



COOKS HILL

LIFE SAVING & SURF CLUB

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Venue: Cooks Hill Surf Club
Date: Sunday 7th August 2016
Time: 3.00pm
Type of Meeting: AGM
Attendance: See attendance sheets.

1. Welcome to official guests and visitors

Rhonda Scruton CEO of Hunter Branch

2. Apologies

Kurt Fearnley, Roy and Kay Duffy, Mike Rabbitt, Greg Silcock, Scott Bear, Jenny Hicks, Robert Young, Tony Stamp, John Wilson, John Reid, Gary Martine, Shaleigh Lennox, John and Bev Craig, Steven Davis, Robert Walker, Bruce Pinnock, Shane Joyce

3. Welcome by the President

A Minute Silence for those that have gone before us.

Reflection of the season – thankyou to all patrolling members, Drew and juniors, exec and committee members. Running the Club is becoming more difficult year after year.

Building of stage one of the Club redevelopment has commenced – thankyou to building committee. Also thankyou to finance committee (Trudy, Steve and Adrian) – huge effort in sectioning financials and budgets.

Changes – WWCC – everyone will need to apply.

Need people to join in the fundraising committee.

Jenny is on Maternity Leave. Mackenzie Smith is stepping up to fill in that role.

Shaleigh was inducted into the life membership of Hunter Branch – only the 3rd woman to be inducted.

A huge thankyou to John Wilson who is stepping down from the executive after a number of years but he will hopefully be filling a role as a committee member.

4. Attendee's

Total Attendee's – 55 people. See attendance sheets

5. Adoption of Minutes of the 104th Annual General Meeting

Moved that the Club adopt the 104th annual general meeting minutes

Moved: Brett Derwin



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Seconded: Jack Saunders

6. Adoption of 105th Annual Report and Financial Statement

No questions from the floor

Moved: Rod Harrison

Seconded Monique Williams

7. Election of Office Bearers 2016-17

Patrons	The Lord Mayor of Newcastle - Nuatali Nelmes
Co-Patrons	Roy Duffy Kay Duffy Mike Rabbitt Kurt Fearnley
Honorary Solicitor	CDG Law
Honorary Auditor	Prosperity Advisors
President	Richard Hermens
Deputy President	John Reid
Secretary	Adrian Miles
Assistant Secretary	Jenny Hicks
Treasurer	Trudy Smith
Assistant Treasurer	Steve Sims
Director of Lifesaving/Club Captain	Mark Doherty
Vice Club Captain	Mackenzie Smith
Junior Activities Coordinator	Drew Miller
Director of Education	Tony Blake
Director of Surf Sports	Monique Williams
Rookie & Cadet Officer	Jade Williams
Member Services Officer	John Mayo



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Boat Captain	Craig Doherty
IRB Services Officer	John Manning
Committee 1	Shaleigh Lennox
Committee 2	John Wilson
Committee 3	
Committee 4	

8. Fee Structure 2016-17

Nippers Fees	
New Nipper Membership	\$120.00
Renewing Members	\$100.00
Nipper Parent	\$100.00
Nipper Family (2 adults & 2 or more children)	\$400.00 max
New Nipper hat	\$15.00
Junior Carnival Competitor Fees	
Carnival Competitor Fee – Local	\$100.00
Out of area surf sport sanction Carnivals	\$150.00
Carnival Family Fees - 2 or more Children Maximum	\$200.00
Out of Area - Family Competitor Fees - 2 or more Children Maximum	\$300.00
Any family with Nippers qualifies for Family rates	
Senior Fees	
Active (15-18)	\$100.00
Active Patrolling (18+)	\$120.00
Associate Member	\$150.00
Family (4 or more family members)	\$400.00 max
Late Renewal Fee	
A late renewal fee will apply to all renewal fees paid after 1 October 2016 to recover administration costs	\$25.00
Gym Keys	



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Active Member	\$ 75.00
Associate Member	\$150.00

Adoption of the 2016-17 Membership Fees

Moved Melissa Dagg

Seconded John Mayo

9. Presentation of Australian Championship Gold Medallist Jackets

A new tradition was established last year in that if anyone won a gold medal at the Aussie Championships they would be presented with a Blazer.

This year it is awarded to Ethan Coates. Ethan made the finals for 2 events – Swim and Ironman. The Ironman was a very exciting race; he went into the second leg in 5th place but came out of the water at the end in first. This is the second time he has won this title – he has had back to back titles.

Monique announced that Ethan is moving to Redhead from next season but he is more than welcome back to Cooks Hill in the future.

10. Long Service Awards

Jack Saunders spoke about the difference between becoming a life member and receiving recognition for long service. There is also a long service award at a State level and at a National level but this award is just for our Club.

Congratulations to Shaleigh Lennox for all the hard work and effort she has put into compiling this information over the last 12 months.

The information is not complete as Shaleigh continues to sift through Surfguard to pull out all relevant information on other potential candidates.

The members who have gained long service are:

- Jeff Bower
- Tim Brown
- Adam Dagg
- Peter Dagg
- Ryan Davies
- Mark Doherty
- Vaughn Kenna
- John Mayo
- Adrian Miles
- Greg Silcock
- Mic O'Sullivan
- Jon Webber



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11. General Business

- **Rhonda Scruton – Hunter Branch CEO**

Rhonda praised the Club on another inspiring day full of wonderful volunteers doing amazing things for Surf Lifesaving. Rhonda shared some statistics from Branch; Triple Zero calls in the Hunter area before 9am and after 5pm that were tasked to Hunter Branch totalled 35 during the last season. The Branch performed 1,385 first aids, called the ambulance service 34 times, performed 28,015 preventative actions, undertook 1,007 assessments at seven central examination venues and presented 15,719 awards. There were 7,500 volunteers in our Branch. As for Cooks Hill, we performed 28 rescues, performed 838 preventative actions, watched over 88,643 people on the Beach, performed 312 First Aid cases, provided 10,002 volunteer hours by 1,416 members. Of these 838 are Junior members and we the members were presented with 144 Awards.

Rhonda then discussed how Cooks Hill performed as a Club at carnivals especially highlighting our fantastic effort at State where we performed well above expectations by coming third in the State. She also mentioned our wonderful results at the Aussie titles.

Rhonda praised our Anzac Day ceremony as well as our efforts in Raising of the Flags. She then discussed the progress of our Lease negotiations with Council. We are getting close to signing a 20 + 20 year lease. Branch is also trying to get a building and asset management agreement with Council coming in behind the lease. Henry apologises for not being here – he is at a Surf lifesaving function in Sydney.

- **Club Redevelopment – Brett Derwin**

Not much work has occurred since the official soil turning ceremony as we are looking into how to commence the drilling. We do not want to spend large amounts of money drilling for the foundations yet we also don't want to spend large sums of money on expensive consultant reports so the architects and builders are looking into our options. The expected project time for stage one is 6-8 months although it depends on the money we have. Currently we have enough for 4 walls and a roof but fit out will depend on future funds that are made available.

Richard mentioned that we have forms available at the bar if people are interested in donating to the building or if they know of people or businesses that might be interested.

- **Life Member Sub-committee position acceptance**

John Wilson is stepping down from his position on the Life Member Sub Committee so a vacancy has become available. Shaleigh Lennox has offered to take up that position if all in favour. There were no members present against this appointment.

12. Conclusion



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Richard thanked the members for working in with the general public during the meeting. Hopefully this will be the last year that this will occur as next year we should have our own space in the new building even if it is only a concrete floor and a roof.

13. Meeting Close

Meeting closed at 3.45pm