

Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Inc

MINUTES

Annual General Meeting

Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Headquarters, Wednesday, August 4, 2010 Commencing at 7.30pm

1. Attendance

Executive & Staff: Gordon Lang (President), David Murray (Deputy President), Phil Cullis (Director of Finance & Administration), Steve Faddy (Director Rescue Services), Ross Tester (Director Surf Sports), Glenn Langley (Director of Youth & Membership Development), Steve McInnes (Chief Executive Officer), Jen Huston (Manager), Sandy Menzies, Marcial Nunura, Christine Hopton, Sally Mulligan

Life Members: Barry Antella, Michael Bate, Gary Beauchamp, Robert Berry, Gary Cook, Ernie Davis, Jenny Drury, Bill Goodman, Tony Haven, Jeffrey Hewitt, Bob Langbein, Simon Moriarty, Patricia Newton, Lindsay Paton, Ray Petersen, David Piper OAM, Barrie Pitt, Neil Purcell OAM, Bill Worth, Maureen Worth, Warren Young

Distinguished Service Members: Keith Abraham, Richard Anjelkovic, Janine Black, Graham Cook, Steve Haggett, Thecla Haven, Robyn Holt, Raymond Isaacs, Tracey Lake, Kevin Martin, Damian O'Shannassy, Stephen Price, Sue Rossi, Bill Sheridan, Julie Sutton, Marianne Troop.

Outstanding Service Members: Sue Rossi (Collaroy) Adrian Hill (Newport)

Members of Parliament: Mike Baird (Member for Manly), Rob Stokes (Member for Pittwater), Graham Moore

Surf Life Saving New South Wales: Tony Haven (President)

Councils: Michael Regan (Warringah), Harvey Rose (Pittwater), Julie Sutton (Warringah), Patricia Giles OAM (Pittwater), Jacqueline Townsend (Pittwater), Les Munn (Pittwater).

Business Partners: Andrew Collins (EnergyAustralia), Arthur Dalgarno (Dee Why RSL), Graeme Liddell (Dee Why RSL)

Club Presidents: Graham Howard (North Palm Beach SLSC), Sam Burton Taylor (Palm Beach), Christine Hopton (Avalon Beach SLSC), Geoff Raper (Bilgola), Rob Emerson (Newport), Jon Dibbs (Mona Vale), Matt Sheridan (Warriewood), Michael McDermott (North Narrabeen), Tracey Lake (Narrabeen SLSC), Rohan Fisher (South Narrabeen SLSC), Simon Moriarty (Dee Why SLSC), Stephen Bennett (Freshwater SLSC), David Piper OAM (Queenscliff SLSC), Damian O'Shannassy (North Steyne SLSC)

Guests: Peter Madden (South Narrabeen), Doug Menzies (Newport), Adrienne Lowe (Dee Why), Rhonda Lycett (Mona Vale), Darren Stoker (South Curl Curl), Joy Cullis (Whale Beach), Carol Moss (Narrabeen Beach), John Fahey (Collaroy), John Lewis (Whale Beach), Jeannette Isaacs (Collaroy), Karen Marks (Dee Why), Geoff Cooper (North Steyne),

Maryanne Hampton (North Palm Beach), Jason Oakes (Narrabeen Beach), George Prescott (Queenscliff)

2. Apologies

Executive: Michael Wasley (Director of Education & Assessment), Alan Mason (Director of Sponsorship & Marketing)

Life Members: Ken Brown, Roper (Buster) Brown, Michel Byrnes, Peter Daley, Brian Joyce, Bert King, Lorelle Kinsey, Peter Liddle, Richard Lytham, Ross Matthews, Arthur McCarroll, George McRobert, Rick Millar, Patricia Newton, Robert Parkhill, Kay Priday, Ken Priest, Chris Roberts, Richard Stewart

Distinguished Service: Doug Crane, Lindsay Davis, David Hay MBE, June King, Michelle Rae, Max Watt, Craig Susans.

Councils: Jean Hay AM (Manly Mayor), Henry Wong (Manly Council), Beth Lawsen (Manly Council), Barbara Aird (Manly Council), Alan Le Surf (Manly Council), Rik Hart (Warringah Council), Mark Ferguson (Pittwater Council)

Parliamentarians: Hon. Tony Abbott MP (Member for Warringah), Hon. Bronwyn Bishop (Member for Mackellar), Brad Hazzard (Member for Wakehurst)

Surf Life Saving Australia: Ron Rankin (President), Michael Hornby

Surf Life Saving New South Wales: Phillip Vanny (CEO)

Club Presidents: Phil Brown (Bungan Beach), Bryn Russell (South Curl Curl), Richard Trim (Collaroy), Martin Armstrong (Whale Beach), Daniel Mulcahy (Manly), Ian Thurgood (North Curl Curl)

Sponsors: Hartley Anderson (Coca-Cola), Terry Davis (Coca-Cola), Helen Price (DHL), Toni Adams (EnergyAustralia), Chris Hegarty (Kosciuszko Thredbo), Peter St John (Dee Why RSL)

Guests: John De Cean (Sydney Branch President)

4. President Opening Address

- 4.1 The Branch President welcomed all guests and thanked special guests Rob Stokes (Member for Pittwater), Mike Baird (Member for Manly), Graham Moore representing The Hon. Tony Abbott, Michael Regan (Warringah Mayor), Harvey Rose (Pittwater Mayor), Julie Sutton (Warringah), Patricia Giles OAM (Pittwater), Jacqueline Townsend (Pittwater), Les Munn (Pittwater), Business Partners - Andrew Collins (EnergyAustralia), Arthur Dalgarno (Dee Why RSL), Graeme Liddell (Dee Why RSL). Life Members; Barry Antella, Michael Bate, Gary Beauchamp, Robert Berry, Gary Cook, Ernie Davis, Jenny Drury, Bill Goodman, Tony Haven, Jeffrey Hewitt, Bob Langbein, Simon Moriarty, Patricia Newton, Lindsay Paton, Ray Petersen, David Piper OAM, Barrie Pitt, Neil Purcell OAM, Bill Worth, Maureen Worth, Warren Young and Distinguished Service members - Keith Abraham, Richard Anjelkovic, Janine Black, Graham Cook, Steve Haggett, Thecla Haven, Robyn Holt, Raymond Isaacs, Tracey Lake, Kevin Martin, Damian O'Shannassy, Stephen Price, Sue Rossi, Bill Sheridan, Julie Sutton, Marianne Troop for attending. The President gave a presentation as an overview to the past season and thanked the Branch Executive and Branch Staff for an outstanding effort.

3. One Minute Silence

- 3.1 One minute's silence was observed in honour of fellow lifesavers who have passed away.

4. Adoption of Minutes of 50th Annual General Meeting

- 4.1 Business Arising
Nil
Carried: Tracey Lake, seconded by Neil Purcell (OAM)

MINUTES ADOPTED

5. President Presentation

- 5.1 Branch President Gordon Lang gave a presentation on the past season.

6. Presentation of 50th Annual Report and Audited Financial Statement

- 6.1 Branch President, Gordon Lang presented the 2009/2010 Annual Report. President noted there is some discrepancy with the stats reported, it is estimated 4 million people attended the 21 beaches during the past season.

**Motion put forward to adopt the 2009/2010 Annual Report by Gordon Lang; Seconded by Tracey Lake (Narrabeen Beach)
2008/2009 ANNUAL REPORT ADOPTED**

- 6.2 Director of Administration and Finance, Phil Cullis spoke on the Financial Statements, Director noted the year was based on a break even budget which was achieved by maintaining costs. The financial reports show a large cash balance however this has been used for the Building purchase and is no longer on the balance sheet. Director further noted only 8% of the Branch income comes from clubs, 92% is from sponsorship and commercial activities, the intent in future years is to move away from the reliance on sponsorship and concentrate on commercial activities. The Surf Life Saving School which began as a loss six years ago, this year contributed \$75,000 to the Branch running costs.

**Motion put forward to adopt the 2009/2010 Audited Financial Report by Phil Cullis;
Seconded by Michael Bate (Life Member)
2009/2010 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT ADOPTED**

7. Affiliation

- 7.1 That Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches ("the Branch") affiliates with Surf Life Saving New South Wales and Surf Live Saving Australia Ltd and further that the Branch agrees to abide by the Constitutions, Rules and Regulations, Policies, and resolutions together with the awards and equipment of Surf Life Saving New South Wales and Surf Life Saving Australia.

**Proposed by Gordon Lang (President), seconded by David Murray (Deputy President)
MOTION CARRIED**

7. Guest Speakers

- 7.1 Rob Stokes, Member for Pittwater; spoke of behalf of Surf Life Saving and noted 5% of the Northern Beaches community was involved in Surf Life Saving, Surf Life Saving is vital to the community. Mr Stokes thanked all the Branch Directors and staff for their work.
- 7.2 Harvey Rose, Pittwater Mayor spoke on behalf of Surf Lifesaving and noted Surf Life Saving representations the greatest volunteer organisation on the Northern Beaches.
- 7.3 Councillor Patricia Giles for Pittwater noted the Council's support for Surf Life Saving and praised the great work done by the organisation with a particular mention of the young people involved with Surf Life Saving. The Council has a great deal of gratitude for the work Surf Life Savers do.
- 7.4 Michael Regan, Mayor for Warringah; spoke of recent meetings and noted he hadn't conveyed the correct message and apologised for this. Mr Regan thanked Mike Baird, Rob Stokes and Brad Hazzard for their guidance with recent negotiations. Mr Regan noted Surf Life Saving was well presented by Branch President Gordon Lang and CEO Steve McInnes and spoke of Warringah Council being committed to helping the organisation.
- 7.5 Mike Baird, Member for Manly; noted all 21 clubs are fantastic and it is a pleasure working with the organisation.
- 7.6 Tony Haven, President Surf Life Saving New South Wales spoke on behalf of Surf Life Saving and congratulated the 21 clubs of their efforts, he noted another \$8 million dollars in State Funding had been granted to surf clubs in New South Wales. Mr Haven thanked clubs for their support and wished everyone well for the up coming season.
- 7.7 Tracey Lake Narrabeen Beach President, spoke on the purchase of the Branch Building and how it was a symbol of how inclusive the Branch has become, the building is owned by the 21 clubs. Mr Lake thanked all the presidents he has dealt with over the past eleven years, and thanked Branch President Gordon Lang, CEO Steve McInnes and all the branch Directors and staff for their work. Mr Lake offered an open invitation to members to attend the Narrabeen Beach SLSC opening on 22nd August, 12noon following their AGM.

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7.8 Arthur Delgarno from Dee Why RSL praised the marvellous job the organisation does.

7.9 The Branch President thanked the Branch facilitators for their work; Mike Baird Member for Manly presented a gift of appreciated

- Louise Lindop
- Gary Beauchamp
- Marianne Troop
- David Torevell
- Terence Boardman
- Michael Wasley
- Clare Hagon
- Barry Antella
- Sandy Menzies
- Jonathon Farrell
- Shannon Job
- Keith Abraham
- Julie Isbill

7.10 The Branch President acknowledged the Life Members who were unable to attend the 50 Year Dinner in May with a 50 year memento, Rob Stokes Member for Pittwater presented

- Simon Moriarty
- Bill Worth
- Maureen Worth

Other Life Members not able to attend tonight will be sent their memento – Ritchie Lytham , Ken Brown, Buster Brown Michael Bryne, Peter Clarke, Brian Joyce, Bert King, Lorelle Kinsey, David Lawler, Peter Liddle, Ross Matthews, Gordon McNaughton, Peter O'Dwyer, Robert Parkhill, Edward Whittaker, Rick Wright, George McRobert, David Roberts

7.11 The Branch President acknowledged the newly awarded Life Members this season who were unable to attend the Branch Awards evening in June, Rob Stokes Member for Pittwater presented plaques, pins and tie to:

- Warren Young (Avalon Beach)
- Robert Berry (Whale Beach)

Richard Stewart from Whale Beach was unable to attend on the night and will be presented with his plaque at Whale Beach AGM

7.12 The Branch President thanked Clubs for use of their facilities for regular Branch Courses/Meetings, Tony Haven SLSNSW President presented certificates:

- North Curl Curl SLSC (Monthly ARC exams)
- Dee Why SLSC (Monthly Board of Surf Sports and Board of Education & Assessment meetings)
- Warriewood SLSC (Monthly Board of Management meetings and various training courses and Survivor Camp)
- North Palm Beach (Rescue Water Craft training)
- Mona Vale SLSC (Various training courses)
- Newport SLSC (Various training course)
- Queenscliff SLSC (Various training course)
- Palm Beach (End of season retreat 18-25)

8. General Business

8.1 Nil

Meeting closed – 8.30pm