

Started at 9:18 am

1. Presidents Opening Remarks

The President welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and provided an acknowledgement of country.

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted from Tom May, Dave Shaw, Craig Rush, Mark Warriner, Georgia Warriner, Bruce Hewett, Neil Anderson, Jack Bawden, Brian Bayliss, Henri Cowan, Suzie Cowan, Marnie Day, Jeremy Evans, Vicki Gregory, Oli Higgins, Jason Holmes, Joshua Hudson, David Jamieson, Francesca Kidd, Kay Klima, Susan Lambert, Camerson Lindsay, Jake Rooney, Zane Rooney, Margot Tisher.

3. Acceptance of Notice of Meeting

Motion moved Darryl Pope, seconded by Alan Johns **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Adoption of Minutes of 93rd AGM

Motion moved by Alan Johns, seconded by Zachary Cowan **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Presidents update for season 2025/26

The President referenced her season update as covered in the annual report and thanked Lane Print for the printing of the annual report.

It was acknowledged the impact the Algal Bloom had on the season resulting in reduced membership numbers which impacted statewide. Patrols have looked different this season, but we navigated a way through and got back on track towards the end of the season.

SLSSA have worked hard to support clubs with grant funding and with that financial support we have had camera installations at the Club and Patrol tower. The funding will continue with the provision of free First Aid training for members for the next 3 years

As a Club we have achieved over 4000 patrol hours this season and there has been a positive vibe with patrol teams We have achieved some good outcomes with competition representation nationally, despite lower numbers.

The \$500,000 of labour funding has been processed and the Committee have been working through this since October. Funding has now been approved, and this should be processed in the next 10-12 weeks.

The President thanked John "Arrow" Ward for all the work he has done in the background along with thanks to John Higgins and Andrew Chapman for working through the process & meeting with Council to get approvals and consents in place. The funding will be used for maintenance to the patrol tower, maintenance on the building and a training room at the back of the club, which will be a big project.

Congratulations to Murray Drummond who has been appointed to the Board of SLSSA.

Thanks also to the staff at the Seacliff Surf and to Deb Jamieson who has been the interface with Dave and the team

Thanks were given to the management team this season, acknowledging that there have been some challenges, stating that we have all learned things along the way and it has been amazing to have people step up and contribute, adding that we have to continue to evolve as change takes time and it is important that we all step up and contribute however we can.

Thanked all of our members for their contributions throughout the season.

6. Treasurers update for season 2025/26

Net Income before depreciation was just shy of \$115,000, an improvement of \$20k on prior year.

This can be contributed to a significant turnaround in profitability of the Bistro, from a \$50,000 deficit in the prior year to a \$75,000 profit for 2025-26

From a Club Operations perspective it has been a challenging year with the algal bloom impacting on membership numbers and therefore fees which has also impacted on our ability to fundraise.

Whilst we secured 1 new sponsor this season, HLB Mann Judd income from sponsorship was down on previous years.

There has been a significant spend on capital items of \$73,000 with \$39,000 being spent on replacement items for the Bist0, \$26,000 on Lifesaving and Competition Equipment and \$8,500 on facilities.

The Club received a Race 1 Mal and Single Ski as prizes for participating in Gotcha for life

The Management Committee allocated funds to replace the Air Conditioning/ Heating pending agreement by Council to duns, The council supported this funding with a new system being installed in April

Cash and investments as of 30 April 2026 were \$561.500 and \$52,000 improvement on the previous year – no borrowing
The Club has no bank borrowings on 30 April 2026 and no other repayment commitments.
Personal thanks were extended to Alan Johns and Tom May on the Finance Sub committee
Acknowledgement to John Ward who assisted the treasurer during the year.
Acknowledgement to David, Nick and the Bistro team – a profitable bistro is desirable position to be in as it supports our core purpose of providing lifesaving services to the community and assisting in maintaining this facility.

7. Adoption of Annual Report (Secretary)

Thanks to Lane Print for bringing the Annual Report to life.
Thank you to all that contributed and especially to Emma Neal for her significant contributions again this season and her assistance in pulling the report together and being a second set of eyes over everything.
Thank you to Heather Burns for her significant work behind the scenes with memberships, WWCC and NPC's.
Motion to adopt Annual Report for season 25/26 moved by Andrew Chandler, Seconded by Nat Drummond. MOTION CARRIED

8. Notices of Motion

a. Motion to remain affiliated with SLSSA and SLSA moved by Kate Chandler seconded by Darryl Pope MOTION CARRIED
b. Life Member Nominations. Andrew Chandler moved Andrew Chapman to be made a life member. Andrew moved Bernie Tippins to be made a life member. Anonymous member voting was cast. Nominations were overwhelmingly endorsed by the voting members. CARRIED

9. Election of officers, nominations for sub-committees, panels and other roles

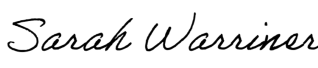
Members were advised that expressions of interests for Subcommittee positions would be sought via an EOI form which was distributed amongst members.
President summarised applications received for Board positions as follows:
President – Alan Johns
Director of Finance – <i>VACANT – to be appointed by the Board</i>
Director of Administration – Tanya Lewthwaite
Director of Education – <i>VACANT – to be appointed by the Board</i>
Director of Lifesaving – Andrew Chapman
Director of Development – Byron Down
Director of Operations – nominations received (Josh Charles)
Director of Business – Vicki Gregory
Director of Surf Sports – Jeremy Evans
Move to vote for appointment to the Director of Operations roles. There were 5 applications received. Pete Taylor has withdrawn his nomination.
John Ward withdrew nomination from the floor
Wayne Jones advised from the floor that Bly Bayliss had withdrawn. President responded that this notification would need to come from Bly directly as there had been no notification provided to the Management Committee.
Bly Bayliss confirmed by phone call to the President in the meeting that he wished to withdraw his nomination – this was noted by President.
Remaining two nominations were for Wayne Jones and Josh Charles
Votes cast amongst the members – position filled by Josh Charles
Seal Holders: Darryl Pope
Public Officer – Darryl Pope
Honorary membership – Patrons – Mayor, Amanda

10. Honorary Membership Nominations
Patron – Amanda Wilson
Vice Patron – Louise Miller-Frost and Alex Dighton
Auditor – Nexia Edwards Marshall
Legal Representative / Solicitor SLSSA - No medical officer
Medical Officer – Not appointed.
SLSSA President – Sarah Cutbush
SLSSA CEO – James Sellars (from 12 October 2026)

11. Close of AGM
Hand over to incoming President Alan Johns who declared AGM was now closed at 9:52am and opened the floor to for an open forum

12. Forum
Jacinta handed over to Alan to run any general business
Alan Johns asked for new Board Members to remain for a quick meeting and will Couple of vacancies still there – will talk to people for best people for the roles.
Dwayne Thuys stated he did not have any issues to raise but stated that Surfers Paradise have a club photo at their AGM every year as a great opportunity to get the membership together and publish on our webpage. Photo was taken
Glen Patten discussed our 100-year celebration – wants to develop book for 100 years. Need to form a subcommittee and he has offered to chair.
Australian Sports Hall of Fame -- need to include in annual report for next year.
It was mentioned that Dwyane Thuys was nominated into the Australian Sports Hall of Fame
Wayne Jones – always been his belief that successful surf clubs are built on the success in the competition arena that brings sponsors and other members to the club. His views are that we as a Club are falling down in that area – this coming season the ski competition area has diminished with no new paddlers coming through which concerns him.
Would be good to win state titles on 100 th year as currently we are losing our way, and he would like to see us go back to our core.
Lori Chandler added that we need to support the development of juniors through to seniors – having a lens on that that would help
Paul Lewandowski raised concerned about safety issues outside the club with e bikes etc on the pathway as there is a concern a club member will be seriously injured. Asked if the Club could mount a program to council to raise our concerns. Jacinta advised she and the Yacht Club have met with council to discuss several times. They have reviewed signage but advised this will be an ongoing concern.
Terry Keefe raised that earlier this year there was a ‘one club’ presentation which encouraged people to get involved around the club – this appears to have lost some impetus of late. He would like to see this gain some more impetus and more involvement in maintaining downstairs. Rachel Josephth advised that she had created an SOP in this space.
Dwayne Thuys mentioned that in regard to club history he had a brief look and last November at National Awards of Excellence – Taj and Fletcher won. He could not find this in the annua report. He asked if a subcommittee could review the report prior to printing. It was also mentioned that the Australian Surf Life Saver of the Year was in the room.
John Ward stated that we have lost a lot of members across to other clubs and there is a belief that once you leave you are not welcome back. As a club we need to ensure that if you move to another club, it is clear you are always welcome back. A lot of our good competitors have left and we should support them.
NO FURTHER BUSINESS WAS DISCUSSED

Signed: 
President 

Signed: 
Secretary 