

Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club

Minutes of the 112th Annual General Meeting – Sunday 27th July 2025

1. Meeting Details

Date: Sunday, 27 July 2025

Location: Dee Why Surf Life Saving Clubhouse and online (Microsoft Teams)

Time: Opened 11:00 am; Closed 12:34 pm

Chair: Allen Lakeman (Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club Secretary)

2. Opening and Welcome

The Chair welcomed members and guests, noted emergency exits and amenities, and called for a minute's silence for members who passed away during the season, including Phil Thomas and William Newling, Clifton Hall, Peter Dougheney

3. Attendance (In Person / Online)

Attendance In Person: (refer to members entered the Attendance Book)

Life Members present (as acknowledged): David Lang, Jeff Andrews, Barry Cardiff, John Ewing, Steve Haggett, Bruce Richardson, Ray Martin, Steve Moran, Martin Quinn, Ivor Rees, Craig Barnes, Adrienne Lowe, Ian Nicol, Allen Lakeman.

Guests/Representatives acknowledged: Northern Beaches Council representatives, (Mayor Sue Heins, Deputy Mayor Ruth Robins, Cr Robert Giltinan, Cr Joeline Hackman, CR Nicholas Beaugard), SLS Sydney Northern Beaches Branch (Deputy President Rod McGibbon), Dee Why RSL representative Graeme Liddell, John Ackman, Kristyn Glanville and other community representatives David Walton and Liz Thomas.

Honorary Members acknowledged: Sir William and Lady Deane (Patron), Peter Richie OAM, and Council Lifeguards, Scott Mortimer and David Hooper.

Attendance Online: Joyce Nehme, Colin Kjoller, Wayne Sunderland, Graeme Causon, Wayne Weisse

4. Apologies

Apologies received from:

Sir William and Lady Deane, Dr Sophie Scamps MP, James Griffin MP, Mark Pitt from DY RSL, Peter Hatfield—recovering from surgery, and the President Lachlan Pike, recovering in hospital, William Gee and Sarah Rees.

5. Confirmation of Previous AGM Minutes

Motion: That the Minutes of the 111th Annual General Meeting be confirmed.

- Moved: Tony Ingram
 - Seconded: Craig Barnes
 - Carried: Unanimously
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6. Summary of President's Report

A summary of the President's Report (published in the Annual Report) was presented by Allen Lakeman on behalf of Lachlan Pike. Key points:

- No lives lost within the Club's patrol area during the season.
 - Membership: 922 total members; 347 are Nippers, 195 patrolling members.
 - Operations: 7,000+ patrol hours, 198 first aid treatments, 3,095 preventative actions.
 - Training: 108 new awards issued.
 - Community: "Lifesaver on Land" program; extensive school/community beach safety presentations; Sun Run and Beach2Bush participation.
 - Facilities: Major grant funding for refurbishment of ageing change rooms.
 - Sponsors: Thanks to NSW Government, SLS NSW/SLSA, Northern Beaches Council, DYRSL and private sponsors and partners; Advantage Health, Apex Signs, Australian Government, Beaches Sea-Doo & Can-Am, Bennett Surf Co., The Chocolate Box, Dee Why RSL, DHL, IGA Dee Why, Landmark, Northern Beaches council, Nickelodeon, Rod Finlayson Remedial Building, StrataOne, Upstate Real Estate, URM, WaveScope Orthodontics
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7. Confirmation of Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club Annual Report

Speakers: Cr Sue Heins, Rod McGibbon, Kristen Glanville (on behalf of Micheal Reagen)

Motion: That the Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club **Annual Report** be adopted.

- **Moved:** Cameron Read
 - **Seconded:** David Lang
 - **Carried:** Unanimously
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8. Financial Report

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report (2024–2025).

Highlights noted: operating surplus (\$60k), positive cash inflows (\$70k), and continued equipment investments (radios, defibs, trauma kit, IRB and motor, cradles, race board prize).

Motion: That the Financial Statements be adopted.

- **Moved:** Allen Lakeman
 - **Seconded:** Jeff Andrew
 - **Carried:** Unanimously
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9. Awards & Recognition

- **National Service Medal:** Allen Lakeman
- **Club Award - Junior Club Person of the Year:** Harrison White
- **Club Award - Senior Club Person of the Year:** Alex Suhr
- **Club Award - Prominent Service (5 years above/beyond):** Andy Moran, Sanja Taslaman
- **Club Award - Outstanding Service (10 years):** Rosalind Elliott, Paul Ryan, John Collins, Colin Kjoller, Fiona Ronge
- **Club Award - Distinguished Service (15+ years):** Susan Sky, Stephen Polley
- **SLSA Long Service (50 years):** Anthony Ingram

Acknowledgement: Substantial contribution from **Orange Bush Nippers** members (notably John Collins, Colin Kjoller, Paul Ryan), including patrol leadership, training pathways, and patrol coverage.

10. Life Membership – David Spink

The Life Membership Committee Chair (**Darren Armitage**) outlined the process and criteria. The nominee left the room. A **secret ballot** was conducted.

Result: Approved by the required majority.

Resolved: That David Spink be awarded Life Membership of Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club

11. Election of Office Bearers

All positions were declared vacant.

Elected Unopposed:

- **President:** Lachlan Pike
- **Treasurer:** David Lang
- **Club Captain:** Cameron Read
- **Junior Activities Coordinator:** Mark Rosenthal
- **Vice-Captain:** Stephen Polley / Colin Kjoller

- **Board & Ski Captain:** Peter Hatfield
- **Surf Sports Coordinator:** Simon Moriarty
- **Deputy President:** Three nominations were received (Simon Moriarty, Fiona Ronge, Darren Armitage). Meeting resolved to conduct a first-past-the-post ballot.
Elected: Darren Armitage

Nominated & Elected from the Floor:

- **Chief Training Officer:** Sanja Taslaman
- **Training Coordinator:** Kayleigh Rumbelow
- **IRB Captain:** Alex Suhr
- **Nipper Parent Representatives:** Kristin Hellmrich & Joyce Nehme

12. Affiliation

Motion: That the Club affiliate for the **2025–2026** season with **SLS Sydney Northern Beaches**, **SLS NSW**, and **SLSA**.

- **Moved:** Craig Barnes
- **Seconded:** Sanja Taslaman
- **Carried:** Unanimously

13. Election of Honorary Members

Motion: **Sir Willam & Lady Helen Deane, Peter Ritchie, Graeme Liddell, Scott Mortimer & David Hooper.**

- **Moved:** Cam Read
- **Seconded:** Allen Lakeman
- **Carried:** Unanimously

14. Life Membership Committee (Appointments)

In accordance with the Constitution, the following were endorsed:

- **Chair:** Deputy President Darren Armitage
- **Ex officio:** President Lachlan Pike
- **Life Member representative:** Tony Ingram
- **Ordinary Members (not on Management Committee):** Darren Gore, Matt Phelan¹

¹ Simon Moriarty not eligible as he had been elected to the Management Committee

15. General Business

- Members reminded to **renew online**.
- **Club Awards/medallions** available for collection post-meeting, members to follow up with admin officer for collection.
- Matt Phelan member referenced Historical note: **50 years** since Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club hosted the Australian SLS Championships.

16. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting closed at **12:34 pm**.