

Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club

Minutes of the 113th Annual General Meeting – Sunday 26th July 2026

1. Meeting Details

Date: Sunday, 26 July 2026

Time: 2:10 pm – 3:31 pm

Location: Dee Why Surf Life Saving Clubhouse and online MS Teams

Chair: Lachlan Pike, (Dee Why Surf Life Saving President)

2. Opening of Meeting

The President, **Lachlan Pike**, declared the 113th Annual General Meeting open at 2:10 pm and welcomed members and guests attending in person and via MS Teams.

Housekeeping procedures for online attendees were outlined. Members were advised the meeting was being recorded and that voting would be conducted by requesting votes “for” and then “against”.

3. Tribute to Deceased Members

Members observed a one-minute silence facing east in memory of members of our Surf Life Saving family who had passed away, including:

- Martin Sheehan
 - Jeff Ludlow
 - Vivian Gee
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4. Welcome and Acknowledgements

Life Members Present

The President welcomed Life Members in attendance, including:

Jeff Andrew, John Ewing, Tony Ingram, Dave Lang, Bruce Richardson, Steve Haggett, Martin Quinn, Ivor Rees, Craig Barnes, Greg Punch, Adrienne Lowe OAM, Ian Nicol and David Spink

Political Representatives and Guests Present

The President acknowledged and welcomed:

- Dr Sophie Scamps MP (apology for late arrival, attended post-meeting)

- James Griffin, Member for Manly
- Michael Regan MP, Member for Wakehurst
- Mayor Sue Hines
- Cr Vincent De Luca OAM
- Cr Robert Giltinan
- Cr Joeline Hackman
- Cr Kristyn Glanville
- Representatives from Dee Why RSL:
 - Graeme Liddell (President)
 - Peter Sheehan

Honorary Members

The President acknowledged and welcomed:

- Sir William Deane
- Lady Helen Deane
- Peter Ritchie AO
- Graeme Liddell
- Scott Mortimer
- David Hooper

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The President acknowledged and welcomed:

- Brad Newton, Director of Lifesaving

5. Attendance (In Person / Online)

Attendance In Person (referred to members entered in the Attendance Book)

Members present: Lachlan Pike, Darren Armitage, Mark Rosenthal, Tim Parker, Simon Navin, Sarah Rees, Herve Vichemont, Sean Cassidy, Sanja Taslaman, Neil Kafer, Peter Hatfield, Neill Smith, Fiona Ronge, Anne Henshaw, Sue Cheney, Michael Crawford, Annette Crawford, Graham McVay, Peter Sharkey, Nixon West, Lisa Armitage, Aiden Armitage, Steven Polley, Hugh Long, Simon Moriarty, John Thomson, Joanna Rosenthal, Alex Suhr, Graham Whitehead, Matt Phelan, Robynann Dixon, Rosalind Elliott, Gary Yabsley, Rebecca Wayne, Ian Johnston, Simon Navin, Megan Read, John Benson, Tim Parker, Harrison White

Attendance via MS Teams Online: Graham Causen, Colin Kjoller, Paul Ryan, Lee Wellings, John Collins, Cameron Read (late attendance)

6. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Sir William Deane, Allen Lakeman, Deputy Mayor Ruth Robins, Zach McEvoy, Pieter Boer, Steve Moran, Ray Martin, Liz Thomas, Trish Newton, William Gee OAM, Geoff Horner, Kristin Hellmrich, Darren Gore

7. Confirmation of Previous AGM Minutes

The minutes of the **112th Annual General Meeting (2025)**, previously circulated to members, were presented.

Moved: Anne Henshaw

Seconded: Sanja Taslaman

Motion: That the minutes of the 112th AGM be adopted.

Carried.

There were no matters arising.

8. President's Report

The President presented the 2025/26 Annual Report and highlighted:

- More than 250,000 beachgoers protected.
- Over 9,000 volunteer patrol hours performed.
- 24 significant rescues completed.
- Around 50 new lifesavers trained.
- More than 420 active nippers.
- Extensive community engagement including:
 - Beach to Bush program
 - CPR and water safety education
 - Beach to Beach and Sun Run support
- Multicultural and international student engagement.
- Recognition of members including:
 - Cameron Read – Northern Beaches Citizen of the Year.
 - Herve Vichémont – Outstanding Community Service Award.
- The President acknowledged the difficult season, including multiple critical incidents, and thanked members for their professionalism, resilience and commitment.

Guest Remarks

The meeting heard addresses from:

- James Griffin MP, Member for Manly
- Michael Regan MP, Member for Wakehurst
- Cr Vincent De Luca OAM

- Cr Joeline Hackman
- Mayor Sue Hines
- Graeme Liddell (Dee Why RSL)
- Brad Newton (SLS Sydney Northern Beaches Branch)

Speakers congratulated the Club on its achievements, community service, rescue capability, volunteer contribution and leadership.

Lachlan Pike special thanks were noted to **Sue Cheney** for compiling the Annual Report for many years.

Adoption of Annual Report

Moved: Graham McVay

Seconded: John Thomson

Motion: That the 2025/26 Annual Report be adopted.

Carried.

9. Financial Report

Treasurer **David Lang** presented the Financial Report.

Key points included:

- Operating profit of **\$31K**
- Cash inflow of **\$211K**
- Including grant funding of approximately **\$148K** for projects not commenced in reporting period.
- Actual inflows from activities **\$63K**
- Continued investment in lifesaving and club equipment including:
 - Rescue equipment – Boards and oxygen\First Aid equipment
 - Boards and oxygen equipment
 - Security \ Alarm system
 - Audio visual equipment

Questions were called for and none were raised.

Adoption of Financial Report

Moved: Graham Whitehead

Seconded: Nixon West

Motion: That the Financial Report be adopted.

Carried unanimously.

10. Awards and Recognitions

SLSA National Medal Awards

Awards were presented to: Tim Parker, Simon Navin, Ivor Rees, Sarah Rees, Steve Haggett, Herve Vichémont, Zach McEvoy (apology), Sean Cassidy, John Benson

Club Service Awards

Distinguished Service Awards (15 Years)

Presented to: Hugh Long, Graham Whitehead, Simon Moriarty

Outstanding Service Award (10 Years)

Presented to: Tim Parker

Surf Life Saving Australia - Long Service Awards

25 Years

- Sue Cheney
- Michael Crawford
- Nanette Crawford
- Gary Yabsley
- Graham McVay

30 Years

- Sarah Rees
- Martin Quinn
- Trish Newton (apology)
- Ian Nicol
- Peter Sharkey
- Greg Punch
- Simon Moriarty
- Allen Lakeman (apology)
- Pieter Boer (apology)

40 Years

- Graham McVay
- Steve Moran (apology)

50 Years

- David Lang
- Ivor Rees
- Geoff Horner (apology)

60 Years

- Jeff Andrew

70 Years

- (Bill) William Gee (apology)
- John Ewing

Club Person of the Year Awards

Senior Club Person of the Year 2025/26

- Lachlan Pike

Junior Club Person of the Year

- Harrison White

11. Life Membership Ballot

The meeting considered the nomination of **Darren Armitage** for Life Membership.

Nominators: Sanja Taslaman, David Spink

Supporting speeches were delivered by members: David Spink, Sanja Taslaman, Steve Haggett

A secret ballot was conducted in accordance with the Constitution.

Mayor Sue Hines supervised the count.

Result

The motion to award **Life Membership to Darren Armitage** was carried by the required constitutional majority.

Darren Armitage addressed the meeting and thanked members for the honour.

12. Election of Committee of Management

The President declared all positions vacant.

President

With one nomination received by the closing date, Jeff Andrew (Life Member) declared **Lachlan Pike** elected President.

The incoming President assumed the chair.

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Office Bearers Elected

Position	Elected
President	Lachlan Pike
Deputy President	Darren Armitage
Secretary	Simon Moriarty
Treasurer	David Lang
Club Captain	Cameron Read
Junior Activities Coordinator	Mark Rosenthal

Committee Members Elected

Position	Elected
Chief Training Officer	Sanja Taslaman
Surf Sports Coordinator	Simon Moriarty
Member Services Coordinator	Nixon West
Registrar	Graham Whitehead
Legal Officer	Allen Lakeman
Sponsorship & Marketing Coordinator	Peter Hatfield
Club Vice Captain	Greg Punch
Club Vice Captain	Andrew Moran
IRB Captain	Alex Suhr
Board & Ski Captain	Peter Hatfield
Youth Development Officer	Nixon West
Nipper Parent Representative	Joanna Rosenthal

Nipper Parent Representative	Kristen Hellmrich (apology)
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Additional Committee Member Nominations from the Floor

Training Coordinator – Kayleigh Rumbelow (nominated by Sanja Taslaman, seconded by Neil Kafer)

Vacant Committee Member positions remaining: Child Safe Coordinator, Proficiency Coordinator, Licensee, Youth Representative 1, Youth Representative 2

13. Affiliation Motion

Motion: That Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club continue its affiliation with Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches, Surf Life Saving NSW, and Surf Life Saving Australia.

Moved: Jeff Andrew

Seconded: Craig Barnes

Carried.

14. Life Membership Sub-Committee

Elected:

- Darren Gore
- Tony Ingram (Life Member)
- Matt Phelan

The Deputy President (Darren Armitage) serves as Chair and the President (Lachlan Pike) is Ex officio.

15. Honorary Members

The meeting approved the appointment/reappointment of:

- Sir William Deane
- Lady Helen Deane
- Peter Ritchie AO
- Graeme Liddell – Dee Why RSL President
- Scott Mortimer – Northern Beaches Council Lifeguard
- David Hooper – Northern Beaches Council Lifeguard
- Tom King – Northern Beaches Council Lifeguard

Carried.

16. General Business

No urgent general business was raised.

Members were reminded to renew memberships online.

17. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the President thanked all members, volunteers, guests and supporters for their contribution to the Club and declared the meeting closed at **3:31 pm.**

Signed

President: _____

Date: _____

Secretary: _____

Date: _____