

Manly Life Saving Club
Minutes of 111th Annual General Meeting



111th AGM Manly Life Saving Club
Sunday 24 July 2022
Minutes of the Meeting

In Attendance:

| Board Members | Life Members | Special Guests |
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| Chris Bell – via Zoom | Neil Beachley | Zali Steggall OAM MP |
| Tim Cuthbert | Tony Bonner | James Griffin MP |
| Leoni Graham | Graeme Bruce (Board Member) | Michael Regan - NBC |
| Craig Haskins | Stanley Buckman – via Zoom | Candy Bingham - NBC |
| Rhani-Lee Payne | Michael Fitzhardinge | Tracey Hare-Boyd - SLSSNB |
| John Thomson | Robert Herring | Ernesto Calderon - SLSSNB |
| Victoria Sweetman-O’Halloran | Ray Moran | |
| | Melinda Pelly – via Zoom | |
| | Ray Petersen | |
| | Warwick Sainsbury | |
| | Allan Tier | |
| | Robert Williams (Board Member) | |
| Members | | |
| Andreas Duffy | Florence Epper | Kathryn Watts |
| Barrie Feldman | Gary Ballard | Kristian Gilroy |
| Boris Manzewski | Glenn Stone | Lachlan Bruce |
| Cam Coghlan | Grant Ellison | Laura Newton |
| Camille de Carmejane-Vesc | Greg Gigas | Lee O’Sullivan |
| Chris Morgan | Harrison Stone | Malcolm Kindred |
| Zara Sweetman | Jane Pender | Mark Epper |
| Scott Crawford | Joanne Carmichael | Melanie Thomas |
| Don Gain | John Hicks | Murray Green |
| Finlay Stone | Kaija Wall | Peter Checketts |
| Peter Gard | Peter Turnbull | Philip Coghlan |
| Rebecca Coghlan | Robert Eades | Shane Gilroy |
| Sita Mason | Suzanne Brown | Tim Farrelly |
| Robin Barham | Sam Barham | Skye Barham |
| Nick Edmonds | Robin Bell | Oliver Signorini |
| Claude Busse | Paul Hewitt | Daniel Mulcahy |
| Michelle Gamble | Jane McLeod | Alain Dupuis |
| Raymond (Peter) Ingle | Tony Gilbert | |
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1. **Welcome** - Delivered by Robbie Williams, Life Member, in the absence of Chris Bell, President

- RW noted that the meeting was being televised via Zoom for members and guest unable to attend in person, however those members would be ineligible to vote in the meeting

2. **Acknowledgement of Country.**

"I would like to begin by acknowledging and paying my respects to the Cannagal and Kayimai people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are gathered today.

I would like to pay my respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders here today, also paying my respects to your Elders, past, present and emerging."

3. **VIP Welcome** – Robbie Williams

Members, Guests, Guests of Life Member Nominees, and the following invited guests were noted:

- Zali Steggal OAM MP – Federal member for Warringah (Patron)
- James Griffin MP – State member for Manly (Patron)
- Michael Regan – Mayor of Northern Beaches Council (Patron)
- Candy Bingham – Councillor, Northern Beaches Council (Vic Patron)
- Tracey Hare-Boyd – President, Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches
- Ernesto Calderon - Surf Sports Director, SLSSNB

Formal matters

4. **QUORUM**

- RW confirmed the attendance of min 25 financial members and noted that the quorum has been met.

5. **APOLOGIES**

- Russell Harrison (BM), John Platt (BM), David Hay MBE, Jean Hay AM, David Parker, Naomi Flood (LM), Barry Seymour (LM), Brendan Condie, Ken Crawford, Tony Garrett, Simon Gillespie, Joe Alagich, Rebecca Crawford (BM), Tommy Garrett, John Singletgon, Sybil Walsh, Daryl Andrijin (LM)

6. **LIFE MEMBERS**

- RW recognised and welcomed the attendance of MLSC Life Members (LM)

7. **BOARD MEMBERS**

- RW recognized and welcomed the attendance of MLSC Board Members (BM)

8. **VALES**

- A minute's silence was held to recognize and remember those members that have passed away in the last 12 months:
 - Steve WILTON
 - John GORMAN (80 Year Service Award)
 - Barry LUMSDAINE
 - Terrence BEGG
 - Neil DAVIDSON
 - Dr Maurine GOLDTSON MORRIS
 - Barry BENNETT (Life Member)

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Business of the Meeting

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST YEARS AGM (Constitution 20.1(b))

- No corrections were noted

The minutes of the AGM held on the 23rd July 2022 were confirmed as true and correct

- PROPOSER: Don Gain
- SECONDER: Craig Hood

2. APPOINT SCRUTINEERS: (Constitution – 3 required Constitution 20.7(a).

- RW explained that voting will be via show of hands for any motion (20.7(c)) except for Life Member nominees, which will be by secret ballot. Only financial members present in the Club Hall are eligible to vote.
- The following scrutineers were appointed:
 - Don Gain
 - Barry Feldman
 - Bob Herring

3. ADOPTION OF THE 111TH ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The president confirmed that the Annual Report and financial statements had been sent to members via email on 20th July 2022.

- Proposer: Peter Gard
- Seconder: Don Gain

4. PRESIDENTS REPORT – delivered by Victoria Sweetman O’Halloran on behalf of Chris Bell

- VSOH confirmed that the presidents report had been emailed to Members on 20th July 2022 – Required by Constitution 20.1(b))
- A pre-recorded video message from Chris Bell was played
- The president gave an overview of the performance of the club by reference to his report.
- There were no questions on the Presidents Report

5. TREASURERS REPORT – Craig Haskins

- The Treasurer confirmed that the Treasurers Report, Auditors Report and Financial Statements were emailed to Members on 20 July 2022. Required by Constitution 20.1(b)
- The Treasurer gave an overview of the financial performance of the club by reference to his report
- The Treasurer thanked the following people: Kriss Carpenter (Merch), John Thomson, Jess Londero (Bar), Tim Cuthbert & Jenni Jordan (JAC), Graeme Bruce, Glenn Stone, Mel Brock, Chris Bell, Finance Committee, Rob Eades, Tony Garrett, Craig Hood & Peter Power (auditor)
- The Treasurer also thanked all the Sponsors of the club
- There were no questions asked of the Treasurer or the JAC Treasurer

6. SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- NIL in 2022

7. GUEST SPEAKERS

- RW invited the Special Guests to speak
- a) Zali Steggall OAM MP – Federal Member for Warringah (Patron)
- ZS acknowledged the contribution to the community of MLSC over the past 110 years
 - ZS congratulated MLSC on another year with no fatalities on the beach
 - Congratulations on the running of the 2022 Cole Classic under difficult conditions

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- ZS noted that the Federal funding committed for the club rebuild may not be honoured with the potential change in government and encouraged the club to secure a building contract to consolidate the funding. ZS has written to the minister to note her support for the project
 - ZS looking forward to continued engagement with MLSC in 2022/23 season
- b) James Griffin MP – State Member for Manly (Patron)
- JG offered his thanks to all members of MLSC, particularly the Board & Executive members
 - JG noted the important role the club played during the recent covid pandemic as a cornerstone of the community
 - JG noted that the State government has not committed to fund the new club rebuild so far, but opportunities still exist for future funding grants
- c) Michael Regan – Mayor of Northern Beaches Council
- MR offered thanks to MLSC for the continuing partnership with NBC and the great work of the last 12 months
 - MG offered thanks to the Board of Directors
 - MG noted that the \$5M funding commitment from NBC is still intact and reiterated NBC's commitment to redevelop the surfclub in partnership with MLSC and council
- d) Tracey Hare-Boyd – President, SLSSNB
- THB noted the outstanding job MLSC does to patrol the beaches
 - Thank you to all the lifesavers and volunteers, whose value cannot be measured

8. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS (Required by Constitution 20.1(b))

- Current President Chris Bell stands down, Robbie Williams LM stands in
- RW calls for nominees for **President**
 - Victoria Sweetman O'Halloran nominated
 - No objections noted
- **Victoria Sweetman O'Halloran declared President**
- VSOH takes control of meeting
- **VSOH CALLS FOR NOMINEES FOR DIRECTORS**
 - **Deputy President Lifesaving:** Tim Cuthbert
 - **Deputy President Competition:** Graham Bruce
 - **Deputy President Junior Activities and Youth:** Vacant
 - **Club Captain:** Rebecca Crawford
 - **Secretary:** Leoni Graham
 - **Treasurer:** Craig Haskins
 - **Director Education:** Rhani-Lee Payne
 - **Director Life Member:** Robert Williams
 - **Director Risk:** Kenneth Murphy
 - **Director Water Sports:** Grant Ellison
 - **Director Beach Sports:** Sita Mason
 - **Director Special Events:** John Thomson
 - **Director of Member Services & Youth:** Russell Harrison & Mel Brock
 - **Public Officer:** John Platt
- **Director of Member Services & Youth**
 - VSOH calls for a secret vote for the position of Director of Member Services & Youth as there are 2 candidates
 - As both candidates are apologies for the meeting, VSOH spoke on their behalf
 - **The vote was counted by the scrutineers and Mel Brock was declared Director of Member Services & Youth**

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• **VSOH CALLS FOR NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS OF THE CLUB**

The following positions have nominees

- Branch Delegate/Board of Management – Peter Gard
- IRB Captain – Tim Cuthbert
- Board Captain – John Thomson
- Boat Captain – David Simmons
- House Chair – Tony Bonner
- Publicity Officer – Andean Duffy
- Chief Instructor/Training Officer – Rhani-Lee Payne
- Auxillary Officer – Laura Rachel
- Covid Officer – Tony Bonner

The following positions are vacant as at the time of the meeting:

- Vice-Captain – Lifesaving
 - Junior Captain
 - IRB Coordinator
 - Gear Steward
 - Radio Officer
 - Education/Proficiency coordinator
 - March Past/R&R Captain
 - Registrar
 - Child Protection Officer
 - Member Information Protection Officer
 - Beach Sprint Captain
 - Lifesaving Competition Captain
 - Masters Captain
 - Competition Manager
 - Gym Leader
 - Social Organiser
 - Branch Delegate/Surf Sports
 - Manly Savers Rugby Chairman
 - Race Secretary
- No other positions are contested and a motion to approve new Board of Directors & Officers is moved
1. Mark Epper
 2. Andean Duffy

9. ADDRESS BY INCOMING PRESIDENT, Victoria Sweetman O'Halloran

- VSOH thanked all members for their support and noted that it is an honour and privilege to be elected the FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT OF MLSC
- VSOH noted that she is a 3rd generation SLS member and will be succeeded by her own daughter a 4 generation family committed to surf lifesaving
 - Gained Bronze Medallion in 1981
 - Board member for 3 years
 - Competitor
 - Trainer & Assessor
- VSOH noted the current cohesive Board that is committed to serving the members and looking forward to a more diverse, inclusive and transparent leadership moving forward

10. JUNIOR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (JAC) / NIPPERS

The President calls for the endorsement of the JAC Management Committee (Constitution 20.1(b))

JAC Executive Management Committee are:

- Chairperson - vacant
- Secretary – Nicole Larcombe
- Superintendent – Mark Northcote
- Treasurer – Jenni Jordan
- Nipper Education – Georgina Davies

Moved by:

1. Greg Gigas
2. Andean Duffy

11. CHARITABLE PURPOSES OF CLUB – required by *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW)* and *Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2015 (NSW)*.

a. Outline Charitable Purposes of Club – VSOH

By reference to page 2 of Annual Report:

Those purposes include the following objects of the Club taken from the Manly Life Saving Club constitution (Clause 3):

- To be a lifesaving club and to study, practice and demonstrate the methods of lifesaving.
- To patrol surf beaches solely or in conjunction with other Surf Life Saving Clubs and/or the Local Government Lifeguards.
- To minimise the loss of life from drowning by providing and maintaining efficient lifesaving equipment.
- To educate members and the community in beach, aquatic safety, the environment and promote skills and knowledge in beach and surf recreation.
- To provide access for disadvantaged and disabled groups to the services, facilities and educational programs of our Club.
- To encourage our members to obtain training, education, and coaching qualifications/accreditation to enable them to provide training programs needed to help other Club members and members of the community; and
- To promote the history of lifesaving and surfing and educate members of the Club and the community.

b. It was **RESOLVED** to endorse the Charitable Purposes of the Club

Proposed By: Michael Fitzhardinge

Seconded By: Graeme Bruce

12. AFFILIATION WITH BRANCH - Proposed resolution

- That affiliation be sought for the 2022/2023 season with Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Incorporated. Further, that the articles, constitution, by-laws, regulations and resolutions, together with the awards and equipment of Surf Life Saving Australia be accepted.
- Resolution APPROVED
 - Proposed By: Peter Gard
 - Seconded By: Mike Carroll

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13. NOMINATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

- The President advised that the following members have been nominated for Life Membership:
 - a. MARK EPPER**
 - Nominated by Robbie Williams LM
 - Seconded by Michael Fitzhardinge LM
 - b. DANIEL MULCAHY**
 - Nominated by Allan Tier LM
 - Seconded by Robbie Williams LM
 - c. CHRIS BELL**
 - Nominated by Victoria Sweetman O'Halloran
 - Seconded by Tony Bonner AM LM
 - d. CAMERON COGLAN**
 - Nominated by Graham Bruce LM
 - Seconded by Michael Carroll LM

- Life Member & Board Member Robbie Williams advised that the Constitutional requirements for the Life Nominees have been met (Clause 22 of Constitution – Honours Committee, Board approval)

- The president asked a nominator to speak in favour of each of the Nominees.
 - Mark Epper – Robbie Williams
 - Daniel Mulcahy – Allan Tier
 - Chris Bell – Victoria Sweetman O'Halloran
 - Cameron Coghlan – Graham Bruce

- The President asked the nominees to leave the meeting whilst the voting took place

Presentation of Special Awards

14. PRESIDENTS AWARD

- Awarded to Tim Cuthbert

15. SLSA Long Service Awards

- **80 years Long Service awarded to:**
 - John Gorman
- **75 years Long Service awarded to:**
 - Max Riddington
- **60 years Long Service awarded to:**
 - David Parker
 - John Mater
 - Maxwell Lawson
 - Warwick Sainsbury
 - John Hicks
 - Bob Herring
 - Noel Froggatt
 - Scott Crawford
- **50 years Long Service awarded to:**
 - Bernard Wotton
 - Robert Williams
 - Mark Williams
 - Ray Petersen
 - Shane Gilroy
 - Brendan Conde

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- **40 years Long Service awarded to:**
 - Craig Riddington
 - Mark Petersen
 - Denise Elder
 - Graham Bruce
 - Darryl Andrijin
- **30 years Long Service awarded to:**
 - Philipa Cave
 - Victoria Sweetman O'Halloran
- **25 Years Long Service awarded to:**
 - Kane Ballard
 - Gary Ballard
- **10 Years National Long Service awarded to:**
 - Murray Green

16. EDUCATION AWARDS – presented by Rhani-Lee Payne, Director of Education

- **2019/2020 Trainer of the Year** – Julian Clarkson
- **2020/2021 Trainer of the Year** – Victoria Sweetman O'Halloran
- **2021/2022 Trainer of the Year** – Leoni Graham

17. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDEES – presented by Victoria Sweetman O'Halloran

The following members are recognised for their outstanding service during the season:

- Jane Pender
- Paul Bailey
- Tommy Garrett
- Rhani-Lee Payne
- Florence Epper

18. RESULTS OF LIFE MEMBER VOTE – Constitution 22(e) 80% vote required to pass

a. MARK EPPER

- Passed Unanimously
- The club welcomes Mark Epper as a Life Member

b. DANIEL MULCAHY

- Passed Unanimously
- The club welcomes Daniel Mulcahy as a Life Member

c. CHRIS BELL

- Passed Unanimously
- The club welcomes Chris Bell as a Life Member

d. CAMERON COGHLAN

- Passed Unanimously
- The club welcomes Cameron Coghlan as a Life Member

19. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- None raised

Meeting closed at 12:16pm