

SOLDIERS BEACH SLSC 66th Annual and Financial

Report 2023 - 2024













2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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SOLDIERS BEACH SURF CLUB

Minutes ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING July 2nd 2023

Attendees: Darcy Waller, Simon Falconer, Annie Vandertouw, Gail Rixom, Jennifer

Falconer, Pete Woodhouse, Jennifer Downing, Jackson Blackshaw, Tony Axford, Matt Keys, Ben Blackshaw, Mick Crowe, Emma Griffiths, Lachlan Coppen, Glen Coppen, Brent Farnworth, Liam Potter (Bishop Collins Audit), Matthew Griffith, Shana Doughney, Kell Maxwell, Matt White,

Simon Blakely, Shawn Ford.

Meeting declared open at 10.04am by Simon Falconer as President.

Welcome

All welcomed to 2023 SBSC AGM, all reminded to sign the attendance book.

Annie Vandertouw was asked to take minutes.

Acknowledgement of Country: Simon Falconer

Meeting order as per agenda:

Item 1: Receive written apologies
Coral Raymond, Jacqui Goddier

Item 2: Adoption of 2022 AGM minutes

MOTION: To adopt previous minutes.

Moved by: Shana Doughney

Second: Mick Crowe All in favour, CARRIED.

Item 3: Business arising from minutes:

Point of order raised and discusson on Self Nomination. As advised by Ian Fullagar, General Counsel, SLS in email dated 6 June 2023: candidates cannot self-nominate as per clause 29.1 of the Constitution.

Item 4: Proposed Life Members if any:

No life membership applications at this stage.



Item 5: Receive Annual Report:

The President presented the report. Annual Report was available on the website to download from 14 June 2023.

MOTION: To accept the annual report.

Moved by: Brent Farnworth Second by: Shana Doughney All in favour, CARRIED.

Item 6: Annual Financial Statement Report:

Liam Potter delivered audited financial report.

MOTION: To adopt the financial report.

Moved by: Tony Axford Second: Gail Rixom All in favour, CARRIED.

Item 7: Adopt a Returning Officer

MOTION: To adopt Mick Crowe as returning officer.

Moved by: Simon Falconer Second by: Tony Axford All in favour, CARRIED.

Item 8: Declare all positions vacant

Mick Crowe gave his congratulations to the outgoing committee for their efforts over the last season.

Item 9: Election of Officers for 2023-2024 season

Written Nominations: Annexure 'A'

President – 1 x written nomination

1. Simon Falconer nominated by Shana Doughney, second by Jennifer Falconer and accepted.

Simon Falconer was announced in the position of President.

Vice President – 1 x written nomination

1. Matt Keys nominated by Shana Doughney, second by Simon Falconer and accepted.

Matt Keys was announced in the position of Vice President.

Director of Administration – 1 x written nomination

1. Anthea Vandertouw nominated by Darcy Waller, second by Tony Axford and accepted.

Anthea Vandertouw was announced in the position of Director of Administration.



Director of Finance

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.



 Tony Axford nominated by Brent Farnworth, second by Matt Keys and accepted.

All in favour, Carried.

Tony Axford was announced in the position of Director of Finance.

Point of Order:

Tony expressed that due to other constraints he would accept position on an interim basis only and may not be able to attend all meetings.

Director of Life Saving – 1 x written nomination

1. Shana Doughney nominated by Simon Falconer, second by Simon Blakely and accepted.

Shana Doughney was announced in the position of Director of Life Saving.

Assistant Director of Life Saving – 1 x written nomination

1. Matt Griffiths nominated by Simon Falconer, second by Tony Axford and accepted.

Matt Griffiths was announced in the position of Assistant Director of Life Saving.

Director of Education – 1 x written nomination

1. Emma Griffiths nominated by Darcy Waller, second by Tony Axford and accepted.

Emma Griffiths was announced in the position of Director of Education.

Director of Surf Sports – 1 x written nomination

 Rachel Sloane nominated by Simon Falconer, second by Darcy Waller and accepted.

Rachel Sloane was announced in the position of Director of Surf Sports.

Director of Youth Development – 1 x written nomination

1. Matt White nominated by Matt Keys, second by Simon Falconer and accepted.

Matt White was announced in the position of Director of Youth Development.

Director of Sponsorship & Marketing

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.

1. Matt Keys nominated by Simon Falconer second by Darcy Waller and accepted.

All in favour, Carried.

Matt Keys was announced in the position of Director of Sponsorship & Marketing.



Assistant Director of Administration

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.



 Tony Axford nominated by Brent Farnworth, second by Matt Keys and accepted.

All in favour, Carried.

Tony Axford was announced in the position of Assistant Director of Administration.

Assistant Director of Finance

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.

 Gail Rixom nominated by Simon Falconer, second by Jennifer Falconer and accepted.

All in favour, Carried.

Gail Rixom was announced in the position of Assistant Director of Finance.

Assistant Director of Youth Activities

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.

Position held over.

Assistant Director of Surf Sports

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.

1. Jackson Blackshaw nominated by Lachlan Coppen.

Jackson Blackshaw declined the position.

IRB Captain – 1 x written nomination

 Shawn Ford nominated by Matt White, second by Simon Falconer and accepted.

Shawn Ford was announced in the position of IRB Captain.

Boat Captain – 1 x written nomination

 Glen Coppen nominated by Victoria Coppen, second by Alexandra Coppen and accepted.

Glen Coppen was announced in the position of Boat Captain.

Board & Ski Captain – 1 x written nomination

 Simon Blakely nominated by Simon Falconer, second by Darcy Waller and accepted.

Simon Blakely was announced in the position of Board & Ski Captain.

OHS Officer – 1 x written nomination

1. Darcy Waller nominated by Gail Rixom, second by Tony Axford and accepted.

Darcy Waller was announced in the position of OHS Officer.



Building Manager

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.



 Kellie Maxwell nominated by Brent Farnworth, second by Tony Axford and accepted.

All in favour, Carried.

Kellie Maxwell was announced in the position of Building Manager.

Junior Club Captain – 1 x written nomination

1. Victoria Coppen nominated by Glen Coppen, second by Aleandra Coppen and accepted.

Victoria Coppen was announced in the position of Junior Club Captain.

Rookie Coordinator

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.

1. Jackson Blackshaw nominated by Lachlan Coppen, second by Shana Doughney and accepted.

All in favour, Carried.

Jackson Blackshaw was announced in the position of Rookie Coordinator.

Publicity Officer

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.

Position held over.

Radio Officer

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.

Position held over.

First Aid Officer

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor

1. Lara McIntyre nominated by Glen Coppen, second by Simon Falconer. All in favour, Carried.

Committee to contact Lara to ask if she will accept the position.

Gym Manager

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.

Position held over.

Gear Steward

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.

Position held over.



Social Secretary

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.



Position held over.

Member Services Officer

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.

 Gail Rixom nominated by Simonn Falconer, second by Tony Axford and accepted.

All in favour, Carried.

Gail Rixom was announced in the position of Member Services Officer.

Registrar – 1 x written nomination

 Coral Raymond nominated by Shana Doughney, second by Emma Griffiths and accepted.

Coral Raymond was announced in the position of Registrar.

Appointment of Positions: Annexure 'B'

The following members were appointed to positions as follows:

Member Protection Information Officers (MPIO):

Lara McIntyre Alex Coppen

Child Protection Officer:

Jennifer Falconer

(once her qualification has been gained she will be appointed to the position).

Complaints Handler

Tony Axford

Mick Crowe invited Simon Falconer to take his seat as Incoming President.

Item 10: Endorse Affiliation with SLSCC, SLSNSW & SLSA

MOTION: To endorse affiliation with SLSCC, SLSNSW & SLSA.

Moved by: Darcy Waller

Second by: Shana Doughney

All in favour, CARRIED.

Item 11: Urgent General Business

Matt Keys was approached by National Surfing Reserve Committee and asked if we would like to have someone from the Club on their committee.

- Mick Crowe suggested it be someone from committee.
- Matt Keys is happy to do it. Would bring information back to our committee.
- If this committee becomes political, all agreed we would have to withdraw from this committee.



MOTION: That Soldiers Beach Surf Club has a representative on the National

Surfing Reserve Committee. Representative will be Matt Keys.

Moved by: Matt Keys

Second by: Annie Vandertouw

All in favour, CARRIED.

Meeting closed: 10.42am

Signature

Mick Crowe Life Member Returning Officer 2023 AGM

Al Vanderton

Signature

Simon Falconer

President 2023-2024

Signature

Annie Vandertouw Minutes 2023 AGM

Appreciation



Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club would like to thank the generous support of our Sponsors, Supporters and the General Public, who have contributed to the club during the 2023-2024 season.











































Office Bearers



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	
President	Simon Falconer
Vice President	Matt Keys
Director of Finance	Tony Axford
Director of Administration	Annie Vandertouw
Director of Lifesaving	Shana Doughney/Matt Griffiths
Director of Education	Emma Griffiths
Director of Surf Sports	Rachel Sloane
Director of Youth Activities	Matt White

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		
Assistant Director of Administration	vacant	
Assistant Director of Finance	Gail Rixom	
Assistant Director of Lifesaving	Matt Griffiths	
Assistant Director of Surf Sports	vacant	
Assistant Director of Youth Activities	Sarah Maughan & Annie Vandertouw	
Sponsorship and Marketing	Matt Keys	
Public Officer	Annie Vandertouw	
Registrar	Coral Raymond	
Radio Officer	vacant	
IRB Captain/Gear Steward	Shawn Ford	
Board & Ski Captain	Simon Blakley	
Assistant Board & Ski Captain	vacant	
Boat Captain	Glen Coppen/Mick Crowe	
Junior Club Captain	Victoria Coppen	
Rookie Co-ordinator	Jackson Blackshaw	
First Aid Officer	Lara McIntyre	
Publicity Officer	Jacqui Godier	
OHS Officer	Darcy Waller	
Childsafe Officer	Jennifer Falconer	
Building Manager/Caretaker	Kelly Maxwell	

Statistics





63,655 Attendance





2,277
Preventatives



161 First Aid





36 Rescues



Types of Rescues



No Gear: 2 Rescue Tube: 8 Rescue Board: 10 IRB: 15 Surf Board: 1



412Total Members





5,502 Patrolling Hours





President

The 2023/24 season saw our little club grow and become more active out in the community. Membership this season saw a massive 23% increase on the previous season, and our community involvement was a contributing factor in this.



Some of our community work involved installing recycling cages, working with community groups to maintain vegetation around the club, a stall at Toukley Lions Markets, Bunnings BBQ, ANZAC day march, Burns Support Foundation Day, working with Clontarf Foundation, installation of a community AED, providing seating and tents to Merchant mariners and local church group to hold services, we also arranged and delivered equipment to less fortunate clubs in the Lower North Coast Branch (boards, trailer, skis, rashies, rescue boards) thanks to Bronte and South Maroubra for your donations.

Our patrolling members did a fantastic job this season lead by both our Directors of Lifesaving, Shana Doughney and Matthew Griffiths. With the loss of some members to nearby clubs, our team was still able to maintain a workable roster and deliver over 5500hrs of volunteer patrols, perform 36 rescues, conduct over 2300 preventative actions and see to over 150 first aid cases.

Our Education team lead by CTO Emma Griffiths had another busy year delivering courses and making connections with nearby clubs. This season seen the club gain over 300 awards, which will help bolster our patrols in the future. Under Emma's training program we seen several members succeed in Local. State and Aussie competitions. With courses already being planned for next season, I am excited and look forward to the results.

Our nipper program grew this season with over 190 youth and kids. JAC Matt White, continued with his program, which was such a success the previous year. The growth that we have seen this season from the kids was fantastic. Thanks to Simon Blakely for taking care of board training and Brad Halicek for swim training. The improvements that has been noticed in all nippers is fantastic. Thanks to all Matt's helpers on Sundays, Age managers, Water safety, admin staff, parents and kids, without you the nipper program would not be as successful without your help each week.



President



Our Surf Sports team this season has had many great results with some competitors competing in their first carnival. The competition season started with the Foster carnival in October and finished with 4 youth members representing Soldiers Beach and NSW at Aussies. It is great to see our club colours out at all carnivals, from nippers to opens to masters and boats, well done to our competitors. This season also seen us host the Branch Lifesaving Championships with the largest amount of competitors in Branch history, with great success.

The club this season has seen a significant increase in new equipment thanks to the wonderful work done by our Vice President and Sponsorship and Marketing man Matt Keys. His tireless efforts in seeking new sponsors and sourcing government grants has been noticed with the addition of New Patrol Trailer, Junior Board Trailer. New IRB and new rescue and first aid equipment. I would like to thank our sponsors this season: Lions Club Toukley, HS Express, Wiseberry Heritage, Mortgage Choice Charmhaven, Dunes by Dish, The Kraken Kiosk, Halekulani Bowling Club, Wyong Leagues Club Group, LJ Hooker Budgewoi/Toukley, Bulls pick up and Removals, Wallarah Point Care Community, New Leaf Projects, Link Legal and Conveyancing.

The club has now secured its financial stability thanks again to the Director of Finance Tony Axford. His business management skills and eye to financial detail has brought us back to where we stand today. The club now has a future budget forecast and goals to meet over the next 5yrs.

This season has seen many upgrades happen in and around the surf club. Thanks to government grants we were able to freshen up



the interior of the club with some new paint. Our relationship with Central Coast Council has improved and constant communication and negotiations has lead to approximately \$500k worth of major internal works being completed in July. New lift, new flooring in kitchen and bar areas, fresh external paint, new ceiling on verandahs and some extras. The off season will also see the building of a new vehicle ramp and northern stairs ready for the 2024/25 season. We have also been working with Emma McBride MP and David Harris MP to improve facilities and the mobile reception around the club.

To the entire committee, for the hours spent on the beach, in the office or at home making all this happen, you guys have made this season a huge success. Be proud of what we have achieved this season together.

Finally a big thank you to the entire membership for your support in making this season successful. I am looking forward to seeing all your faces return and making next season bigger and better than this one.

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAMWORK!

SIMON FALCONER
PRESIDENT

Vice President & Director of Sponsorship/Marketing

SBSLSC continues to thrive due to the ongoing support from a diverse array of sponsors. Through strategic multi-year sponsorship packages, the club has maintained meaningful relationships with various businesses and community organisations, contributing significantly to its operational capabilities and community initiatives.



CURRENT SPONSORS

Wiseberry Heritage, HS Express, Mortgage
Choice Charmhaven, LJ Hooker Budgewoi, and
Bulls Pick Up & Removals: These longstanding
sponsors have provided continuous support,
enabling SBSLSC to fulfill its mission. Notably,
recent additions in season 2023/24 include Link,
Legal & Conveyancing, and New Leaf Projects,
owned by Summer and Jake Sonter, who have
also taken active roles within the club. Summer's
dedication as the Manager for under 7's and Jake's
pursuit of obtaining his SRC demonstrate their
commitment to the club's ethos.

Wyong League Football Club: Their generous funding facilitated the acquisition of a custom-built trailer in December 2023, streamlining patrol setup and enhancing safety measures with essential equipment storage. The process of transporting everything in one trailer versus multiple trips makes establishing patrols much more efficient and reduces that chance of damaging equipment. We have also been able to improve our OH&S practices associated with manually carrying heavy patrol equipment to and from vehicles.

Halekulani Bowling Club (Mounties Group): SBSLSC has benefited significantly from the support of the Halekulani Bowling Club, particularly in the procurement of an additional Achilles IRB delivered in April 2024. Due to the important role IRB's play in surf lifesaving, we are required to have multiple boats ensuring operational readiness at any time. Additionally, their ongoing assistance, including a pending three-year funding application, underscores their commitment to the club's future endeavours.

Toukley Lions Club: Their continued financial backing, exemplified by a \$3,000 donation in September 2023, enabled the purchase of muchneeded nipper caps for ages 6-14. Their pledge of ongoing support for the upcoming season reaffirms their dedication to SBSLSC's initiatives. The new nipper caps looked fantastic this season! They also served as a crucial protective gear, ensuring the safety of our nippers as they navigate the waters.

Dunes Restaurant and The Kraken Kiosk: Both establishments have been steadfast supporters, providing catering for club events and fundraisers. Dunes' member discounts and generous donations of dinner vouchers for youth members have fostered a sense of community within the club. Similarly, The Kraken Kiosk's provision of discounts, donated shirts for nipper awards, and marketing assistance have been invaluable to SBSLSC's operations.

Vice President & Director of Sponsorship/Marketing

We are thrilled to announce that **Bishop Collins** has become a valued sponsor of Soldiers

Beach Surf Club, generously providing in-kind
services worth up to \$2,000.00. This partnership
reflects Bishop Collins' commitment to supporting
our local community and fostering a safe and
enjoyable environment at Soldiers Beach.

Bendigo Community Bank Wyong:

We were fortunate to receive a donation of a new defibrillator package worth \$3,000.00 in late September 2023 through Michael Hughes Foundation and Yellow Wiggle Greg Page's Heart of the Nation charitable foundations, who have a



mission to get as many AED Defibrillators out into the community to save people's lives in the event of Cardiac Arrest.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In addition to sponsorships, SBSLSC has successfully organized fundraising BBQ events at Bunnings, garnering substantial support from youth members, including nippers and SRC participants. These initiatives not only bolster the club's financial resources but also cultivate a sense of ownership and involvement among its members.

I am sincerely grateful to our current sponsors for their generous support, which plays a crucial role in enabling SBSLSC to fulfill its mission of serving our community and ensuring the safety of all beach-goers. It is truly heartening to witness organizations actively supporting their

local communities and contributing to significant causes. The invaluable assistance provided by sponsors like yours underscores the vital role of grants and donations in sustaining the operations of SBSLSC and other community organizations, allowing us to continue providing essential services to those in need.

GRANTS REPORT

SBSLSC has demonstrated proactive engagement in securing grants, achieving a commendable success rate in various endeavours.

Community Building Partnership Grant

In April 2023, SBSLSC received a \$20,000 grant, enabling the acquisition of a new patrol vehicle. The purchase of a SSV Defender, totalling \$15,819.53, was made possible, with the remaining funds allocated towards outfitting the vehicle with essential accessories and racks for optimal patrol readiness.







Vice President & Director of Sponsorship/Marketing

Club Grant from Wyong Leagues Group

A \$19,000 Club Grant was secured, facilitating

the acquisition of a custom-built patrol trailer, which has been instrumental in beach patrols since December 2023.





Local Small Commitments Allocation

In November 2023, SBSLSC received \$20,000, utilized for repainting the interior of the clubhouse. This initiative aimed to enhance the functionality and aesthetic appeal of Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club. Huge thanks goes out to David Harris MP for Wyong and NSW Government for their ongoing support of Soldiers Beach Surf Club.

This project was proudly funded by the NSW Government.



BSEF Grant 2023/24

The Australian Government, through the Beach Safety Equipment Fund (BSEF), have provided funding to purchase vital safety equipment since 2013. SBSLSC received \$10,000.00 and this funding allowed us to purchase vital first aid and

rescue equipment as specified in the SLSA Gear and Equipment List 2023-24.

Volunteer Grants 2022/23

Received \$2,000.00 funding to purchase a new laptop and printer in June 2023

NSW Surf Club Facilities Grant for Tesla Powerwall Installation

An application has been submitted to install a Tesla Powerwall, a cutting-edge AC battery system designed for residential or light commercial use. The decision to integrate this system with the club's solar power infrastructure reflects a commitment to long-term financial sustainability and environmental responsibility.

Central Coast Council Community Support Grant Application

In March 2024, an application was submitted for \$5,000 worth of medical equipment, including a new AED, AED Trainer, and Oxy Viva Kit, further enhancing the club's ability to provide critical emergency services.

As Vice President, I take pride in the accomplishments of our club this year and commend our responsiveness to the needs of the local community. I am committed to fostering collaboration among all stakeholders, aligning our efforts towards shared objectives, and reinforcing the diligent work of the committee. Together, we continue to strive for excellence in serving our community.

MATT KEYS
VICE-PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF SPONSORSHIP/MARKETING

Director of Finance



I would like to give a huge thank you to our Sponsors, Membership and to the Community who have made donations to the Club.

A special mention to Gail Rixom: thank you for being there every Sunday, especially rego day – you have worked tirelessly – and I'm truly grateful. Gail is the essence of Soldiers.

I would like to acknowledge the Club Bookkeeper, Emma Denniss, who worked with me over the past two years. The Club is transitioning from MYOB to Xero with the help and guidance of the Club's Auditors Liam Potter of Bishop Collins, thank you both.

To our Caretaker, another huge thank you for making my role so much easier, you're a gem. The maintenance of the Club is big, so much so the Council's arm was bent to cough up over \$500,000. Although I was part of opening the doors to Council, if was not for the constant work of our President Simon Falconer and Kelly, the Club would not have got this outcome.

The Club Maintenance had no program and with the lack of a budgeted program, the Club may have had to close its doors due to not conforming

to Workplace Health and Safety Act's, if had not been for the

shear tenacity of Simon and his contacts saving the Club. I cannot thank him enough. Simon was also responsible for getting 100 litres of paint from Dulux, and cutting the Club's grass, he has saved this Club a huge amount of dollars.

Matt Keys, is now known as Mr Grants and Sponsorship; if it was not for your thinking outside of the square, the Club would not have the new equipment, thank you, it's been a pleasure working with you.

Again the Club Committee has worked tirelessly as a TEAM behind the scenes to ensure the Club Strategic and Financial Plan is implemented on budget and in surplus.

Without this support, the Club would not be in the financial position it now finds itself in. We now have \$65,000 in investments, plus cash reserve of \$12,767.43 and no debts.

AS OF THE 30/04/24 CASH IN BANK		The Chuk's
Main account	\$7,523.43 budgeted expense	The Club's budgeted surplus
100 Account	\$5,006.00 budgeted expenses	for this financial year
Investment Account	\$65,016.60 Note: 12 months term at 5% = \$3,250.83 interest.	was \$65,000.
Grant Account	\$16,037.40 budgeted expenses	I'm pleased to
Cash Float	\$240.00	announce that the
Total Cash	\$93,823.43	Club achieved net
This year's budget surplus target	\$67,000	profit of \$67,461.05 for
Total unbudgeted Working cash	\$2,500	the financial year.

Director of Finance



The Club has a long way to go – the objective is to have in investments of \$250,000 – and this can only be done by tight financial policies. The Club has put in measures so it cannot be put in the position that previous committees allowed it be put into.

The Club has a five financial plan that is cash flow positive.

- Year 1 all debts to be paid off:, Achieved
- ♦ Year 2 have \$65,000 investment:, Achieved
- Year 3 have \$100,000 investment:, Budgeted
- ♦ Year 4 have \$150,000 investment:, Achievable
- Year 5 have \$250,000 investment:, Achievable, this will be were the Club will have financial stability.

The Club will be moving its accounts from the Greater to Bendigo Wyong over the next few months. This will be of financial benefit to the Club on several fronts, as the majority of banking is electronic, as cash accounts for 3% of all transactions.

The Club Executive developed a four plan from feedback from members and its new Auditors. This gets reviewed at the end of each year with its members.

- Years 1 & 2 get back to surplus and pay off all debts.
- Year 1 & 2 Building maintenance issues resolved (Simon saved the Club \$500,000 on this one).
- Year 1 & 2 replace all patrol equipment (Matt Keys)
- Year 1 to 4 Membership retention program and community engagement program. Financially support patrolling volunteers.

- Year 1 to 4 Surf sports development both senior and nippers. Purchase new equipment and engage new coaches, more club officials.
- Year 1 to 4 Build sponsorship investment

 this needed to demonstrate the club's
 financial stability before the Club could get any
 approval for support. (Matt Keys \$200,000)
- ♦ Year 1 to 4 Special projects e.g.:
 - 1. Club anniversary
 - 2. IRB re-enactment Sydney to the Gold Coast
 - 3. Burns Foundation, Community Engagement
 - 4. Club camps
 - 5. Leadership Development
 - 6. Development program, to build up coaches from within the Club
 - 7. IRB racing Development Team
 - 8. Indigenous outreach program
 - 9. All-inclusive program

I would like to acknowledge Brent Farnworth (DUNES) and Katie Keys (Kraken) both businesses have been great supporters of the Club all year round.

Nelson Mandela said, there is no passion to be found playing small and settling for a life that's less than the one you're capable of living.

The Executive worked hard as a cohesive team to accomplish financial stability. This has only be accomplished by the drive and enthusiasm lead by Simon Falconer. Yes, there has been frustrating times, but clubs always have had those; it's how you work together to keep the Community safe while swimming at our great beach.

TONY AXFORD
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Director of Administration



It has been an honour and a privilege to work with such a talented, dedicated and professional committee this past year and to be part of a hard-working, supportive and caring group of volunteers who all have a common goal: the growth and success of our club.



I would like to thank Sarah Maughan (Nippers administration), Gail Rixom (mail collection), Coral Raymond (membership) and Jacqui Godier (social media artwork & assisting with compiling this report) for all the work they have contributed this season to the Administration portfolio.

I had a steep learning curve when I took over the role but with the help and support of everyone on the committee I have been able to fulfil my role.

In particular, I would like to pay tribute to
Tony Axford who always made time for my many
questions and who always steered me in the right
direction. To Matt Keys for the enormous task of
writing and securing Grants – you are a champion.
To Simon Falconer who has steered our ship –
you are truly a mighty captain. I have watched our
talented executive and committee members work
tirelessly on multiple facets of the club – always
striving to achieve the best for the members. I now
have a newfound appreciation for all the work that
goes on behind the scenes – congratulations to
you for your hard work and dedication.

Several changes were made this past year to workflow systems and streamlining processes including membership, registrations, minutes, filing and circulating of information, in order to minimise the workload of this portfolio – it's an

ever-evolving area. We also made considerable changes to the website to bring it up to date and this is an ongoing project. I would like to thank Danielle Scott who graciously agreed to help us with the more complex website updates.

Another major change was the move to our new Facebook page. Due to various reasons, our old page was no longer viable, so the committee agreed, and we set up the new page. There has been a gradual increase of followers and whilst we are not yet at the same numbers of followers as the old page, we are increasing constantly. With complete access to the new page however, we are now able to promote far more information and events than ever before regarding our Club and Surf Life Saving in general.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the club over the last year – no matter how big or small – every contribution matters. In addition to the executive and committee, I would like to say a big thank you to the patrolling members, trainers, water safety, age managers, rookies and parents – you are what makes this club great.

Go Soldiers!

Annie Vandertouw

Director of Administration

Director of Lifesaving



The 2023-2024 season has been a tough one for the members patrolling our beach, with our patrolling members contributing many hours to ensure the community members visiting our beach can do so safely and with the knowledge that our members are there to help should they need it.



Under our Lifesaving Agreement, each of our 5 patrols were rostered to complete in excess of 80 hours this season, with many contributing more due to absences for competition or illness, injury or the resignation of a number of members due to their own personal circumstances.

The 67 patrolling members who maintained the safety of our beach over the 2023-2024 season completed a mammoth 2,277 preventative actions and ensured the public's safety with 36 rescues and many more first aid and safety interventions.

The diligence and skill of our members to ensure the preventatives take place show the impact they are having on the beach, ensuring that the public are safe and limiting the serious rescues members have had to perform. Ensuring the public remain between the flags, keeping surf craft our of the flags and speaking to the community regularly throughout patrols have all ensured that Soldiers Beach has remained a safe beach for the public to attend.

PATROL MEMBER RECOGNITION

This season has been a difficult season and has seen dramatic shifts in patrols due to a number of members being unable or unwilling to fulfil their required hours. Fortunately, Soldiers Beach is a strong and community minded club, and the amazing members pulled together to ensure our beaches had eyes on and were safe throughout the season.

Members completing in excess of 100 hours and/or 100% of allocated patrol hours:

FEMALE	MALE	
Shana Doughney 212hrs	Bradley Halichek 218hrs	Jackson Blackshaw 111hrs
Jennifer Falconer 187hrs	Angus Halichek 172hrs	Neville Bunn 108hrs
Lee Rogers 167hrs	Simon Falconer 155hrs	Simon Blakely 104hrs
Emma Lamphee 147hrs	Matthew Griffiths 126hrs	Bryce Glanville 103hrs
Emma Griffiths 114hrs	Sergei Mikhalchenko 125hrs	Memphis Newman 95hrs
Rachel Sloane 107hrs	Matt Keys 119hrs	Colin Trigg 95.5hrs
	Jackson Vandertouw 114hrs	Matthew White 99hrs
	Anthony Plant 112hrs	

Director of Lifesaving



MEMBERS COMPLETING 100%

- Jennifer Falconer
- Matt Keys
- Anthony Plant
- Rachel Sloane

PATROL RESOURCES

Soldiers Beach patrols have been greatly assisted by the improved patrol resources funded by the club and through numerous grants secured by the Soldiers Beach executive this season. The addition of multiple new rescue boards, SSV, three IRBs, new First Aid equipment and the development of our new patrol trailer have seen our beach management improve significantly, while providing much needed improvements for our patrolling members.

The development of the patrol trailer has meant improved access to the beach, allowing for all required patrol gear to be safely and securely transported to the beach with ease, and ensuring effective and timely set up and pack up capacity.



EDUCATION AND UPSKILLING PATROL MEMBERS

The development and upskilling of patrolling members through awards run by the Education Team has resulted in improved lifesaving capabilities this season. With 5 new ART award holders, 9 IRB crew and the current training of 4 additional IRB Drivers, our patrols have improved their rescue ability and first aid presence on the beach.

IN CLOSING

With the treacherous nature of Soldiers Beach, our volunteer patrol members have done an exceptional job of maintaining safety and wellbeing on the beach. Despite the tremendous workload, the members of Soldiers Beach have banded together, proving that integrity and solidarity can uphold the community spirit intended within the Surf Lifesaving framework.

MATT GRIFFITHS DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING



Director of Education



The 2023-2024 season has seen an exceptional growth and success in the education opportunities and the training provided at Soldiers Beach, as well as the development of connections between Soldiers Beach and other clubs on the northern end of the Central Coast to establish a network of support for training and education needs.



The Soldiers Beach Education Team consisted of CTO Emma Griffiths, supported by Dennis William, Shana Doughney, Shawn Ford and was supported by developing trainers Matthew White, Matthew Griffiths and Simon Falconer. This team ensured the training schedules were maintained and the candidates applying for their award were successful.

At the commencement of the season, a training calendar was developed and training opportunities for the year were discussed in the initial Education meeting for the season. Members of the Education Team identified areas of need and areas for development, while ensuring that trainer availability was assured.



Training for the 2023-2024 season was developed around the needs of the club, and upskilling members within club through attainment of new awards or requalifying for their current awards. Developing the skills within the club was a significant focus and saw the implementation of scheduled requal days as opportunities to regual for the Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze Medallion awards as a collective, ensuring members of the club were supported in the award requal, while also providing opportunity for members to ensure their skills were current and sound. These days were a success, with members applying their skillset to support one another through the requalification process. Members who were unable to attend were supported to complete their requal with their patrol captain while on patrol, and with the support of the other members within their patrol.

The Education Team also supported community education programs at Soldiers Beach this season, designing and implementing educational opportunities for community members and local agencies. The education team designed an educational program for the Burns Foundation Survivors Day, ensuring award members were on hand to support the learning

Director of Education



and safe surf engagement for the individuals in attendance. The Burns Foundation Survivors Day provided educational opportunities around first aid, surf awareness, surf engagement and surf navigation for the 50+ families and individuals in attendance at this event. The Education Team also supported the competitors taking part in the First Aid and Champion Lifesavers events at Branch, State and Australian Titles.

TRAINERS

The trainers for this season were a supportive and collegial team who collectively ensured the success of the education programs run through Soldiers Beach. The team worked cohesively to ensure the BM course married up to the IRB Crew course, ensuring those who were keen to engage in the IRB training were able to complete their BM and move directly onto the IRBC course, resulting in successes for these candidates and growth within the skillset of the club members.

In an effort to upskill the Soldiers Beach
Training Team, Emma Griffiths successfully
obtained her Assessors Award, and Shawn
Ford engaged in the Assessors Course due for
completion in 2024-2025 season. Obtaining





these awards has resulted in the development of strong connections with other trainers and assessors across the Central Coast as both Emma and Shawn engaged in the mentor program to develop their skills within these roles. Emma also completed her Mentors Award, successfully supporting members of other clubs to obtain their Trainers award.

TRAINING

The training schedule for Soldiers Beach throughout the 2023-2024 season included two Surf Rescue Certificate courses, two Bronze Medallion courses, an IRB Crew course, IRB drivers Course, Advanced Resuscitation course and the opportunity for members to attend Central Coast Branch funded First Aid, Silver Medallion Patrol Captain, and SMAR courses. Training this season at Soldiers Beach has supported the achievement of over 35 awards for our members.

The Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion certificates ran parallel with one another to support the learning of the younger members moving through their SRC. The structure of these courses resulted in success for the members applying for these awards, and ensuring their skillset was soundly developed and established.

Director of Education



The SRC program ran in conjunction with the U14s Nipper program, ensuring all U 14 Nippers were qualified in their SRC award prior to the 31st December ensuring their eligibility to compete at carnivals. This structure was successful with the U14 members being supported through their nipper program, while also developing their capacity to patrol the beach and develop their skillset.

Training for the Advanced Resuscitation
Techniques Award saw Soldiers Beach SLSC
joining with The Lakes, North Entrance and
Toowoon SLSCs to ensure over 20 candidates
were able to achieve their ART awards, 5 of which
were from Soldiers Beach SLSC.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

The Education Team has supported the training of awards at Soldiers Beach this season, and has supported the engagement of our youth and masters in competition up to and including participation at Aussies.

The development of a masters and youth team who took part in both the Champion Lifesaver and First Aid competition was supported and trained by Education, and resulted in Soldiers Beach having the largest number of competitors





at the biggest Champion Lifesaver and First Aid carnivals the Central Coast branch has seen in many years.

Given the content and award knowledge these competitions require, trainers at Soldiers Beach were responsible for supporting the young people to develop their knowledge and understanding of the Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue documents, developing their understanding of rescue and patrol procedures, first aid treatments, spinal management, surf awareness and identification and people management to ensure participants in the Champion Lifesaver events were prepared. Training for this competition and the First Aid events involved developing understanding and capacity to respond to lifesaving first aid treatments ranging from cuts and abrasions to eviscerations and flail lung. Training for these events took place on a weekly basis over a three month period and resulted in the success of two teams attending The Aussies Titles in Queensland and placing 5th and 7th in Australia.

(For Accreditation see page 32. Results - see page 36)

EMMA GRIFFITHS
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Director of Surf Sports



It has been a fantastic season with Soldiers being represented at many carnivals from traditional nipper carnivals, Branch, State and Aussies.

We had two amazing teams from our U15s represent Soldiers Beach at State in the First Aid Competition, for both teams to then place 2nd and 3rd and move on to represent at Aussies. We are proud to say we had a number of competitors earnt medals this season across many of the carnivals also.

"Pointscore" is open for all SRC and Bronze
Medallion members and proved to be popular
this season with some cheeky competition
amongst our youth and senior members.
Pointscore provides a fun environment for
members to come together and train as well as
maintain their fitness for patrolling.

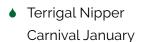
Members competed in the following events:

- ♦ SLSCC U12-Opens Carnival Terrigal
- Terrigal Nipper Carnival October









- Branch Nipper Carnival
- Nutty Masters
- Masters Carnival Copacabana
- Branch Opens Carnival
- Branch Champion Lifesaver (This event was held at Soldiers beach this year and a huge success.)
- Branch First Aid Competition
- State Champion Lifesaver
- State First Aid Competition
- Aussies First Aid Competition

(For names and results: see page 36-37, Nippers page 47)

RACHEL SLOANE DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORTS







IRB Captain



I would like to start with congratulating (Matthew Keys) with his ongoing push for sponsorship for the club as well as the sponsors that have come onboard.

This has seen Soldiers update a number of our IRBs with two new boats, which keeps our gear turning over and keeping the latest gear available for all lifesaving events.

We have a number of people gaining awards and some in the process of gaining awards, which will be put to use in the coming seasons on patrol and other lifesaving events. This will also help take some pressure off our current drivers and crews.







We are trying to get Soldiers Beach back

into IRB racing with doing some training this year and hoping to really push this next season starting early 2025. If you are keen or would like to know more, feel free to ask any questions.

50 years ago was the introduction of IRBs: this year we are undertaking a reenactment of driving IRBs from Sydney Harbour to the Gold Coast. This is an epic journey and one that will be challenging on gear and body.

Hope to see you all back at Soldiers Beach next season.





Boat Report



This season has seen the club have 4 crews compete over the season. Under 19 mens (Red Cheeks), under 23 ladies (Noisey Minors) reserve women's (Senorita's) and masters men (9 Volters).

All crews competed in the Central Coast Hunter Surf Boat Series which was held over 8 rounds with the final held at Terrigal. Some pleasing results from all crews with Red Cheeks finishing 6th, Noisey Minors 3rd, Senorita's 4th and 9 Volters 2nd. The masters men also went down to the state championships at North Steyne and finished 4th in the final in some very testing conditions. Our 2 sweeps, Glen Coppen and myself, have put in countless hours training all crews, towing boats to and from carnivals as well as maintaining gear.

A big shout out to our boat captain, Glen Coppen for all the work that he has put in over





the season. Most of this work goes unnoticed,

with the boats and gear always ready to go for training and carnivals. Also a special mention to Matt Neale for all the work he has done also repairing and looking after our gear.

To those boaties that will be leaving the club at seasons end, I personally wish you all the very best for the future. What you have all contributed to the club over the 20 plus years you have been a associated with Soldiers cannot be under stated and only the long serving members that remain can truly appreciate. The holes that will be left are near irreplaceable and to the club's lucky enough to gain you all as members, I am truly envious.

There were many highs this season with plenty of new rowers making their surf boat debut, some great results at the local and state carnivals, great comradery, plenty of laughs and heaps of fun and banter under the tent at carnivals.

MICK CROWE
BOAT SWEEP



Childsafe Co-ordinator



A warm greeting to all club members.

The 23-24 Season saw Soldiers Beach promote and endorse the Child Safety Program Policy and Procedures. I was asked by the Executive if I would take the standalone position, ie as not being on the Executive or Committee. I accepted. I have in excess of 20 years experience of working with young people and their families.

As a new position I am still finding my feet. We have made strides towards keeping all the young people, the Nippers, safe and happy at Soldiers.

I have spent time introducing myself to the members and families during the weekend contact.

I thank all Nipper parents for their support in our change room times, developed for the Nippers after their Sunday competition. I thank the members who have also supported our endeavours in this area as I know at times it was inconvenient. Thank you all.

I have been lucky to have a great professional team within the Soldiers ranks which has made my position easier to handle. Safety aspects for the young are dealt with by the JAC and the Director of Education, who manage and have most contact with the young members. I am kept informed of these aspects. Sleepovers, away

camps, other functions etc have been spoken about and examined, and will be managed in accordance with Child Safe Standards.



I am pleased to say that over the past Season
I have watched the Nippers and Youth develop
skills that will enhance their future life. They
have competed, won medals, and best of all
had fun. The encouragement of the young has
been promoted by the Club in an atmosphere of
acceptance, respect and team building. Abusive
behaviour and/or Bullying was not and will not
be tolerated. Soldiers SLSC has endeavoured to
promote INCLUSION for all who want to be part of
the Surf Life Saving movement.

I say well done, and thank you, members, parents, young helpers, executive, committee and most of all the PATROL members on a safe season at Soldiers.

Yours in safe surfing

JENNIFER FALCONER
CHILDSAFE CO-ORDINATOR









	SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE	
Georgia Denton	Lucas Koots	Abby Starrett
Rachel Falconer	Keanu Lourens	Willow Stuart
Sophie Heath	Oliver Scott	Tuiaulia Taula
Anatalia Jarrett	Tracy Southern	

IRB CREW CERTIFICATE		
Dan Barron-Hyland	Blake King	Memphis Newman
Simon Blakely	Jaydee Lourens	Rachel Sloane
James Carroll	Larissa McIntyre	Toby Sloane
Emma Griffiths	Dmitrii Mikhalchenko	Evelyn Williamson
Angus Halicek	Sergei Mikhalchenko	

FIRST AID AWARD CERTIFICATE

Simon Blakely

	BRONZE MEDALLI	ON
Aisha Crowe	Emma Lamphee	Jake Sonter
Angus Halicek	Indianna Lourens	Samuel Terry
Cohen Hyland	Evgenii Mikhalchenko	
Blake King	Memphis Newman	





SILVER MEDALLION PATROL CAPTAIN

Bradley Halicek Jackson Vandertouw

SILVER MEDALLION IRB DRIVER

Lucus McIntyre-Guy

ADVANCED RESUCSITATION TECHNIQUES CERTIFICATE

Paul Dessmann Janice Neve Matthew White

Jaydee Lourens Jackson Vandertouw

SILVER MEDALLION AQUATIC RESCUE CERTIFICATE

Michael Spring Colin Trigg Evie Wade

Samuel Terry Jackson Vandertouw

SEXUAL HARASSMENT & MISCONDUCT AWARENESS

Michael Spring Colin Trigg Evie Wade

Samuel Terry

NATIONAL SERVICE MEDAL

Neville Bunn Simon Falconer

NATIONAL SERVICE MEDAL 1ST CLASP

Neville Bunn

NATIONAL PATROL SERVICE AWARDS

Neville Bunn – 25 Year Gary Hyland – 15 Year David Harris – 10 Year

Simon Falconer – 25 Year Jodie Freeman – 10 Year Brian Koppman – 10 Year

Michael Crowe – 20 Year Bryce Glanville – 10 Year Dennis Williams – 10 Year

Philippa Lowe – 20 Year Ian Glanville – 10 Year Jaydee Lourens – 5 Year

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Jennifer Downing – 30 Year Simon Falconer – 25 Year Gail Rixom 25 Year

Neville Bunn – 25 Year Jacqui Godier – 25 Year Coral Raymond – 25 Year

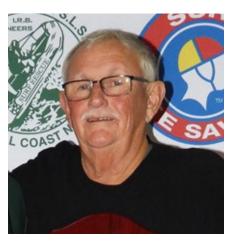
Michael Crowe – 25 Year Matthew Neale – 25 Year Darcy Waller – 25 Year

Major Club Awards





Club Person of the Year Matt Keys



Associate OTY

Darcy Waller



Junior Club Person OTY

Jackson Vandertouw



Greg Martin Award
Neville Bunn



John Axford Award
Shawn Ford & Angus Halicek



Greg Irvine Award

Dale Peard

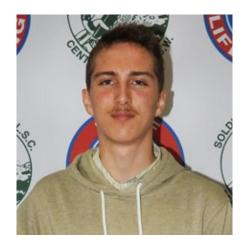


Senior Patrol Person of the Year

Shana Doughney & Brad Halicek

Major Club Awards





Junior Patrol Person OTY

Angus Halicek



Official OTY
Gail Rixom



U23 Boat Rower OTY

Jaydee Lourens



Masters Competitor OTY
9 Volters Boat Crew



Senior Competitor OTY
Sam Terry



Rookie OTY

Rachel Falconer



25+ Female Pointscore Winner Emma Griffiths



U25 Male Pointscore Winner
Bryce Glanville



U25 Female Pointscore Winner
Breanna Martin

Male 25+ Pointscore Winner: Neville Bunn

Carnival Results



SLSCC U12 - OPENS CARNIVAL - TERRIGAL

Blake King - 2nd Flags

Breanna Martin - 4th Flags, 5th Sprint

NUTTY MASTERS

Neville Bunn

MASTERS CARNIVAL COPACABANA

Neville Bunn

BRANCH OPENS CARNIVAL

Abby Starrett Indianna Lourens 5th Flags

Aisha Crowe Breanna Martin

Cohen Hyland 3rd Flags Samuel Terry 2nd 2km Beach Run, 5th Surf Race

Emma Lamphee Evie Wade 2nd Flags













Carnival Results



	BRANCH CHAMPION LIFESAVER
Rachel Falconer - 5th U14	Indianna Lourens – 3rd U15
Anatalia Jarrett – 4th U14	Evgenii Mikhalchenko – 3rd U15
Keanu Lourens – 3rd U14	Samuel Terry – 1st U15
Tuiaulia Taula – 6th U14	Aisha Crowe – 7th U15
Cohen Hyland – 5th U15	Evie Wade – 5th U15

Emma Griffiths - 3rd 40-49yrs

Matthew Griffiths - 4th 40-49yrs

BRANCH FIRST AID COMPETITION

Emma Griffiths and Matthew Griffiths – 2nd Masters Aisha Crowe and Indianna Lourens – 2nd U15

Emma Lamphee and Samuel Terry – 1st U15 Rachel Falconer with Terrigal – 1st U14

STATE CHAMPION LIFESAVER

Samuel Terry - 4th

Blake King - 4th U15

Emma Lamphee - 6th U15

STATE FIRST AID COMPETITION

Emma Lamphee and Samuel Terry – 2nd Aisha Crowe and Indianna Lourens – 3r

AUSSIES FIRST AID COMPETITION

Emma Lamphee and Samuel Terry – 5t Aisha Crowe and Indianna Lourens – 7th







Members 2023-2024



	LIFE MEMBERS	
Ray Hill (Dec)	Peter Woodhouse	Jennifer Downing
Barry Cook (Dec)	George Barnes (Dec)	Melanie Ogle
Stan Smith (Dec)	Mike Sawatske	Greg Irvine (Dec)
Kevin Booth (Dec)	Bob Marsh	Coral Raymond
Bob Simms (Dec)	Max Jones	Kirrily Harvey
John Warren (Dec)	Glen Warren	Michael Crowe
Richard Field (Dec)	John Edwards (Dec)	Shawn Ford
Cliff Spong (Dec)	Robyn Smith	Gail Rixom
John Fallon (Dec)	Brian Koppman	
Jim Neath (Dec)	Craig Andrews	

	ASSOCIAT	E MEMBERS	
Anthony Axford	Gabrielle Guy	Lucy Marien	Luke Smith
Missi Brownlaw	Louise Hallinan	Sarah Maughan	Jake Sonter
Emma Campbell	Dominique Hamon	Kellie Maxwell	Summerlea Sonter
Liandi Coetzee	Tracy Holcombe	Emma McGrory	Gary Tite
Rachel Cox	Hayley Hyland	Ben Meredith	Paula Trent
Kevin Curtis	Annette Ireson	Bradley Moore	Annie Vandertouw
Bridget Da Silva	Michelle Jackes	Justin Munro	Steven Vandertouw
Karen Dacey	Barry Jackson	Janice Neve	Edissa Viray
Matt Dacey	Matt Jarrett	Ryan Oehm	Diane Walker
Kylie Denton	Brooke Kelly	Rebecca Panichelli	Darcy Waller
Melissa Ellmore	Katie Kelly	Danielle Ross	Rebecca Webb
Douglas Fyfe	Kate Keys	Michelle Royle	Sylvia Wells
Jacqui Godier	Noel King	Lisa Russell	Katherine Wilkinson
Kylie Goldie	Emma Kirkman	Brad Ryan	
Daniel Guest	Jessica Malcolm	Brett Scott	

Members 2023-2024



PATROI	LING MEMBERS & HOURS PAT	TROLLED
Dan Barron-Hyland – 24	Bryce Glanville – 102.5	Matthew Neale - 87.5
Benjamin Blackshaw – 75.5	Ian Glanville – 98	Janice Neve - 44.5
Jackson Blackshaw – 111	Emma Griffiths – 114	Memphis Newman – 95
Jasper Blakely – 31.5	Matthew Griffiths – 126	Dale Peard - 73.5
Simon Blakely – 104	Angus Halicek – 172	Anthony Plant – 112
Laura Bolton – 23.5	Bradley Halicek – 218	Ashlee Richards - 7
Darren Brailey – 59	David Harris - 53.5	Lee Rogers – 167
Neville Bunn – 108	Cohen Hyland – 55.5	Noah Rogers – 29.25
James Carroll – 97	Gary Hyland – 3.5	Oliver Scott - 15
Kevin Comber – 12.5	Barry Jackson – 30.5	Rachel Sloane – 107
Alexandra Coppen – 27.5	Matt Keys – 119	Toby Sloane – 88
Glen Coppen – 35	Blake King – 64.5	Andrew Spring – 15.5
Lachlan Coppen – 26	Lucas Koots – 18.75	Abby Starrett – 7.25
Victoria Coppen – 32	Emma Lamphee – 147	Esme Swift-Hill – 15
William Coppen – 30	Mark Lamphee – 60	Tuiaulia Taula – 58.5
Aisha Crowe – 72.17	Indianna Lourens – 72.92	Samuel Terry – 84.25
Michael Crowe - 41.5	Jaydee Lourens – 53	Colin Trigg – 95.5
Paul Dessmann – 91.5	Keanu Lourens – 50.92	Ellen Van Wessel – 59.5
Shana Doughney – 212	Courtney Marshall – 53.5	Jackson Vandertouw – 114
Jennifer Downing – 23.25	Breeanna Martin – 93.67	Evie Wade - 69.67
Jennifer Falconer – 187	Larissa McIntyre – 44.75	Matthew White - 99
Rachel Falconer – 61.75	Lucus McIntyre-Guy - 47.75	Dennis Williams – 35
Simon Falconer – 155	Dmitrii Mikhalchenko – 69	Evelyn Williamson – 66
Shawn Ford – 23	Evgenii Mikhalchenko – 106.5	Mary Williamson – 13
Jodie Freeman – 63	Sergei Mikhalchenko – 125	Tingting Wu – 25.58

Senior Presentation Night





Director of Youth Development



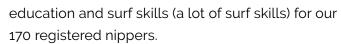
In the 23-24 Surf Life Saving Season I have had the pleasure of overseeing our Nippers at Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

As the Director of Junior Activities here at Soldiers Beach SLSC I would like to congratulate our nipper families on their community spirit and pride, in wearing the mighty green and white. The 22-23 nipper season has been one where our members and nipper parents have worked together to provide a positive, enlightening, effective and enjoyable environment for our nippers to learn life skills and make fond memories. This season we had the opportunity to develop and introduce a back-to-basics Nipper program. This was made possible through a dedicated group of club members. These members gave their time and experience and in return gained community admiration, friendship and the biggest reward of all the smiles on those little faces catching their first wave on a nipper board. Thank you to Central Coast Surf Life Saving for their support, and all our age managers, Susan, Tracey, Racheal, Matt k, Sam, Steve, Annie, Craig, Kevin, Summer, Evelien and Angus, Brad the 24-25 season is shaping up well and I am looking forward to meeting our Nippers again.

We appreciate the effort of all the community members that helped at Nippers on the BBQ, performed water safety, shot the weekly photograph, ensured sun safety. Thank you to those for being part of this team.

This year was my second session as the JAC and a lot of new age managers, our aim was to further advance the skills and confidence in the water. With a new look program, I feel that

we achieved this. Our Nipper days were jam packed with fun,



The education unit included lessons in First Aid, Sun safety, Beach Dangers, looking after our environment, the aquatic environment and being surf smart. Our surf skill lessons included further advancement of the surf skills we started on last session, surf swimming, board awareness and skills and of course learning to help others in the aquatic environment.

To provide these broad lessons of a high standard we have been extremely grateful to have had some sponsors come on board. With the funds they have provided we have purchased 18 fiberglass nipper boards; Age managers awards and medals. I cannot thank our sponsors enough for assisting us to provide the lifelong skill of being surf smart, at such a vital learning age that our nippers are at. Our sponsors that help make this possible include Rotary, Beach in surf and Rampage work wear.

Our program has had a positive outcome on our nippers as we had over 20 nippers representing soldiers at the branch carnival. This was noted by a lot of clubs as soldiers have not had this many for quite a few years.

Plus watching the confidence when we competed in club championships, some of our nippers would not swim out in the first club



Director of Youth Development



championships but by our third all our nippers were competing in every event which made it very competitive.

This year for the first time we allowed the U6s and under U7s compete in the club championships this was a great success and very exciting to watch all our nippers compete

i would like to congratulate all of our place getters and our two nipper of the year recipients Keanu laurens and Racheal Falconer

I introduced a new award, it was the JAC award. This award I personally chose is for outstanding achievements being displayed from a nipper from soldier's beach.

This year award went to Jesse white and Gus Keys for a great display of maturity as they coordinated a rescue vie radio with surf com (surf lifesaving communication center). The boys identified great teamwork with Jesse keeping watch on the person needed to be rescued and relaying information to Gus, Gus displaying great radio etiquette to relay information to surf com.

I would like to thank all our water safety team and their dedication to the safety of our nippers in the water with them, and their professionalism we could not of achieved the results that we did.

Well done to all our winners in this session but also a huge congratulations to all our nippers for completing the nipper session and the skills you have picked up.

MATTHEW WHITE
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES

NIPPER OF THE YEAR



Keanu Lourens

NIPPERETTE OF THE YEAR



Rachel Falconer

Nipper Age Champions



UNDER 6 GIRLS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 6 BOYS CHAMPIONS



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Nipper Age Champions



UNDER 12 GIRLS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 12 BOYS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 13 GIRLS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 13 BOYS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 14 GIRLS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 14 BOYS CHAMPIONS

	1	AGE CHAMPIONS	
AGE GROUP	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
U6 Female	Storm Murphy	Azaliah St Mart	Ava Ryan
U6 Male	Domynick Rodgers-Brown	Reggie Giblin	Parker Adams
U7 Female	Harriet Russell	Isla Sonter	Lennox Gorges
U7 Male	Lawson Mattas	Roland Jackes	Jaxson Tape
U8 Female	Lara Wealand	Savannah Newman	Ivy Winterstein
U8 Male	Harvey Behrens	Isaiah Watson	Isaac St Mart
U9 Female	Eva Walker	Bella Osman-Romera	Charlie Wealand
U9 Male	Asher Kelly	Aston Meredith	Flynn Jarrett
U10 Female	Pippa Winterstein	Sadie Maughan	Indie Wright
U10 Male	Hugh Preston-Carroll	Matthew Trent	Emmitt Ainsworth
U11 Female	Amelia Smith	Summer Nicholls	Evelyn Dacey
U11 Male	Cameron Falconer	Jacob Hamon & Stefan Mikhalchenko	William Curtis
U12 Female	Ayva Dacey	Sophie Wade	Tori Hyland
U12 Male	Spencer Ainsworth	Elijah Meredith	Jacob Jarrett
U13 Female	Katie Sloane	Isabelle Terry	Holy Ford
U13 Male	David Kobylarz	Copper King	Copper Nicholls
U14 Female	Willow Stuart	Rachel Falconer	Tuiaulia Taula
U14 Male	Oliver Scott	Lucas Coots	Keanu Lourens

Nipper Results



AGE MANAGERS AWARD

U6 GIRLS – Storm Murphy	U6 BOYS – Parker Adams
U7 GIRLS - Melanie Melanie	U7 BOYS – Kody Macfarlane
U8 GIRLS – Lara Wealand	U8 BOYS - Isaac St Mart
Ug GIRLS – Charlie Wealand	Ug BOYS – Logan Zuk
U10 GIRLS – Sadie Maughan	U10 BOYS - Kye Haley
U11 GIRLS – Amelia Smith	U11 BOYS – William Curtis
U12 GIRLS – Tori Hyland	U12 BOYS – Charlie Bone
U13 GIRLS - Holly Ford	U13 BOYS – Jesse White
U14 GIRLS - Tui Taula	U14 BOYS - Lucas Coots

AGE MANAGERS

U6 – Craig

U7 - Sumer Sonter

U8 - Kevin Curtis

Ug - Evelyn Williamson & Sergei Mikhalchenko

U10 – Steve & Annie Vandertouw

U11 - Sam Terry

U12 - Matt Keys

U13 - Rachel Sloane

U14 - Susan Lourens & Tracy Southern



WATER SAFETY

Thank you to everyone who helped with water safety including the U13 and U14 Youth and Rookies, and especially to the following people:

Matt White Simon Falconer

Simon Blakely Jackson Vandertouw

Shawn Ford James Carroll

Emma Griffiths Matt Griffiths

Dmitri Mikhalchenko Mark Lamphee

Nipper Results



NIPPER CARNIVAL, TERRIGAL - OCTOBER

Spencer Ainsworth David Kobylarz

Charlie Bone Ashton Meredith

August Keys Ava Munro

Cameron Falconer – 2nd Sprint, 5th Flags

NIPPER CARNIVAL, TERRIGAL – JANUARY

Mia Munro

Mia Munro Ava Munro

Lexie Wade Amelia Smith – 3rd Flags, 5th Sprint

Eva Walker – 5th Sprint Sophie Wade

Hugh Preston-Carroll – 5th Flags Holly Ford – 1st 1km Beach run

Cameron Falconer - 2nd Sprint

BRANCH NIPPER CARNIVAL, UMINA – FEBRUARY

Harvey Behrens Ava Munro

Ashton Meredith Amelia Smith

Mia Munro Elijah Meredith

Bella Osman-Romera Sophie Wade

Lexie Wade Holly Ford – 5th 2km Beach Run, 3rd Flags

Eva Walker Lucy Maughan

Isabelle White Buddy Osman-Romera

Sadie Maughan Isabelle Terry

Hugh Preston-Carroll Jesse White

Cameron Falconer – 2nd Flags, 1st Sprint Rachel Falconer – 5th Sprint, 2nd Signals

Stefan Mikhachenko Oliver Scott

Nipper Members 2023-2024



	Ut	NDER 6	
Adams, Parker	Giblin, Reggie	Lisle, Zander	Rowan, Harry
Behrens, Oliver	Guy, Dimitri V	Lock, Grace	Ryan, Ava
Campbell, Lana	Henao, Enzo	Morris, Colton	St Mart, Azaliah
Coetzee, Hailey	Jackson, Spencer	Murphy, Storm	Thomas, Tobias
Dalton, Willow	Kelly, Reuban	Nixon, Kirk	Tupou, Onix
Gibbs, Jasmine	Keys, Bruno	Rogers-Brown, Domynick	
	U	NDER 7	
Ball, Harvey	Ellmore, Lachlan	Marien, Holly	Shusharina, Irina
Beamish, Chloe	Goldie, Jack	Mattas, Lawson	Solling, Madeline
Biles, Zara	Gorges, Lennox	Mcpherson, Austin	Sonter, Isla
Boh, Zara	Grimes, Vinnie	Meredith, Laycee	Spencer, Hux
Campbell, Isaac	Haley, Isabel	Mikhalchenko, Sophia	Tape, Jaxon
Campbell, Sloane	Herder, Jack	Moore, Noah	Tite, Finlay
Cox, Greyson	Jackes, Roland	Oehm, Noah	Thomas, Abel
Cullen, Taimana	Kelly, Harper	Rummens, Gretta	Webb, Blair
Drake, Ivy	Macfarlane, Kody	Russell, Harriet	West, Melanie
	UN	IDER 8	
Banford, Harrison	Curtis, Violet	Mattas, Matilda	St Mart, Isaac
Behrens, Harvey	Guy, Xavier S	Minihan, Liam	Stewart-Smith, Jasper
Clifford, Evie	Hegarty, Natalie	Minihan, Noah	Isaiah Duke Watson
Coetzee, Jordan	Leavy, Morgan	Newman, Savannah	Wealand, Lara
Cullen, Khaleah	Manacos, Johnathan	Obeirne, Kane	Winterstein, Ivy
	UN	NDER 9	
Adams, Rosie	Close, Calla	Morrison, Fletcher	Thorn-Ross, Audrey
Beamish, Hannah	Devenport, Grace	Munro, Mia	Wade, Lexie
Blume, Sofia	Ellmore, Sebastian	Osman-Romera, Bella	Walker, Eva
Bowler, Indiana	Ellmore, Zachary	Reich, Rumi	Wealand, Charlie
Bragina, Katrina	Jarrett, Flynn	Robinson, Isaac	White, Isabelle
Brownlaw, Jaxon	Kelly, Asher	Ryan, Paityn	Zuk, Logan
Campbell, Conor	Macfarlane, Willow	Scott, William	
Casey, Thomas	Meredith, Ashton	Taylor, Sunny	

Nipper Members 2023-2024



	UND	ER 10	
Ainsworth, Emmitt	Close, Brea	Leavy, Kit	Trent, Matthew
Ainsworth, Oscar	Drake, Bodhi	Maughan, Sadie	Von Westernhagen, Xavier
Bennett, Henry	Dyer, David	Panichelli, Riley	Winterstein, Pippa
Blume, Isabella	Guy, Felicity	Preston-Carroll, Hugh	Wright, Indie
Buzai, Storm	Haley, Kye	Sammons, Amelia	
Clementson, Chael	Hyland, Max	St Mart, Boaz	
	UND	ER 11	
Adams, Hemi	Dacey, Evelyn	Mansour, Byron	Smith, Amelia
Aiken, Nate	Falconer, Cameron	Mikhalchenko, Stefan	Stewart-Smith, Pennie
Boh, Milana	Guest, Myla	Munro, Ava	Tite, Ella
Brownlaw, Nate	Hallinan, Molly	Nicholls, Summer	
Curtis, William	Hamon, Jacob	Rogers, Felix	
	UND	ER 12	
Ainsworth, Spencer	Hyland, Tori	Meredith, Elijah	Trent, Ethan
Bone, Charlie	Jarrett, Jacob	Panichelli, Ruby	Wade, Sophie
Dacey, Ayva	Keys, August	Plant, Harry	
Heath, Charlotte	Marien, Charlotte	St Mart, Eliora	
	UND	ER 13	
Curtis, Lilly	King, Cooper	Nicholls, Cooper	Terry, Isabelle
Ford, Holly	Kobylarz, David	Osman-Romera, Buddy	White, Jesse
Griffiths, Milly	Maughan, Lucy	Sloane, Katie	
	UND	ER 14	
Close, Brea	Heath, Sophie	Scott, Oliver	Zuk, Scarlett
Close, Brea Denton, Georgia			Zuk, Scarlett
	Heath, Sophie	Scott, Oliver	Zuk, Scarlett

Nipper Age Groups











UNDER 7

UNDER 8







UNDER 9

UNDER 10

UNDER 11







UNDER 12

UNDER 13

UNDER 14



Youth Camp



The Soldiers Beach Youth Camp was held over a long weekend from the 31st May to the 2nd June 2024 at the Nymboida Campground

and it was a weekend of comradery, laughter and new and exciting challenges for the amazing youth members who attended.

Nine youth members and four chaperones spent a weekend camping at the Nymboida Campground, arriving on Friday night, setting up the campground, working together to organise dinner for everyone and enjoying dinner around the campfire. The youth enjoyed a night exploring the area and making the most of the space around the campfire, staying up late and sharing their stories while waiting for our late arrivals.

Saturday brought a day of new challenges on the water with the youth taking on the white-

water rapids of the Nymboida River in two-man canoes. The youth had an early start with a muster at 8am to prepare for the day. After learning the basics, loading the canoes and making the short drive to the river, the day started with a paddle session on flat slow-moving water. Once the youth mastered their new skill of paddling and turning their canoe, it was time to paddle toward the rapids. Each pair of paddlers took turns taking on a smaller rapid, with the fast-moving water proving too much for some and the first roll over of the day. There was a lot more fun and many more rollovers in the time that followed with each pair taking on different challenges at











Youth Camp



each rapid. After a short break for lunch as the rain set the group set off on the second half of the adventure. Each rapid got bigger, longer and faster until the ultimate rapid called Jasper Falls where each pair navigated the whitewater, survived the rocks, boulders and branches and successfully made their way down the rapid. One last long paddle to the finish line, 16km later and in a record time of 3 hours and 45mins, Soldiers Beach became the record holders for the fastest time to finish the course with the guides commenting on the water skills and the teamwork the youth showed.

Given our early arrival, while waiting for our lift out of the bush, each youth member took on the challenge of swimming the rapids, learning how to navigate the rocks and boulders to swim through new conditions combining the skills they have learned in the surf with the skills they learned in the rapids. When they grew weary of that challenge, the youth took on a single





person paddle through the rapids in the kayak. All members rose to the challenge to pack up our gear in the not so favourable weather before returning, unpacking and making our way back to the campsite to warm up in the showers. Unfortunately, nature had other plan and when we returned, the campground was flooded, with swags, tents and camp chairs all sitting a stream of water. As they do so well, the resilient youth got to work, packing their things to move up to one of the cabins where we were finally able to get warm in the steaming hot showers and enjoy a meal prepared by the youth themselves. The adventures of the day were talked about over dinner and the makeshift card games, with the youth celebrating their new skills and reliving the amazing day on the water.

All youth on the weekend away reported having a fantastic time and were already planning the 2025 Youth Camp on their way home. Special thanks to Matthew White and Simon Blakely for driving the youth to and from the camp, organising the food and for organising a great weekend away.

MATT WHITE, EMMA GRIFFITHS, SIMON BLAKELY YOUTH CAMP FACILITATORS









FINANCIAL REPORT

Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated ABN 74 674 215 629

Annual Report - 30 April 2024

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Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated Committee members' report 30 April 2024

The committee members present their report, together with the financial statements, on the incorporated association for the year ended 30 April 2024.

Committee members

The following persons were committee members of the incorporated association during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Simon Falconer
Matt Keys
Anthony Axford
Matthew White
Emma Griffiths (Appointed July 2023)
Matthew Griffiths (Appointed July 2023)
Rachel Sloane (Appointed July 2023)
Annie Vandertouw (Appointed July 2023)
Brad Halicek (Resigned July 2023)
Dennis Ricketts (Resigned July 2023)
Darcy Waller (Resigned July 2023)
Shana Doughney (Resigned February 2024)

Principal activities

During the financial year the principal continuing activities of the incorporated association consisted of:

- Providing a safe beach and aquatic environment for our local community; and
- Providing beach and water safety education and training.

Operating Result

The surplus for the incorporated association for the year amounted to \$68,414 (2023: \$121,032).

Significant Changes

There were no significant changes in the nature of the activities during the financial year.

Events after the reporting period

The Club has been advised by Central Coast Council that construction and repair works are to commence on the leased Clubhouse from 1 July 2024. These works are anticipated to be completed by August 2024.

No matter of circumstance has arisen since 30 April 2024 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the incorporated association's operations, the results of those operations, or the incorporated association' state of affairs in future financial years.

On behalf of the committee members

Simon Falconer President

16 June 2024

Anthony Axford Treasurer



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S DECLARATION TO THE MEMBERS OF SOLDIERS BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC

ABN: 98 159 109 305

We hereby declare that to the best of our knowledge and belief during the year ended 30 April 2024, there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Name of Firm

Bishop Collins Audit Pty Ltd Chartered Accountants

Name of Registered Company Auditor

Martin Le Marchant

Auditor's Registration No.

431227

Address

Unit 1, 1 Pioneer Avenue, Tuggerah NSW 2259

Dated

16 June 2024





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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SOLDIERS BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC

Qualified Auditor's Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc ('the Association') which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 April 2024, statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the committee members' declaration.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter as described in the Basis for Qualified Auditor's Opinion paragraph, the financial report of Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc is in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 April 2024 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for Qualified Auditor's Opinion

As is common for not-for-profit organisations, it is not practical to establish and maintain an effective system of internal control over monies received and expended until their initial entry in the accounting records. As a result, the evidence supporting income and expenditure is limited to the extent that it had been receipted, recorded, banked and verified to supporting documentation.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

The financial report of Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 2 to the financial report.





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Martin Le Marchant CA Johan Van Der Westhuizen CA Associate Directors: Cecille Capucao CA



Other Matter - Charitable Fundraising Act 1991

We also report that:

- the financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year;
- the accounting and associated records have been properly kept during the year in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the Regulations;
- (iii) money received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year has been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the Regulations; and
- (iv) at the date of this report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the consolidated entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Responsibilities of the Committee Members for the Financial Report

The committee members of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 2 to the financial report and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and for such internal control as the committee members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee members are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee members either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or
 error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that
 is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material
 misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve
 collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
 that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
 effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee members.



- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee members' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the
 disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a
 manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the committee members regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the committee members with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

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Dated

16 June 2024

Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income For the year ended 30 April 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue	4	343,864	318,443
Other income	5	914	61
Expenses Audit, accounting and consulting fees Cost of goods sold Capitation and insurances expense Repairs and maintenance expense Utilities expense Club events, functions, carnivals and equipment expense Depreciation and amortisation expense Administration expenses Motor vehicle expenses Rent expense Other expenses Finance costs	17	(14,418) (2,043) (15,832) (39,203) (85,070) (45,764) (56,122) (3,968) (3,423)	(11,090) (5,393) (20,140) (16,251) (71,065) (22,882) (35,129) (2,473) (2,617) (3,808) (229) (6,395)
Surplus for the year	16	68,414	121,032
Other comprehensive income for the year			
Total comprehensive income for the year		68,414	121,032

Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated Statement of financial position As at 30 April 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Assets			
Current assets Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Financial assets Other Total current assets	6 7 8 9	29,703 7,155 65,017 2,287 104,162	83,679 11,778 - 2,057 97,514
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Right-of-use assets Total non-current assets	10 11	398,721 89,326 488,047	365,862 100,264 466,126
Total assets		592,209	563,640
Liabilities			
Current liabilities Trade and other payables Lease liabilities Other liabilities Total current liabilities	12 13 14	13,781 10,855 3,995 28,631	19,414 10,855 33,200 63,469
Non-current liabilities Lease liabilities Total non-current liabilities	15	89,848 89,848	94,855 94,855
Total liabilities		118,479	158,324
Net assets		473,730	405,316
Equity Retained surpluses Total equity	16	<u>473,730</u> 473,730	405,316 405,316
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Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 30 April 2024

	Retained surpluses \$	Total equity
Balance at 1 May 2022	284,284	284,284
Surplus for the year Other comprehensive income for the year	121,032	121,032
Total comprehensive income for the year	121,032	121,032
Balance at 30 April 2023	405,316	405,316
	Retained surpluses \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 May 2023	surpluses	
Balance at 1 May 2023 Surplus for the year Other comprehensive income for the year	surpluses \$	\$
Surplus for the year	surpluses \$ 405,316	\$ 405,316

Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated Statement of cash flows For the year ended 30 April 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash flows from operating activities Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST) Payments to suppliers (inclusive of GST)		293,989 (275,273)	208,140 (172,610)
Interest received Grants revenue received		18,716 914 83,116	35,530 61 130,916
Net cash from operating activities	19	102,746	166,507
Cash flows from investing activities Payments for investments Payments for property, plant and equipment	10	(65,017) (80,536)	(102,017)
Net cash used in investing activities		(145,553)	(102,017)
Cash flows from financing activities Repayment of borrowings		(11,169)	(9,115)
Net cash used in financing activities		(11,169)	(9,115)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		(53,976) 83,679	55,375 28,304
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	6	29,703	83,679

Note 1. General information

The financial statements cover Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated as an individual entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated's functional and presentation currency.

Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated is a not-for-profit incorporated association, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business are 101 Norah Head Drive, Norah Head NSW 2263.

A description of the nature of the incorporated association's operations and its principal activities are included in the committee members' report, which is not part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 16 June 2024.

Note 2. Material accounting policy information

The accounting policies that are material to the incorporated association are set out below. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year, unless otherwise stated.

New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The incorporated association has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

Basis of preparation

In the committee members' opinion, the incorporated association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements.

These are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991, New South Wales legislation the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and associated regulations. The committee members have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members of Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements', AASB 107 'Statement of Cash Flows', AASB 108 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors', AASB 1048 'Interpretation of Standards' and AASB 1054 'Australian Additional Disclosures', as appropriate for not-for profit oriented entities.

Historical cost convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for, where applicable, the revaluation of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, investment properties, certain classes of property, plant and equipment and derivative financial instruments.

Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the incorporated association's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 3.

Note 2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Revenue recognition

The incorporated association recognises revenue as follows:

Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the incorporated association is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the incorporated association: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point in time when the customer obtains control of the goods, which is generally at the time of delivery.

Grants (Reciprocal and Non-Reciprocal) and donations

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt. For reciprocal grants, revenue is recognised at the completion of the performance obligation attached to the funding.

Membership fees

Revenue from membership fees is recognised at the time of receipt.

Rendering of services

Revenue from a contract to provide services is recognised over time as the services are rendered based on either a fixed price or an hourly rate.

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Rent, recoveries and other revenue

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

Income tax

As the incorporated association is a charitable institution in terms of subsection 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.

Current and non-current classification

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is classified as current when: it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the incorporated association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period; or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when: it is either expected to be settled in the incorporated association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period; or there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Note 2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for expected credit losses. Trade receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

The incorporated association has applied the simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses, which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on days overdue.

Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any allowance for expected credit losses.

Inventories

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

The Association undertook a review of all inventories in financial year 2024, with all items on hand at 30 April 2024 considered consumables.

Investments and other financial assets

Investments and other financial assets are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs are included as part of the initial measurement, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Such assets are subsequently measured at either amortised cost or fair value depending on their classification. Classification is determined based on both the business model within which such assets are held and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset unless an accounting mismatch is being avoided.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows have expired or have been transferred and the incorporated association has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. When there is no reasonable expectation of recovering part or all of a financial asset, its carrying value is written off.

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income include equity investments which the incorporated association intends to hold for the foreseeable future and has irrevocably elected to classify them as such upon initial recognition.

Impairment of financial assets

The incorporated association recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets which are either measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income. The measurement of the loss allowance depends upon the incorporated association's assessment at the end of each reporting period as to whether the financial instrument's credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, based on reasonable and supportable information that is available, without undue cost or effort to obtain.

Where there has not been a significant increase in exposure to credit risk since initial recognition, a 12-month expected credit loss allowance is estimated. This represents a portion of the asset's lifetime expected credit losses that is attributable to a default event that is possible within the next 12 months. Where a financial asset has become credit impaired or where it is determined that credit risk has increased significantly, the loss allowance is based on the asset's lifetime expected credit losses. The amount of expected credit loss recognised is measured on the basis of the probability weighted present value of anticipated cash shortfalls over the life of the instrument discounted at the original effective interest rate.

For financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, the loss allowance is recognised in other comprehensive income with a corresponding expense through profit or loss. In all other cases, the loss allowance reduces the asset's carrying value with a corresponding expense through profit or loss.

Property, plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Note 2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows:

Leasehold improvements Plant and equipment 3-10 years 3-7 years

Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the assets, whichever is shorter.

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the incorporated association. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss.

Right-of-use assets

A right-of-use asset is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for, as applicable, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date net of any lease incentives received, any initial direct costs incurred, and, except where included in the cost of inventories, an estimate of costs expected to be incurred for dismantling and removing the underlying asset, and restoring the site or asset.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the asset, whichever is the shorter. Where the incorporated association expects to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the depreciation is over its estimated useful life. Right-of use assets are subject to impairment or adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

The incorporated association has elected not to recognise a right-of-use asset and corresponding lease liability for short-term leases with terms of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets. Lease payments on these assets are expensed to profit or loss as incurred.

Impairment of non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value-in-use. The value-in-use is the present value of the estimated future cash flows relating to the asset using a pre-tax discount rate specific to the asset or cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Assets that do not have independent cash flows are grouped together to form a cash-generating unit.

Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the incorporated association prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

Lease liabilities

A lease liability is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the term of the lease, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the incorporated association's incremental borrowing rate. Lease payments comprise of fixed payments less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees, exercise price of a purchase option when the exercise of the option is reasonably certain to occur, and any anticipated termination penalties. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Note 2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Lease liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The carrying amounts are remeasured if there is a change in the following: future lease payments arising from a change in an index or a rate used; residual guarantee; lease term; certainty of a purchase option and termination penalties. When a lease liability is remeasured, an adjustment is made to the corresponding right-of use asset, or to profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset is fully written down.

Fair value measurement

When an asset or liability, financial or non-financial, is measured at fair value for recognition or disclosure purposes, the fair value is based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date; and assumes that the transaction will take place either: in the principal market; or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market.

Fair value is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming they act in their economic best interests. For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement is based on its highest and best use. Valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, are used, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

Goods and Services Tax ('GST') and other similar taxes

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the tax authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST receivable from, or payable to, the tax authority is included in other receivables or other payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the tax authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority.

Comparative figures

Where required comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes to presentation for the current financial year.

Note 3. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

Allowance for expected credit losses

The allowance for expected credit losses assessment requires a degree of estimation and judgement. It is based on the lifetime expected credit loss, grouped based on days overdue, and makes assumptions to allocate an overall expected credit loss rate for each group. These assumptions include recent sales experience and historical collection rates.

Estimation of useful lives of assets

The incorporated association determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

Note 4. Revenue

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue		
Sale of clothing and equipment	941	1,853
Membership and carnival fees received	32,471	35,931
	33,412	37,784
Other revenue		
Rent received	88,591	75,700
Outgoings recovered Fundraising and events revenue	73,041 6,522	45,447
Donations and sponsorships received	29,182	13,517 45,079
Grants received	113,116	100,916
	310,452	280,659
Revenue	343,864	318,443
Note 5. Other income		
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Interest received	914	61
Note 6. Current assets - cash and cash equivalents		
	2024	0000
	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash at bank and on hand	29,703	83,679
Note 7. Current assets - trade and other receivables		
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Trade receivables BAS receivable	5,288 1,867	9,973 1,805
	7,155	11,778
Note 8. Current assets - financial assets		
	2024 \$	2023 \$
Term deposit	65,017	
Note 9. Current assets - other		
	2024 \$	2023 \$
Prepayments	2,287	2,057

Note 10. Non-current assets - property, plant and equipment

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Surf club improvements - at cost Less: Accumulated depreciation	311,529	312,600
Less. Accumulated deprediation	(104,243) 207,286	(95,473) 217,127
Plant and equipment - at cost Less: Accumulated depreciation	307,715 (132,121) 175,594	255,661 (106,926) 148,735
Motor vehicles - at cost Less: Accumulated depreciation	18,481 (2,640) 15,841	:
	398,721	365,862

Reconciliations

Reconciliations of the written down values at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below:

	Surf Club improvements \$	Plant and equipment \$	Motor vehicles \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 May 2022 Additions	227,420	62,439 102,017	2	289,859 102,017
Depreciation expense	(10,293)	(15,721)	<u>-</u>	(26,014)
Balance at 30 April 2023 Additions	217,127	148,735 62.055	- 18,481	365,862 80,536
Disposals Depreciation expense	(161) (9,680)	(2,332) (32,864)	(2,640)	(2,493) (45,184)
Balance at 30 April 2024	207,286	175,594	15,841	398,721

Note 11. Non-current assets - right-of-use assets

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Land and Buildings - right-of-use Less: Accumulated depreciation	109,379 (20,053)	109,379 (9,115)
	89,326	100,264

The incorporated association leases the surf club building from Central Coast Council. A new lease commenced from June 2022 and expires in June 2032. Previously, the incorporated association applied the short-term and low value exemptions as per AASB 16 *Leases* in regard to the lease.

Note 12. Current liabilities - trade and other payables

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Trade payables	13,781	19,414

Note 13. Current liabilities - lease liabilities

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Lease liability - Surf club	10,855	10,855
Note 14. Current liabilities - other liabilities		
	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue received in advance Grants received in advance	3,995	3,200 30,000
	3,995	33,200
Note 15. Non-current liabilities - lease liabilities		
	2024 \$	2023 \$
Lease liability - Surf club	89,848	94,855
Note 16. Equity - retained surpluses		
	2024 \$	2023 \$
Retained surpluses at the beginning of the financial year Surplus for the year	405,316 68,414	284,284 121,032
Retained surpluses at the end of the financial year	473,730	405,316
Note 17. Depreciation and finance costs		
	2024 \$	2023 \$
Depreciation and amortisation expense Property, Plant and Equipment Right of Use Assets	45,184 10,938	26,014 9,115
	56,122	35,129
	2024	2023
Finance costs Interest expense	939	1,072
Lease Liability - Interest expense	6,162	5,323
	7,101	6,395

Note 18. Events after the reporting period

The Club has been advised by Central Coast Council that construction and repair works are to commence on the leased Clubhouse from 1 July 2024. These works are anticipated to be completed by August 2024.

Note 18. Events after the reporting period (continued)

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 April 2024 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the incorporated association's operations, the results of those operations, or the incorporated association's state of affairs in future financial years.

Note 19. Reconciliation of surplus to net cash from operating activities

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Surplus for the year	68,414	121,032
Adjustments for: Depreciation and amortisation Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	56,122 2,493	35,130
Change in operating assets and liabilities: Decrease in trade and other receivables Decrease in inventories Decrease/(increase) in prepayments Decrease in trade and other payables increase in right of use asset	4,623 (230) (34,838) 6,162	190 4,070 3,486 (2,847) 5,446
Net cash from operating activities	102,746	166,507

Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated Committee members' declaration 30 April 2024

In the committee members' opinion:

- the incorporated association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. Accordingly, as described in note 2 to the financial statements, the attached special purpose financial statements have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991, New South Wales legislation the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and associated regulations;
- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Accounting Standards as described in note 2 to the financial statements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the incorporated association's financial position as at 30 April 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the incorporated association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the committee members

Simon Falconer President

16 June 2024

Anthony Axford Treasurer

