

**MINUTES of the 94th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the QUEENSCLIFF
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB Inc.**

Held in the Clubroom on 6th August 2017 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: David Hay MBE, Jean Hay AM, Hon James Griffin – Member for Manly, Shannon Jobs - Representing Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Branch, Frank Traugott – North Steyne SLSC, Adele Heasman,

Sponsors: Des MacAteer, John Cunningham

Apologies: Grant Spradbrow, Bill Sheridan, Warren Molloy, Helen Molloy, Chris Allum, Lisa Foster, Michael Regan, Matt Hamilton

The minutes of the 93rd AGM were approved and accepted.

Presentation of the 94th Annual Report and financial statements and reports:

The President presented the Club's 94th Annual Report and spoke to the AGM about the Club's activity, awards and achievements. He thanked Carla Thornton and Kathryn Shearsby for the report. He noted that the report including special purpose financial report and the minutes of the 2016 AGM have been available on the website prior to the AGM.

The President advised that the Club stands on solid foundations built by its members and generous supporters in particular our sponsors:

- Northern Beaches Credit Union, Cunninghams Property, Balgowlah RSL, Peppercorn Food Company, Northern Beaches Council, Greenwood Early Learning Centres, Pine Property and supporting sponsors Mosman Locksmith and Hotel Steyne.

He advised that the various sections of the Annual Report recognizes and thanks many individual members and groups – life members, age manages, officials, members of the Building Committee, Golf Day Committee, Selectors and many more.

He advised that he was “retiring” after 4 years from the role and that the board members have learned a lot and addressed numerous challenges. The board has overseen and delivered on a number of important initiatives including:

- Club house improvements via Network Ten and hard work of many
- New Gym
- Doubling the number of Club Sponsorship Partners – he thanked outgoing Marketing and Sponsorship Director, Graham Lugsdin for all of his work in sponsorship and also grants
- Significant increase in the number of members trained in basic to advanced technical qualifications through Garry Fox and his trainers
- Increase in active patrol membership numbers and a decrease in negative patrol inspections – thanks to Gavin Larkings, Tiffany Hutcheson and Patrol Captains

- Steady level of overall membership
- Re-establishment of the Club's Junior Captain position under James Gonda
- Establishment of the Team Q Nipper Development Group led by Kelly McFadden and many others leading to innovative changes to be implemented in 2017-18.
- Modernisation of the Club's governance model and governing instruction
- Establishment of the Clubs Investment Foundation with its Terms of Reference and investment policy embedded in the Club's Constitution.
- The adoption of financial planning and management policies and processes.

The President expressed his sincere gratitude to the Board and also thanked Beth Laughton, his wife for her support.

Before moving to the Financial Report, The President advised the most important statement in the reports is "*in the 94th 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.

Kevin Harris moved that the 94th Annual Report and Special Purpose Financial Report for the 2016-17 be approved.

Motion was carried.

Life Member response to the Annual Report – Danny White

Danny White summarized the highlights of the 2016-17 Season and the awards that were presented at the Annual Presentation Night including Branch and State Recognition for Garry Fox, Lara Boyle, Craig Susans.

Danny summed up the season by mentioning the 2 rescue incidents that Queenscliff members performed by Hunter Riddle, Simone Shearsby and Melanie Hayes.

Danny thanked Kevin Harris on behalf of the Club leaving the Club in a strong financial position and with a group of leaders who are extremely proficient in their various roles. He also thanked the Building Committee and the other committees associated with the Club.

Vales

David Piper lead the acknowledgement of deceased members – Don Donkin MBE, John Osborne, Neil Dethick, Sandra Donkin and Chloe Rose Hutcheson

Speakers to the Annual Report and AGM:

James Griffin, Member for Manly, Premier of NSW addressed the AGM and thanked everyone for the contributions and presented Club with a motion of notice he presented at Government last week.

Shannon Jobs on behalf of Branch congratulated Queenscliff on their report and thanked Queenscliff for all their support and assistance and recognized that we are strong in SRC growth. He thanked Kevin Harris for being a vocal contributor to BOM meetings.

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

Meritorious Service and Life Membership Awards:

Long Service to Surf Life Saving:

- Bob Newton 60 years, David Piper 50 years, Pat Boardman 40 years

Life Membership:

- Damien Daley. Craig Susans spoke for the award with Barry Antella seconding – motion voted and motion approved.
- Garry Fox. David Piper spoke for the award with Barry Antella seconding – motion voted and motion approved

Members were awarded Life Membership

Distinguished Service:

- Kevin Harris – Ed Kwanten spoke for the award with Craig Susans seconding – motion voted and motion approved.
- Graham Lugsdin – Barry Antella spoke for the award with Beth Laughton seconding – motion voted and motion approved.
- Kathryn Shearsby – Beth Laughton spoke for the award with Barry Antella seconding – motion voted and motion approved.

Members 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: Vacant

Deputy President: Craig Susans

Senior Vice Presidents: Col White and Barry Antella

Club Captain: Gavin Larkings

Life Saving Coordinator: Tiffany Hutcheson

Competition and Coaching Director: Jayson Elkins

Deputy Competition and Coaching Director: Chris Allum

Chief Instructor: Garry Fox

Secretary: Kathryn Shearsby

Treasurer: Grant Henderson

General Activities Director: Mark Clare-Nazer

Junior Activities Coordinator: Vacant

Marketing and Sponsorship Director – Greg Heard

Members Welfare Director – Vacant

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

IRB Captain: Dave Callan (non “elected officer” position)
Child protection Officer: Dave Walton (non “elected officer” position)

Craig Susans spoke to the AGM and explained the vacant role of President but advised that we needed to find the right person.

General Business:

The following amendments to the Clubs Constitution – speakers for the amendments were: Dave Walton, Col White and Ed Kwanten, speakers against the amendments were: Matt Hamilton, Greg Heard however Motion was approved.

8.7.1 Distinguished Service Award

Approved Change to Constitution:

Deletion of "for a minimum period of fifteen years" ONLY all other criteria to remain
A Distinguished Service Award may be awarded to a member by virtue of a meritorious rescue performed by the member or who otherwise has given extraordinary service to surf lifesaving, the majority of which has been with the Club.

8.7.2 Life Membership.

Approved Change to Constitution:

Deletion of "additional five years minimum"

A member may be eligible to be awarded Life Membership if they have received a Distinguished Service Award and continued to provide exceptional service.

8.7 Club Honours for Members

Approved Change to Constitution:

Deletion of "A Member must accept or reject the Club’s resolution to confer Club Honours in writing" ONLY all other criteria to remain

Alan Butler addressed the AGM regarding the sale of Raffle Tickets for the Annual Golf Day.

Meeting Closed at 12.25pm