

MINUTES



Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club

Minutes for 111th Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 28th July 2024 – 3:00pm

1. Attendance

Lachlan Pike, Phil Thomas, Dave Lang, Alex Suhr, Fiona Ronge, David Spink, Cameron Read, Allen Lakeman, Andy Moran, Jan Lakeman, Vee Cardiff, Barry Cardiff, Cr Kristyn Glanville, Sue Cheney, Darrell Cheney, Robynann Dixon, Jon Thomson, Bruce Richardson, Ian Nichol, Phillipa Nicol, Kate Nicol, Darren Armitage Warren Hannam, Martin Quinn, Cr David Walton, Geoff Crittle, Matt Phelan, Graham McVay, Raymond Martin, Hugh Long, Neill Smith, Elisse (Lee) Auzins, Jeff Andrew, Matthew Molina, Justine Head, Ivor Rees, Danielle Edwards, Peter Hatfield, Tony Ingram, Julie Ingram, Sean Cassidy, Neil Kafer, Sanja Taslaman, Anne Henshaw, John Ewing, Craig Barnes, Brad Johnson, Theo Johnson, Gary Yabsley, Shankar Pariyar

Attendance by Zoom

Adam King, Steven Polley, Hugh Long

Apologies:

Andrew Vezzola, Steve Haggett, Greg Punch, Wayne Weisse, Doug Andrew, Sarah Rees, Graham Whitehead, Rowena Clarke, Bill Gee, Adrienne Lowe, Sophie Scamps (member for McKellar), Michael Regan (member for Wakehurst), Sue Haines, Vince De Luca, Zali Steggell (member for Manly), Neva Imbs, Trish Newton OAM, Darren gore. Roz Elliott,

2. Open Meeting Welcome – Lachlan Pike

Acknowledgement of Country – Lachlan Pike

One-minute's silence, facing east for the members of our SLS family that we have lost including members from Dee Why: Chris Andrew, Dennis Campbell, Joe Candrick, Alan Johnston, George Theodore, Geoffrey Watson, Kevin Weldon OAM.

3. Welcome Life Members in attendance: –

Jeff Andrew, Barry Cardiff, John Ewing, Tony Ingram, Bruce Richardson, Dave Lang, Ray Martin, Martin Quinn, Ivor Rees, Craig Barnes, Phil Thomas, Allen Lakeman.

4. Acknowledge Political representatives for ongoing support.

Councillors NBC: Cr Kristyn Glanville, Cr David Walton,

State members:

James Griffin, Member for Manly.

Joeline Hackman representing Michael Regan, Member for Wakehurst,

5. Acknowledgement of Honorary members for ongoing support Sir William and Lady Helen Deane, Peter Richie AO, Kevin Weldon AM, Graeme Liddell, Bronwyn Bishop

6. Welcome SLSSNB Representatives – Elissa Auzins

7. Confirmation of 110th 2023 AGM Minutes – Lachlan Pike. No matters arising from the minutes. Motion to adopt the 2023 minutes as made available via email from Club President. Moved by Jeff Andrew. Seconded by Ray Martin. Minutes adopted.

8. President's Report – Lachlan Pike

- Importance of Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club.
- Importance of members.
- Over 8,000 hours dedicated to help keep Dee Why Beach safe from almost 200 patrolling members.
- 37 rescues and performed 4,500 preventative actions.
- 3 patrols made up of community members in the Central West – Orange
- Education and training: 149 people achieved new awards during the seasons (21 surf rescue certificate; 29 new bronzes) approximately 50 new life saving members.
- Junior: 350 junior nipper members.
- Parents and carers majority of new patrolling members.
- Surf Sports: hosted, attended branch, state, Australia and world competitions.
- Beyond the beach many members involved in working behind the scenes
- Thank you to our many Sponsors, Donors and Supporters.
- Motion to adopt the 2023/2024 Annual Report. Proposed: Sue Cheney. Seconded: Tony Ingram. Carried without dissent.

9. Comments on Annual Report

- Invitation of Elected Representatives and representatives of SLSSNB to comment on the report.
- Comments by Lee (Elisse) Auzins, SNB Executive. Noted Dee Why a very busy beach, congratulated Adrienne Lowe on Life membership and Matt Molina on Distinguished Service awards and commented on the club service to the community.
- Comments by Joeline Hackman, representing Michael Regan, commented on the lives saved and the continued safety and enjoyment of the beach by the community As an MP absolutely steadfast in support of the club and thanked the club another great year.
- Comments by James Griffin, who commended the club for meeting its key milestone with no lives lost, Nippers are the fastest growing area and appreciated the volunteer hours making Dee Why the great club it is.
- Comments by Cr Kristyn Glanville, Northern Beaches Council, thanked the club on great work done and the social connections and social bonds and on the legacy from the old to the young, patrolling the beach and looking after the Council's building.

- Lachlan Pike read comments from Sophie Scamps regarding the importance of the Surf Club to public beach safety and a thank you and acknowledgement of the many volunteer hours dedicated this pursuit by DY SLSC members.
- Speakers from the floor commenting on the report, were Club members Robynann Dixon commented on what club members get out club members out of training and teamwork and leadership skills and her experiences as the first female club captain, and John Ewing commented on the preparation of the Annual report by Sue Cheney noting the amount of effort required to produce such a quality report.

10. Presentation of Prominent Service Award

Cameron Read

11. Presentation of National Patrol Service Awards

15 years' service Steven Polley

15 years' service Ian Johnston

20 years Adrienne Lowe.

25 years' service Allen Lakeman

12. Presentation of trophy for Senior Club Person of the year 2023/2024 season

Herve Vichemont

13. Financial Report – Dave Lang

- This season we had an operating profit of \$16k and cash inflows of \$79k. The trading result is down on last year due to higher net expenditure in Carnivals, Clothing, Depreciation, Functions, Hall and Asset sales being partly offset by gains in Bar, Sponsorships, Interest and Member Subs to name a few. The reversal in cashflows is mainly attributable to the reduction in capital expenditure compared to last year.
- The operating result and cashflow attributable to our core groups are as follows:

	<u>P\L</u>	<u>Cashflow</u>
Lifesaving	\$ 16,000	\$34,000
Nippers	\$ 45,000	\$59,000
Competition	\$<12,000>	\$<9,000>
Gen & Admin	\$<33,000>	\$<5,000>
Totals	\$ 16,000	\$79,000

- We continue to upgrade and replace equipment spending \$41k this year on:
 - Lifesaving - \$ 3,000 – Radios \$1,600, FA Bed \$1,477
 - Furn. & Fitt. - \$28,000 – 2 x Fridges \$3,364, Function Chairs \$25,450
 - Nippers - \$ 7,000 – Boards \$6,882
 - Computers - \$ 3,000 – POS \$1,932, Fob PC \$942
- No questions.
- Motion to adopt the financial accounts as required by the *Associations Incorporation Act*: Proposed: Graham McVay. Seconded: Jeff Andrew. Motion passed.

14. Life Membership Nomination for Ian Nicol

Phil Thomas introduced the moving of the nomination.

Andy Moran moved the nomination for Ian.

Ian Nicol – Dee Why SLSC (1991 – 2024) Professional Engineer (Mechanical)

Has patrolled at Dee Why for over 30 Years, achieving 100% attendance on 15 occasions. Has logged over 1,000 hours of patrols for the club. Leader & Patrol Captain for over 20 Years. Masters Competitor for over 25 Years. Distinguished Service Award 2004. Since gaining his Bronze in 1991 he has gained a further 54 awards, and won more than 40 SLSA medals. Family: Wife Philippa, daughter Kate (former Bronze & patrolling member), son Jonathon (former Nipper member)

Ian's first contact with Dee Why SLSC was in February 1991 when he participated in the Dee Why 2km Ocean swim and Ironman events, as well as the weekly Sunday Morning Races run by Ray Martin. He soon joined the club and became a patrolling member.

After 17 years as a swimming competitor with the Manly Masters and Manly Amateur Swimming Clubs, and being a water polo player and a keen surfer since 1960, Ian felt that he could be an asset to the club. He was eager to learn surf lifesaving, rescue and first aid skills, and to compete in surf carnivals. He had already completed his St John lifesaving bronze award while at school.

Steve Haggett was in Ian's bronze squad, and the two became lifelong friends. Their instructor was Bruce Richardson.

Ian has remained a patrolling member to this day, and has been involved in many different roles across the club. He is Patrol Captain of Patrol 17, where he is hugely valued as a leader, colleague, lifesaver and friend.

Committee Positions:

1997 & 2001	Race Secretary	Sunday morning events
2007 & 2008	Masters Co-ordinator	

Ian was part of the Club Organising Committee for the 2km swim since joining in 1991. It was a major fundraiser, attracting as many as 450 entrants and raising up to \$10,000 per annum.

In 2002 Ian, having competed in many ocean swim events, convinced the committee to add a running discipline to the event, as he felt it would attract more entrants (triathletes). This resulted in more than 100 additional registrations, and Pieter Boer Jr winning the Biathlon. In 2002 Ian assumed the role of Club Event Co-Ordinator, and continued in this role until Fairfax Events took over.

Ian was trained as a Mechanical Engineer. His meticulous planning, as well as his contacts from other organisations (such as Middle Harbour Yacht Club) made him a perfect fit for the significant amount of time and planning required in this role.

In 2003 Steve Robertson, a local masseur, organized a Club massage-a-thon to help raise funds for Life Saving Equipment. Ian worked for over 12 hours with his team on the day of this event.

Other Club Activities:

Ian has always put his hand up to volunteer at events in his time as an Active Patrolling member. Roles have included setting up start lines as part of the workforce, on course marshalling and directing, manning hydration stations, and providing First Aid.

Events include:

- Bayfield's Pub to Pub Fun Run
- Rotary Beach2Beach Fun Run - Dee Why to Newport
- Sun Run – Dee Why to Manly

- Fairfax Events Ocean Swim
- Rotary Car Raffle – Selling Tickets
- Purchasing the Puddings for the Annual Christmas Plum Pudding Race at DYSLSC on Xmas Day
- Dressing up as Santa Claus for the Nippers Christmas Carnival & Annual Christmas Party
- As part of the roster attend the weekly DYRSL Cash Housie as the Dee Why SLSC Representative (where proceeds were donated).

Notable Rescues:

Two patrolling events stand out in Ian's long history at the club, both while he was Patrol Captain.

The first occurred on the Australia Day long weekend in 2006, always a busy time at Dee Why Beach. Multiple incidents occurred across the Sunday afternoon patrol (Patrol F), including a lost teenage boy presenting to the patrol tent with a stingray jab to the ankle, a possible spinal injury to a bodyboard rider 300 metres north of the Club, and a couple in need of First Aid after been dragged across barnacle-covered rocks. The couple had been attempting to rescue their dog, who had swum into a rip alongside the rocks.

A paramedic arrived to treat the stingray victim, but was soon required to treat the bodyboard rider. The paramedic called for additional ambulances, but they were slow to arrive due to paramedics treating multiple injuries at a Manly carnival. A helicopter was dispatched to Dee Why, where Ian directed patrolling members to clear James Meehan Reserve, the venue of an annual Tongan park rugby match.

After the helicopter dropped a doctor off at James Meehan Reserve, the decision was made to lift the patient in a stretcher basket from the beach into the hovering helicopter, which then took him to Royal North Shore Hospital.

Meanwhile, a jet ski arrived to help from the Manly carnival, but was lacking enough four-stroke fuel to get back. He asked for some from Dee Why, but as the club only had two-stroke, Ian dispatched a lifesaver to Pittwater Rd petrol station to purchase the required fuel. Although the stingray victim had been close to losing consciousness, by this stage he started feeling a little bit better. Once his father found him, he decided to go home. The rock-hugging dog-chasers were then treated for cuts and abrasions by patrolling members.

All in a day's work, and all managed by Ian as a competent Patrol Captain! The busy day was cited in the 2005/2006 Annual Report by the Club Captain, Greg Punch, and a copy of Greg's report is attached.

The other major rescue that stands out occurred after Active Reserve Patrol D had ended in December 2019, and was nominated for Rescue Of The Month. Ian performed a tube rescue of a man trapped in a rip 80 metres out to sea. Please see the attached nomination and photos for details of this rescue.

Allen Lakeman commented on Ian Nicol's role a great patrolling captain and organising the 2K swim.

Secret ballot taken, votes counted by Phil Thomas and James Griffin.

Declaration of vote by Phil Thomas: Ian Nicol elected as Life Member of Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club.

Motion to destroy voting papers, Allen Lakeman and Jeff Andrew, carried without dissent.

15. Ian Nicol – Life Membership acceptance

Thanked members committee and his family. Commented on his family background including his mother and sisters who were representative swimmers and his early years in surf lifesaving.

16. Election of Committee of Management –

All Committee positions were declared vacant. Jeff Andrew was called on to move the election of the nomination and election of the President. Incoming President Lachlan Pike then conducted election for other club positions.

Office Bearers	
President	Lachlan Pike
Deputy President	Phil Thomas
Secretary	Allen Lakeman
Treasurer	Dave Lang
Club Captain	Cameron Read
Junior Activities Coordinator	Andy Moran
Committee Members	
Chief Training Officer	Sanja Taslaman
Member Services Coordinator	Vacant
Surf Sports Coordinator	Fiona Ronge
Training Coordinator	Adrienne Lowe
Proficiency Coordinator	Vacant
Registrar	Graham Whitehead
Licensee	Sam Pedrick
Club Vice Captain	Steven Polley
Club Vice Captain	Danielle Edwards
Club Vice Captain	Shankar Pariyar
IRB Captain	Alex Suhr
Boat Captain	Vacant
Board and Ski Captain	Peter Hatfield
Youth Development Officer	Vacant
Nipper Parent Representative	Elissa Auzins
Nipper Parent Representative	Alex Suhr
Youth Representative	Vacant

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17. Motion to Affiliate with SLS Branch, State and National:

Motion: Lachlan Pike and David Lang moved that Dee Why SLSC affiliate with Surf Life Saving Branch, State and Australia. The motion adopted without dissent.

18. Election of Life Membership Sub-Committee

Moved by Barry Cardiff and Allen Lakeman.

Lachlan Pike President, ex officio. Phil Thomas Deputy President (Chair), Life Member and three other members not on the Management Committee. Tony Ingram, Darren Armitage, Darren Gore, Matt Phelan. Carried without dissent.

19. Election of Honorary Members –

Moved by Phil Thomas and Andy Moran

Sir William and Lady Helen Deane, Peter Richie AO, Graeme Liddell, Scott Mortimer, Dean Whiteman; David Hooper.

Carried without dissent.

20. General Business of an urgent nature

- 20.1. Barry Cardiff: Peter Richie should be given notice of AGM and invite to address the club. David Lang: notice should have been sent. Lachlan Pike: takes it on notice to look into.
- 20.2. Barry Cardiff: wanted the return of historic photographs to the clubhouse walls, which have been taken down during renovations. Lachlan Pike: intention to look into returning the photographs to the walls.
- 20.3. Tony Ingram advised that Bill Gee OAM said his older brother Ray turned 100 on Thursday. Copy of photograph of 1942-1944-Club R&R Championship blazer was made available.
- 20.4. Lachlan Pike renewing memberships are available online. Reduced fees for patrolling members.

21. Close: Meeting closed at 4:10pm.