



# NORTH STEYNE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

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## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF NORTH STEYNE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC. HELD ON SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021 AT NORTH STEYNE SLSC

Meeting commenced at 4.00pm

### 1. WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT

Chairperson, President, Christine Gibbs Stewart welcomed those in attendance including life members, members and sponsors to this Special General Meeting of North Steyne SLSC.

She noted that this is really part 2 of our Annual General Meeting which was held on 8 August earlier this year and as you are aware was held online due to COVID restrictions. We decided when planning the AGM to hold over our service and recognition awards to a time when we could get together face to face so we could be together to celebrate all our achievements.

Special guests included Sarah Grattan, Councilor, Northern Beaches Council, Des McAteer, John Garland and David O'Brien from Balgowlah RSL and Nigel Jenny from Manly Lions. The Jenkins Family – Mike, Judy and Kyra.

### PRESENT

#### *Life Members and Distinguished Service Members:*

Jack Sutherland, Arthur McCarroll, Keith Crampton, Ronald Morton, Paul Day, Keith Abraham, Bernie Burrows, Damien O'Shannassy, Trevor Lane, Paul Mathew, Richard Donaldson, David O'Brien, Deb Foote, Frank Traugott, Shannon Job, David Cowell, Christine Gibbs Stewart, Alex Salier, Shan Grose, Col Stanford, Joanne Cooper, David Cowell.

*Members:* Sarah Lally, Jack Watt, Jodie Frazer, David Guthrie, Claire Oxlade, Tim Laurence, Hanna Claire, Trae Hare-Boyd, Michelle Sas, Robert Szewczak, David Maguire, Peter Landsey, Ally Stirling, , Oscar Cowell, Olivia Pennie, John Holman, Sophie Egden, Lachlan Van der Plujim, Jodie Frazer, Kyle Wong, Maxine Peacock-Smith, Rebecca Chapman, Nicholas Perry, John Stenfield, Eve Killick, Phillip Bird, Roisin Tulmity, Kyra Jenkins, Judy Jenkins and Mike Jenkins.

### 2. APOLOGIES

Jean Hay AM (Patron), David Hay (Patron), James Griffin MP, Zali Steggall MP, Michael Regan (Mayor), Tony Falzarano, Michael Altenburger, Joe Mastrangelo, Mark Neighbour, Mark Stewart, Simon Herfort, Dan Hillier, Cath Hillier, Emma Hillier, Abbey Hillier, Ned Hillier, Adam Traugott, George van Dyck, Gary Sullivan, Chris Dooley, Jono Colwell, Kate Munro, Peter Frater.

That apologies be accepted.

**Moved:** Joanne Cooper

**Seconded:** Claire Oxlade

**Carried**

### **3. THE YEAR AHEAD**

Chris Gibbs Stewart gave an outline of the year ahead for North Steyne SLSC. She reflected on the difficult start of the season and thanked everyone for all the extra hours they put in to make things work.

She noted that George van Dyck resigned as Treasurer as he is moving overseas. Shannon Job, currently Assistant Treasurer, will take up the role when the Board resolves to appoint him as Treasurer at the next Board meeting.

The Board is focused on 4 areas to ensure we are sustainable into the future. These areas are -

- Membership – to engage and grow our membership base;
- Clubhouse – secure tenure and commence our building constructions;
- Business – improve how we run things and leverage the NSW State Championships;
- And Leadership – develop our people and involve our local community.

The masterplan is progressing and we are working with Council to move the project along. The Council is in the stage of obtaining design advice from a heritage consultant and we are working on refining our plans for the building.

We are also working with the Council on new 20 year lease which is a significant improvement on our now expired license. The lease gives us the rights to use our building how we see fit, helps us develop additional revenue sources and of course fully secures our home for the next generation.

The NSW State Championships will be held on our beach in February and March. We are working on this event with Queenscliff, the official host, and Freshwater. It will be an opportunity for all of us to work together to deliver what will be a great competition for the next 3, and possibly 5 years. SLSNSW will use this hall as an administration centre for a 4 week period. This will be a high profile, exciting event for us which will not only deliver a return financially, but raise our profile, connect us with new communities and enable us showcase what North Steyne is all about.

### **4. TRIBUTE TO JOE JENKINS**

The Chair noted that we lost one of our fine young members, Joe Jenkins, earlier this year and would like to remember him and pay tribute. On behalf of the Club, she extended the deepest condolences to the family.

Paul Mathew was invited to speak about Joe. He reflected on what a truly unique individual he was and how rare that was for someone so young.

Paul noted that Joe was a young Nipper at North Steyne when he first came across him. He would often hang around his older sister Kyra's Age group when Paul was her Age Manager... just Kyra's "little" brother! Smiling and awkward, just there all the time!

As the years progressed Joe turned into a highly competent surf life saver and very, very successful competitor, who represented our club so many times.

Following Kyra, Joe also joined Paul's Patrol and spent nearly 8 seasons starting as an SRC, then getting his bronze, then ART and eventually he became a Gold Medallist at the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships in Champion Surf Life Saver.

Joe was highly intelligent and his prowess in mathematics might have taken him into any number of potentially lucrative careers yet as he approached and started university, he indicated that teaching mathematics was perhaps the direction he was most interested in. He wanted to help and pass on what he knew and liked.

It was his sense of adventure and a connection to his New Zealand heritage that eventually lured Joe over the Tasman to study and attend an outdoor adventure camp in New Zealand earlier this year. Perhaps it was his chance to also explore his potential a bit more.

Joe's passing has devastated his family and the whole North Steyne SLSC community. Our hearts and support go out to Judy, Mike & Kyra.

For his colleagues on Patrol 9, fellow Club members and competitors alike, it has left a feeling of great loss for a much-loved young friend who will no longer be with us on our patrols or around North Steyne. Paul concluded, "Joe, you were one of a kind, thank you for the memories and we miss you."

Mike Jenkins spoke and thanked the Club for all the support given. He said that Joe loved North Steyne and the family has many happy memories here. It will remain a special place and one that we can remember and talk about Joe. He urged people to do this in order to keep the memory of Joe alive.

A minute's silence was observed in memory of Joe Jenkins

## **5. NOTICE OF MOTION**

A Notice had been circulated to members in the agenda. The Motion is *"That Richard Donaldson be elected to Life Membership."*

Proposer: Peter Landsey

Secunder: Damian O'Shannassy

Peter Landsey spoke in support of the motion.

He said he nominated Richard Donaldson for this award because of his extensive contribution to the many areas of the club over a 21 year period. It started when Richard obtained his bronze medallion in 2000. Fast forward 21 years and he has clocked up more than 840 patrol hours. He continues to patrol as an active reserve. He became involved in Nippers, when his two daughters were going through the program, he worked in a supportive role for more than 6 years, undertaking a range of activities as assistant age manager, providing water safety for carnivals and state championships and supporting the nipper organizing committee.

Richard then developed an interest in IRBs. He obtained his silver medallion in 2005 and in 2010 he was named the IRB Driver in the Club Captain's Patrol. That year he was also involved in IRB driver and crew training and has been since. He went on to become IRB Captain in 2015 for three years.

Richard's natural ability and passion to teach and develop others, led him to become the lead IRB educator for the club, developing up and coming members in IRB crew and driving. For many years Richard has run training and coaching programs for aspiring IRB crew and drivers. He has also coached and mentored other members to become IRB captain's and supported our IRB racing team. He is now an endorsed IRB assessor and holds a 5 year IRB training service certificate. His interest in boats extended to rowing, obtaining sweep and surf boat coaching accreditations.

In 2006 he was instrumental in the production of the clubs 100 year Anniversary book, providing advice and guidance throughout the process, working with both the designer and author and reporting to the book committee. Over more than 15 years, he has been involved in the final production of the club's annual report, advising on technical, print and supply issues.

Apart from all of that, he has contributed to numerous fundraising events, including Sunday BBQs, Steyne hotel Friday evening raffles and marshalling at the annual Dee Why to Manly charity run.

Richard is being nominated for life membership, for his many years of dedicated service to our club, from his early days as a Nipper parent to become a respected coach, trainer and assessor, as well as his numerous behind the scenes" contributions.

Damian O'Shannassy also spoke about Richard's involvement in surfboats and the great contribution he has made.

The Motion that "That Richard Donaldson be elected to Life Membership."

**Carried**

## **6. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND PLAQUES**

### **NSSLSC Service Awards**

#### **Distinguished Service Award**

Tony Falzarano was presented the Distinguished Service Award by Trevor Lane and recognized for his many years of distinguished service to the Club, particularly as Treasurer and for his contribution to the financial management of North Steyne.

#### **Outstanding Service Award**

Brian Mariotti was presented the Outstanding Service Award by Paul Mathew and was recognized for his outstanding service as Nippers Directors as well as his work on the Club's masterplan.

#### **National Medal**

Jo Copper was presented the National Medal by Shannon Job.

#### **Long Service Awards**

Jack Sutherland presented the following awards and thanked recipients for their longstanding and sustained commitment to the club:

60 yrs - Keith Abraham

50 yrs - Colin Stanford

50 yrs - Simon Fry  
40 yrs – Bernie Burrows

Jack also announced the following long service awards:

25 yrs - Malcolm Peake  
25 yrs - Jonathan Colwell  
25 yrs - Paul Mathew  
25yrs - Shan Grose

#### **Patrol Service Certificates**

Shannon Job announced the following Patrol Service Certificates recognizing more than 25 patrolling hours per season:

20 yrs - Shannon Job  
10 yrs - Daniel Hillier  
10 yrs - Jodie Frazer  
5 yrs - Riana Takeda, Abbey Hillier, Rose Richardson, Joseph Jenkins, Olivia Kehoe, Maya Walton, Brian Mariotti, Rachel Kinghorn, James Townsend, Bruce Mansfield.

#### **Officiating Service Certificates**

20 yrs - Chris Dooley  
15 yrs - Keith Abraham  
10yrs - Shannon Job, Joe Mastrangelo  
5yrs - Tim Lawrence

#### **Assessing Service Certificates**

10 yrs - Tracey Hare-Boyd  
10 yrs - Joe Mastrangelo  
10 yrs - Frank Traugott

#### **Training Service Certificates**

10 yrs – Richard Donaldson

#### **Coaching Service Certificates**

10 yrs – David Maguire  
10 yrs – Richard Donaldson

#### **Rescue of Year**

Ross Downey and Pieter Marais

#### **Nipper of the Year**

Milan Rivera

## **7. Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **8. Close**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and invited people for refreshments.

The Meeting closed at 5.20pm.

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