and Chairman **Frank Traugott**