

AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC

90th Annual General Meeting

Held at the Avalon Beach SLSC on Sunday July 26th, 2015

Agenda

1. Apologies.
2. A minute's silence to honour our lost members and fellow surf lifesavers.
3. Reading and acceptance of the Minutes of the 89th AGM held on Sunday 31st August, 2014.
4. Business arising from the previous minutes.
5. President's Welcome and summary of the 2014/2015 season.
6. Annual Report including Financial Report for the 2014/2015 season.
7. Presentation, consideration and adoption of the report for the 2014/2015 season.
8. Invitation to speak to the report.
9. Presentation of awards.
10. Nominations for Life Membership.
11. Election of Office Bearers for the season 2015/2016.
12. Notice of Motion for Affiliation to SLSA – "it is recommended that ABSLSC formally affiliates with Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Incorporated for 2015/2016 season. Further that the Articles, constitution, By-laws and Resolutions, together with the awards and equipment of Surf Life saving Australia Limited and/or affiliated State/Territory centres be accepted without reservation".
13. General Business of an urgent nature only.
14. Meeting Closure.

Minutes

1. Apologies: John Brogden, Chris McGuckin, Nick Sampson, Volker Klemm, Jacqui Townsend, Bernadette McKay, Rick Millar, Warwick Willcoxson, Tim Hixson, Matt Mayall, Reg Wood.
2. A minute's silence was held in tribute to those lost during the recent season.
3. The Minutes of the 89th AGM held on Sunday 31st August, 2014 were presented. Confirmation and acceptance moved by Warren Young and seconded by Brian Friend. Confirmed and accepted by the meeting.
4. There was no business arising from the previous minutes.
5. Chris Hopton welcomed all members, life members and guests to the meeting along with Bronwyn Bishop – our Patron, Bob Grace, representatives from Pittwater Council and from the Avalon Beach RSL.

Chris spoke to the meeting regarding the Club's year of celebration with the café and restaurant opening and with the new building now ticking most of the boxes. The Club reports a record number of members now standing at 1,200. Chris advised that the community were utilising the building and that the Club now has a paid administrator, Leanne Austin, who greatly helps with the Club's running.

Chris reported the sad news of Steve Parkes bike accident and that Nathan Wellings had taken over Steve's role of Surf Club Captain for the 2014/2015 season. Chris advised that Jenny Parkes, Steve's wife would be presenting the Steve Parkes Award for Achievement in Life Saving Education later in the meeting.

Chris went through her President's Report as set out in the Annual Report. Chris thanked Volker Klemm for his great success with the Carols by the Sea night.

6. Kevin Veale will be the Alternate Director of Finance this year. Kevin informed the meeting that the Club had a good year financially with the Carols Night, Car Raffle, Lion Island Challenge and the Big Swim all contributing to a current year operating income of \$106K. After having paid all commitments to Council in relation to the construction of the building, the Club has \$245K in net assets.
7. See 2014/2015 Annual Report. It was moved by Louise Lindop and seconded by Roger Sayers that the 2014/2015 Annual Report and the Audited Financial Statements be accepted and adopted. Confirmed by the meeting.
8. Chris thanked Annette Sayers for her help with the Annual Report this year and invited speakers to talk to the Annual Report.

Bronwyn Bishop thanked Chris for her outstanding work with the Club. Mrs. Bishop congratulated the Club on its fantastic economic model and congratulated Warren Young for his Australia Day Award. Mrs. Bishop further congratulated the success of our Nippers and the Carols by the Sea evening which provided a great sense of joy for the community. Mrs. Bishop praised the Club's Annual Report and Chris's involvement with Branch as the "Face of Surf Life Saving". Mrs. Bishop noted that the Club was formed to keep the beach safe for everyone to use, which the Club has certainly done. Mrs. Bishop thanked everyone for their friendship.

Councillor Bob Grace thanked the Club for allowing him to come to the meeting and for the effort it has made with the new building for the community. Cr. Grace further thanked Chris, Richard Cole, Rob Hopton and members for their effort and time with the new building. Cr. Grace noted that our nippers were the backbone of the Club's success and that our nippers numbers were very strong. Cr. Grace acknowledged that the Club has become part of the fabric of Avalon and an integral part of the community. On behalf of the Council Cr. Grace thanked Chris, Richard Cole, Rob Hopton and the committee for their efforts.

Darren Warrener spoke on behalf of Branch. Darren congratulated the Club on a fantastic year and thanked Chris, Richard Cole, Rob Hopton and the committee and club members for their efforts. Darren congratulated Michael Stanley-Jones for his efforts with the Under 15's and said that the building was a credit to Chris Hopton.

9. Jenny Parkes spoke to the meeting regarding Steve's passion for the Club and the many hours that Steve put in. Jenny informed the meeting that training and knowledge were a big part of Steve's life and that she awarded to Mike Stanley-Jones the inaugural Steve Parkes Award for Excellence in Lifesaving Education. Mike Stanley-Jones spoke to the meeting regarding Steve's hard work at the Club which is still reaping the rewards from his vision and initiatives.

Warren Young presented Rob Dieters, Wilson Gamble, Mark Heffernan, Michael Luke, Geoff Searl, Nathan Wellings, Shaun Wolthers, Nick Wood, Tim Hixson and Warwick Willcoxson with their Long Service Awards. Chris informed these members that the Club pins will be presented at another time.

Roger Sayers presented a new award, Distinguished Service, to Wilson Gamble and to Mark Heffernan for extra hours put in over a sustained period of time. Roger spoke to the meeting regarding Wilson's and Mark's long involvement at the Club and their many awards achieved over the years.

10. Michael Burns, Chairman of the Life Members & Service Honours Awards Committee informed the meeting that Roland Luke proposed that Peter Carter be awarded Life Membership. It was moved by Roland Luke and seconded by Warren Young that Peter Carter be made a Life Member. Confirmed unanimously by the meeting.

Michael further informed the meeting that Louise Lindop proposed that Christine Hopton be awarded Life Membership. It was moved by Michael Byrnes and seconded by Louise Lindop that Christine Hopton be made a Life Member. Confirmed unanimously by the meeting.

11. Chris Hopton read the nominations for Office Bearers for the 2015/2016 season. Moved by Rob Hopton and seconded by Ken Davidson. Confirmed unanimously by the meeting. The Junior Activities Committee nominations for Office Bearers for the 2015/2015 season were presented. Moved by Louise Lindop and seconded by Darren Warrener. Confirmed unanimously by the meeting. Chris thanked Cath Boulton and Nathan Wellings for their efforts as they are both standing down this year.
12. It was moved by Christine Hopton and seconded by Warren Young that the ABSLSC affiliates with Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Inc. for the 2015/2016 season. Confirmed by the meeting.
13. There was no general business of an urgent nature.

Richard Cole thanked the meeting for his election as President and declared that it was a great honour. Richard thanked Chris for being an exceptional President and commented that the Club was lucky to have had her as President for so many years. Richard went through Chris's many achievements at the Club and the many and significant improvements Chris has made in her time as President. Richard said that Chris has left the Club with a legacy of optimism and a sense of momentum.

14. The meeting closed at 3.55pm.

Date of Next AGM July, 2016