



COOKS HILL

LIFE SAVING & SURF CLUB

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Venue: Cooks Hill Surf Club
Date: Sunday 6th August 2017
Time: 3.00pm
Type of Meeting: Annual General Meeting
Attendance: See attendance sheets.

1. Welcome to official guests and visitors

Welcome to our new space, and the first group into the space.
Welcome to Rhonda Scruton CEO & Henry Scruton President of Hunter Branch

2. Apologies

Greg Silcock, Kadisha Haynes, Mitch Hermens, Scott Bear, Robert Young Ryan Davies, Greg Pawley, Helene O'Neill, Shane Joyce, Drew Miller, Andrew Howard, Alicia & Mark Breasley

3. Welcome by the President.

CHLS&SC, engaged a chaplain to the club – Helene O'Neill, a role to support the club, a number of large sporting organisations have one. Her role is to support members rather than about promoting religion.

Thank you to the building committee – Ian Gray, Adrian Miles, Jon Webber, Trudy Smith, Marc Glanville, Andrew Howard, Rod Harrison, John Wilson, Steve Sims, John Reid, Brett Derwin, Richard Hermens for all their hard work over the last 12 months. This building would not be where it is today, without them.

Thank you to Adrian Miles, Trudy Smith and Steve Sims for the financials throughout the works on the building. They are doing a tremendous job of ensuring we are not overspending.

Thank you to our Grants team, who have been writing grants for the redevelopment. Angus McConnel, Jenny Hicks, David Knight, Steve & Deb Sims and Richard Hermens.

This year we have created an alliance with Mortgage Eliminators, who are a financial group. They help people to locate and build positively geared Investment properties along with helping you to pay off your mortgages faster. For everyone that signs a package with them and mentions Cooks Hill, we will receive a \$10,000 donation.

Thank you to John Reid for his role as Deputy President, he is the last Deputy President of Cooks Hill.

There is a new organisational structure to bring us in line with Hunter Branch & SLS NSW. It is designed to lessen the burden on a few by introducing new roles within sub committees. We have been accepting nominations for 2017-18 season for these new roles if anyone is interesting in helping move our Club forward.

4. Attendee's

Total Attendees: 47- See attendance sheets

5. Adoption of Minutes of the 105th Annual General Meeting

Moved that the Club adopt the 105th Annual General Meeting minutes.

Moved: Monique Williams

Seconded: Terry Cosgrove

6. Adoption of 106th Annual Report.

No questions from the floor.

Moved: Stuart Bear

Seconded Stephen Davies

7. Financial Reports.

The Auditors are nearing completion of their Audit – it should be completed in the coming week but unfortunately time has beaten them in having it ready for today's meeting. They have provided us with some Draft financials. Probably the most useful page is at the back - the Profit and loss report. Don't get too carried away with the \$500,000 profit as this includes grant monies received which have been spent on the redevelopment. Ignoring these grants the profit is closer to \$100,000.

Overall, we are doing better than last year. Bar trading is down as we had limited future bookings because of the uncertainty of the renovation works, but we should see that increase again going forward once the external construction of this building is complete.

Moved: Rod Harrison

Seconded Terry Cosgrove

8. Election of Office Bearers 2017-18

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
Honorary Chaplain	Helene O'Neill
President	Richard Hermens
Director of Facilities & Infrastructure	Angus McConnel
Director of Administration	Adrian Miles
Director of Finance	Trudy Smith
Director of Lifesaving	Mark Doherty
Director of Junior Activities	Drew Miller

Director of Education	Ros Sklavos
Director of Surf Sports	Monique Williams
Director of Member Services	John Mayo

9. Fee Structure 2017-18

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	\$20.00
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	
Active Member	\$ 75.00
Associate Member	\$150.00

Question was asked about whether this included the building levy from last year or not. Trudy Smith confirmed it does. A member asked if we should look to increase the levy by \$5 to assist with finalising the build. Trudy Smith advised while yes we could increase it, \$5/ member will not make a huge impact on what we need to complete the building as it currently stands. Agreed to leave the building levy at \$20 for the 2017-2018 year again.

Adoption of the 2017-18 Membership Fees

Moved Rod Harrison

Seconded Brett Derwin

John Anderson suggested we consider a social membership category. Trudy Smith noted that there is a large insurance cost associated with each membership so she will look into it and will report back. The suggestion is being put on notice.

10. General Business

10.1. Terry Lawler, Chairman of Life without Barriers (LWB).

Pleased to be here as a representative of LWB. I was a member of the club a long time ago. LWB has been very pleased to contribute \$150,000 towards the current redevelopment project to assist with providing disabled access to the lower levels (ramps and lift) and change facilities on the lower level. LWB are proud to be a Newcastle company, and while LWB haven't been around as long as Cooks Hill SLSC, we are proud to be associated with you in what you are doing.

We thank the club for having the internal culture that allows people with disabilities to have access to the beach.

We look forward to having a relationship with CHSLC into the future and wish you the very best.

10.2. Henry Scruton – President Hunter Branch

Congratulations from Henry on another great year. You are a financially stable club, which is always great to see. The Club is breach free again, and Hunter is the only branch (3rd year running) who is breach free.

Congratulations again to Mark Doherty for his Rescue of the month, which went on to win National Rescue of the Month.

You received the Platinum Club award which is a great effort.

Well done to Mark for running such a great patrol again last year.

This year we have a new Sponsor, McDonalds, who are supplying brand new uniforms free of charge.

Congratulations to John Anderson (Choc) for his OAM.

Congratulations and thank you and once again a very professionally presented Annual Report, well done to all who took part in putting it together.

10.3. John Mayo – Presentation to club from Belgium

John spoke in detail about "Big" Jim Antcliff, who was a foundation member of the Club and was killed 100 years ago on June 7th during the Battle of Messines in WW1 (he is remembered on the Club's War Memorial). John was approached by the historical society to put together a commemoration for his 100 year anniversary. This took place at Sandgate Cemetery in June.

In France & Belgium local families can adopt a headstone and make a lifelong commitment and contribution to look after it. A local family in Belgium has adopted Big Jim's grave and has been in constant contact with John via letters, facebook and Skype.

The Belgium Government have issued a commemorative medallion to commemorate the battle in which "Big Jim" lost his life. John presented the Club with one of these commemorative medals. He also received an email from a politician who was very grateful to us.

Over the next 3 months, 100 years ago, we lost three members and our Club was in great grief at that time, so I ask as you walk past our war memorial over the next few months please take the time to think and reflect of them.

10.4. Brett Derwin – Building Update

Brett had just been reflecting on what Richard said at the end of the AGM last year – "hopefully this time next year we'll be in our new space, even if it is a concrete floor and some walls".

Money spent and the actual building process has been managed extremely well. It has been a hard 12 months but we have achieved far more than we thought we would be able to afford when we set out in August last year.

The original aim and purpose of the new building was to have disabled & female change facilities. We have finally achieved this.

“Jockey” John Wilson has lived this build, day in and day out. His technical knowledge as a builder has been priceless and the builders (Mars Building) have been fantastic and Jockey has dedicated a lot of time and effort to the project, so a big thank you to him.

The new club will be open to members at 10am on Sunday 13th August for a walk through.

Conclusion

This year we lost two life members, Graham Dobson & Neil McPherson. Neil was the longest serving President of the club to date.

Congrats to Jenny & Monique for putting together the Annual Report. Thank you to Jenny for all her hard work this year once again.

11. Meeting Close

Meeting closed at 3.44pm