



**South Curl Curl Surf Lifesaving  
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Minutes of the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting for the South Curl Curl Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated, held at the Club House on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014 at 10:00am.

- In Attendance:** Club members as per attendance sheet, plus Adrienne Lowe representing SLS Sydney Northern Beaches, and Noela Roberts representing Freshwater Community (Bendigo) Bank.
- Apologies:** John Oxley, Vicki Oxley, Rod Barlow, Denzil Joyce, Viv De Rooy, Tim Rodham, John White, Alistair Saunders.
- President's Address:** Darrin Stoker welcomed all to the meeting, and thanked all for attending.
- Minute's Silence** For members passed on during the past year, which included Jean Beljon, Don McPherson and Dave Smith.
- Minutes of 95<sup>th</sup> AGM** Motion to accept minutes as a true and accurate record:  
Proposed by Bryn Russell, seconded by Glenn Everingham.  
Accepted unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report:** Bob Buckingham presented the Treasurer's Report. It was an unusual year due to building works, and capital expenditure gives an unusually positive picture. The actual position was close to break-even, with an annual turnover of around \$250K.

Bob advised that the Club is in very good shape financially, with funds spent wisely. Catering for storage has been improved, plus the quality of the gym and the cafe. The Club has reserves at present, however there are more building works to go such as handicapped access to the middle deck, and cooking facilities for the café. Council approval is required to complete the future works.

Adoption of the financial report for the past year was nominated by Martin Thompson, and seconded by Elton McKay. Agreement to accept was unanimous.

Branch Address: Adrienne Lowe commended the Surf Club for a successful year, with specific mention on number of Nippers and number of patrolling members. She also commended the Club on the number of Bronze holders, SRC holders and IRB drivers.

Affiliation: Darrin proposed that the Club affiliate with Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches and Surf Life Saving NSW. Motion moved by Elton McKay, and seconded by many members from the floor. None opposed.

Returning Officer: Darrin Jones and Charlie Kuhn acted as returning officers.

Committee Positions: Darrin Jones called all positions vacant and ran through the nominations. No positions were contested and the following were accepted as filled:

President:	Darrin Stoker
Deputy President:	Elton McKay
Treasurer:	Bob Buckingham
Secretary:	Graeme Dominish
Club Captain:	Kevin Moffat
Junior Activities Chair:	Alistair Saunders
Chief Instructor:	Glenn Everingham
Boat Captain:	Nathan Wilson
IRB Captain:	Scott Taylor
IRB Engineer:	Michael Berry
Junior Development:	
Craft Captain:	Peter Allen
Handicapper:	Bob Buckingham
Gear Steward:	Steve Birch
First Aid Officer:	Cathie Dossetor
Competition Manager:	Elton McKay
Gym Manager:	Jayson Gilchrist
Registrar:	Replaced by administrators
OH&S Officer:	Steve Hall
Child Protection:	
Social Secretary:	Michelle Lowery
Social Committee:	Chris Flemming, Bryn Russell as Licensee
Finance Committee:	Graeme Dominish, Bryn Russell, Charles Longley, Bob Buckingham
Judiciary Committee:	John White, John Cassidy, Darren Jones, Bryn Russell.
Building Committee:	Bryn Russell, Jono Beavon, Tim Rodham.

Life Membership: Nominations were received and unanimously accepted for the following members:

Janice Russell  
Lisa Setttee  
Michelle Lowery  
Campbell Flower

Distinguished Service Award – Nomination received and unanimously accepted for:  
Peter Lowther.

### **General Business:**

Golf Day: Tim Jones – Golf day is 10<sup>th</sup> October this year. Last season the profit decreased due to lower numbers so please get behind this worthwhile event. Hole sponsorship is \$250 and attendance \$110. Refer to the web site for further details.

Café Status: Darrin Stoker - Twelve months ago we were advised to self-manage the café in preference to sub-lease to a private entity. We are now operating the café with an in-place manager. The Club established a Company in order to control the Club's liability. Glenn Everingham manages the Café on behalf of the Club. The Café employs many young club members on a part-time basis, and the café is now running well.

All Northern Beaches Surf Clubs and many community sporting clubs still have issues with Warringah Council attempting to set proportional commercial rentals. Council estimated commercial rental for our hall is around \$200k and the Council could in future seek 2.5% of the deemed commercial rent.

At present we are trying to obtain approval on a Development Application (DA) to cover handicapped access to the centre deck, and cooking facilities for the café. A solution has been proposed and accepted in principal, however the Council is attempting to tie DA approval to commencement of a new lease which recognises the commercial returns from the Café.

The Club currently pays a rental to the Council for the outside seating around the café. The Council will consider extending the lease to cover this area, however this would also be conditional on recognition of the commercial nature of the Café.

Our current lease expires in 2020. The Club will be seeking legal opinion as to whether the Council approach to DA approval is reasonable.

Darren Jones spoke in favour of the Club, and pointed out that Surf Clubs provide a positive community contribution and that elected officials are most vulnerable at election time.

Campbell Flower spoke about personal experience at a local rugby club, and how it took years for the club to recover from the adverse impact.

Darrin Stoker mentioned how very few of the current councillors are sympathetic to Surf Life Saving in general. They seem to consider Surf Clubs as elite sporting bodies rather than an emergency service, and that we all need to assist in changing that impression as our primary focus is in fact saving lives.

Other Business: Noela Roberts spoke on behalf of Bendigo community bank and commended the Club for the service it provides.

Bryn Russell introduced Lisa Sakashita as a new club member, who comes with experience from lifesaving in Japan.

Gallipoli 100 year anniversary event:

Bryn Russell presented a proposal for '100 years 100 boats' on the anniversary of the Gallipoli landing, to be held at Collaroy beach on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

Bryn introduced Peter Hickey from Northcliffe, who has obtained a Turkish sponsor (Beko) for the event. Mike Baird (State MLA) and Warringah Council are also in support of this event.

Peter Hickey commended the Club for our success and spoke on the positivity of Beko as a sponsor. He also mentioned that Beko was interested in becoming an annual supporter rather than a sponsor for the one event.

Bryn mentioned that the public announcement for this event will occur in the next few weeks.

Closure: Meeting was declared closed at 11:30am.

Minutes prepared by: Graeme Dominish as Club Secretary.