



NORTH STEYNE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

AFFILIATED WITH SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY NORTHERN BEACHES - ABN 99 734 830 191

MINUTES OF THE 116TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NORTH STEYNE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC. HELD ON SUNDAY 16TH JULY 2023 AT NORTH STEYNE SLSC

The meeting commenced at 11.00 am

1. WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT

Chris Gibbs Stewart, President, welcomed members, family, friends, and guests to the 116th Annual General Meeting of North Steyne SLSC. She especially recognised the life members and distinguished and outstanding service members present.

A special welcome to Claire Longley to represent James Griffin (State Member for Manly), Sue Heins (Mayor, Northern Beaches Council (NBC)), Graham Stone (Balgowlah RSL, President), Des McAteer (Balgowlah RSL, Vice President), John Garland (Balgowlah RSL, Director), David O'Brien (Balgowlah RSL, Director), Taffy Renshaw (Balgowlah RSL, Director), Brian Roberts (Balgowlah RSL, Director), Tracey Hare-Boyd (Sydney Northern Beaches SLS President), Rod McGibbon (Sydney Northern Beaches SLS, Director of Education), Ernesto Calderon (Sydney Northern Beaches SLS, Surf Sports Director)

She also acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land where we meet today and paid her respects to their elders, past and present.

The 116th AGM was a hybrid meeting with people who were also in attendance on Zoom.

Damian O'Shannassy, Erin Colwell, Christine Jones, Adam Traugott, Jodie Fraser

Attendance included:

Life Members:

Deb Foote, Jack Sutherland, Arthur McCarroll, Shan Grose, Jonathon Colwell, Ronald Morton, Paul Day, Keith Abraham, Damian O'Shannassy (on Zoom), Trevor Lane, Paul Mathew, Simon Fry, Bernie Burrows

Distinguished and Outstanding Service Members:

Christine Gibbs Stewart, David O'Brien, Adam Traugott(Zoom), Shannon Job, David Cowell, Alex Salier, Peter Landsey, Dan Hillier, Rebecca Chapman, Jodie Frazer (Zoom), Kyra Jenkins, Mark Neighbour, Mark Stewart, Tim Platt

Members:

Claire Oxlade, Lachlan Van Der Pluijm, Simon Herfort, Roisin Tumilty, Erin Cowell (Zoom), Christine Jones (Zoom), Jonathon Holman, Anthony Purcell, Tim Laurence, David Guthrie, Sophie Egden, Stu Crofton, Gordon Lang, Craig Shadbolt, Sarah Lally, Michael Altenburger, Hillary Burrows, Danny Gompes, Scott Turner, Akari Sakanchi, Cath Hillier, Abbey Hillier, Niels Thelosen, Eve Killick, Phillip Bird, Phillip Du, Jack Watt, Llew Jenkins

Guests:

Claire Freakley

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Zali Steggall, Federal Member for Warringah, Jean & David Hay, Frank Traugott, Tara McKnight, Emma Hillier, Ned Hillier, Jo Cooper, Richard Donaldson, Keith Crampton, Caroline Holdstock President Lions Manly, David McRae Deputy President Lions Manly.

That apologies be accepted.

Moved: David Guthrie

Seconded: Deb Foot

Carried

3. REFLECTION

One minute's silence was held in tribute to the loss of members and friends within the surf lifesaving community during the season, including members Steve Garth, Dennis (Denny) Foster, Warrick Hills, Sid Fisher, Dave Vernon.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was resolved that the Minutes of:

- a) 115th Annual General Meeting held by Zoom on Sunday, 17th July 2022, be accepted as a true and correct record; and

Moved: Paul Day

Seconded: Arthur McCarroll

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the 115th AGM in 2022.

5. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE 116TH ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ANNUAL REPORT

The President presented the Annual Report to the members and reflected on another excellent season for North Steyne SLSC. North Steyne has accomplished a great deal in its 116th season, and once again, no lives were lost on North Steyne Beach whilst on patrol. She thanked all North Steyne members for their contribution and effort throughout the season.

Thank you to Captain Jack Watt and Deputy Captain Dave Guthrie.

North Steyne hosted many events, including the Beach Stormers event in November 2022 and the NSW State Selection Boat Carnival and R&R Carnival in January 2023. The 2023 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships brought 6,000 competitors and 20,000 visitors to our beach and record barbecue takings. Special thanks to Queenscliff Surf Life Saving Club, Surf Life Saving NSW, and the Sydney Northern Beaches branch.

Our Ripper Nippers came top of the table in the NSW Inclusive Championships, and the Nippers All-Age Board Relay team placed 4th at the NSW Junior State Championships. Thank you to Bernie Burrows, Hilary Burrows and Simon Herfort, and for Ripper Nippers thank you to Dave Cowell.

Congratulations to our competitors at the Australian Championships, including Sarah Lally for achieving Bronze in the 30-39 Female Champion Lifesaver and Silver 30-39 Female 2km swim, Erin Colwell for Bronze in the 2km swim in the 30-39 years and Eva Haughton for Silver in the U14 Female Surfing. Our Surfboat Masters Women finished 1st in the Super Vets Category of the George Bass Surfboat Marathon. Thank you to Sarah Lally and Deb Foote for a great season. It is impressive how many are turning up for Sunday training.

Thank you to Jodie Frazer and Jo Cooper for all their work with youth.

We had a successful fundraising event at the Balgowlah RSL, raising over \$7,000 for our Club. Thank you to Roger Brant, The Interceptors, and Claire Oxlade for organising.

The Club building upgrade is advancing. Public consultation will begin in August 2023 for three months. According to the council, the overall process will take around two years.

Gaza Lifesavers Mo and Hassanin, who spent time at North Steyne in January 2020, have held their first Nippers season in Gaza, with 40 boys and girls participating. The North Steyne Surf Life Saving Club's positive influence is being felt 10,000km away.

The President noted it is her fourth year as President, and we have never been busier.

She concluded by thanking Balgowlah RSL, Manly Lions, Wynstan, Resinc Solar, the Northern Beaches Council, the Council lifeguards, the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch, Patrons James Griffin, David Hay and Jean Hay AM, Des McAteer, all Directors, and all members.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Chris invited Shannon Job, treasurer, to speak about the financial statements.

Shannon noted that the Club had another strong financial year detailed in the Annual Report, including a surplus of \$45,745, increasing our accumulated earnings to \$65K (before the special purpose funds). Additionally, the Club would contribute \$18K to the Future Fund in several years, increasing the balance to around \$268K. Shannon noted that this was assisted by the spending discipline of the club and the Board, which helped deliver a positive result.

Thank you to the government and SLS for their funding and volunteer support, particularly for barbecues. Shannon asked Claire Longley to pass on the Club's thanks to James Griffin for several funding sources. Thank you also to the Branch for running many activities and providing significant support to the club, the Council for ongoing support and funding, and Balgowlah RSL as a major long-term partner.

It was also noted that an ambitious amount of capital expenditure is planned as big surpluses over the past few years will start being reinvested.

A new initiative, with an estimate of carbon emission reporting this year, was also included in the reports. The Club is on the cutting edge in doing this. Thank you to Jo Cooper for her contribution to this. This type of reporting is important as the club's location is more exposed to climate change than most other clubs.

Shannon invited Trevor Lane, Honorary Auditor, to speak about the financial statements.

Trainer of the Year, Branch Director 2012 -2014;

- (ii) Education - North Steyne would not be able to operate without the dedicated volunteers who give up their time to train and assess members both at North Steyne and across the branch. Shannon has given countless hours to train and assess candidates at North Steyne and across the Branch. Shannon has trained and assessed thousands of candidates over various awards for the past 15 years including SRC, Bronze Medallion, Advanced Resuscitation, IRB, Aquatic Rescue and the prestigious Gold Medallion. This contribution saw him recognised as the North Steyne Assessor of the Year in 2011 and Trainer of the Year in 2013. Shannon was also the SNB Branch Director of education from 2012 to 2014
- (iii) Competition - Shannon has represented North Steyne SLSC to the highest standard, winning medals and placing at Branch, State and Australian Championships in Champion Lifesaver, First Aid and Champion Patrol Competition. At the club level, he has been awarded the Open Competitor of the Year trophy numerous times, along with the Founder's Cup, which recognises the most outstanding competitor in swimming and lifesaving. Shannon also gives up his time to officiate at carnivals and has been contributing to the North Steyne Officials quota for 10+ years. Without meeting this quota, our competitors would be unable to compete at carnivals, including branch, state and national.
- (iv) Administration - Shannon was instrumental in North Steyne SLSC being named 2008 NSW Club of the Year and 2008 SLSA Club of the Year. Shannon has held the positions of Club Treasurer, executive officer, Assistant Secretary, Life membership panel, representing Branch Director, Deputy President of the Branch, and escorted the then Duke and Duchess of Cambridge (now Prince and Princess of Wales) during their visit to Sydney, has drafted updates to our constitution including a major update in 2011, and negotiating to host State Championships.
- (v) Junior Activities - Shannon has mentored many of our younger members and encouraged their progression into the senior club. After attending the National Leadership Camp in 2007, he has subsequently been a leader/facilitator at numerous youth and leadership camps. He was selected to accompany a group of school students on a trip to the Johnson Space Centre in Houston (NASA) as a Life-Saving Leader. He has also run and assisted with numerous SRC groups over the years.

Sarah Lally followed in support of the motion. Shannon has mentored many of our younger members and encouraged their progression into the senior club. She began by saying that she felt honoured to be speaking about Shannon. He will always make time for all members, and no question is ever too silly. He supports all club members, including dealing with personal issues and the youth cohort.

Kyra Jenkins followed in support of the Motion. I am in awe of all the things he has done for the Club alongside a full-time job and all the things he does outside of the club. Shannon is the person you ask when you need something done and done well (e.g., negotiating a contract with the State).

The motion was passed to the vote and carried.

Chris congratulated Shannon Job on his election to Life Membership and invited him to say a few words.

Shannon thanked his nominators and the membership for his election to Life Membership. He was humbled to join the exceptional group of life members and is grateful to stand on the shoulders of giants.

Thank you to Adam Traugott, who invited him to join North Steyne, Deb Foote, Frank Traugott, Paul Matthew, and Jono Colwell, who encouraged him to join as patrol captain, and to other people who have encouraged him, including Bernie Burrows, who presented his first award.

He is proud to be part of the club and the important role in developing future leaders in the broader community and society at large.

8. AFFILIATION WITH SLS SYDNEY NORTHERN BEACHES BRANCH

The Chair moved the Motion: *“That affiliation be sought for the season with Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Inc. (Branch). Further, that the articles, constitution, by-laws, regulations and resolutions, together with the awards and equipment at the Branch, Surf Life Saving NSW and Surf Life Saving Australia Limited, be accepted without limitation.”*

Moved: Chris Gibbs Stewart

Seconded: Gordon Lang

9. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

Chris Gibbs Stewart invited Jack Sutherland to present the following awards; Chris Gibbs Stewart and Dan Hillier spoke to the following awards:

Outstanding Service Award

Jack Watt
Claire Oxlade

Distinguished Service Award

Jodie Frazer
Mark Stewart

Officiating Service Certificate

15 yrs - Bernie Burrows
5 yrs - Jodie Frazer

Chris Gibbs Stewart invited Sue Heins, Northern Beach Mayor was invited to present:

Long Service Certificates

Jack Sutherland (70 years),
Simon Fry (50 years).

10. ELECTION OF PATRONS, DIRECTORS, JUDICIARY PANEL AND TRUSTEES FOR SEASON 2022/2023

Chris Gibbs Stewart thanked all directors, assistant directors, and panel members for their hard work and contributions to the Club over the past season. She then declared all board positions and panels vacant and invited Claire Oxlade to temporarily take the chair for the election of the Board of Directors, assistant directors, and panels for the upcoming season.

Claire Oxlade said there are a number of positions where only 1 nomination has been received and so those people are automatically elected to the role for which they have nominated. One of the roles is President and Chris will be

returning as President unopposed. He invited her to take the chair back and she will read out the elected Directors and conduct the rest of the election.

- President – Chris Gibbs Stewart
- Immediate Past President – Frank Traugott
- Deputy President – Jack Sutherland
- Secretary – Dan Hillier
- Assistant Secretary – Sophie Egden
- Treasurer – Shannon Job
- Assistant Treasurer - Phillip Du
- Club Captain – Vacant
- Vice-Captain – Vacant
- Chief Instructor – Jodie Fraser
- Assistant Chief Instructor – Jo Cooper
- Competition Director – Sarah Lally
- Assistant Competition Director – Deb Foote
- Junior Activities Director – Bernie Burrows
- Assistant Junior Activities Director – Hillary Burrows
- Assistant Junior Activities Director – Simon Herfort
- Marketing Director – David Cowell
- Assistant Marketing Director – Vacant
- General Activities Director – Jon Holman
- Assistant General Activities Director – Eve Killick
- Youth Director – Jono Colwell
- Assistant Youth Director – Vacant
- Executive Officer – Paul Mathew

Patrons:

Chris Gibbs Stewart thanked Jean & David Hay for their long association and support of North Steyne and read a thank you note from Jean and David

Patrons for the upcoming season were noted as:

Zali Steggall Federal Member for Warringah, James Griffin MP, Sue Heins Northern Beaches Mayor, Des McAteer Director Balgowlah RSL

Honorary Trustees:

Paul Day, Keith Crampton, Arthur McCarroll

Judiciary Panel:

Gordon Lang, Keith Abraham, Arthur McCarroll

Life Member & Distinguished Service Panel

Ron Morton, Frank Traugott, Paul Day, Shannon Job(Chair)

Rules Panel:

Gordon Lang, Frank Traugott, Damien O’Shannessy, Keith Abraham

Future Fund Committee:

Treasurer automatically elected Shannon Job (chair) and nominees Paul Day, Tim Platt, and Bernard Burrows in perpetuity until they decide to stand down.

Executive Officer:

Paul Mathew

Honorary Legal Advisor:

vacant

Honorary Auditor:

Trevor Lane

Public Officer:

Frank Traugott

Motion to approve the positions for the upcoming season 2023/2024.

Moved: Jack Sutherland

Seconded: Kyra Jenkins

Carried

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

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

No other business was received in writing seven days prior to the AGM.

Chris declared the meeting closed and thanked everyone for their contribution and attendance. She invited everyone to adjourn to the bar.

The Meeting closed at 12.16 pm.