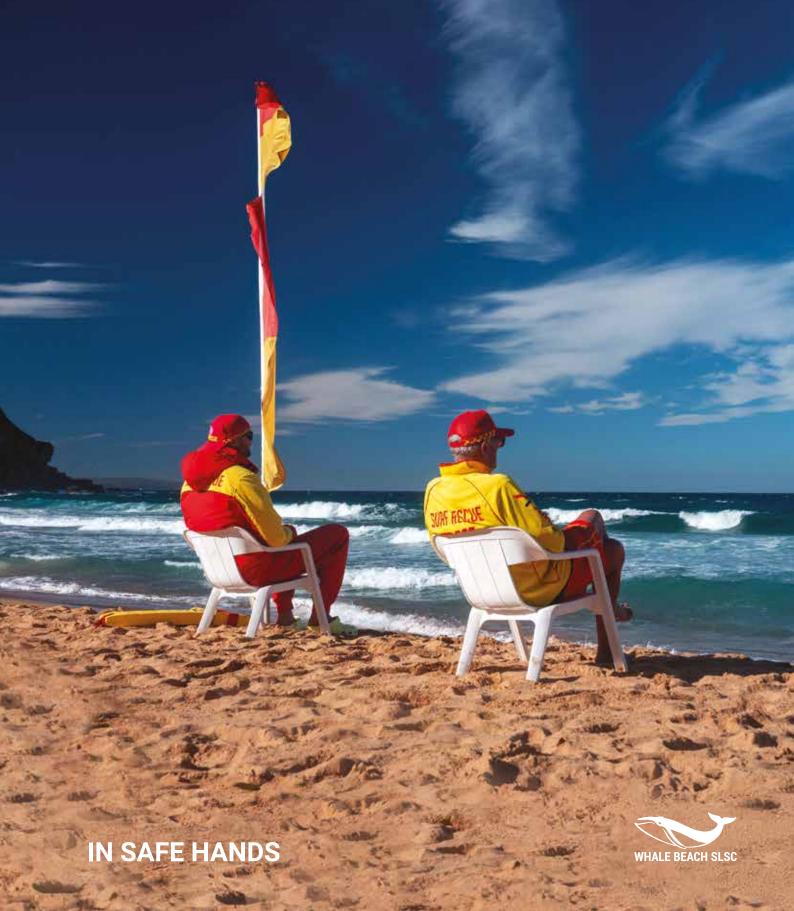
# Where there's a Whale... there's a Way

Whale Beach SLSC Annual Report 2022 / 2023



# **Notice of AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of Whale Beach SLSC Incorporated will be held at the Whale Beach clubhouse commencing at 2:00pm Sunday 13th of August 2023.

## Agenda

- · President's Welcome
- Motion: That the format and conduct of the meeting be accepted and that any challenge arising from any procedural irregularity in, or to, the conduct of the meeting be waived.
- Apologies
- · Vales a minute's silence
- · Confirmation of Minutes of 2021 / 2022 Annual General Meeting
- · Adoption of Annual Report
- Adoption of Financial Statements and Auditor's Report
- Notices of Motion as approved by Club Management Committee:
- 1. That affiliation be sought for the 2023 / 2024 season with Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Inc. (The Branch). Further, that the articles, constitution, by-laws, regulations and resolutions, together with the awards and equipment of The Branch, Surf Life Saving NSW, and Surf Life Saving Australia Limited be accepted without reservation.
- 2. To appoint our auditor for season 2023 / 2024, Kevin Veale of Morgan Veale & Co.
- 3. To amend the Constitution to clarify definitions of membership
- 4. To elect Helen Dauncey & Lindsay Kershaw as Life Members
- Election of Officers and Committees for 2023 / 2024 Season
- · Presentation of Association awards and trophies
- General Business

Download the PDF of our 2022 / 2023 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report from our website at www.whalebeachslsc.com/ about/annual-reports/

# **Officers and Committees**

#### **Patrons**

Dr Sophie Scamps (Member for Mackellar) Rob Stokes (Member for Pittwater) Michael Regan (Mayor, Northern Beaches Council)

President

Kieran Gallagher

Treasurer / Public Officer Andrew Darley

**Honorary Secretary** Anthony Leonard

Immediate Past President Andrew Pearce

Club Captain Jack Lamrock

Vice President Charlie Kellaway

**Chief Training Officer** Sophie Wines

Ocean Swim Director Annette Baggie

IRB and Power **Equipment Captain** Adam Treharne

Gear Officer Peter Myers

Club Vice Captains Richard Leonard Dylan Rees-Ewen

**Competition Secretary** 

David Stenning **Marketing Officer** 

Steph Darley Social Media Officers Olivia Rees-Ewen

Digital Officer Not appointed

**Communications Officer** Carolina Darley

**Property Officer** Brian Lamrock

House Captain Jack Lamrock

**Junior Activities Captain** Philip Schmidt

Social Secretary Mel Love Membership Officer

Laura Mears Handicapper Graeme Stewart

**Boat Captain** Brett Babicci

Board and Ski Captain Sydney Robertson

Radio Officer Reuben Hackett

First Aid Officer Jeannine Angilley Sponsorships Officer

Sheldon Pozniak **Child Safe Coordinators** Carolina Darley

Kieran Gallagher Occupational Health and Safety Officer Peter Myers

Club Administrator Nat O'Carroll

Delegate to Branch Kieran Gallagher Membership Protection

Information Officers Alex Burchett Andrew Pearce Sam Zagorski

Merchandise Officers Darley Family **Bob Wines** 

Complaints Handler Andrew Darley **Honorary Medical Officer** 

Graeme Stewart **Honorary Solicitor** John Cooper

**Honorary Architect** Not appointed

**Honorary Engineer** Not appointed

**Honorary Photographers** Steph Darley Chris Hendrikson Tom Sanderson

Auditor Kevin Veale

**Management Committee** 

Annette Baggie Andrew Darley Steph Darley Kieran Gallagher Charlie Kellaway Brian Lamrock Jack Lamrock Anthony Leonard Mel Love Laura Mears Peter Myers Andrew Pearce

Philip Schmidt

David Stenning

Sophie Wines

**Executive Committee** 

Kieran Gallagher (Chair) Andrew Darley Jack Lamrock Anthony Leonard

Governance Committee (Life Membership, Judiciary and Constitution Phillip Schmidt (Chair) Sub-Committees)

Andrew Darley Andrew Pearce Jon Pratten Philip Schmidt Richie Stewart

Finance and Investment Committee Andrew Darley (Chair)

**Emily Freeman** Will Gibson Jon Pratten

**Property Committee** Charlie Kellaway Brian Lamrock

Jack Lamrock Peter Myers Lifesaving Committee

Jack Lamrock (Chair) Reuben Hackett Richard Leonard Peter Myers Dylan Rees-Ewen Sydney Robertson Adam Treharne Sophie Wines

Competition Committee David Stenning (Chair) Brett Babicci Jack Lamrock Sydney Robertson Graeme Stewart

**Education Committee** Sophie Wines (Chair) Cameron Cormio Ellie Love

Ocean Swim Sub-Committee Annette Baggie (Chair) Rob Burfitt-Williams Saskia Clarke

Jack Lamrock Administration Committee

Lindsay Kershaw

Anthony Leonard (Chair) Andrew Darley Steph Darley Mel I ove Nat O'Carroll

Election Sub-Committee

Anthony Leonard (Chair) Andrew Darley Laura Mears

**Junior Activities** Committee

David Stenning Peter Myers

Judiciary Sub-Committee

Anthony Leonard (Chair) Andrew Darley Jon Pratten

Constitution Sub-Committee

Andrew Darley (Chair) Andrew Pearce Jon Pratten Phillip Schmidt Richie Stewart

Life Membership Sub-Committee Jon Pratten (Chair)

Andrew Darley Andrew Pearce Phillip Schmidt Richie Stewart

Management Committee Property Club (PC)

Rob Berry Andrew Darley Kieran Gallagher Chris Hendrikson Paul Hughes Anthony Leonard John Lewis Danny Ryan Phillip Schmidt Bryan Webster

**Education Team** Lara Boyle Saskia Clarke Cameron Cormio Will Gibson Lindsay Kershaw Ellie Love Adam Treharne

Annual Report **Production Team** Andrew Darley

Sonhie Wines

Sophie Wood

Winston Xu

Steph Darley Kieran Gallagher Anthony Leonard Heather Noakes Nat O'Carroll



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\*The President and Secretary are ex-officio members of all committees and sub committees of Whale Beach SLSC.

# **Donations and Sponsors**

Whale Beach Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) exists to save lives, create great Australians and build a better community at Whale Beach. Donations can take many forms such as personal and corporate time, loan of equipment, purchase of equipment, loan of facilities, donation of products and direct monetary donations. The Management Committees of Whale Beach SLSC Incorporated and Whale Beach Property Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated extend sincere thanks to all sponsors and corporate, member and private donors. We are also grateful for the generous support of contributors who wish to remain anonymous. Special thanks is due our major sponsorship partner, Macquarie Bank, for their longstanding commitment to our Club and its pre-eminent ocean swim event, The Big Swim. This year, The Little Big Swim was sponsored by Ray White Prestige Palm Beach and we are also very grateful for their support.

## Surf Life Saving Australia

**Major National Partners** IoamA DHI ISUZU

Westpac

**National Partner** 

**National Sponsors** 

Dulux Finz Nutri Grain **Major Government Partner** 

Department of Health

**Government Partner** 

Sports Australia

## **NSW State Partners**

Your Local Club Ingenia Holiday Parks Oakberry Acai Sharkskin Midford Envirobank NSW Government

#### **Sydney Northern Beaches Branch Sponsors**

Speedo URM Westfield Warringah Mall Northern Beaches Council Dee Why RSL International College of

Management Sydney (ICMS)

Whale Beach Sponsors

#### **Government Bodies**

Australian Government - Beach Safety Equipment Fund NSW Government - Service NSW

#### Surf Life Saving NSW Grants

Club Life Saving Equipment Grant Club Grant Disbursement

## Whale Beach Major Sponsor



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#### Whale Beach Supporters

Australian Lifeguard Services Brown Bros Skip Bins Can Too Foundation Fresh Produce Group Knox Grammar School

Surf Life Saving Australia Surf Life Saving Foundation Surf Life Saving NSW Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Branch

Avalon Beach SLSC

Bilgola Beach SLSC Newport Beach SLSC North Palm Beach SLSC Palm Beach SLSC

#### Member / Private Donors

Allan, Simon Anderson, Victoria **APS Foundation** Archer, John Arnott, Rick Barthelmess, Jonathan Berry, Rob Borean, Derick Bownes, lain Bracey, David Bradford, Alison Bradford, Drew Chamberlain, William Club Palm Beach

Collier, Terry Cook, Stephen Cooper, John Crisp, Danny Dauncey, Helen Dawson, Claire Deece, Andrew Dual Corp. Ltd Enestrom, Ron **Executive Real** Farr, Carolyn Ferguson, Ross Flynn, Douglas

Fraser, Peter

Gale. Eric Gellert. James Gole, Libby Hansford, Richard Higgins, Floyd Hughes, Paul Laidlaw, Hilary Laurence, Mick Liston, David (Clubbies Prints) Estate (Ray White) Lynch, Suzanne (Sue) Mann, Erica McGovern, David McLennan Cara Mcllenen, Matthew

McRobert, Martin Mears Laura Molesworth, Michael Moore, Nicholas Morgan, Simon Naito, Kazuma Nash, Janet Palm Beach Sub Branch Paris, Prudence Ramsay, Barbara Read. Irene Reede, Michael Reynolds, Melinda Schmidt, Philip

Sippe, John Spring, Juliana Stewart, Graeme Stewart, lan Stewart, Richie Taylor, Peter The Rydge Foundation Warburton, John Webster, Bryan Williams, Penny Wines Family Charitable Trust Wines Bob Wines Lian and Andrew



# **President's Report**

## Kieran Gallagher President

We all by now are familiar with the overarching proposition for our Club "In Safe Hands". It is a reflection of how vital and valuable it is to learn the lessons of the past, and incorporate these lessons within the Whale Club mindset. It is also a future vision. That the members of Whale Beach SLSC will continue to instill confidence. will look to the future and will point in the direction of our unifying purpose. Of keeping people safe.

Every year we attempt to align this bold and enduring statement with something that we see as being seasonally relevant, or an opportunity to hone or refine our skills or focus members on the Whale points of difference. We have travelled a journey with our themes from "Expect the Unexpected" and "Courage is Encouraged" to highlight adaptability and resilience during the pandemic, into the ever refreshing post COVID theme "Pop up for Air at Whale"

This season's challenge "Where there's a Whale...there's a Way" offered a slightly different interpretation of our overarching "In Safe Hands" proposition. It offered an invitation. To be more creative in our endeavours to be thinking laterally, to be adaptable and resilient, and to focus on our purpose. Simply. And efficiently.

It was also extended as a very individual invitation. To refocus and empower members as individuals, flourishing individually and feeding of each other's differences. The challenge of the year equally was to align these individuals as part of a high functioning team. Like an awesome Jazz band!

It was also a timely reminder to refresh our collective memories about what Whale is really known for. Our actual purpose. And what we want to endure. A timeless legacy if you will.

And that enduring purpose is safety. As a team.

A safe place. Is literally everyone's responsibility. Both individually. And collectively. Visitors and beachgoers again reaped the benefit of this commitment from our lifesavers with the truest measure of a successful season at Whale.

No lives were lost at Whale this season

Long may this trend continue. But it sure doesn't happen by chance. It is heartening to reflect on the past twelve months and observe the last year with the benefit of hindsight. Under every measure I know, we are indeed In Safe Hands. Patrols are well staffed by supremely capable and well-trained lifesavers. Our lifesaving gear and equipment exudes pride and is in excellent operational order and well cared for by dedicated experts. The education team has delivered a remarkable number of new awards and maintained our high standards. The building and facilities are in excellent repair and we continue to reap the benefits of the visionaries of the past who have set the facilities up to win. We are so blessed by the expert financial curatorship of generations past that have put the Club in a position to deliver the outcomes we see every day. I am grateful we can focus on the execution rather than the foundations

We successfully staged another spectacular The Big Swim and eagerly anticipate next year's 50th anniversary. Our finances are superbly managed and they were big boots to fill indeed. Our social scene continues to flourish as more people step forward to assist. The standard of our marketing is exceptional across all platforms, web, social

media and print. And members are engaging with each other and aligning with our purpose.

We continue to set the bar high, as Whale demands it. The beach, just like the Club itself is one that can simply not tolerate having our eyes off it for a minute. I particularly want to call out the efforts of our amazing Executive and the Management team who support the day to day operation of the club. These stalwarts literally sweat, bleed and cry for this Club. And I am in awe of them.

A heartfelt thank you also needs to be extended to all our volunteers, members, friends, patrons, Knox Grammar School, Sydney Northern Beaches Branch, Surf Life Saving NSW, Surf Life Saving Australia, all government bodies and our generous sponsors and donors. All these groups contribute toward making Whale Beach SLSC the amazing volunteer organisation that we all know and love.

As lifesavers we also have a unifying purpose. A noble, yet humbling nurnose. To serve others. As Muhammad Ali (and my illustrious predecessor Andrew Pearce) once said "Service to others is the rent we pay for our room here on earth"

We continue to invest our individually valuable time and our collective energies into delivering a safer, more inclusive and welcoming environment for all. For the collective benefit of us all.

In order to broaden our reach and relevance to the local community and deliver a safe, communal meeting place we amped up the hospitality offering on the BBQ deck with the addition of "real" coffee! This delicious brew enhanced our already alert patrollers senses to a level of vigilance only generally found in fighter pilots and spies. We welcomed more visitors to our slice

of paradise giving them a taste of what life at Whale is all about. This addition also offered the club a relatively risk-free additional revenue stream and diversified some of our revenue sources away from the traditional big three - The Big Swim. Moby's and our wonderful supporter group consisting of our membership sponsors and incredibly generous donors.

But, it is the intangibles, the unmeasurable and the hard to quantify that are the aspects of club life that are my perpetual inspiration. And these all come down to people. Our people are our greatest asset and where we need to devote most of our attention, time and future resources.

I would like to specially call out the efforts of our unsung heroes, exceptional people collaborating to achieve a goal. From Big Swim and social event volunteers to our gear team, from the House Captain to the marketing team. To families full of people offering us their time. What unites them is an ongoing sense of purpose, generously, selflessly and tirelessly committing to keeping Whale Beach a safe place for the community

We will continue to elevate with pride the actions of our colleagues and offer an ongoing commitment toward reward and recognition of service. We will celebrate our differences and understand the dynamism that is this amazing beast comes from a mixing pot of capabilities and experiences and this tapestry is the true beauty of Whale. We have some evidence that this is working. And it is not held as data. It's held as smiles.

When people talk of 'Whaley Pride' I know this thing they speak of.

On behalf of a grateful club, thank you all for your service.

Teamwork really does make the

# Key **Metrics**



# **Secretary's Report**

**Anthony Leonard Honorary Secretary** 



Member **Participation** 

50.25 Hours Average per Patrolling Member (+26%)

**131** Lifesaving Awards Gained (-8%)

**483** Total Members (+2%) 153 Patrolling Members (-6%) 148 New members (+16%)

7,688 Hours Patrolled this Season (+19%)



Safety **Outcomes** 

\*72 Preventative Actions (+1340%)

\*52 First Aid Treatments (+940%)

> \*11 Rescues (+450%)



**Financial Health of Club** 

\$558,263 External Income (+98%)

> \$458,597 Expenses (+68%)

\*Data is unreliable due to inconsistent adoption by patrol teams of the digital technology

After a couple of years of unusual conditions, which has limited our enjoyment of the beach, it has been great to see the return of a 'normal' summer. The sun was out, the crowds were back and the beach shone!

Of course, our wonderful patrolling beach volunteers kept the beach safe with no lives lost during the season. The efforts of all involved have been outstanding. We are fortunate to have such dedicated members that continue to strive to make our Club great. And it is opportune to recognise these efforts and take time to reflect on 'Where there's a Whale... there's a Way'.

From an administrative perspective, we continue to be in a strong financial position. The Deck is contributing nicely allowing us to sponsor some returning patrolling members who have performed significant hours in the last season. Our magnificent Club House

continues to improve under the stewardship and guidance of our loyal Property Club mentors.

The Surf Club Management continues to keep the Club 'In Safe Hands'. Members all contribute in their own distinctive style with Kieran providing a guiding hand. This is great to see and I look forward to further development of our skillset.

But there is more to the Club than just the beach. So much goes on into keeping the Club functioning. Thank you to all our stakeholders - our Lifesavers, our Associate members, sponsors and service providers. I would like to take this opportunity to specifically celebrate some of the outstanding contributions throughout the last year. The Deck has come to life - from being a once a week offering to be a social hub throughout the week. Our finance and administrative systems continue to be modernised with ongoing transparency. Our gear is maintained

with meticulous care. We have new IRB's and a well organised gear shed. And in particular, our Club Captain, Jack, has put in a herculean effort over the season. He was on the beach almost every weekend. He has ensured that there are patrols on the beach and is striving to help the Club grow and thrive. I would like to congratulate him on his fine efforts that embodies 'Where there's a Whale... there's a Way'.

Congratulations to all for helping to maintain and grow our Club. I look forward to the coming season, with some interesting initiatives to help grow our membership base. We also look forward to a monumental event, in the form of The Big Swim.

Let's continue to be great Lifesavers and provide a place where the community can gather and enjoy themselves. Let's continue to make the community a better place because 'Where there's a Whale... there's a Way'.

# **Total Members by Category**

Category To	2022/2023 tal Members	Male Members	Female Members	2021/22 Total Members	Change Versus 2021/22
Life Member	17	17	0	17	0
Reserve Active	19	17	2	18	+1
Active Senior (18 years and o	ver) 101	76	25	91	+10
Active Junior (15 to 18 years)	81	48	33	71	+10
Cadet (13 to 15 years)	16	3	13	18	-2
Long Service	28	27	1	31	-3
Award	4	0	4	8	-4
Past Active	5	4	1	5	0
Honorary	4	4	0	4	0
Associate	200	111	89	178	+22
Probationary	0	0	0	31	-31
Junior Activity Member (5 to	13 years) 8	3	5	0	+8
Total	483	310	173	472	+11



# Charitable **Purpose**

The following objects of the Association are taken from the Whale Beach SLSC constitution:

- a. The study, practice and teaching of the methods of surf lifesaving as promulgated by the National Association.
- **b.** To minimise the loss of life from drowning by providing efficient lifesaving personnel and apparatus.
- c. To promote demonstrations, e. To organise and conduct and arrange classes of instruction, and to further the best interests of surf bathing and surf lifesaving.
- **d**. To appoint patrols to render all possible aid to those in distress.
- carnivals and social functions for the benefit and assistance of the Association in the attainment of the above objectives.
- **f.** To carry on any other activity whatsoever calculated directly or indirectly to enhance or further the interests of the Association.



Treasurer's
Report
Andrew Darley
Honorary Treasurer

In FY'22/23 we challenged a few conventions, tried a few new ideas and implemented a few actions focused on re-investment and renewal demonstrating our theme that "Where there's a Whale ... there's a Way". Importantly, we started the season with listening. We facilitated strategy sessions, ran surveys and invited all members to tell us directly what you wanted from your club ... and with your input, we drafted a plan to continue building the organisation that you asked for.

As the season got under way, with the generous support of our members, we purchased a new fridge, a new freezer, an ice machine and some tables & chairs for the re-imagined café on our beloved BBQ deck that we opened to the Whale Beach community six days a week. With the generous support of government, through the Beach Safety Equipment Fund, we purchased two new Zodiac IRB's, two new Mercury motors and a new air compressor to augment our fleet of lifesaving equipment. Finally, with the generous support of our valued donors, we placed a deposit on a new surf boat, critical to resuscitating our junior activities and competitions programs, and started training crews prior to our new boat's delivery later this year. In short, it has been a busy, yet successful, year.

Our full year income was ~\$558K with primary sources being The Deck Café (\$254K), surf club functions (\$101K), sponsorships (\$57K), membership subscriptions (\$55K), donations (\$51K) and grants & subsidies (\$40K). Full year expenses totalled ~\$459K with major expense categories being Food & Beverage Services (\$222K), surf club functions (\$110K), administration (\$53K), repairs and maintenance (\$48K) and depreciation (\$26K) - up sharply as we expeditiously wrote down the book value of our new investments in lifesaving equipment.

Our thanks again go to our Big Swim sponsor, Macquarie Bank, who have sponsored our premiere event for 25 years. We acknowledge and appreciate their committed support through until 2025 as we start planning the 50th anniversary Big Swim. We also thank our minor club sponsors, Nick Scali and Ray White Prestige.

Grants and donations keep surf clubs afloat. This is partly why we added a "Donate Now" button to our website at the start of the season. Our sincerest thanks to all our members, friends and private donors that have contributed in this way throughout the year. We couldn't do what we do without your help. While business assistance grants ended with the pandemic, we acknowledge the continued support received from all three levels of government in the form of subsidies and grants and we thank SLS NSW & ALS for providing us with use of an ATV at no cost and for their contribution to our compliance costs in the form of the club grant disbursement.

Pleasingly, we finished the year with a net profit of \$100K and \$44K cash on hand after repaying the \$40K owed to the Property Club carried over from the previous financial year. Because we listened, we are investing these profits in programs that reward lifesavers for their service and incentivise new members with subsidised courses and memberships. We dramatically increased the frequency of club communications and continue to invest in equipment that encourages participation on the sand. Finally, as the year drew to a close, we started to work on fitness and wellbeing programs that we look forward to rolling out with the continued support of our membership during the upcoming season.

# Statement by Members of the Management Committee

Whale Beach SLSC Incorporated (the Club) is incorporated as an Association under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984 (NSW). The Club is required to meet certain obligations pursuant to the Australian Charities and Not-forprofits Act 2012 (as amended) and Regulations, the Associations Incorporation Act 1984 (NSW) (as amended) and Regulations, the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (as amended) and Regulations. We are covered by SLS NSW Charitable Fundraising Number 11033.

The financial statements included in this Annual Report are a summary extract from our full Financial Report which may be found at https://www.whalebeachslsc.com/about/annual-reports/. Our full Financial Report includes our comprehensive compliance statements and the independent audit report from our Auditor, Kevin Veale of Morgan Veale & Co.

The Club's Management Committee takes responsibility for the financial statements included in this Annual Report and declares that The Club meets its obligations under the Acts and Standards under which we operate and that the summary financial statements included in this Annual Report are an accurate extract from our full Financial Report. There are reasonable grounds to believe the Club will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Management Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Kieran Gallagher Andrew Darley
President Honorary Treasurer

Date 7 June 2023

# Financial Report For the Year Ended 30 April 2023

As at 30 April 2023	2023	2022
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	43,532	40,442
Trade and other receivables	-	5,644
Inventories	47,094	21,753
Total current assets	90,626	67,839
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	99,761	47,265
Total non-current assets	99,761	47,265
Total assets	190,387	115,104
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	42,422	66,806
Other liabilities	12,841	12,841
Total current liabilities	55,263	79,647
Total liabilities	55,263	79,647
Net assets	135,123	35,457
EQUITY		
Retained earnings	135,123	35,457
Total equity	135,123	35,457

Profit and Loss Account		
For the Year Ended 30 April 2023	2023	2022
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Member subscriptions	54,988	50,597
Donations and bequests (other)	51,357	17,027
Sponsorships	56,667	-
Competitions & carnivals (incl. The Big Swim)	53,642	127,718
Surf Club functions	33,734	26,547
Food & beverage	253,820	-
Merchandise	12,676	5,993
Miscellaneous income	615	-
Interest received	129	-
Revenue from government - grants	23,766	44,695
Other grants	16,870	7,600
Profits on sales of fixed assets	-	1,300
Total income	558,263	281,477
LESS: EXPENSES		
SLS State and Branch fees	13,600	12,583
Uniforms and apparel not for resale	5,092	3,222
Training	5,321	1,195
Competitions & carnivals (incl. The Big Swim)	22,995	37,197
Printing, photography, media	20,298	14,758
Depreciation	25,645	17,266
Repairs and maintenance	48,114	32,244
Surf Club functions	35,651	21,487
Trophies, prizes and tributes	8,111	4,939
Food & beverage	222,437	-
Merchandise	10,401	7,023
Utilities	3,318	4,748
Miscellaneous expenses	2,245	785
Donations to WB Property Club	-	83,000
Bank charges	6,056	577
Office expenses	3,229	738
Postage & freight	545	481
Administration & management fees	570	2,108
Auditor's remuneration - audit	4,500	4,500
Wages and salaries	18,540	22,586
Superannuation	1,929	2,125
Total expenses	458,597	273,522

7,955

99,666

Profit before income tax



# **Club Captain's** Report

**Jack Lamrock** Club Captain

The past year has started the movement away from what we shall call the unconventional years, and dominance this year's The with an extremely positive tone. The Whale Beach SLSC continued to demonstrate its strength and resilience, proving that "Where there's a Whale... there's a Way."

Despite the challenges, the lifesavers at Whale Beach SLSC remained committed to their mission of keeping beachgoers safe. In the 2022/23 season, a total of 7,688 hours were spent by active lifesavers on the sands of Whale Beach, hours spent enforcing preventative measures in tighter approach to leadership which there were 72 of, making 11 and management of life saving rescues and importantly spending within the club. With some focus time with good friends. This total hours spent represents an additional 1,255 hours compared to the previous season, showing that the team's dedication to their craft is unwavering. Notably we had 58 outstanding members who individually had greater than 50 hours that they gave to the community service.

Whale Beach SLSC also saw new and old leaders step up. with the introduction of the new Silver Medallion Patrol Captains course. Supported by Branch to ensure each member becomes their very best selves. It has been exciting to see these members execute these new skills on their natrols and demonstrate their leadership capabilities. We also saw a few groups of IRB drivers and crew get qualified and we can thank the efforts of the whole team for such an effort. With a special thank you to all the new bronze members who make up the lifeblood of the club, may you continue down your path of development may I encourage you shown their strength, humility, to pursue all your goals especially and remarkable communication within the life saving organisation.

The Big Swim. To speak from the lifesaving perspective, it was amazing to see such leadership and jet-ski eloquence from Saskia

Clarke Without the experienced planning, the Queen-like ordinance Big Swim would have been tricky. Special thank you to the IRB teams that flogged it from sun-up till sundown and to all the members that were out there on water safety. You did an amazing job, for months after I was inundated with words of praise from swimmers who felt the need to come and tell me how safe they felt during the swim, melts my heart.

Future prospects the lifesaving team would like to hone in on a going towards communicating and understanding what is happening and the plan going forward, delivering that message all the way to the people that sit next to the flags. Always encouraging people to be the best they can be and finding the right person for the right task. Echoing past Club captains I would like to voice Whale Beach SLSC would like to see patrols with more evenly spread demographics and skill bases so everyone benefits and that everyone continues to enjoy and grow with all things this Club offers.

As we reflect on the past year, it is evident that the Whale Beach SLSC remains a force to be reckoned with. The Club's strenath. dedication, and unwavering commitment to their mission have enabled them to overcome challenges and ensure the safety of beachgoers. "Where there's a Whale...there's a Way" perfectly describes the Whale Beach lifesavers who have repeatedly skills. In times of trouble, they come together and offer assistance to those in distress, triumphing over their fears and challenges with remarkable ease.

# Recognition of Service

#### Distinguished Service Award

The most prestigious annual award for a member of at least 10 years consecutive membership who has exhibited leadership and responsible voluntary service over that period.

# Peter Myers

## Lifesaver of the Year

Selected by the President, this award recognises patrol and Club duties performed at a distinguished level over and above expectation for a Senior Active member.

## Young Lifesaver of the Year

Selected by the President this award recognises the achievements of a Junior Active member who has performed patrol and Club duties at a level beyond expectation.

#### Angus Wines

#### Outstanding Service Award

This award acknowledges outstanding service over and above standard patrol duties.

Jack Lamrock

#### Captain's Service Award

This award recognises members who achieve more than 100 hours of patrol service with the Club, excluding hours performed at other Clubs or services.

Saskia Clarke Cameron Cormio Andrew Darley Steph Darley Kieran Gallagher Jack Lamrock Harry Millard

Dylan Rees-Ewan Olivia Rees-Ewan Rob Burfitt-Williams Owen Saunders Sonhie Wines Angus Wines Sophie Wood Ziarne Wyatt Winston Xu

#### Most Valued Patroller

Nominated by the Patrol Captain or from a vote within patrol, this award recognises the differentiated contribution and exemplary attitude of that patrol member over the course of the season

Patrol 1. Ziarne Wyatt Patrol 2. Olivia Rees-Ewe

Patrol 3. Mike Stanley-Jones Patrol 4. Hamish Lapsley

Patrol 5. Andrew Deece

Patrol 6. Angus Love

Patrol 7. Toby Milroy

Patrol 8. Ben Bernard

## Contribution to Education

This award is presented to the trainer who made the greatest contribution to training and education.

Cameron Cormio

## Patrol Captain of the Year

This award is presented to a Patrol Captain who demonstrates consistent attendance, excellence in communication, encouragement patrollers to upskill and be involved in Club events, as well as strong organisation skills and vigilance on the beach.

Dylan Rees-Ewen

**Outstanding New Member** Sophie Wood

Patrol of the Year Patrol 6

## **Upside Down Duck Award**

This award recognises the member who accomplished the most impressive flip of the season. Nick Rogers



Gear and **Equipment Report Peter Myers Gear Officer** 

The gear team has once again supported Sunday afternoon patrols in ensuring that all equipment is ready for the following weekend patrol.

During the week the team also ensures that necessary repairs are carried out, first aid kits are restocked, all supplies topped up and all equipment being maintained to the correct safety standard.

Rob Burfitt-Williams has continued his invaluable assistance, particularly his weekly check of the I.R.B.'s. We continue to have issues with the I.R.B. motors due to the number of different drivers that use the I.R.B.'s. It is good to see some of the younger members are starting to take an interest in this issue and everyone is encouraged to log any problems in the I.R.B. Log Book so that problems can be rectified in a timely manner.

Jeannine Angilley has continued as our First Aid Officer and has ensured that the first aid room and first aid kits are clean, well stocked and ready to go. Susan Myers has assisted when Jeannine has been unavailable.

An emphasis this year has been encouraging everyone to wear the full patrol uniform including patrol caps. The public has more confidence in our ability when they see all patrol members properly attired and easily recognisable.

The gear team is constantly attempting to improve the gear and equipment available for

patrols. This year, due to the Sun Protection Grant, we have been able to provide quality sunscreen, personal lip protection and marine friendly sport sunscreen. A surf club cabana has also been useful as an addition to the main tent. New rash vests for water safety for The Big Swim, competition singlets for our regular competitions and Club championship were also purchased.

Rescue and competition boards need to be constantly maintained. We probably have too many boards at present and are looking to streamline these. We are also looking at possible outside storage to free up space inside the boat shed.

Shortly after The Big Swim we ran a very successful club clean up. Thanks to everyone who participated. If a similar response can be made on Gear Inspection Day, we will have a successful start to the new season.

A priority for the coming year will be to put in place equipment required for an emergency call out. This is an important aspect that we need to address so that we are ready for any out of patrol hours situations.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to looking after our gear this past season and if everyone looks to make some level of contribution in this area our gear and equipment can be maintained at a top level.



# **IRB** and Power **Equipment Report Adam Treharne IRB** and Power Equipment Captain

The 2022-23 season finished as successfully as it started.

Our IRB executive team this season was led by Will Gibson and Harry Millard as vice IRB Captains and included Lindsay Kershaw, Saskia Clarke, Cameron Cormio, Rob Burfitt-Williams and Lara Boyle.

With thanks to Andrew Darley, the proposed IRB from ThunderCat was cancelled and 2 new Zodiac IRBs were delivered to the Club at the start of the season. We also received 2 new Mercury motors which our team broke in.

With all new equipment, Will and Lindsay, organised one of the biggest IRB training groups seen in recent years. Even with the challenge of school schedules, trainer availability and other competing demands, 6 drivers and 17 crew were qualified by early 2023 with a few members still to be assessed.

An early task for the team was to propose names for the 2 new boats. Following the celebration of 40 years of women in Surf Life Saving, names of some women that have made a significant contribution to Whale Beach SLSC were proposed and we are thrilled that the "Helen Dauncey" has been chosen as the name of one of our new IRBs.

Each summer we assist other clubs on the Northern Beaches as part of the water safety teams at their ocean swims. This season, our members volunteered at the Avalon, Bilgola and Newport swims, and in turn these clubs assisted us with The Big Swim.

As this season has shown, there is a positive engagement from members of all Patrols to become involved with IRBs. Part of our long term plan as an Emergency Service is to be able to engage with the wider community and other surf clubs in the region. A prerequisite is a road worthy trailer so we can assist communities affected by floods. Without a trailer, our contribution is limited to providing personnel. Preliminary evaluations for a trailer have been started.

IRB Racing and other IRB based activities (ocean swim support, branch and state carnivals) can also follow with our ability to take boats to other locations and with an increasing number of IRB team members.

The future of the IRB's at Whale Beach is promising.











# **Education and Training Report Sophie Wines Chief Training Officer**

What a wild ride this season has been! Over the 2022/23 season, Whale Beach SLSC members amassed an incredible 107 awards with every single one of them helping us to make our beautiful beach a safer place, and I would like to thank each and every member for their efforts in achieving this goal.

My first season as Chief Training Officer had many challenges and I was blessed to have been supported by an amazing team of trainers as we would not have survived the season without them. Special thanks to Saskia Clarke, Cameron Cormio, Ellie Love, Maddie Zagoski, Lara Boyle and David Stenning for their ongoing support, as well as to Chris Darley for his leadership and assistance in the handover of this role. Congratulations also to Sonhie Wood Winston Xu and William Gibson for attaining probationary trainer qualifications.

Throughout the season we ran skill maintenance sessions for >150 members over four sessions. Our trainers, new and old, were critical in ensuring these refreshers ran smoothly and ensured members were capable of keeping Whaley safe. This season's proficiencies would not have been possible without the assistance of Guyren Smith (Newport SLSC) and Trae Hare-Boyd (Warriewood SLSC), as well as Adam Treharne (Whale Beach SLSC) for running multiple IRB sessions.

Once again we ran an 8-week Bronze program as well as an accelerated Bronze Medallion Course with 13 members qualifying (and a few more awaiting assessment). In addition, 9 Knox

students gained a Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate. We are lucky to have this relationship with Knox, and are proud of the boys who are upskilling to support our growing club.

With assistance from SLS NSW we successfully ran two First Aid courses that saw 29 members gain awards and two Advanced Resuscitation Technique courses which upskilled a further 15 members. Gaining these two awards is an incredible step towards helping our club, and I encourage everyone to look out for dates on the next set of these courses we will run! Finally, we facilitated the successful completion of training for 10 Silver Medallion Patrol Captains, 6 Silver Medallion IRB Drivers and 17 IRB Crew members.

A special mention must be made of our 2022/23 Lifesaver of the Year (and incredible trainer) Saskia Clarke for receiving her Rescue Water Craft Operator Certificate. or 'Jet-ski' award. We are so proud of the countless hours Sas put in to achieve this award, and are honoured to have her representing our club while patrolling the Northern Beaches.

This season would not have been possible without all of our members getting involved and helping each other. Whether it was grabbing a friend to train for proficiencies or jumping on a board for practice, you made our club a better and safer place and consistently proved that 'Where there's a Whale... there's a Way'!

# **Surf Life Saving Association Awards (131)**

#### 5 Year National Patrol Service (17) Barkworth, Alexander

Bregenhoj, Jack

Cormio Cameron Darley, Christopher Freeman, Emily Hackett, Reuben Jones, Hamish Lamrock, Jack Leonard, Anthony Millard, Harry Naito, Ami Pegg, James Sanderson, Thomas Sanderson, William Wallis, Samuel Wines, Sophie Xu. Winston

# 10 Year National Patrol Service (3)

James Rowlinson Harry Smith Adam Treharne

#### 15 Year National Patrol Service (1) Lindsay Kershaw

15 Year Medal (2) Peter Myers John Fielder

Allan, Mark

#### 10 Year SLSA Service Certificate (1) Lindsay Kershaw

Bronze Medallion (20)

Baker, Lachlan Black, Tully Darley, Joshua Darley, Samantha Deece. Andrew Dixon, Mackenzie Furney, Luke Hackett, Barnabas Humphries, Jack W Madsen Monica Nodsle, Ethan Parmenter, Brock Reatti, Jack Rothery, Emily Shackley, Roy Slack-Smith, Will

Smink Braydon

Walsh, Ryan

Wood, Sophie

#### **Surf Rescue Certificate** (CPR Endorsed) (3) Brabrook, Charles

Humes, William Warren, Georgia

### First Aid (29)

Abbas, Zac Angilley, Jeannine Babicci, Brett Burfitt-Williams, Robert Clarke, Saskia Darley, Carolina Deece, Andrew Gibson Will Hackett, Juliette Handley, James Hannaford, Gregory Hardwick, Abbey Humphries, Jack W Jones, Hamish Kellaway, Charles Lamrock, Jack Leonard, Caitlin Leonard, Loretta Millard, Harry Ravenhall, Ethan Reatti, Jack Rees-Ewen, Olivia Rees. Jacqueline Schmidt, Philip Wood, Sophie Wright, Michael Zagorski, Madeline

## Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (10)

Zagorski, Samantha

Zagorski, Max

Benson, Alexander Cormio, Cameron Darley, Andrew Gibson, Will Humphrey, Angus Jones Hamish Rees-Ewen, Olivia Robertson, Sydney Stenning, David Zagorski, Madeline

#### Silver Medallion IRB Driver (6)

Darley, Andrew Darley, Steph Hackett, Reuben Hannaford, Gregory Rees-Ewen, Dylan Yiu, Jayden

#### IRB Crew Certificate (17)

Bernard, Benjamin Darley, Andrew Dwyer, Darcy Humphries, Jack W Lamrock, Jack Love. Angus Luong, Ethan Milroy, Toby Naito. Ami Preketes, Philippe Rees-Ewen, Dylan Rees-Ewen, Olivia Sherlock, Sarah Stafford Ben Wilkinson, Brodie Wines, Angus Yiu, Jayden

# Advanced Resuscitation

Techniques (15) Angilley, Jeannine Babicci, Brett Clarke, Saskia Darley, Carolina Deece, Andrew Gibson, Will Grimes, Matilda Hannaford, Gregory Humphries, Jack W Jones, Hamish Lamrock, Jack Reatti, Jack Rees-Ewen, Olivia Wood, Sophie Zagorski, Madeline

#### Training Officer IRB (2) Kershaw, Lindsay Gibson William

**Training Officer Bronze** Medallion (5) Bovle, Lara Clarke, Saskia Cormio, Cameron Darley, Christopher

Stanley-Jones, Michael



# **Knox Grammar School Surf Life Saving Program**

**David Stenning Head Coach** 

The 2022-2023 Season was a welcomed return to a more traditional season. Knox students started training in August at the conclusion of the Winter Sport season. The boys were able to use the pool and develop key swimming skills and techniques that would be useful in the surf at Whale Beach. The sport involved the participation of 26 students from ages 15-18 as well as six coaches. Of these 26 students, 14 were boarders, a reflection of how popular the sport is amongst students that most likely would not get an opportunity within Surf Life Saving without the partnership between Knox and Whale Beach SLSC. The Captain of Knox Surf Life Saving for 2022-2023 was Dylan Farr, a Boarder from Walgett, who led the boys with great encouragement and positivity.

component of the sport in October (Term 4) with two members commencing their Surf Rescue Certificate, 11 members commencing their Bronze Medallion, 11 members commencing the IRB Crew Course, and two members attempting the IRB Drivers Course. Due to scheduling issues as well as the November flooding in NSW that affected many of our Boarders, only seven students completed their Bronze Medallion, and nine students completed their IRB Crew Course through the Knox education program. Several students were able to complete additional Surf Life Saving Courses throughout the season thanks to the organisation and dedication of the Whale Beach Education Team. Next season, Knox will be aiming to increase the course completion rate as well as offer more courses to students with the assistance of Whale Beach SLSC to become more knowledgeable Lifesavers.

Students started the education

Knox's program provided two inter-school carnivals hosted by Shore at Long Reef, and Barker at Bungan Beach. Both carnivals had difficult conditions which the bovs adapted to and competed to their best abilities. Medal winners from the Shore Invitational were: Ryan Walsh (Year 12) - Bronze in the Senior Swim; Angus Wines (Year 12) - Bronze in the Senior Beach Sprint; Jayden Yiu (Year 12), Ryan Walsh (Year 12) and Lochlan Stephenson (Year 11) - Bronze in the Senior Iron Man Relay: and Toby Milroy (Year 12), Lochlan Stephenson (Year 11), and Jayden Yiu (Year 12) - Bronze in the Senior Board Relay. Medal winners from the Barker invitational were: Javden Yiu (Year 12) - Gold in the Senior Long Distance Beach Run and finishing equal second for the Individual Senior Age Champion; Noah Farr (Year 10) - Gold in the Intermediate Beach Flags; and Angus Wines (Year 12 - Bronze in the Senior Beach Sprint. Congratulations to these boys as well as all the boys that tested themselves in the events.

The competition component of

Knox will endeavour to build upon the positive end to the season and forge more strong members of Whale Beach SLSC. Once again, I would like to thank the Whale Beach leadership team for their continued support of our program and the Knox Staff members who ensured the success of our students this season.





# Competition Handicapper's Report

**Graeme Stewart Handicappers** 

#### **Sunday Competitions**

A tradition as old as the Club itself, the Sunday competitions provide all those who compete an opportunity to show our club and the public every Sunday just how fit they are and how capable they are of getting through the surf. swimming or by rescue craft. Most of all, the Sunday swim, board and ski races, open to both active and associate members, strengthen camaraderie and extend friendships.

The Sunday competition during the 2022/23 season was often prevented by weather conditions, with common beach closures. Nonetheless, enthusiastic and talented Club members competed on swim, board and ski courses when conditions allowed.

The consistently rough seas prevented an opportunity for the much-loved 'Bay to Breakers' 650m swim from Dolphin Bay back to the Beach and only one point-to-point swim was held, however it required a beach start and finish lest too much skin was left on the rocks at both ends

Beach events were held throughout the season, including a new event, a 1.3km run (two lengths of the beach) introduced by Will Gibson. For the 2023/24 season, it may be popular to run more beach events, particularly on days when the beach is closed.

2022/23 Club Championships The Club Championships were held on Sunday March 12th. The competitors were cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd of supporters on the beach which included Whale Beach Surf Club royalty, Rob Berry and Richard Stewart with, between them, more than 100 years of donning the brown, yellow and blue cap at club, branch, state and national levels. Overall, 40 members competed across the 6 events in 5 age categories. In every regard, the day captured the spirit of a Club of which all should be proud.

## Point-to-Point Cups

In front of an enthusiastic crowd, the annual Point-to Point trophy races were held on April 16th. These legendary events honour Noel Greenfield, a founding

member of Whale Beach SLSC and the four Whale Beach women who became the first in Australia to become qualified lifesavers : sisters Sarah and Jill Peters. Tina Gowing and Marion Robb.

## Midget Farrelly Memorial **Surfing Competition**

Six outstanding surfers fought it out in a lumpy surf with intermittent nasty sets breaking onto a low tide sandbank.

Dylan Rees-Ewen stunned the judges with his 'two-board' rides: paddled on with two boards and swapped from one to the other on the face of the wave. Midget's heart would've swelled with pride.

Many thanks to photographer Tom Sanderson for great photos, to all who assisted with timekeeping and to all who competed in great spirit throughout the 2022/23 season.

The Handicapper's role is all fun and little responsibility. Until a younger member realises this and mounts a coup, it is a pleasure and a privilege to continue. Together, we should ensure the 2023/24 season of competitions is the best year ever.



# The Big Swim and The Little Big Swim

**Annette Baggie Race Director** 



Conditions for the 2023 swim were again ideal and the number of entrants continue to climb after the several years affected by COVID.

Macquarie Bank, who have been our long time sponsors, will celebrate 25 years of association with the Club in January 2024 so we are very lucky to have them on board. Numbers were approximately 1000 entrants for The Big Swim and late entries were welcome on the day with the start of the race at 10am.

Winners this year were Lexi Harrison (2022 winner) with a time of 33.41 and Angus Jarolimek with a time of 31.56.

The Little Big Swim was again sponsored by Ray White Prestige Palm Beach and we had about 170 entrants, down on pre COVID years but continuing to rise as more people get back into the water. Many of these swimmers are Can Too members who are great supporters of our two swims.

Other supporters of the Swims are Oceanswims.com (Andre Slade) Rob Nugan's Fresh Produce Group, Brown Bros Skip Bins,

Pittwater Life, On Course Tours and SB Web Designs. We are also ably assisted by the Rural Fire Service Ingleside and the Pittwater Volunteer Rescue particularly Broken Bay Flotilla and we thank them for their participation.

The familiar face of Ian Sheppherd was back at Whale Beach as MC and another newcomer Ed Wayling carried out the job at Palm Beach with much aplomb. We thank them both as well as Gordon Lang who was the ESO for the day.

As we all know events like The Big Swim and The Little Big Swim can't

happen without all our wonderful volunteers ably led by Bob and Barbara Wines who manage to keep smiling throughout the day as do all our volunteers.

Also I should mention the ground crews at both Palm and Whale beaches who make sure all is ready for the big day.

A VERY BIG THANK TO YOU ALL.

Next year is our 50TH ANNIVERSARY and the date is Sunday 28th January 2024. Let's all work together to make it a MEMORABLE DAY.













## Competition

Female Cadet Club Champion Mika Naito Female Junior Club Champion Phoebe Lenehan Female Open Club Champion Ami Naito Female Masters Club Champion Julie Lenehan Male Cadet Club Champion Campbell Warren Male Junior Club Champion Alex Rowntree Male Open Club Champion Will Gibson Male Masters Club Champion Mike Stanley-Jones Male Veterans Club Champion Greg Hannaford Peters, Gowing, Robb Cup Winner Lucy Warren Noel Greenfield Cup Winner Campbell Warren Midget Farrelly Memorial Surfing Champion Dylan Rees-Ewen





**Entertainment** Report Mel Love **Social Secretary** 

The 2022-23 season has been a memorable year full of social activities with our monthly drinks, our Women of Whale luncheon, Neighbours night, and completing the year with the annual Awards night.

Monthly Drinks are held on the last Saturday night of each month and are a highlight for members and the local community. During the summer months drinks were held on the BBQ deck and moved up to the clubhouse for the winter months. The Boathouse provided our yummy nibbles for the evenings and Richard and Tess were on hand to serve drinks. For our Christmas drinks we enjoyed Christmas carols from the Darley family's band.

Our second Women of Whale luncheon was held in December with great success. It was attended by 100 members of our community and current female lifesavers. A big thank you to Kaz Naito for another successful WOW event.

Neighbours Night in January was a great success with over 160 of the Whale Beach community celebrating this annual event. The event was held on the BBQ deck where we feasted on delicious Paella. It was a beautiful summer evening where the community were

able to connect with new and old friends. Through the generosity of our Whale beach community we raised \$15,000 on the night towards the Whale Beach SLSC boat.

Our season wrapped up with our annual Awards night, held once again at Moby Dicks. We had over 120 members embracing the Hollywood theme, with a mix of members dressed in red carpet glamour and others in creative costumes. It was a great evening to recognise the incredible efforts of so many of our wonderful volunteer lifesavers. The number of awards presented was incredible reflecting the enormous input of our patrollers. We had over 20 lifesavers patrolling for over 100 hours this season, a massive contribution. The evening was hosted by Saskia Clarke, assisted by President Kieran Gallagher. After the formalities of the evening we partied well into the night. The event was a huge success.

I would like to thank those members who assisted in organising the social activities, the support of the Management Committee and of course the Whale Beach community who have made the social events a HUGE success. We're looking forward to the next season and another year of fun filled social events.























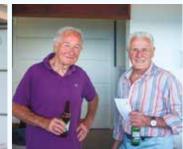






















# **Silver Salties**

Our popular Silver Salties yoga programs continued throughout 2022-2023 promoting physical activity, social connections and involvement in the life saving community.

Participants enjoy the benefits of improving their fitness with increased strength, balance and flexibility. Silver Salties has attracted new club members, engages existing members and adds to our club vibrancy.



























# Vale

## **Bill Phillips**



It is with a heavy heart that I advise the passing of our much beloved Life Member Bill Phillips.

On behalf of Whale Beach SLSC, we share our deep and sincere condolences

with Bill's friends and family.

Bill was a private man in his personal life, so to honour him and allow his memory to serve us best, can I please ask that we reflect personally on what Bill taught us. Spending a few minutes listening to Frank Sinatras My Way got me in the right frame of mind.

Bill devoted so much of his time and energy to Whale Beach SLSC that it is surreal even writing this and trying to capture with mere words a lifetime of awesomeness whilst reflecting on the pure joy of the man

that typified the very definition of a life well lived brought to this Club. Bill served the community and this Surf Club in so many capacities both on and off the beach. On the beach, he was a consummate lifesaver achieving his Bronze medallion in 1959 and continuing a He was the very first with a smile and path of service to achieve a 20 year Patrol Service Award and the much coveted 50 year Long Service award! As a keen competitor and former Olympian, he had what I can only describe as minerals. He was unbeatable (literally) and stood on many podiums with his heart on his sleeve and Whale sluggos on his body and that oh so irrepressible grin sprawled all over his face. This is the way I choose to remember Bill. He continued to represent Whale in Club, State and National competitions until his body simply could not. He was the proudest yet humblest Whaley I ever saw. Long may his

indomitable spirit continue in all of us. Off the beach, Bill was honoured with Life Membership for his service to this Surf Club. He was as passionate, fierce and fair in the Committees on which he served every minute of his valuable time. as he was whilst competing on the sand. acknowledgement of a job well and was a and contribution. His smile and pure delight in any of his many capacities. Bill acted this season as Honorary Solicitor, and Committee member of the Property Committee and the Judiciary Committee of the Surf Club. He simply could not have done more to ensure that this Surf Club is "In Safe Hands". On behalf of a humbled and grateful Club, we thank Bill for his valuable contribution, knowing that the hearts and minds of Whale Beach SLSC are blessed to have had Bill for so long. The path Bill walked, supporting our small piece of paradise,

has been a meaningful one. We simply could not have done it without him. Our lives are all richer for his contribution and we thank Bill and his family for On a personal note, I am so very grateful for Bill's wisdom, enthusiasm encouragement were always the biggest ray of light and have bought me nothing but pleasure over many years. I will miss all of Bill's valuable additions to the world of Whale and the refreshing balance and dignity of his presence. He will be sorely missed. The joint simply won't be the same without his formidable grit and determination. Lwill channel Bill's wisdom and enthusiasm. And it will make me smile Bill Phillips, you Sir, are an irreplaceable inspiration. Thank you. Rest in peace.

## **Terry Collier**

It is with a sad heart that we advise the passing of Terrance (Terry) John Collier -26/03/47 to 06/05/23.

Terry was a 60 year stalwart of the Whale Beach SLSC from 1963 and proud or being picked up by our parents. Reserve Active Member and Member of Heroes of the Surf patrol.

Terry was one of the notorious Juniors who joined in the sixty's and continue to meet every December at Club Palm Beach to celebrate our time in the Surf Club and reminisce about the good times shared.

One of three Whale Beach SLSC Members who went to Strathfield South High School and hitch hiked to the beach every weekend from Greenacre

and Strathfield and stayed in the Surf Club over the weekend before getting a lift home on Sunday from older members and hitch hiking the remaining distance

Terry will be remembered fondly by his close friends and best mates of the Hendriksons, Websters, Cullises, Barrells, Mardens, Bossums, Hughsey, Martin Armstrong, Danny Ryan, David Bracey, Johno Uren, Peter (Smiley) Blundell and many more. He will be sorely missed this year at the Juniors lunch.

Terry served his country as a member of the RAAF in Vietnam during Vietnam war and met and married Lorraine, the love of his life, at Whale Beach.

# **Noel Pickering**



Noel Pickering and the Grey Whales Patrol.

We offer our sincere condolences to the families and friends of Noel Pickering. And we are sincerely grateful for Noel's contribution to making our little piece of paradise a better place.

We stand tall on the shoulders of the great men and women that precede us. A popular member during the 60's,70's and into the 80s was Noel Pickering.

He died in Northern Beaches Hospital on March 13th, overcome by cancer. He was 79 at the time of his passing and Noel was cremated.

His two daughters, Tania and Claudia arranged a Remembrance occasion at Whale Beach. It was to be on the lawned area at the edge of the beach. Instead, with a thunderstorm forecast we went up to the mid level of the Club.

There were around 20 people. Mates of Noel from The Club who attended were; John Baird, Brian Graber, Paul Hughes, Paul Young, Chris Hendrickson, Ross Hennessey and Rob Berry."

Vale Noel, and thank you, for vour service.

## **Bob Grace**



It is with sad heart that write to advise of the passing of another of Whale Beach's stalwarts and to share a few reflections on a life well lived.

On March 13th, a long time member of the Grey Whales Patrol, Bob Grace, passed away. Bob's words are lingering in my

head as I pen these words.

What is your "motto for life"?

"I have two that are really the same message. Treat everyone with respect and dignity. Try to treat people as I would like them to treat me." And I can't help thinking that this is such a simple, yet enduringly worthwhile way to look at the world. Long may we aim to continue this view.

A barrister, who epitomised enjoying being in this beautiful place and how it inspires us all, Bob was our

local councillor and also Deputy Mayor of Pittwater for a period. Bob loved Whale Beach SLSC and was committed to patrols and as an active social member of our Club. His friendly easy-going manner, openness, approachability and willingness to help all, combined with a love of our area stood him in great stead among his neighbours. A community minded man, Bob was aware there are a lot of people who

fall between the cracks or who are unable to articulate their concerns or problems for one reason or another. Bob considered the most important thing he could do was to help people, even in just a small way. Bob's funeral was held at St Joseph's Church Narrabeen on Wednesday April 5th with a wake held at Pittwater RSL.

Vale Bob. And thank you, for your service.

On behalf of a grateful Club.

# **Members**

Life Member (17)

Armstrong, Martin Baird, John Berry, Robert Cullis, Philip Hendrikson, Christopher Hughes, Paul Lewis. John Patterson, Darcy Phillips, Bill Pearce, Andrew Pratten, Jonathon Ryan, Daniel Schmidt, Philip Stewart, Richard Strong, David Webster, Bryan Young, Paul

#### Reserve Active (19)

Barrell, Bryan Bracey, David Buckingham, Simon Clark, Micah Cullis, Jeffrey Dauncey, Helen Denning, Marshall Fielder, John Gellert, James Hale, Geoffrey Hendrikson, Aaron Keft, Eleanor Kershaw, Lindsay Lewin, John Myers, Peter Norrgard, Verner Rowlinson, James Stewart, Graeme Webster, Evan

## Active Seniors (101)

Abbas. Zac Adoncello, Remo Archibald, Arabella Barkworth, Alexander Beale, Georgia Beale, Monty Benson, Alexander Bownes, lain Bregenhoj, Jack Burchett, Alexander

Burfitt-Williams, Robert Carnegie, Charles Carolan, Finn Carty, Lachlan Clarke, Saskia Connellan, Elizabeth Connolly, Edward Cooper, John Cormio, Cameron Darley, Andrew Darley, Christopher Darley, Joshua Darley, Steph De Leeuw, Christina Deece, Andrew Deer, Fredrik Dijohn, Nicholas Dixon Mackenzie Dreyfus, Rachel Edie. George Freeman, Emily Gallagher, Kieran Gibson, Will Hackett, Andrew Hackett, Barnabas Hackett, Jonah Hackett, Juliette Hackett, Reuben Halfpenny, Keegan Hardwick, Abbey Heintz, Oliver Higgins, Floyd Honey Alex Hromas, Alexander Humphrey, Angus Johnson, Jayden Jones, Hamish Kellaway, Charles Koehn, William Lamrock, Jack Lapsley, Hamish Lawson, Harry Leonard, Anthony Leonard Caitlin Leonard, Richard

Love, Angus

Love, Eloise

Madsen, Monica

Malcolm, Juliet

Masters, Rhett

McInerney, Grace McInerney, Joshua Miles, Harry Millard, Harry Miller Hill. Blaise Naito, Ami Naver, Asha O'Brien, Olivia Pancino, Matthew Parker, William Pegg, James Puertolas, Cesar Ravenhall, Declan Ravenhall, Ethan Rees, Jacqueline Rees-Ewen, Dylan Rees-Ewen Olivia Roberts, Jack Robertson, Sydney Rogers, Nicholas Rothery, Alison Rowe, Angus Rowe Deon Rowntree Tom Sanderson, Thomas Sanderson, William Saunders, Owen Shackley, Roy Sherlock, Charlie Simmonds, James Sippe, Angus Stafford, Matthew Stanley-Jones. Michael Stenning, David Treharne, Adam Watson, Tara Wines, Sophie Wood, Sophie Wright, Michael Zagorski, Madeline Zagorski, Max

Naito, Isamu Nodsle, Ethan Paris Lachlan Active Junior (81) Allan, Mark Preketes, Philippe Bailey, Will Reatti. Jack Baker, Lachlan Reynolds, Meredith Bernard, Benjamin Rose, Michael Black, Milla Rothery, Emily Black, Tully Rowntree, Alex Boaler, Joe

Brabrook, Charles

Searl, Max

Bradshaw, Sophie Carolan, Declan Choi, Sam Clarke-Bruce, Brooklyn Cook, Kristen Cormio, Emma Darley, Samantha Dawson, Bella Dawson, Isabella Dover, Adrian Dwyer, Darcy Ellis, Charlotte Ellis, Emily Ellis, Thomas Farr, Dylan Farr, Noah Fritz, Lux Furney, Luke Grimes, Matilda Handley, James Hodakinson, Natasha Humes, William Humphries, Jack W Johnson, Rachel Jones, Ella Joshua, Frape Kaan, Oliver Kendall, Elijah Lawson, Madeline Lawson, Toby Lenehan, Charlie Lenehan, Phoebe Luong, Ethan Malcolm, Sarah Jane Mason, Phoebe Mclean, Harriet Milroy, Toby Murphy, Declan Parmenter, Brock Partridge, Maya

Sherlock, Sarah Simmonds, Lachlan Siufi, Avril Slack-Smith, Cale Smink, Braydon Spring, Claire Sproats, William Stafford, Ben Tallis, Rebecca Wallis, Samuel Walsh, Ryan Wang, Meredith Warren, Campbell Warren, Lucy Whitefield, Alexander Wilkinson, Brodie Williams Jemima Wines, Angus Wong, Josephine Wvatt. Ziarne Xu. Winston Yap, Emma

## Junior Activity Member (8)

Beveridge, Sam Paris, Sasha Stockler, Alexander Stockler, Nicholas Tvnan. Lilv Tynan, Sebastian Warren, Anneka Whitefield, Olivia

Cadet (16)

Yiu, Jayden

Armati, Charlie Beale, Poppy Beveridge, Alice Beveridge, Sophie Cuss, Beatrice Fogarty, Kira Hennessy, Ellie Lenehan, Sybella Naito, Mika

Archer, Martin Paris Oliver Rowntree, James Searl, Dylan Townsend, Grace Tynan, Hana Baggie, Hugh Warren, Georgia Balkin, David Whitefield, Adelaide Barthelmess. Jonathan

Long Service (28)

Archer, John Babicci, Brett Beachley, Rex Blundell, Peter Bosson, James Boyle, Lara Crisp, Danny Davis, Charles Elvy, Robert Fraser. Peter Gardner, Stephen Graber, Brian Gray, Stephen Hall, Peter Hannaford, George (Jnr)

Hannaford, Gregory Hansford, Richard Hennessy, Ross Jarrett, Matthew Kirby, Neil Lamrock, Brian Laurence. Michael Lerpiniere, John Lewis, Benjamin McRobert, Martin Stewart, lan Taylor, Peter Wilcox, Allen

# Award (4)

Angilley, Jeannine Darley, Carolina Leonard, Loretta Zagorski, Samantha

Past Active (5) Cooper, Nicholas John, Benjamin Lenehan, Julie Pope, John Smith, Harry

Associate (200) Arnott, Rebecca Arnott, Richard Badgery, Alexander Baggie, Annette

Beale, David Gole. Elizabeth Beale. India Gooding, Scott Beale, Nina Gordon, Alistair Benjamin, James Gorman, John Beveridge, Edwina Gray, Richard Bonouvrie, Simone Harris, Tess Borean, Derick Hartog, Sebastien Bradford, Alison Hauserman, Alan Bradford, Drew Heintz, Dick Brinkmann, Normen Heyworth, Karley Burke, Martin Hevworth. Peter Campbell, Yvonne Holmes, Lee Carnell, Cameron Hromas, Harriet Chamberlain, William Hunter. Chris Chapman, Karen Hunter, Kassandra Christie, Rosemary Johnson, Paul Cleaver, Jeremy Keogh, Nicole Conort De Siufi, Carolina Kerr, Gavin Cook, Jennifer Kerr, India Cook, Stephen Kerr, Tania Crivelli Michael Kim. Nancy

Crivelli, Susie

Goldsmith, Augusta

Dibbs. Kerry Laidlaw. Hilarv Dorahy, Simon Lamb, Mick Edie, Graeme Lawson, Susie Edie, Margaret Lawson, Tim Eglinton, Jillian Lee, Wanhee Ellis, Michael Leech, Andrew Enestrom, Ron Lenehan, James Enestrom, Suellen Loria, Daniela Ferguson, Ross Love, Mel Figgis, Christopher Lynch, Suzanne Figgis, Jan Lysaght, Penny FitzGerald, Scott Macdonald, Scott Flynn, Douglas Mackay, Ross Friend, Rvan Malcolm. Hugh Friend, Tina Mangleson, James Fritz, Kristie Mann, Erica Gale. Eric Martin, lan Gale, Tonia Martin, Julie Gasnier, Mark Mathews, Benjamin Gattini, Marco May, Amikka Gaven, Isabel May, Josh Gay, Richard Macgugan, Paul Gepp, Michael McCann, Lucinda Glass, Katharine McGrath, John Glass. Stephen Mclellan, Matthew Gliddon, Nathan McLennan, Cara

Kusely, Lyndal

McLennan, Duncan

McMurray, Mary

Mears, Laura Miles. Jennifer Mitchell, Luke Molesworth, Michael Moore, Adam Moore, Helen Moore, Nicholas Morgan, Carolyn Mowday, Mark Mulherin, Sharon Mulligan, Jennifer Mulligan, William Naito, Catherine Naito, Kazuma Napthali, Tracy Nash, Janet O'Brien, Naomi O'Brien, Paul O'Carroll, Natalie O'Dowd, Jason O'hare, Judith Ong, Julia Osborne, Barbara Overton, Rebecca Owens, Andy Palmer, Oliver Papworth, Jonathan Paris, Philip Paris, Prudence Pearsall, Mark Pozniak, Elizabeth Pozniak, Sheldon Pratten, Alison Puskar, Stefan Rains, Richard Read. Irene Reatti, Richard Reede, Michael Regan, Pete Richmond, Sam Robbins, Tiger Robertson, Julia

Rochester, Zac

Rothwell, David

Rothwell, Sarah Lucy

Rowntree. Andree

Rutherford, Garv

Sanders, Margaret

Rose. Sheila

Sanders. Paul Schmidt. Kerrie Searl, Chris Searl, Kelly Simec, Richard Sippe, John Siufi, Andres Spencer, lan Stack, Gerald Stack, Virginia Stockler. David Strain, Kave Stuart, Tobi Stuckey, Louise Sullivan, Allan Sullivan, Peter Taylor, Anja Taylor, David Trybocka, Anna Tynan, Chris Vivian, Debbie Wade, David Wallis, Kevin Warburton, John Warren, Pip Waters, Kathleen Westcott, Julie Whitefield, Rory Whiteman, Jenny Whiteman, John Williams, Penelope Wilson, Taylor Wines, Andrew Wines, Barbara Wines. Lian Wines. Robert Wolthers, Shaun Wong, Deanna Wong, Sean Wood, Isaac Woolcott, Gordon Zagorski, Roger Zamel, Gary Zorica, Monique Honorary (4)

Ingram, John

Morgan, Simon

Scali, Anthony

Sheppard, lan





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