

Cooks Hill Surf Lifesaving Club Inc.

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Venue: Cooks Hill Surf Club
Date: Sunday 2nd August 2015
Time: 3.00pm
Type of Meeting: AGM
Attendance: See attendance sheets.

1. Welcome

Richard Hermens welcomed everyone to the 104th Annual General Meeting. He mentioned the following highlights of the year:

- Thank you to the Executive Committee, a lot of changes that have happened this season.
- Thank you to all the Volunteers. You are all the main reason for us being here.
- Another year fatality free.
- 15,000 volunteer hours this year.
- Two Hunter Junior Lifesavers of the Year, and NSW Junior Lifesaver of the year.
- We moved the War Memorial – finally thank you to Jack Saunders for coordinating
- Cooks Hill finished 8th in the State at NSW Championships – well done.
- A team went to Gallipoli 100, a very memorial event of the year.
- Functions - the restaurant is booked out till late 2016 which is having a great success.
- We have upgraded kitchen equipment to assist with functions making it more commercial
- Patrol rooms have been updated, repainted inside the club room, new ceiling in the ladies toilets.
- Dulux paint ad featuring the club, and paint for the life of the building.
- Building inclusive communities - Same Waves, assisted disabled swim program and implemented the Refugee & Immigrant Program.
- Looking forward into the next season. We are looking to redo our org structure to lessen the burden on the committee staff.
- Looking to move on the start of the new club building.

2. Welcome to official guests and visitors

Henry Scruton President of Hunter Branch & Rhonda Scruton CEO of Hunter Branch

3. Attendee's

Attendee's total was 63

4. Apologies

Mark Graham, David Knight, Greg Silcock, Tony Stand?, Robert Young, Ryan Davies, Toni Coburn, Rod Harrison, Abbey Clifford, John Ramsland, Steve Porter, Tim Brown and Vaughn Keena

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5. Adoption of Minutes of the 103rd Annual General Meeting

Moved that the adoption of the 103rd annual general meeting minutes.

Moved: Steve Sims
Seconded: Shane Joyce

6. Adoption of 104th Annual Report and Financial Statement

- Transitional year, committee made a conscious decision to make income stream more professional and clear.
- Employment of paid Function Manager, Bar Manager, Casual bar staff. Thank you to Jenny for all her help across the committee this year.
- Spent money on the commercial side, POS, kitchen, soft furnishing, patrol area. New equipment in the gym.
- Chock Anderson had a question to the Board – Have we considered paying Committee members a small amount? For the amount of work they undertake.
- Committee says no, it's not something they have considered.
- Stuart Bear, -well done to the President & Committee and moves that we adopt the Annual Report & Financial Statements.

Moved: Stuart Bear
Seconded Shane Joyce

7. Election of Office Bearers 2015-16

Patrons	The Lord Mayor of Newcastle - Nuatali Nelmes
Co-Patrons	Roy Duffy Kay Duffy Mike Rabbitt
Honorary Solicitor	Argiris Gianacas McDonald
Honorary Auditor	Prosperity Advisors
President	Richard Hermens
Deputy President	John Wilson
Secretary	Adrian Miles
Director of Lifesaving/Club Captain	Mark Doherty
Treasurer	Trudy Smith
Assistant Treasurer	Steve Sims
Director of Lifesaving/Club Captain	Mark Doherty

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Vice Club Captain	Mitch Hermens
Junior Activities Coordinator	Drew Miller
Director of Education	Tony Blake
Director of Surf Sports	Monique Williams
Rookie & Cadet Officer	Abby Clifford
Member Services Officer	John Mayo
Boat Captain	Craig Doherty
Committee 1	Angelo Sklavos
Committee 2	Jason Darney
Committee 3	Angus McConnel
Committee 4	Shaleigh Lennox

8. Fee Structure 2014-15

Nippers Fees	
New Nipper Membership	\$100.00
Renewing Members	\$ 80.00
Nipper Parent	\$ 80.00
Nipper Family	\$320.00 max
New Nipper hat	\$ 15.00
Junior Carnival Competitor Fees	
Carnival Competitor Fee – Local	\$ 80.00
Out of area surf sport sanction Carnivals	\$120.00
Carnival Family Fees - 2 or more Children Maximum	\$160.00
Out of Area - Family Competitor Fees - 2 or more Children Maximum	\$ 240.00
Any family with Nippers qualifies for Family rates	
Senior Fees	
Active (15-18)	\$ 80.00
Active Patrolling (18+)	\$100.00
Associate Member	\$120.00
Family	\$360.00 max
Late Renewal Fee	

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A late renewal fee will apply to all renewal fees paid after 1 October 2015 to recover administration costs	\$25.00
Gym Keys	
Active Member	\$ 75.00
Associate Member	\$150.00

Adoption of the 2015-16 Membership Fees

Moved Stuart Bear

Seconded Robert Driftwood

9. Presentation of Australian Championship Gold Medallist Jackets

- The Committee decided to acknowledge our Australian Champions. In 104 years and we've had 18 Australian Champions.
- Every Australian Champion will get a blazer and for multiple winners, they will get updated jackets.
- Congrats to Hamish Lorang, who won an Australian Title in 2012 for the U15 Beach Sprint and Ethan Coates who won the 2015 U14 Ironman
- Hamish would like to say thank you to the club and Wayne Whiteman for his assistance and help. It's his last year for a while for the club, as he's living in Sydney for Uni. Thank you to everyone, including his Age Managers for their support along the way.

10. General Business

Henry Scruton – Hunter Branch

It was a great season and congratulations to everyone from the Hunter Branch, both Surf Lifesavers & Junior Lifesavers of the Year. Well done on the Annual Report, great work. Great work also on the turnover of the bar, it's very impressive.

Carnivals are always great and your competitors are always well prepared.

Hunter Branch was breach free for the first time ever, a big thank you to all the lifesavers for their ongoing work and support. Keep doing what you're doing.

Chock Anderson

Same Waves, congrats, to Sue and the volunteers who do so much work. It brings tears to your eyes. People are falling over to help financially to help the program out. Assisted swim program also great work as is the Refugee & Immigrant Program. Congrats & well done to all.

Life Member Subcommittee Review

Executive Committee decided a review of the Life Committee should take place; the floor is now open for nominations. One must be a current committee member.

Nominations are:

- Jack Saunders, Stuart Bear, Brett Derwin, Terry Cosgrove, Ross Taylor and John Wilson

Congratulations to all.

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War Memorial Update

Jack Saunders provided a summary of the completion of the War Memorial move.

Thank you to Rhonda Scruton at Hunter Branch, she was instrumental over the years at helping us to gain grants to pay for the move.

Anyone who was at the Anzac Day Service, and standing at the Memorial should be proud to be a part of it. The nine fence posts represent the nine names on the memorial. The memorial is unique and we are the only club on the coastline with a memorial of our own on it.

Club Re-development

Funds under management currently sitting at \$870,000 committee meets once a month to discuss how it's going and what we are going to do with it. Keep it in cash for now. We decided against putting it in something of high risk. It's in a Term Deposit for a short-medium term.

Building project

- Confirmation of staging of the project, stage 1 will be to the north of the surf club, between club and beach inspection tower. Plans were stamped that way and council approved.
- Formal drawings are being prepared and so are the costings. From there we will know exactly where we will go and we're looking at the critical things, female amenities and storage etc.
- Start of the project. Current DA expires in August 2016, so we have to have started before the DA expires; if we don't start then we won't get approval again.
- Question from Chock Anderson - funding, have we applied for any grants etc.
- No not many grants/funding from Government or Council available at the moment but will continue to look for opportunities.

Club Logo Use

Had a couple of instances of the Club Logo being used without the club being aware of it. Any sponsorships or logo/sponsorship, must go through the Management Committee.

Ross Taylor

As a Trustee of Tea Garden Masonic Centre when mentioning the Same Waves Program to the Tea Gardens Masonic centre, they have decided to donate \$1,000 to the Same Waves Program.

Annual Report

John Mayo requested for an electronic version of the Annual Report be available on the website. It will be available in next two days.

11. Conclusion

Thank you to the outgoing committee. For those coming in thank you very much for putting up your hands.

Thank you to the sponsors and those who put up their hands to help the club, your support is invaluable.

12. Meeting Close

Meeting closed at 3.42pm.