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Whale Beach SLSC
Annual Report 2023/2024



IN SAFE HANDS



NOTICE OF AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Whale Beach SLSC Incorporated will be held at the Whale Beach Surf Club commencing at 2:00pm Sunday 11th of August 2024.

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
- Confirmation of Minutes of 2022/2023 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 2024/25 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 2024/2025 Kevin Veale of Morgan Veale & Co Pty Ltd.
- Election of Officers and Committees for 2024/2025 Season
- Presentation of Association awards and trophies
- General Business



Download the PDF of our 2023/2024 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report from our website at www.whalebeachslsc.com/about/annual-reports/

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Honorary Patrons

Rory Amon
(Member for Pittwater)
Sue Heins
(Mayor, Northern Beaches Council)
Dr Sophie Scamps
(Member for Mackellar)

President

Kieran Gallagher

Treasurer / Public Officer

Andrew Darley

Honorary Secretary

Anthony Leonard

Immediate Past President

Andrew Pearce

Club Captain

Jack Lamrock

Vice President

Saskia Clarke

Chief Training Officers

Saskia Clarke

Sophie Wines

Ocean Swim Captains

Rob Berry

Richard Stewart

IRB and Power Equipment Captains

Cameron Cormio

Harry Millard

Gear Officer

Hamish Jones

Club Vice Captains

Saskia Clarke

Dylan Rees-Ewen

Competition Secretary

Brett Babicci

Marketing Officer

Steph Darley

Social Media Officer

Olivia Rees-Ewen

Digital Officer

Not appointed

Communications Officer

Carolina Darley

Property Officer

Brian Lamrock

House Captains

Olivia Rees-Ewen

Sophie Wood

Junior Activities Captain

Jack Lamrock

Social Secretary

Mel Love

Membership Officer

Laura Mears

Handicapper

Graeme Stewart

Boat Captain

Brett Babicci

Board and Ski Captain

Toby Milroy

Radio Officer

Reuben Hackett

First Aid Officers

Olivia Rees-Ewen

Sophie Wood

Sponsorships Officer

Not Appointed

Child Safe Coordinator

Kieran Gallagher

Occupational Health and Safety Officer

Not Appointed

Club Administrator

Nat O'Carroll

Delegate to Branch

Kieran Gallagher

Membership Protection Information Officers

Andrew Pearce

Sam Zagorski

Merchandise Officers

Darley Family

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

Jahliana Noersadi

Tom Sanderson

Auditor

Kevin Veale

Management Committee

Andrew Darley

Stephanie Darley

Kieran Gallagher

Brian Lamrock

Jack Lamrock

Anthony Leonard

Mel Love

Richard Stewart

Laura Mears

Hamish Jones

Andrew Pearce

Brett Babicci

Saskia Clarke

Executive Committee

Kieran Gallagher (Chair)

Andrew Darley

Jack Lamrock

Anthony Leonard

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

Saskia Clarke

Jack Lamrock

Andrew Pearce

Jon Pratten

Danny Ryan

Finance and Investment Committee

Andrew Darley (Chair)

Erica Mann

Jon Pratten

Property Committee

Brian Lamrock

Andrew Pearce

Olivia Rees-Ewen

Phillip Schmidt

Lifesaving Committee

Jack Lamrock (Chair)

Saskia Clarke

Cameron Cormio

Reuben Hackett

Hamish Jones

Harry Millard

Toby Milroy

Dylan Rees-Ewen

Olivia Rees-Ewen

Competition Committee

Brett Babicci

Jack Lamrock

Graeme Stewart

Education Committee

Saskia Clarke (Chair)

Cameron Cormio

Harry Millard

Sophie Wood

Ocean Swim Sub-Committee

Richard Stewart (Chair)

Rob Berry

Rob Burfitt-Williams

Saskia Clarke

Jack Lamrock

Administration Committee

Anthony Leonard (Chair)

Andrew Darley

Steph Darley

Mel Love

Nat O'Carroll

Entertainment Sub-Committee

Mel Love (Chair)

Saskia Clarke

Election Sub-Committee

Anthony Leonard (Chair)

Andrew Darley

Laura Mears

Junior Activities Committee

Jack Lamrock (Chair)

Saskia Clarke

Management Committee Property Club (PC)

Martin Armstrong

Rob Berry

Andrew Darley

Kieran Gallagher

Anthony Leonard

Jon Pratten

Andrew Pearce

Danny Ryan

Phillip Schmidt

Executive Committee (PC)

Not appointed

Annual Report Production Team

Steph Darley

Kieran Gallagher

Heather Noakes



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The Big Swim Sponsor



MACQUARIE BANK

The Little Big Swim Sponsor

McGrath

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 long-standing commitment to our Club and its pre-eminent ocean swim event, The Big Swim. This year, The Little Big Swim was sponsored by our local McGrath office and we are also very grateful for their support.

Surf Life Saving Australia

Major National Partners	National Partner	Major Government Partner
Ampol	BRP	Department of Health
DHL	National Sponsors	Government Partner
Isuzu	Dulux	Sports Australia
Westpac	Finz	
	Nutri Grain	

NSW State Partners	Sydney Northern Beaches Branch Sponsors	Surf Life Saving Australia
Your Local Club	Speedo	Beach Safety Equipment Fund
Ingenia Holiday Parks	URM	Surf Life Saving Services
Oakberry Acai	Westfield Warringah Mall	Club Lifesaving Equipment Grant
Sharkskin	Northern Beaches Council	
Midford	Dee Why RSL	Surf Life Saving NSW
Envirobank	International College of Management Sydney (ICMS)	Club Compliance Grant
NSW Government		

Whale Beach Supporters

Australian Lifeguard Services	Surf Life Saving NSW
Brown Bros Skip Bins	Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Branch
Can Too Foundation	Avalon Beach SLSC
Fresh Produce Group	Bilgola Beach SLSC
Knox Grammar School	Newport Beach SLSC
Surf Life Saving Australia	North Palm Beach SLSC
Surf Life Saving Foundation	Palm Beach SLSC

Member / Private Donors

Archer, John	Dauncey, Dr Helen	Mears, Laura
Armstrong, Martin	Enestrom, Ron	Moore, Helen
Balkin, David	Fausboll, Annette	Moore, Nicholas
Barthelmess, Jonathan	Fraser, Peter	Morgan, Simon
Beale, Family	Fryer, John	Nash, Janet
Berry, Rob	Gale, Eric	O'Brien, Paul
Blundell, Peter	Goldsmith, Augusta	Pearce, Andrew
Borean, Derick	Gole, Elizabeth	Rees-Ewen, Dylan
Bownes, Iain	Gray, Richard	Roth, Angus
Bracey, David	Hackett, Andrew	Ryan, Danny
Bradford, Drew	Hankins, Ashley	Schmidt, Phillip
Carnegie, Charles	Hansford, Richard	Shackley, Roy
Carney, Brian Hunter	Higgins, Floyd	Smink, Braydon
Chen, Helen	Laidlaw, Hilary	Stewart, Ian
Christie, Rosemary	Laurence, Michael	Stewart, Richard
Clubbies Prints (David Liston)	Lynch, Suzanne	The Rydge Foundation
Cooper, John	May, Simon	Warburton, John
Crisp, Danny	McGrath, John	Webster, Bryan
	McLellan, Matt	Wines Family Charitable Trust



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kieran Gallagher President

"Bubble, bubble, breathe"

Sure, it's an unusual theme for an annual report. And you may take the time to ask why.

When we teach children to swim, one of the mantras we use is these simple words. There is purpose and meaning behind them. They encourage awareness...and a smooth calm transition between one seemingly unconnected movement and another. When we focus on the most basic pieces of a sequence it leads us to the next logical step in the path. We focus on the flow. And not the individual elements.

I see a parallel in this and what we require moving forward in the operation of our Surf Club. The cohesion and seamless flow between the various aspects of club life, from the social aspects to the education team, from lifesaving operations to the gear team. We all rely on each other. To perform our individual roles. But equally to be mindful of the connections between all the other aspects that connect. And to simplify these connections. To focus in our unified direction of keeping people safe. To move forward. Together.

We all by now are familiar with the overarching proposition for our Club "You're 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 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 since we selected the "In Safe Hands" tagline we have attempted to align this enduring statement with something that we see as being seasonally relevant. We have journeyed 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". We embraced "Where there's a Whale...there's a way" as an invitation to be more creative in our endeavours, to be thinking laterally, to be adaptable and resilient, and to focus on our purpose.

'Bubble, bubble, breathe' was extended as an invitation to focus on simplicity and teamwork.

I am not sure we hit the high notes we could have in the last season though. Individuals shone bright. But the team, as a team, did not flourish. I choose not to dwell on the why, or the what's but merely to look forward and learn lessons from the past in order to avoid repeating them.

Pressure can create diamonds, but it can also create cracks. This year started out divisively with last years AGM arguments about whether members who had committed countless thousands of hours of thankless over and above service were worthy of being honoured with Life Membership. The lack of cohesion and gratitude that flowed from this seems to have permeated this season. And sadly, club culture. We burnt out some members, we burnt some bridges and we dragged our heels with a permeating feeling of a lack of gratitude. Learning in to build relationships via mutual understanding and respect, compassion and empathy and consideration were required. But we ended up confused as a group.

Some members dug really deeply to ensure our most critical



annual success measure was achieved - that no lives were lost at Whale. But there was a price we paid as a team for it.

My deep gratitude and appreciation are extended to members of the Executive of the club without whom we simply could not have accomplished the year that was. Jack Lamrock, as Club Captain has been simply exceptional. He has matured as a leader. He is truly committed to the safety and wellbeing of all of the lifesaving team and focused diligently on ensuring beachgoers are safe in this season and beyond. Andrew Darley, as Treasurer, has presented an innovative and contemporary approach to the financial management of the club. He is meticulous, trustworthy and diligent and has provided exceptional directional leadership ensuring that the club is future proofed and that the financial position of the club is healthier than it has ever been. Anthony Leonard, as Secretary, has supported the seamless administration of the clubs operation and without his wisdom and persistence the walls would have certainly wobbled. Anthony has provided an air of grace and leadership for the years he has supported my Presidency and I am forever grateful for his listening ear, his counsel and his hugs.

I extend this appreciation and admiration to all the members of the Management Committee. We are truly blessed with a team that dedicates countless hours, passion and skills into areas that are the threads in the tapestry of the functioning of the club they love. They do their jobs incredibly well. And incredibly thanklessly. Once a year I get to write down for the ages how much I am in awe of this team. But every time I think of Whaley these are the first people I think of who stump up and demonstrate the selflessness that I admire so much. If you see one. Hug one. Particularly Saskia. And Steph.

I would like to call out the trojan efforts of Club stalwarts Rich Stewart and Rob Berry in the delivery of this year's Big Swim. The 50th Anniversary of our iconic swim milestone demanded an extra bit of icing on the cake. The lads and their teams worked diligently to



deliver a truly memorable swim. It really is a massive exercise that does take a whole year and a massive team of volunteers to deliver. But it's part of our legacy and the lifeblood of the tradition of Whale. Participants are as proud of their "I did it" merchandise, as I am of both Rob and Rich and I can only offer a massive heartfelt and humble thank you. Their already solid presence of gilt on the honour board is now officially cemented in. Boys "You did it".

All our patrolling lifesavers should be recognised and acknowledged for their commitment, dedication, preparation and skills. I still see the same faces performing large chunks of over and above and late notice filling of the gaps when rostered patrols are not filled up by the scheduled lifesavers. My heartfelt thanks to one and all of our team who picked up additional and unrostered patrols. Some of them hundreds of hours over their rostered commitment!! You truly exhibit the community spirit that we know and love about our Whaley lifesavers. You know who you are. But also. It's you. Olivia, Jack, Steph, Aaron and Saskia have exceeded 200 patrol hours on the sand! You magnificent humans.. we need to clone y'all. Greg, Zander, Tom, Mirek, Sami, Jayden, Gussy W, Carolina, Elliot, Zee, Harry M, Winnie and Andy and Josh D cracked over an astounding 100 hours - in fact the whole Darley family cracked 100 hours each in addition to other duties. These 19 people made up a fair chunk of our patrol hours. We simply can't continue without spreading some of this load whilst celebrating the epic dedication of these individuals.

Particular thanks need to be extended to the Education team. These legends ensure that the training and preparation of our lifesavers is of the highest order. The

nature of Whale, without a nippers programme, and a tiny catchment of residents, is that we train a number of people every year via programmes like the Knox Bronzies and accelerated school holiday programmes, but we also lose a fair portion due to the stages of life that we actually prepare people for, like going to uni and gaining full time employment. Carrying this load is a time consuming weight for even a supremely capable team like ours and sometimes these tasks need dividing to conquer. Education team leader Sophie Wines performed a terrific job kicking off the season leading courses and proficiencies as Chief Training officer and as she focused on her studies mid-season, the team of Saskia and Olivia and Jac and Cam and Maddie stepped up and brought the training season home with a bang. I thank the whole team for their dedication to this noble cause.


A spotlight of thanks behind the scenes also needs to be extended to our Member Protection Officers. The MPIOs are in a truly tricky role, carrying emotional weight as the wise mums and dads of the club. They are tasked with managing instances of antisocial behaviors, interpersonal issues and ensuring alignment and an attitude of gratitude prevails. I would like to acknowledge both Andrew Pearce and Sam Zagorski for their wisdom and contribution in navigating the stormy seas. Their empathy will be deeply missed as they have both moved on this year.

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.

On behalf of a grateful club, thank you all for your service. I introduce to you a challenge for next season. To live lighter. To have more fun. To celebrate others. To know we are truly blessed.

And to know that "It's Better to be Wetter...at Whale"

KEY METRICS

-  **MEMBER PARTICIPATION**
- 50.31 HOURS AVERAGE PER PATROLLING MEMBER (+0.1%)**
- 151 LIFESAVING AWARDS GAINED (+12%)**
- 477 TOTAL MEMBERS (+1%)**
- 156 PATROLLING MEMBERS (+2%)**
- 134 NEW MEMBERS (-9%)**
- 7,848 HOURS PATROLLED THIS SEASON (+2%)**
-  **SAFETY OUTCOMES**
- *706 PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS (+881%)**
- *37 FIRST AID TREATMENTS (-29%)**
- *17 RESCUES (+55%)**
-  **FINANCIAL HEALTH OF CLUB**
- \$849,693 EXTERNAL INCOME (+52%)**
- \$826,484 EXPENSES (+80%)**

*Data is unreliable due to inconsistent adoption by patrol teams of the digital technology replacing paper based logbooks.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Anthony Leonard
Honorary Secretary

Congratulations to all who have made the 2023/24 season a successful and enjoyable one!

In addition to our wonderful and dedicated lifesavers, I would like to express my gratitude to all who have helped our Club succeed this year. There are those that have helped in the gear shed. There are those that have helped with numerous first aid cases. There are those that provide countless hours in the preparation, planning and execution of our great annual event, The Big Swim with this year marking the 50th Anniversary! There are those that have provided hours in the management and administration of the club. The members of the committees have contributed much to help the Club steer through many issues this year. And of course, there are the Lifesavers. With no lives lost again this year, we are a very fortunate beach. Our slice of heaven continues to be 'In Safe Hands'.

To recognise the efforts of those that volunteer 'over and above' the Management Committee

is pleased to sponsor free membership for this coming season for those who patrolled over 50 hours over the past season.

The Club continues to be in a strong position, financially. Maintenance of our main asset, the Club House perseveres. And the Property Club and its Committee ensures the Club House evolves and supports the Club and its activities.

Going forward, I would like to see a continued focus on member attraction and retention. We have started some great campaigns. With new signage and 'QR' codes to help attract participation in the training courses that we sponsor, there is momentum building. I thank those that have pulled these together and look forward to further initiatives and efforts.

I would like to thank my fellow Executive members for their efforts during the year. Kieran has been a wonderful leader, dealing with a multitude of issues, many of which do not concern our main focus of being a Lifesaving Club.

Andrew Darley has provided strong financial stewardship and continues to present ideas on how we can improve the Club and its offering. Jack has been a stalwart of Lifesaving. His efforts have been colossal. Thank you to Jack, for his magnificent season.

I would also like to thank all those that participated in the Management Committee. It is no small feat for an individual to stand up and get involved. Each member of the Management Committee has contributed and grown in their roles. Thank you all!

While we are a Lifesaving club, first and foremost, there is so much more to keep the Club going! Thank you to all our stakeholders. Our Patrons volunteer their time and attend many of our functions while providing invaluable support when we need it! Thank you to our sponsors. And thank you to all members who make the Club more than just a place to manage the beach, and more of a place where the local community can be involved.

TOTAL MEMBERS BY CATEGORY

Category	2023/2024 Total Members	Male Members	Female Members	2022/23 Total Members	Change Versus 2022/23
Life Member	15	15	0	17	-2
Reserve Active	17	16	1	19	-2
Active Senior (18 years and over)	101	75	26	101	0
Active Junior (15 to 18 years)	58	37	21	81	-23
Cadet (13 to 15 years)	11	2	9	16	-5
Long Service	39	35	4	28	+11
Award	12	1	11	4	+8
Past Active	5	3	2	5	0
Honorary	3	2	1	4	-1
Associate	146	89	57	200	-54
Probationary	14	11	3	0	+14
Junior Activity Member (5 to 13 years)	1	1	0	8	-7
Community Member	55	27	28	0	+55
Total	477	314	163	483	-6



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, 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.
- e. To organise and conduct 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

Season 2023/24 commenced in the shadow of a difficult and disappointing AGM. Engagement was low and frustrations were high. However, in true Whaley fashion, once the flags went up, the grandstanding evident at the AGM was quickly put in the rear-vision mirror, and focus returned to our core purpose of saving lives as the dedicated group of heroes that patrol Whale Beach went about doing what we love, with the people we love in a location we love. A heartfelt thank you to all who served on our sand this season.

Financially, season 2023/24 was another very good year. Our full year income was ~\$850K with primary sources being Food, Beverage & Merchandise (Deck Café) (\$513K), surf club functions (\$110K), donations (\$82K), membership subscriptions (\$79K), sponsorships (\$37K) and grants & subsidies (\$29K). Full year expenses totalled ~\$826K with major expense categories being Food, Beverage & Merchandise (\$450K), surf club functions (\$130K), repairs and maintenance (\$93K), administration (\$54K), donations to Property Club (\$52K) and depreciation (\$47K).

With the support of SLSA's Beach Safety Equipment Fund, augmented with profits from our beloved Deck Cafe, this season we replaced our ageing fleet of Bennett Rescue Boards, purchased a third Zodiac IRB and two additional Mercury motors, paid the deposit for a Thundercat IRB (due 2025), replaced all IRB fuel cells, purchased a fuel storage cabinet and installed defibrillators on the clubhouse - underpinning our operational capability for the decade ahead. Thanks to generous donations from Erica Mann, Gary Zamel & Martin Armstrong, we also took delivery of our new surf boat - the 'Bill Phillips' - and returned WBSLSC to competition rowing with two teams - the Moby Dicks and Moby Chicks. Finally, as the season closed, we invested in a fleet of Kracka Racing Boards and additional gym equipment in support of the committed group of young members seeking to return WBSLSC to competition ranks at branch, state and national carnivals. While they continue to train and represent WBSLSC, they do so with the full support and gratitude of the club behind them.

The greatest challenge for any surf club is recruiting and retaining members to patrol. To reduce barriers to volunteering, and to acknowledge participation, this season we (i) waived membership fees for returning members (with >50 hours service in 2022/23) reducing member costs by ~\$6K, and (ii) funded meals for patrols reducing member out of pocket expenses by ~\$15K. We were delighted by how well these initiatives were received and are pleased to confirm that they will be fully funded again in season 2024/25.

With respect to the year ahead, management has recently learned that multiple conditions of the 1995 Development Application for the renovation of our clubhouse at 227 Whale Beach Road were not adequately addressed at that time. Consequently, Northern Beaches Council has queried the compliance of the Moby's tenancy & the Deck Cafe and cast some uncertainty over their ongoing capacity to provide fundraising income streams for our charities. At the time of writing this annual report, the Officers of the associations have commissioned an urban planner to advise management on licensing and compliance requirements in the hope of confirming council's approval to continue cafe operations in their current form.

Finally, as Treasurer, I cannot overstate the impact of donations, subscriptions and grants on club finances. My sincerest thanks to all members, friends and private donors who support the club in this manner, increasing donations by 60% YoY (to \$82K) and subscriptions by 43% YoY (to \$79K). Sincere thanks also to Macquarie Bank for their generous sponsorship of our 50th anniversary Big Swim, to SLSS for their support of the Club Lifesaving Equipment Grant and to SLSNSW for their support of the Compliance Grant received as acknowledgement of our exemplary governance standards. It is with great pleasure that I submit this year's audited financial statements and report a final net profit of \$23K after making a \$52K donation to the Whale Beach Property Surf Life Saving Club.

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-for Profits 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 SLSNSW 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

29 June 2024

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 April 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	10,109	43,532
Trade and other receivables	-	-
Inventories	22,915	47,094
Total current assets	33,024	90,626
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	149,334	99,761
Total non-current assets	149,334	99,761
Total assets	182,358	190,387
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	11,185	42,423
Other liabilities	12,841	12,841
Total current liabilities	24,026	55,264
Total liabilities	24,026	55,264
Net assets	158,332	135,123
EQUITY		
Retained earnings	158,332	135,123
Total equity	158,332	135,123

Profit and Loss Account

For the Year Ended 30 April 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Member subscriptions	78,645	54,988
Donations and bequests (other)	82,080	51,357
Sponsorships	36,667	56,667
Competitions & carnivals (incl. The Big Swim)	67,703	53,642
Surf Club functions	37,713	33,734
Food & beverage	488,451	253,820
Merchandise	24,938	12,676
Miscellaneous income	3,819	614
Interest received	893	129
Revenue from government - grants	8,670	23,766
Other grants	20,114	16,870
Profits on sales of fixed assets	-	-
Total income	849,693	558,263
LESS: EXPENSES		
SLS State and Branch fees	14,273	13,600
Uniforms and apparel not for resale	9,797	5,092
Training	4,413	5,321
Competitions & carnivals (incl. The Big Swim)	20,057	22,995
Printing, photography, media	23,056	20,298
Depreciation	46,725	25,645
Repairs and maintenance	93,213	48,114
Surf Club functions	71,323	35,651
Trophies, prizes and tributes	1,375	8,111
Food & beverage	420,247	222,437
Merchandise	30,053	10,401
Utilities	5,891	3,318
Miscellaneous expenses	169	2,245
Donations to WB Property Club	51,601	-
Bank charges	11,531	6,056
Office expenses	3,860	3,229
Postage & freight	2,617	545
Administration & management fees	946	570
Auditor's remuneration - audit	5,000	4,500
Wages and salaries	9,320	18,540
Superannuation	1,017	1,929
Total expenses	826,484	458,597
Profit before income tax	23,209	99,666



CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Jack Lamrock
Club Captain

As we reflect on another season of waves, sunsets, and steadfast dedication, I am honoured to be the Club Captain of the Whale Beach Surf Life Saving Club. With each passing year, our club's commitment to safety, camaraderie, and excellence grows stronger, thanks to the unwavering dedication of our greater members but most notably from the front lines of the collective efforts of all our Patrolling volunteers.

Throughout the season, the members of our club have demonstrated unparalleled dedication and service, tirelessly patrolling our shore to ensure the safety of all beachgoers. In total, our members collectively contributed over 7848 hours of patrol, exemplifying their commitment to safeguarding our community. This dedication resulted in the implementation of 706 preventive measures, highlighting our proactive approach to beach safety. Additionally, our members conducted 17 rescues, bravely navigating turbulent waters to rescue those in need. These statistics not only underscore the tireless efforts of our members but also reflect the profound impact of their service on the safety of our beach.

Behind the scenes, the Lifesaving Committee has played a pivotal role in propelling our club forward. Their leadership has been instrumental in implementing significant upgrades to our gear and policies, ensuring that we remain at the forefront of lifesaving technology and practices. By fostering innovation and efficiency, they have not only enhanced our operations but also reinforced our commitment to excellence in our lifesaving endeavours.

The committee's dedication is evident in various facets of our operations. From the introduction of new working equipment to the hosting of state facilitated training programs, their efforts have bolstered our capabilities and prepared us to face the challenges of the future with confidence. Their proactive approach to improvement has undoubtedly set the stage for continued success and growth within our club.

Looking back on another successful season, I am filled with gratitude for the dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment of our life saving members. Together, we have not only upheld the proud traditions of the Whale Beach Surf Life Saving Club but have adhered to the targets and goals set out in our service agreement to the best of our ability. As we continue to navigate the waters ahead, let us do so with the same spirit of camaraderie, dedication, and service that defines our club. Here's to another season of making waves and saving lives.

In conclusion, the Whale Beach Surf Life Saving Club has once again demonstrated its commitment to excellence in life-saving. Through the dedication of our members and the leadership of our life-saving committee, we have continued to uphold the highest standards of safety and service. As we look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, let us do so with the knowledge that together, we can accomplish anything. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to another successful season, and here's to many more years of saving lives and making a difference in our community.

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.

Lara Boyle
Jeffrey Cullis
Aaron Hendrikson
Alexander Hromas
Brian Lamrock
James Rowlinson
Graeme Stewart
Evan Webster

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.

Olivia Rees-Ewen

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.

Sami Darley

Outstanding Service Award

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

Brett Babicci
Alexander Barkworth
Alexander Benson
Iain Bownes
Lara Boyle
Charles Carnegie
John Cooper
Jeffrey Cullis
Steph Darley
Christina De Leeuw
Kieran Gallagher
Will Gibson
Andrew Hackett
Juliette Hackett
Reuben Hackett
Gregory Hannaford
Aaron Hendrikson
Floyd Higgins
Alexander Hromas
Hamish Jones
Eleanor Keft
Charlie Kellaway
Brian Lamrock
Anthony Leonard
Loretta Leonard
Richard Leonard
John Lewin
Angus Love
Eloise Love
Laura Mears
Harry Millard
Ami Naito
Jacqueline Rees
Dylan Rees-Ewen
Olivia Rees-Ewen
Sydney Robertson
Nicholas Rogers
James Rowlinson
Thomas Sanderson
David Stenning
Graeme Stewart

Adam Treharne
Samuel Wallis
Angus Wines
Sophie Wines
Evan Webster
Winston Xu
Madeline Zagorski

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.

Alexander Barkworth

Aaron Chant
Saskia Clarke
Mirek Craney
Andrew Darley
Carolina Darley
Joshua Darley
Sami Darley
Steph Darley
Elliott Gordon
Gregory Hannaford
Jack Lamrock
Harry Millard
Olivia Rees-Ewen
Tom Sanderson
Angus Wines
Ziarne Wyatt
Winston Xu
Jayden Yiu

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. Sami Darley
Patrol 2. Zac Abbas
Patrol 3. Gregory Hannaford
Patrol 4. Carolina Darley
Patrol 5. Winston Xu
Patrol 6. Samuel Wallis
Patrol 7. Elliott Gordon
Patrol 8. Mirek Craney

Contribution to Education

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

Eloise Love
Madeline Zagorski

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.

Jack Lamrock

Outstanding New Member

Aaron Chant

Patrol of the Year

Patrol 7

Alexander Barkworth
Tully Black
Joe Boaler
Helena Che
Steph Darley
Elliott Gordon
Natasha Hodgkinson
Eloise Love
Jahliana Noersadi
Olivia Rees-Ewen
Emily Rothery
Saskia Clarke
Sophie Wood
Thomas Sanderson
Madeline Zagorski

Upside Down Duck Award

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

Steph Darley

Volunteer of the Year

Acknowledges over and above effort supporting the functions of the Surf Club.

Carolina Darley

Patrolling Hours Achievement Award

This award recognises members who have put numerous hours over their time at Whale Beach SLSC.

Over 500 Patrolling Hours

Iain Bownes
Edward Connolly
Cameron Cormio
Jeffrey Cullis
Rachel Dreyfus
Kieran Gallagher
James Gellert
Aaron Hendrikson
Christopher Hendrikson
Floyd Higgins
Alexander Hromas
Eleanor Keft
John Lewin
John Lewis
Ami Naito
Jonathon Pratten
Dylan Rees-Ewen
Olivia Rees-Ewen
Daniel Ryan
David Stenning
Graeme Stewart
Richard Stewart
Evan Webster
Sophie Wines

Over 750 Patrolling Hours

Lara Boyle
Alexander Burchett
Nicholas Cooper
Steph Darley
John Fielder
Jack Lamrock
James Rowlinson
Harry Smith
Philip Schmidt

Over 1000 Patrolling Hours

Robert Burfitt-Williams
Saskia Clarke
Lindsay Kershaw
Peter Myers
Andrew Pearce



THE BIG SWIM AND THE LITTLE BIG SWIM



THE BIG SWIM AND THE LITTLE BIG SWIM

Richard Stewart
Race Director

The 50th Palm Beach to Whale Beach Swim is a milestone in our club's history.

Going back to 1974 and the 48 who followed Club Captain Bob Lynch's challenge, to now, for half a century club members have organised one of this country's premier community sporting events.

Whale Beach SLSC laid the foundations of the sport of ocean swimming. Resulting in an unrivaled growth rate as many other surf life saving clubs followed. A proud achievement.

On January 28 this year it was a privilege to welcome 3 of the 48 members who swam in 1974.

The saying "history has a habit of repeating", was found true this year on January 28. In 1974 48 members lined up at Palm Beach for the inaugural swim. The day was cloudy and a strong south easterly wind blowing as we set off. Rounding the south point at Palm Beach we were met by a strong southerly chop and current which convinced some members to declare at the Whale Beach finish to Bob, "that's two swims, my first and my last."

There were 1405 swimmers in the 2.7k swim this year.

On turning south at the Palm Beach point swimmers were greeted with that same strong south easterly in the face and a strong current experienced in 1974. Resulting in slower times for most swimmers. in the 2.7k swim.

Macquarie Bank, our major sponsor has sponsored the swim 23 times.

Thank you, Macquarie Bank for both underpinning the finances and for the faith expressed in our club's ability to honour your generous long-term commitment.

There were 242 entrants in the 1k Little Big Swim (LBS). Sponsored by McGrath Real Estate Avalon Beach. Conditions for the LBS were perfect for the first-timers introduction to ocean swimming.

The swim is a major fund raiser for our club. My calculation reports a net income of \$63,260.

Our club is privileged to have generous sponsors and supporters.

All were acknowledged with personalised letter of thanks and Certificate of Appreciation.

Thank you:

- Water safety leaders - Saskia Clarke and Jack Lamrock.
- Chief Marshal - Dr Bob Wines and his lovely wife Barbara Wines.
- Beach set up Managers - Rob Burfitt-Williams and Charlie Kellaway.
- Neighbouring Clubs and every one of our active lifesavers on the beaches and in the sea.
- VIP guests - Federal Member for MacKellar Doctor Sophie Scamps, State Member for Pittwater MP Rory Amon and Mayor of Northern Beaches Council Cr. Sue Heins.
- And co- organiser Rob Berry.

The success is indeed a tribute to all who gave so generously and contributed freely to an enjoyable, efficient and safe event.





COMPETITION REPORT

Brett Babicci
Competition Secretary

Sunday Events

This season's Sunday Events program flourished, starting sharply at 11am most weeks. A controversial minimum prerequisite of six competition Sundays to be eligible for the club championships contributed to a successful season. The Sunday Events to me is a fantastic social tradition at the club and a wonderful gateway to build the confidence and skills required to; 1. be a better lifesaver 2. have the opportunity to wear the famous 'brown ears' or club cap with pride and represent Whale Beach in competition.

The events peaked on 21st January, just before The Big Swim, with record swim numbers of 29. There was intense competition between Olivia Rees-Ewen and Steph Darley in the women's division, and Graeme Stewart and Jon Pratten in the veterans' division. Thanks to everyone who participated each week.

Club Championships – Sunday 10th March

The Whale Beach Club Championships on 10th March was a great day, with hot conditions, a light breeze, and challenging waves. Competitors in each division vied for the title of Ironman or Ironwoman champion of 2024. Congratulations to the winners:

Men: Dylan Rees-Ewen

Women: Olivia Rees-Ewen

Cadets: Charlie Lenehan, Bailey Babicci

Juniors: Jayden Yiu/Angus Wines, Natasha Hodgkinson/Ziarne Wyatt

Masters: Jeff Cullis

Veterans: Greg Hannaford

Thanks to everyone, including patrolling members, for making the day a success.

Inaugural Babicci Trophy Black Rock Ski Race

On 25th February, we revived an old event in excellent beach conditions, the race

brought back memories of past competitions. Congratulations to the trophy winners:

Open Male: Harry Millard

Open Female: Steph Darley

Junior: Sam Wallis

The Noel Greenfield Point to Point Swim

There is nothing more satisfying than testing your skills by jumping off the north rocks into the face of a set wave and swimming in at the bogey hole to claim victory. This prestigious event this year was won by Alex Rowntree.

Boats, Branch, State, and Aussies Competition

Near and dear to my heart is the thrill of adorning the sky-blue cap with a yellow stripe and the famous brown ears, putting all that training on the line, listening for the call "Gun's Up" competing against your mates from other clubs until the sweep yells "stop rowing" only once the boat is up the sand.

My personal congratulations to everyone who competed in something this year.

The Moby Dicks boys, in their first season rowing finally became men competing to achieve great overall results of 5th and 8th respectively in the U23 and Reserve Men's division in the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch Premiership. They went to most carnivals including travelling to Coffs Harbour and Lorne.

The Moby Chicks crew overcame adversity to proudly line up for their first carnival at Collaroy and enthusiastically keeping it together at Newport.

Also, a huge congratulations to Natasha Hodgkinson, Joe Boaler, Toby Milroy, Zi Wyatt, Dylan Rees-Ewen, Jayden Yu and Angus Wines for competing in beach and ocean Branch championships, you have all done your club extremely proud!

Remember anyone wishing to stay warm on those chilly winter weekends and jump in the surf boat on Pittwater, don't hesitate to reach out to Babs on 0410 669 511.





WOMEN OF WHALE Olivia Rees-Ewen Position

This year marked significant growth and activity for the Women of Whale, highlighted by enthusiastic participation across our community and several key events aimed at fostering inclusion and skill development among women in the club.

Our efforts began with a comprehensive survey targeting both active and non-active members to identify areas needing attention for better inclusion, retention, and participation. Insights from this survey informed our initiatives, leading to enhanced training programs, increased leadership opportunities, more social gatherings, and improved club facilities.

The season's social events included an informal gathering at the clubhouse, which beautifully displayed the diversity within our club—from the newest SRC members to seasoned life savers and non-active supporters. This event set a positive tone for the season, emphasizing

community and support among the women of Whale.

Another highlight was the PINK ZINC Patrol, attended by many of our active patrolling women, who engaged in a variety of water safety activities and leadership workshops. This event underscored the vibrant future of our club, with many young women eager to advance their skills and take on leadership roles. Significant strides have also been made in training, particularly in board skills.

The season culminated with the Women of Whale dinner at Dunes, a delightful evening that not only celebrated our achievements but also raised funds through a silent auction and raffle to support ongoing training and participation initiatives.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue supporting our women with more training opportunities, a new mentoring program, and additional social events to further enrich the engagement and enjoyment within our club.





EDUCATION AND TRAINING REPORT

Saskia Clarke
Interim Chief Training Office

What a remarkable year it has been for our Education team!

Over the 2023/2024 season, our trainers have worked diligently and efficiently to ensure that our members were ready for anything! We welcomed many new members to the Whale Beach family and are looking forward to a busy next season.

This season, we expanded our Whale Beach training team with the addition of Sami Darley, Hamish Jones, and Olivia Rees-Ewen as probationary trainers, and Jacqueline Rees as our Education Administrator. Our qualified team also added two more, with Cameron Cormio and Madeline Zagorski gaining their Training Officers (Bronze Medallion). Over the year, we have bolstered our team to continue to train as much as we can, and we are all so excited for the future of Education at Whale Beach.

We started the season with our annual skills maintenance, carrying out 153 Bronze Medallion proficiencies to ensure our active members were ready to patrol! We also underwent 78 Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) and 55 Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART) proficiencies, to make Whale Beach as safe as can be!

This season, we welcomed 37 new Bronze members and 10 Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) members across two accelerated courses and from Knox Grammar School's SLS program. We welcome new members with open arms, and each new member brings a new perspective to an already diverse surf club. A whole host of members continued along the education path, with many gaining at least two additional awards this season. Special mention to Aaron

Chant, who gained his Bronze in October 2023 and has since done an additional three awards and is training for his IRB Drivers currently.

This season has also seen a renewed vigour with our dry skill awards, with 61 members gaining their First Aid and 17 gaining their ART! In addition, IRB introduced 6 new drivers and 4 new crew this season! Special thanks goes to Lindsay Kershaw for organising the IRB courses and continuing to go the extra mile to ensure our boat operators are at their best! Our club was also very excited to be the location of the Australian Lifesaving Boat Emergency Rescue Training (ALBERT) course in May, resulting in 8 of our IRB operators undertaking training to develop their on-water skills even further.

With the season wrapping up, it is time to pay thanks to all of our training team who have worked hard to ensure that Whale Beach is a pinnacle of education. Lara Boyle, Cameron Cormio, Sami Darley, Hamish Jones, Eloise Love, Olivia Rees-Ewen, Sophie Wood and Madeline Zagorski have all worked to ensure that Whale Beach SLSC can be a comfortable and safe environment for all to learn in; with the assistance of Floyd Higgins and James Simmonds as experts to support them.

Finally, a very special thank you goes to Sophie Wines. She has worked tirelessly and thanklessly over the last 2 seasons to ensure that education at WBSLSC is at the highest standard. To Sophie, we give our thanks for all of your work and congratulate you on an amazing job as Chief Training Officer.

Wrapping up, this season has been amazing for education and we want to continue this season's attitude of up-skilling across all areas of operations next season! We eagerly look forward to expanding our education team and we are looking forward to everything that the 2024/25 season brings!



GEAR AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

Hamish Jones
Gear Officer

The 2023/24 season was an exciting one for the Whale Beach SLSC Gear Team, with our focus being centred on continuous improvement and streamlining the storage & organisation in our boat sheds.

Cameron Cormio and Harry Millard have led the IRB team this season, ensuring all our motors and IRB hulls are compliant and running smoothly. With the help of Andrew Darley, we have purchased a new Zodiac Milpro IRB hull, as well as two new 25hp Mercury outboard motors. These motors are currently being run in and will be a valuable addition to our fleet for the start of the 2024/25 season. In addition to this, we have placed an order for a Thundercat IRB hull, which we should receive within the next two years.

Toby Milroy has been in charge of our boards & surf skis this year. With over 34 rescue boards, 22 race boards and 8 surf skis, this is no small task. Thanks to the Beach Safety Equipment Fund Grant, we were able to purchase 8 new Bennett Soft Rescue Boards. We have also purchased 7 new race boards from Bennett, and 7 from Kracka. These have already been

put to use in furthering Whale Beach SLSC's competition capability at both branch and state championships.

Olivia Rees-Ewen and Sophie Wood have been our First Aid Officers, and have ensured that the first aid room, first aid kits, oxygen resuscitation kits and defibrillators have been kept stocked and clean.

We have worked with Northern Beaches Council this season to increase publicly accessible rescue equipment at Whale Beach. In addition to the existing rescue tubes at 3 locations, we now have a rescue board permanently positioned towards the northern end of the beach, and hope to soon have one at the southern end as well. We have also installed a publicly accessible defibrillator out the front of the surf club.

With the 2023/24 season over, we now turn our focus to the 2024/25 season. I would like to extend a massive thank you to everyone who has contributed to helping look after Whale Beach SLSC's gear & equipment. As our website says, "running a surf club takes a village", and we couldn't do it without you.



IRB AND POWER EQUIPMENT REPORT

Cameron Cormio / Harry Millard
IRB and Power Equipment Captains

This season has been a massive learning curve for Harry and myself filling our new roles as IRB Co-Captains at Whaley. Over this season we have purchased two new engines and one new hull to replace old equipment and ensure prompt rescue times in the event of an emergency. We would like to thank the Lifesaving and Management Committees for their support and financial assistance with securing our new equipment.

IRB Education has been successful with two combined crew and driver courses being held this season. We would like to thank the IRB trainers Lindsay Kershaw, Greg Hannaford and Harry Millard for the time they put towards these courses. We would also like to congratulate Greg on attaining his IRB trainer's qualification again after many years.

The Lifesaving Committee was also successful with their bid to host the Northern Beaches ALBERT course for 2024. This is an intensive training course designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of our IRB crew and drivers. By hosting this course, it created more opportunity for Whaley members to enrol and to upskill in

Whaley surf which is known for its tough conditions. We are confident that the skills learnt at this course will be shared with other IRB crew and drivers in the coming season.

We would like to also thank all drivers and crew that helped this season with water safety shifts. Whether it was at the Big Swim or one of the neighbouring Ocean Swims which Whaley lends assistance to, Avalon, Bilgola, Newport, and Mona Vale. These swims are a great way to learn new skills, navigate unfamiliar surf and for clubs to work together within surf lifesaving.

For anyone interested in IRBs, whether gaining an award, learning to train courses or just learning engine maintenance please don't hesitate to reach out.

Finally we would like to acknowledge and publicly thank Lindsay Kershaw for his contribution to IRB training over the seasons. Lindsay and his partner, Saskia have recently moved overseas and we will greatly miss them at Whaley but know our IRB crew and drivers are stronger because of his contributions.





ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Mel Love
Social Secretary

The 2023/24 season at Whale Beach SLSC commenced with an inclusive introduction, featuring wood fired pizza for all attending proficiencies, setting a welcoming tone for the upcoming season. This gesture not only nourished our members but also symbolized the spirit of togetherness and camaraderie that defines our club.

As the season progressed, our Christmas celebration on the deck brought joy to the community, with festive pizzas served alongside live music, creating a memorable experience for all who attended.

Neighbour's Night continued its tradition of fostering connections between the community and the club, with a delightful evening of paella, live south American music and dancing. This annual event saw over 180 members of the Whale Beach community and beyond come together and enjoy a night full of fun.

Monthly Drinks held on the last Saturday of the month are a highlight for the members and the local community. Thanks to Tess and Richard who served the drinks and the Boathouse for the delicious nibbles we enjoyed.

A highpoint of the season were our Women of Whale events, celebrating and empowering the women within our community. The Women of Whale dinner in February was attended by 100 members, including current female lifesavers, marking another successful year of honoring the contributions of women to our club and community. We extend our gratitude to Olivia Rees-Ewen and Kaz Naito for their dedication in organizing this impactful event.

Our disco themed Awards Night turned out to be quite the extravaganza! We invited members to join us in their best disco attire as we came together to celebrate

the achievements of our volunteer lifesavers and the spirit of teamwork that defines our club.

As we reflect on the past season's social activities, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed to their success, including the members who organized the events, the support of the Management Committee, and the unwavering support of the Whale Beach community. With anticipation, we look forward to another year of fun-filled social events and continued camaraderie in the seasons to come.





Angus Bownes



It is with a deep and profound sadness that I advise the passing of one of our own, Angus Bownes.

Angus, and indeed the entire Bownes family, are literally part of what makes Whale, Whale to me. Those winning smiles, that Bownes attitude and beautiful hearts, brilliant minds and supreme capability, instilling confidence and exuding genuine warmth. I am still tingling with the awe I felt witnessing the Bownes clan in action mode a few years ago during one of the most epic saves any beach has ever seen. Two lives were clawed back from the sea that day. Without Angus, his skills in the ocean and his vigilance, this man and his friend would simply not be around. His board rescue and the result still leaves me with a feeling that I witnessed a miracle that day. Angus typified lifesaving. A warrior-fit legend of a man dedicated to doing the right thing for others, Angus was a proud Whaley for half of his life. Angus picked up the full

bag of metal, a Bronze when he joined in 2009 as a youth, a few Silvers in 2011 and 2016 for Beach Management and IRB Driving, and the much coveted Gold Medallion as Club Vice Captain in 2016. I share with love a picture of this amazing achievement. Angus and Floyd made Whale proud that day and every other day, as we all stood taller on their proud shoulders. It sure wasn't about the accolades for Angus though, he gave more than he demanded. We were truly blessed by his presence, his commitment to our cause, but most of all by how he did it. Whale played a meaningful part of his adventure in this journey we call life. He grew from youth to man with Whale sand under his toes. The time we spent with him was his gift to us all. On behalf of a grateful club, I thank him for this gift.

The hole he leaves behind is large. And deep. We stand united in our support for the Bownes family in their time of deep and profound loss. We have a hole, but they have a gaping chasm.

To Suzy and Oliver, your bro sure was one of the great men. You three have always filled my heart with so much joy and hope for the future and the quality of the next generation and the power of sibling teamwork. Long may his memory continue to make you proud. And grateful for the times you shared.

To Sheree and Iain, hugs are the only thing I can extend to you as words will never do this justice. You crafted a great man. Because you are genuinely great people. You can

truly be proud of the man Angus was and the parents that you are. To my mate, Iain, "The Silver Fox". I am overwhelmed with the thought of you having one less fox cub to tend to. You really are one of my all time heroes. I thank you for all you do and for all you are. My heart breaks for you my friend. We started this Whale journey together and I thank you for every day we have spent together, for your eternal vigilance and your friendship. And

I am deeply sorry for your loss. We are a small and tight knit group and the passing of Angus hits us as a team and as part of our Whale family. It is also important to note that it hits each of us individually. To anyone who needs to talk, please don't hesitate to reach out. I am here with an ear, and it matters. There are also a number of helpful support services and counselling available from Beyond Blue to Lifeline.



Allen Wilcox



Allen Wilcox was 6 years old in 1937-38 when he first came to Whale Beach and would tell

us of the original clubhouse being a windmill frame enclosed with corrugated iron.

The Wilcox family were regular campers on the flat area in front of the current clubhouse. In 1945-46, Allen became what was

then termed a Juvenile Member and won that year's trophy. His parents built a house at Whale Beach and Allen spent most weekends involved in Club activities. His fellow members and best mates were George Hannaford and Owen Ramsay and they have been lifelong friends.

Allen's memoirs record that in the early years there were only half day patrols on Sundays and Saturdays.

Later, in the 1950s, members did a patrol one weekend and worked on helping build the brick clubhouse the next. Allen contributed to the Club in many ways; competed in carnivals in the R & R, in surf boat crews and beach events. He was a member of the Management Committee and Allen would be there at the AGM most years, right up to 2023 when his health was failing. Allen was a butcher and had that occupation's renown jovial

personality, always with a smile and ready for a chat. He liked to be called "Big Al". His memoir includes the note, "I am lucky to have had my experiences with the chocolate, gold and blue of Whale Beach." Whale Beach SLSC was an enjoyable and important part of Allen's life. The Club has been very fortunate to have had such a loyal and contributing member as Allen over his eight decades of membership.

Darcy Paterson



Darcy and twin brother John joined Whale

Beach SLSC in the late 1950's. The sons of Associate Member and Club Honorary Secretary for 13 years, F A C (Darcy) Patterson. The boys grew up in Macnamara Avenue, Concord and were students at St Joseph's College Hunters Hill. Both were outstanding athletes, beach sprint for Darcy, and the brothers were members of the

club March Past and represented our club at many surf life saving carnivals. John was a stunt pilot but sadly was killed in his light Pitt Special by plane in 1976.

Darcy, a solicitor, had his own practice at Parramatta. He took over the club Honorary Solicitor in the mid 1990s and continued his service to our club through the 2000s. During this time Darcy served our club with distinction advising on many legal issues

including incorporation, in one instance working with me as I was incorporating the Property Club and ran into bureaucracy at its finest over the name to distinguish between our two clubs. He was a great comfort and provider for me during my time as president, race director of the swim and club secretary. Darcy helped organise barristers (Freehills), opinion for me on the new Civil Liabilities Act (2002)

NSW when introduced by Premier Carr. This advice is critical for the liability protection for the Palm Beach to Whale Beach Swim. The advice, direction and strength on legal matters over his years as Honorary Solicitor ensured our club's ongoing safety and protection. He will be missed, his friendship, dedication to our club and for being always a particularly nice bloke.

Rick Slater



Rick Slater died on September 4th 2023

in Ventura, California after a stoic fight against cancer.

Rick and his family came to Whale Beach from the USA back in the mid 1960s. They rented a house in Norma Road, just a couple in from the point, and stayed for nearly 10 years.

Rick was a marine biologist and

came here for further research with the University of Sydney. He undertook research projects on the Great Barrier Reef and in the waters around Tasmania. Rick became a pioneer in marine geology, utilising submersibles for research and travelled and explored throughout the world. He was recognised with the award of 'Scientist of the Year' in 1989.

Rick joined Whale Beach SLSC as an Associate member and became involved in club activities as a regular in the Sunday surf swims and social gatherings. With his wife Carol and their five children they were regulars enjoying the beach. At that time, from the USA also, were Tom Landis and wife Tony. Tom competed in many carnivals for the Club, winning the Metropolitan

Surf Race Championship in 1967 and was also a winner of the Big Swim. Tom died last year in the USA after a protracted illness with cancer, as has Rick. Over the years, Rick and his family made several trips to holiday at Whale Beach and spend time with close friends from the Club. The history of the Club was enhanced by the involvement of these outstanding Yanks.

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION AWARDS (151)

<p>5 Year Training Service Certificate (2) 5 Year Training Service Certificate (2) Stanley-Jones, Michael Treharne, Adam</p> <p>30 Year Long Service Award (1) Bab Ricci, Brett</p> <p>40 Year Long Service Award (1) Ryan, Daniel</p>	<p>60 Year Long Service Award (2) Armstrong, Martin Laurence, Michael</p> <p>Bronze Medallion (36) Atchan, Lauren Beveridge, Alice Bolton, Mateo Cameron, Charles Carmichael, Hannah Chant, Aaron Crane y, Mirek Diamond, James Downes, Oscar Farr, Noah Fausboll, Annette</p>	<p>Fitzgerald, Ryan Hodgkinson, Natasha Humes, William Hundertmark, Julius Kendall, Elijah Kendling, Ashton Kougioumtzis, Steven Leahy, Evie Leung, Kevin Lonergan, Hugo Morrison, Anna Naito, Catherine Naito, Kazuma Nikkhah, Kyan Noersadi, Jahliana Chindra</p>	<p>O'Carroll, Nat Palmer, Charlie Phair, Sam Roth, Angus Rowntree, Alex Skidmore, Jett Thompson, Mia Walters, Hunter Whiteman, John Yiu, Kayla</p> <p>Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed) (10) Beale, Poppy Bernard, Benjamin Berney, Peter Cullis, Bronte Cullis, Kaleb</p>	<p>Goodman, Nina Gordon, Elliott Naito, Mie Pennington, Annie Pointon, Ellie Yiu, Chloe</p> <p>First Aid (63) Allan, Mark Atchan, Lauren Balbi, Soo Barkworth, Alexander Beale, Poppy Bernard, Benjamin Berney, Peter Beveridge, Alice Cameron, Charles</p>	<p>Carmichael, Hannah Chant, Aaron Chen, Helena Crane y, Mirek Darley, Joshua Darley, Sami Diamond, James Downes, Oscar Farr, Noah Fausboll, Annette Fitzgerald, Ryan Gallagher, Kieran Hackett, Reuben Hale, Geoffrey Higgins, Floyd Hodgkinson, Natasha</p>	<p>Howard, Gabrielle Humes, William Hundertmark, Julius Keft, Thomas Kendall, Elijah Kendling, Ashton Kougioumtzis, Steven Leahy, Evie Leung, Kevin Lonergan, Hugo Love, Angus Love, Mel Mears, Laura Miller, Michael Naito, Kazuma Naito, Mie</p>	<p>Nikkhah, Kyan Noersadi, Jahliana Chindra O'Carroll, Nat Ong, Julia Pennington, Annie Phair, Sam Pointon, Ellie Roth, Angus Sanderson, Thomas Schneider, Dominique Simmonds, James Skidmore, Jett Stafford, Benjamin Stevenson, Lochlan Thompson, Mia</p>	<p>Trybocka, Anna Walker, Kristin Walsh, Ryan Whiteman, John Wilkinson, Brodie Yiu, Chloe Yiu, Kayla</p> <p>Gold Medallion Advanced Lifesaving (2) Simmonds, James Yiu, Jayden</p> <p>Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (5) Clarke, Saskia Milroy, Toby</p>	<p>Wood, Sophie Xu, Winston Yiu, Jayden</p> <p>Silver Medallion IRB Driver (6) Barkworth, Alexander Honey, Alex Lamrock, Jack Love, Angus Milroy, Toby Xu, Winston</p> <p>IRB Crew Certificate (4) Chant, Aaron Hackett, Barnabas</p>	<p>Hackett, Jonah Wallis, Samuel Advanced</p> <p>Resuscitation Techniques (17) Barkworth, Alexander Cameron, Charles Chant, Aaron Chen, Helena Crane y, Mirek Diamond, James Downes, Oscar Fausboll, Annette Gallagher, Kieran</p>	<p>Leonard, Loretta Love, Angus Mears, Laura Pearce, Andrew Rees, Jacqueline Schmidt, Philip Simmonds, James Yiu, Kayla</p> <p>Training Officer Bronze Medallion (2) Cormio, Cameron Zagorski, Madeline</p>
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MEMBERS

Life Member (15)

Armstrong, Martin
Baird, John
Berry, Robert
Cullis, Phil
Hendrikson, Chris
Hughes, Paul
Lewis, John
Patterson, Darcy
Pratten, Jon
Ryan, Danny
Schmidt, Philip
Stewart, Richard
Strong, David
Webster, Bryan
Young, Paul

Reserve Active (17)

Cullis, Jeffrey
Denning, Marshall
Fielder, John
Hendrikson, Aaron
Higgins, Floyd
Keft, Eleanor
Kershaw, Lindsay
Leonard, Richard
Lewin, John
Myers, Peter
Norrsgard, Verner
Puertolas, Cesar
Rowlinson, James
Sanderson, William
Stenning, David
Taylor, Graham
Webster, Evan

Active Senior (101)

Abbas, Zac
Adoncello, Remo
Atchan, Lauren
Barkworth, Alexander
Benneyworth, Joanne
Benson, Alexander
Boaler, Joe
Bownes, Angus
Bownes, Iain
Bozic, Lauren
Bradshaw, Sophie
Burfitt-Williams, Robert
Carnegie, Charles
Carolan, Finn

Carty, Lachlan
Chant, Aaron
Choi, Sam
Clarke, Saskia
Clarke-Bruce, Brooklyn
Connellan, Elizabeth
Cormio, Cameron
Craney, Mirek
Darley, Andrew
Darley, Joshua
Darley, Stephanie
Deece, Andrew
Dixon, Mackenzie
Fausboll, Annette
Gallagher, Kieran
Gibson, Will
Grimes, Matilda
Hackett, Andrew
Hackett, Barnabas
Hackett, Jonah
Hackett, Juliette
Hackett, Reuben
Halfpenny, Keegan
Henriksen, Seb
Honey, Alex
Howard, Gabrielle
Humphrey, Angus
Hundertmark, Julius
Jones, Hamish
Kaan, Oliver
Kellaway, Charles
Koehn, William
Kougioumtzis, Steven
Lamrock, Jack
Lapsley, Hamish
Lawson, Toby
Leonard, Anthony
Leonard, Caitlin
Love, Eloise
Luong, Ethan
Lynch, Ryan
Madsen, Monica
Miles, Harry
Millard, Harry
Miller, Michael
Milroy, Toby
Naito, Ami
Naito, Catherine

Naito, Kazuma
Nayer, Asha
Noersadi, Jahliana Chindra
O'Carroll, Natalie
Pancino, Matthew
Parker, William
Partridge, Maya
Ravenhall, Declan
Ravenhall, Ethan
Rees, Jacqueline
Rees-Ewen, Dylan
Rees-Ewen, Olivia
Roberts, Jack
Robertson, Sydney
Rogers, Nicholas
Rose, Michael
Rowe, Angus
Sanderson, Thomas
Sanders, Owen
Shackley, Roy
Sherlock, Charlie
Simmonds, James
Simmonds, Lachlan
Sippe, Angus
Slack-Smith, Cale
Stanley-Jones, Michael
Thompson, Mia
Treharne, Adam
Wallis, Samuel
Walsh, Ryan
Warren, Lucy
Whiteman, John
Wines, Angus
Wines, Sophie
Wood, Sophie
Xu, Winston
Yiu, Jayden
Zagorski, Madeline

Active Junior(58)

Allan, Mark
Baker, Lachlan
Bernard, Benjamin
Beveridge, Alice
Black, Tully
Bolton, Mateo
Cameron, Charles
Carmichael, Hannah
Carolan, Declan
Darley, Samantha

Diamond, James
Downes, Oscar
Dwyer, Darcy
Farr, Noah
Fitzgerald, Ryan
Furney, Luke
Goodman, Nina
Hennessy, Ellie
Hodgkinson, Natasha
Humes, William
Humphries, Jack W
Jones, Ella
Kendall, Elijah
Kendling, Ashton
Lawson, Madeline
Leahy, Evie
Lenehan, Phoebe
Leung, Kevin
Lonergan, Hugo
Mclean, Harriet
Morrison, Anna
Naito, Isamu
Nikkhah, Kyan
Palmer, Charlie
Phair, Sam
Phillips, Ethan
Pike, Hugo
Reatti, Jack
Reynolds, Meredith
Roth, Angus
Rothery, Emily
Rowntree, Alex
Schneider, Dominique
Seo, Daniel
Sherlock, Sarah
Skidmore, Jett
Slack-Smith, Will
Smink, Braydon
Spring, Claire
Stafford, Benjamin
Stevenson, Lochlan
Wade, Lachlan
Walters, Hunter
Wilkinson, Brodie
Williams, Jemima
Wyatt, Ziarne
Yap, Emma
Yiu, Kayla

Cadet (11)

Beale, Poppy
Beveridge, Sophie
Brennan, Jack
Cullis, Bronte
Gordon, Elliott
Naito, Mie
Naito, Mika
Pennington, Annie
Pointon, Ellie
Yap, Hannah
Yiu, Chloe

Junior Activity Member (1)

Cullis, Kaleb

Long Service (39)

Archer, John
Babicci, Brett
Barrell, Bryan
Blundell, Peter
Bosson, James
Boyle, Lara
Bracey, David
Buckingham, Simon
Clark, Micah
Cooper, John
Crisp, Danny
Dauncey, Helen
Davis, Charles
Elvy, Robert
Fraser, Peter
Gardner, Stephen
Graber, Brian
Gray, Richard
Hale, Geoffrey
Hall, Peter
Hannaford, George (Jnr)
Hannaford, Gregory
Hennessy, Ross
Hromas, Alexander
Jarrett, Matthew
Kirby, Neil
Lamrock, Brian
Laurence, Michael
Lerpiniere, John
Lewis, Benjamin
McRobert, Martin
O'Connor, Bradley
Stewart, Adrian
Stewart, Graeme

Stewart, Ian
Taylor, Peter
Webster, Morgan
Wilcox, Allen
Williams, Penelope

Award (12)

Angilley, Jeannine
Balbi, Soo
Berney, Peter
Chen, Helena
Darley, Carolina
Leonard, Loretta
Love, Mel
Mears, Laura
Ong, Julia
Vaz De Souza Esteves, Nicole
Whiteman, Jenny
Zagorski, Samantha

Past Active (5)

De Leeuw, Christina
John, Benjamin
Lenehan, Julie
Pope, John
Smith, Harry

Honorary (3)

Baggie, Annette
Morgan, Simon
Nugan, Robert

Associate (146)

Archer, Martin
Arnott, Richard
Baggie, Hugh
Barter, Chris
Beale, David
Beale, Nina
Benjamin, James
Beveridge, Edwina
Boaler, Katherine
Borean, Derick
Bradford, Drew
Brinkmann, Normen
Carroll, Shane
Chamberlain, William
Chandler, Blake
Chapman, Karen
Clark, Andrew
Cleary, Jon
Cleaver, Jeremy

Coleman, Margot
Cook, Stephen
Cuschieri, Dominic
Devadason, Mark
Dibbs, Kerry
Drudge, Samantha
Eglinton, Jillian
Enestrom, Ron
Enestrom, Suellen
Ewen, Neil
Ferguson, Ross
FitzGerald, Scott
Flynn, Douglas
Friend, Ryan
Friend, Tina
Fryer, John
Gale, Eric
Gasnier, Mark
Gay, Richard
Gerges, Evonne
Gill, Paul
Glascott, Matthew
Glascott, Thomas
Gliddon, Nathan
Goldsmith, Augusta
Gole, Elizabeth
Gordon, Alistair
Gorman, John
Hankins, Ashley
Hartog, Sebastien
Heyworth, Karley
Heyworth, Peter
Holmes, Lee
Hunter, Kassandra
Kavanaugh, Jonathan
Keft, Thomas
Laidlaw, Hilary
Lamb, Mick
Leeson, Iain
Lenehan, James
Lynch, Suzanne
Lysaght, Penny
Macdonald, Scott
Mackay, Ross
Mangleson, James
Mann, Erica
Marriott, Mark
Mathews, Benjamin
May, Amikka
May, Josh

Mcdonald, Isabella
Mcdonald, Joseph
McGrath, John
Mckenna, Gillian
Mckenna, Rob
Mclellan, Matthew
Miles, Jennifer
Mitchell, Luke
Moore, Helen
Moore, Nicholas
Morgan, Carolyn
Mulherin, Sharon
Mulligan, Jennifer
Mulligan, William
Munro, Michael
Newton, Elizabeth
Oates, Lisa
O'Brien, Naomi
O'Brien, Paul
O'hare, Judith
Palmer, Oliver
Paris, Prudence
Platt-Hepworth, Hugh
Pratten, Alison
Puskar, Stefan
Rains, Richard
Read, Irene
Reede, Michael
Regan, Pete
Richmond, Sam
Robbins, Tiger
Roberts, Michael
Robertson, Julia
Rochester, Zac
Rose, Sheila
Rothery, Simon
Rothwell, David
Sams, Deborah
Sanderson, Cathy
Sanderson, Talbot
Saward, Beverly
Simec, Richard
Siufi, Andres
Skrzynski, Sebastian
Spencer, Ian
Stack, Gerald
Stack, Virginia
Strain, Kaye
Stubbs, Marc
Sullivan, Allan

Sullivan, Peter
Sullivan, Bryony
Sutherland, Jane
Suttor, Rory
Talbot, Amanda
Taylor, Anja
Taylor, David
Teng, Sophie
Trybocka, Anna
Tynan, Chris
Vaz De Souza
Esteves, Nicole
Vincze-Cheal, Peppa
Vivian, Debbie
Warburton, John
Warren, Pip
Watts, Margaret
Whatham, Jessica
Williamson, Nicholas
Williamson, Ben
Wines, Andrew
Wines, Barbara
Wines, Lian
Wines, Robert
Wolthers, Shaun
Wong, Deanna
Wood, Isaac
Wood, Ron

Probationary (14)

Arnott, Darcy
Brabrook, Charles
Dolling, Kieran
Frogley, Timothy
Hsu, Sebastian
Kinsey, Simon
Lenehan, Sybella
Mckenna, Oskar
Mclean, Lucy
Paris, Lachlan
Paris, Oliver
Walker, Kristin
Warren, Campbell
Woods, Jonathan

Community (55)

Adams, Leigh
Allan, Fergus
Baron-Hay, Sally
Beale, Georgia
Beale, India

Beale, Monty
Campbell, Yvonne
Cassar, Leslie
Chambers, Patricia
Crivelli, Michael
Crivelli, Susie
Cuschieri, Charles
Cuschieri, Maryanne
Davey, Charles
Davidson, Kim
Edie, Graeme
Edie, Margaret
Ellis, Charlotte
Ellis, Emily
Ellis, Michael
Ellis, Thomas
Fallshaw, Bruce
Figgis, Christopher
Figgis, Jan
Gaven, Isabel
Glascott, Katherine
Hetherington, Adele
Hromas, Harriet
Kim, Nancy
Leech, Andrew
Lenehan, Charlie
Lindsay, Virginia
Marran, Craig
Martin, Ian
Martin, Julie
May, Simon
McCann, Lucinda
McMurray, Mary
McMurray, Russell
Molesworth, Michael
Mowday, Mark
Naphthali, Tracy
Osborne, Barbara
Overton, Rebecca
Pearsall, Mark
Sanders, Paul
Sanderson, Robert
Sippe, John
Siufi, Avril
Stuckey, Louise
Waters, Kathleen
Westcott, Julie
Williams, David
Wong, Josephine
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