



FRESHWATER SLSC

Meeting: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING		Start time: 10.00am
Date: 30 June 2024	Meeting closed: 11.11am	No of Pages: 5
Venue: Freshwater Surf Club		
Issued by: Richard Hawtin		

Attendance Registrations: Alan Burns, Don Henderson, Richard Hawtin, Wayne Freakley, Jane Mottley, Clare Freakley, David Price, Grace Seaglove, James Coates, Kevin Crow, Linda Wiadrowski, Kelly Dobrow, John Lo Schiavio, Michael Bate, Michael Kirkby, Tim Kirkby, Michael Rees-Evans, Paul Stormon, Peter Rowlands, Mick Griffin, Phil Fagan, Shanny Dyer, Scott Carpenter, Stephen Bennett, Judy Bennett, Steve Davis, Lindsay Davis, Sue Walmsley, Tom Duffy, Jo Kirkby, Tony Wessling, Ross Parry, Kimberley Dales, Paul McGettigan, Dave Torevell, James Crittenden, Belinda Dobson, Liam Lehane, Josh Orr, Gina McConnell, Scott Morrison, John Goldrick, Blake Cradock, Nathan Perry, Cheyanne Hayes, Andrew McMinn, Kirra Budd, Isabelle Stapf-Giannakis, Eric Middledorp, Kim Marsh, Ben Brink, Kevin Dyer, Jamie Scott, Mark Gilbert, Alex Corner, Kelly Marsh, Tristan Kavanagh, Connie Diakos, John Mills.

James Griffin, Michael Regan, Natalie Neary, Sue Heins.

Apologies: Ian Cradock, Paula Cradock, Max Jones, Mark Higgs, David Olsen, Richard Ware, David Inches, Paul Milinkovic, John Swann, Gail Swann, Janet Rickard, Ken Rickard, Ken Priest, Zali Steggall, Michael Raymer, Olivia Gamble, Mary Anne Cronin, Andrea Bohm, Jordan Dobson, Matthew Dobson, Ken Bucknell, David Walton.

No.	Item	Action
1.00	INTRODUCTION	
1.01	President Michael Bate (MB) opened the meeting and welcomed, members, Life Members, Sue Heins (Mayor), James Griffin (MP), Michael Regan (MP) and Natalie Neary (Director of Education, SLSSNB). MB thanked Natalie and SNB for their great support to Freshwater SLSC.	Noted
2.00	DEPARTED MEMBERS	
2.01	MB asked all present to be upstanding and observe a minute's silence for current and former club members and others who had passed away during the season.	Noted
3.00	APOLOGIES – as noted	
4.00	NOTICE OF MOTION (Membership eligible to vote)	
4.01	Moved: David Price, Seconded: Shanny Dyer. Confirmed without dissent.	Noted
5.00	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM 2023 AGM and 2023 GENERAL MEETING	
5.01	Moved: Kevin Crow, Seconded: Steve Davis. Confirmed without dissent.	Noted
6.00	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	Noted
6.01	Richard Hawtin (RH) – Executive Officer noted that Executive Committee for Season 2022-2023 had been included in this Annual Report and advised that Monthly EC Minutes and Reports were available on the notice board on a monthly basis.	



7.00	PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
7.01	<p>PRESIDENTS ADDRESS:</p> <p>MB opened with an Acknowledgement Country, addressed the meeting and spoke to his detailed report in the Annual Report.</p> <p>MB acknowledged the sponsors for the past season.</p> <p>MB made a special thank you to Carla Thornton (Surf Club Administrator) in her efforts to produce this Annual Report.</p> <p>Noted that patrolling member numbers were up in Season 2023/4 and thanked all sixteen (16) Patrol Captains.</p> <p>MB noted the following recent award winners. He congratulated Lindsay Davis on being award an Order of Australia Medial (OAM) in the June 2024 Kings Birthday Awards.</p> <p>MB noted the following Sydney Northern Beaches (SNB) Award winners;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Westfield Warringah Mall Surf Life Saver Of The Year – Isabelle Stapf-Giannikis SNB Outstanding Service Award – James Coates SNB Distinguished Service Award – Richard Budd SNB Beaches March Past Handicap – Freshwater Maroons Rocky Robinson (U9 Junior) – in final 4 of Westfield Warringah Mall Nipper of the Year <p>MB thanked the committee (EC) members for this season and especially noted the efforts of Kimberley Dales and her awarding of the Gordon Jones Honour Blazer.</p> <p>MB referred to the increase in junior membership and noted the efforts of Sarah Mandalinic as a member of the Junior Activities Committee.</p>	Noted
7.02	<p>DIRECTOR FINANCE ADDRESS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Rees-Evans (MRE) presented the Finance Report, starting with reporting the club had enjoyed a strong year with an accounting surplus of \$71,334, up \$42k on prior year, and comparing favourably with the previous 4 financial years shown in the table on the bottom of the page. He explained this is broken down by considering the three sub-headings in the report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revenue was up \$31k which can be better understood by reviewing note 4 of the accounts (on page23). He explained the difference between donations (a gift without advertising received in return), sponsorship (a financial contribution in return for advertising) and grants (a gift for a specific purpose, like the purchase of a new Side by Side Vehicle). He also noted and apologised for the report stating that hall hire was up \$4k in explaining the upward movements, while the next paragraph stating hall hire was down \$8k. Note 4 shows hall hire was up \$4k in prior year. The error arose from a last-minute update to the Finance Report following the audit sign-off process, when it was decided better to re-allocate costs initially recorded against hall hire income to the relevant expense account. Expenses were largely flat, up \$2,118 or 0.4% with electricity costs being the most notable increase. Balance Sheet shows a cash surplus of \$93,239 for the year, which allowed us to add to term deposits saving towards our club building development. Before taking questions, he explained that next year he hopes to provide a simpler, clearer Statement of Profit and Loss (P&L) and use the notes to the accounts to show the granular detail currently appearing on the face of the P&L. This suggestion was met with considerable nods of approval. Questions from the floor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Expenses sub heading says this item had decreased by \$2,118 overall, but the table to the right shows they have increased. Which is correct? 	Noted



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Michael replied the table is correct, showing a slight increase of \$2,118 and apologised for the error which was related to the late audit change to the hall hire expense reclassification referred to earlier. ○ Why were sponsorships down by \$34k yet we had a good year? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Michael explained there were three chief reasons for this. ▪ Firstly, a significant sponsor gave us a \$26k grant this year, instead of their \$20k sponsorship last season, (see page 32). ▪ Secondly, a long-standing major sponsor decided to end our sponsorship, following changes in their business management and strategy. ▪ Thirdly, a major sponsor did not pay their invoice by June, and our policy is to account for sponsorship invoices in the year in which they are received, so will be counted in the new year, which is when they have promised to pay. 	
8.00	GUESTS COMMENTS	
8.01	<p>Sue Heins (Lord Mayor, NBC) thanked Freshwater SLSC as being a “special” part of the community, the strength of the Junior section and the importance of this for the future. She made note of the quality of the Annual Report and the many generations from the same family who were club members.</p> <p>James Griffin (NSW MP, Manly) noted that FSLSC had the community at heart in its philosophy and approach. He made reference to sections Facilities and Junior Activities sections in the Annual Report and wanted to thank the History Panel for the book “Lifesavers At War” that he had been presented.</p> <p>MB thanked James for the Community Recognition Statement that FSLSC had recently received.</p> <p>Michael Regan (NSW MP, Wakehurst) thanked the Club for the support to the Community and their running of events at the NSW State Titles. He congratulated Lindsay Davis on her OAM and Isabelle Stapf-Giannikis for her SNB Patrol Award. He also noted the extensive work that Michael Kirkby (MK) had undertaken in relation to the Development Application for the Club building.</p> <p>Natalie Neary (SLSSNB) thanked FSLSC for their support to SLSSNB and thanked the Club for the use of the facilities for the SNB Education Session in August 2024. She especially noted Lindsay Davis and her awarding of the OAM.</p> <p>MB thanked the guests and noted that FSLSC was one of three (3) SNB clubs who had met 100% compliance requirements for Season 2023/4.</p> <p>MB invited comments from the Floor.</p>	Noted
9.00	MATTERS ARISING FROM PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT	
9.01	Nil matters were raised	Noted
10.00	APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
10.01	<p>Motion: That both the Annual Report & Financial Statement and Balance Sheet for season 2023-2024 be approved and adopted and that Club Fees for the 2024 /25 season remained unchanged and would be the same as the current season.</p> <p>Moved: James Coates, Seconded: Scot Morrisson. Confirmed without dissent.</p>	Noted
11.00	NOTICE OF MOTION	
11.01	<p>Motion: That Eric Middeldorp (EM) be granted Life Membership</p> <p>EM left the room and Peter Rowlands, Blake Cradock, Kim March and Wayne Freakley spoke to his nomination.</p> <p>Following Secret Ballot – the Members in attendance voted to approve the Motion and Eric Middeldorp was awarded Life Membership.</p>	



12.00	PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	
12.01	75 years service pin to Peter Rowlands	
12.02	60 years service pin to Kim Marsh.	
12.03	50 years service pin to John Mills (collected by his son)	
12.04	25 years service pin to Kelly Marsh	
13.00	OTHER AWARDS	
13.01	Prominent Services Award – Kevin Dyer	
14.00	ELECTION OF OFFICER BEARERS FOR 2024/25 SEASON	
14.01	All positions declared vacant. MB vacated the chair and asked that Michael Regan call for nominations to all EC positions.	Noted
14.02	<p>Following positions filled without a need for a vote – Officer Positions:</p> <p>President – Michael Bate. Executive Officer – Richard Hawtin. Club Captain – David Price. Chief Instructor – Kelly Dobrow. Treasurer – Michael Rees-Evans Director Sport – Paul Stormon. Chair JAC – Tony Wessling. Director Sponsorship & Marketing – Kimberly Dales. Director Facilities – Michael Kirkby. Youth Development – Joshua Orr, Director Member Services – Shanny Dyer. OH&S Officer – James Crittenden. Member Protection Information Officers – Kelly Dobrow, Grace Seaglove. Honorary Legal Officer – John de Mestre.</p> <p>The following were to be approached to be confirmed as Patrons: Peter Sinclair AO, James Griffin, Sue Heins, Michael Regan MB noted that he had recently spoken with Peter Sinclair and he was not in good health. MB noted the attendance of Don “Bullett” Henderson and that his family had been involved with FSLSC for over 100 years.</p>	Noted
15.00	ANNUAL AFFILIATION WITH SLSA	
15.01	<p>Motion:</p> <p>“That Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club affiliates with SLS Sydney Northern Beaches, SLS NSW and SLSA for the 2024-2025 season and that the articles, constitution, by-laws, regulations and resolutions together with the awards and equipment of SLSA, SLS NSW and SLS Sydney Northern Beaches be accepted without reservation”.</p> <p>Moved: Lindsay Davis, Seconded David Price. Confirmed without dissent.</p>	
16.00	GENERAL BUSINESS	
16.01	Shanny Dyer raised that the Club Constitution required updating to reflect current SLSA policies. David Price (DP) advised that the Governance Panel would commence an initial review. RH advised that the Club Constitution could only be changed by approval of the Club membership at the AGM or other formal Meeting.	Noted
16.02	Shanny Dyer spoke to Disability Chair now being stored at the Club and that it will be accessed by the general public.	Noted
17.00	MEETING CLOSED AT 11.18AM	Noted



Enclosure 1: Community Recognition Statement



COMMUNITY RECOGNITION STATEMENT

58TH PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

FRESHWATER SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB 115TH AGM

20 June 2024

Mr Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to the Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club, who are due to host their 115th Annual General Meeting at the end of this month.

This milestone is a true testament to the long and proud history that this iconic club boasts. Founded in 1908, Freshwater Surf Club has produced generation after generation of elite surf lifesavers, surfboard riders and surfboat champions.

Having hosted the likes of surfing great Duke Kahanamoku in the past, Freshwater Surf Club continues to influence and produce some of the country's best surfers and surf lifesavers.

Today, the Club provides extensive training and surf education and awareness activities and has a strong membership cohort of men, women and children of all ages volunteering their time to protect what is undoubtedly one of Australia and indeed the world's most iconic beaches.

I congratulate Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club and all those involved in the Club on this terrific upcoming milestone of hosting its 115th Annual General Meeting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Griffin'.

JAMES GRIFFIN MP
MEMBER FOR MANLY