



# 2021 - 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

DIXON PARK SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED  
FOUNDED 1932

**OUR MISSION IS TO SAVE LIVES,  
CREATE GREAT AUSTRALIANS  
AND BUILD BETTER COMMUNITIES**



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# NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc. will be held on **Sunday 21 August 2022**, from **3.00 pm to 4.00 pm** on the first floor of the Club House, Ocean Street, Merewether NSW 2291.

With reference to the DPSLSC Inc. Constitution (Dec 2016), only Active members, Reserve Active members, Long Service members, Life members and Award\* members have the right to present, to debate and to vote at the Annual General Meeting. (\* where granted)

## AGENDA

- Welcome, Apologies and Attendance (including Acknowledgement of Country)
- Minute Silence for members that have passed during the season.
- Confirmation of minutes for the previous AGM held Sunday 19 September 2021.
- Presentation and adoption of the Annual Report for the 2021 -2022 season.
- Presentation and adoption of the Auditors Report and Annual Financial Statements for the financial year ending 30th June 2022. Attendance by Scott Faraday-Bensley from auditors - Evolution Advisers.
- Motion for Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc. to renew affiliation with Hunter Surf Life Saving and NSW Surf Life Saving.
- Election of Executive Committee for 2022 - 23 season;
  - President
  - Director of Administration and Public Officer
  - Vice President and Club Liquor Licence Manager
  - Director of Finance
  - Director of Life Saving
  - Junior Activities Manager
  - Director of Education
  - Director of Surf Sports
- Motion to appoint Auditors for 2022 - 23 season.
- Address by Henry Scruton (President HSLS)
- General Business

## MEETING NOTES

- Renewal of memberships can be made and are encouraged prior to the AGM.

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dixon Park's 2021 - 2022 Season commenced in a time of vaccinations and restrictions along with some degree of uncertainty. We now have an opportunity to reflect on our experience and rather than focusing on going 'back' to your old surf club life, take some time to think about whether the lockdown experience could help us make positive changes going forward. Guided by the spirit of those young men who established a footprint on the beach in 1932, Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club continues to reshape itself to support the community through its mission to **SAVE LIVES, CREATE BETTER AUSTRALIANS AND BUILD BETTER COMMUNITIES.**

**Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.**

What is certain, is the volunteering spirit that exists in the Club. Members both new and existing rallied to engage in their passion. That is, to give to their community. This can be measured in the nearly 3000 patrolling hours on the beach over the past season. Members also volunteered to assist in the flood relief program. The characteristic red and yellow found their way to several locations in support of flood victims. Navigating a heavy shore dump at Dixon Park in an IRB, was traded for dodging flooded fence lines, and transporting people, their pets and supplies.

Significant funds were made available via the Club Lifesaving Equipment Grant, the Beach Safety Equipment Fund, and the City of Newcastle. This funding was directed to lifesaving resources including a side by side vehicle, IRB motors, trailers and motor trolleys. The reshaping of surf



clubs saw this funding moving into supporting the wider community in their time of need.

We can proudly state that 'no lives were lost' whilst Dixon Park beach was patrolled. The season has been very successful and rewarding for the Club in all dimensions; culture, lifesaving, education, nippers, surf sports, functions, administration, finance, community and socially.

Congratulations to the major award winners:

Recipient	Award
John Miller	Lifesaver of the Year
John Silveirinha	Volunteer of the Year
John Humphries (Patrol Captain) Chris Harvey, Jude Biswas and John Miller	Patrol of the Year

I thank and recognise the significant contributions of our members who were involved in, and contributed to patrols and lifesaving services, education and training, nipper development and organisation, coaching and the numerous and varied functions of the Club. Without their selfless contribution, the Club could not meet its core responsibilities and have had such a great season.

**Kesley Kernes and Dean Rowe**, our Directors of Life Saving, coordinated the 10 patrol teams that volunteered their time and skills to support the beach-going community each weekend and public holiday during the season. Lifesaving this season has been characterised by partnerships. Partnerships with our neighbours, Cooks Hill to the north and Merewether to the south were strengthened through the sharing of both human resources and beach access. A new IRB hull and motor were commissioned during the season and saw action straight away in the rescue of a nearby vessel. These items were funded by the Beach Safety Equipment Fund and the Club Lifesaving Equipment Grant. A new SBS (side-by-side) all-terrain vehicle was also secured with the continuing support from Port Waratah Coal Services. Their long-term support is greatly appreciated, and this partnership enables essential pieces of equipment to be made available to support the community.

Dixon Park participated in the new Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate courses which saw a revised curriculum, with an online component as well as modified assessment criteria. This program was led by **Stuart Barnett**, Assessor and Trainer. A goal for the season was to develop the training area by encouraging other people to upgrade their qualifications to support Stuart in the education area. **Mark Wright** and **Adrian Parker** provided additional assistance in training. Courses ran smoothly and our candidates were successful at their assessments. Changing water and beach conditions presented challenges on some occasions. Bronze candidates participated in both the Bronze Medallion and First Aid Certificate courses. As a result, we have the benefit of more qualified lifesavers which in turn improves our Patrol strength.

This season, the Education section dealt with Patrol and Junior Activity proficiencies, carrying out and processing 260

proficiencies prior to Christmas 2021. The Junior Activities section of the Club also offered and completed the relevant Surf Aware, Surf Play, Surf Safe and Surf Smart awards for the Nippers. A delayed start to the season did not dampen the enthusiasm of the nippers.

A dedicated group of Dixon Park competitors participated on their home break in the Hunter Branch Championships. It was pleasing to see that their participation translated into many successes in a variety of water and beach events. All competitors who made their way to 'Aussies' managed to find their way to the podium with gold in the Masters Flags and Masters Boats. Both **Paul Brady**, in the Flags and the Masters Boat crew, **Peter Wilkinson, Paul Murray, Paul Hunt, Ian Kerr and Shane Barclay** continue to dominate all levels of competition. The Masters Boat crew were nominated for the Masters Team of the Year at Hunter Branch's Awards of Excellence. To their surprise on the evening, this crew was recognised as the winners of the Award of Excellence in this category.

Thank you to **Peter Wilkinson**, Director of Surf Sports, for his work in encouraging all members of the Club to participate in a range of surf life-saving activities. All of which, go to developing the skills of the individual and the community culture of the Club.

Mother Nature provided ideal water, beach and weather conditions for two carnivals at Dixon Park. Carnivals in November and the end of January, for the Branch Championships, were ideal environments to allow competitors to demonstrate their talents both in the water and on the sand. Having carnivals at our home beach is a great way to invite some of our members into the competition arena.



A big thank you to a small team working behind the scenes to organise the setup, management of the day, and pack-down of the two carnivals during the season.

The 2021-22 season was a difficult one for our Nippers, contending with the re-emergence of Covid 19, terrible weather and large surf. This did not however dampen the enthusiasm of our Nippers' Committee of Marc Henty,

Cassie Criss, Ben Parsons, Alan Cross, Sinead Burton and Claire Szabo. They embraced all challenges with enthusiasm and worked hard to ensure the nippers got the most out of their 'interrupted' season. A huge thankyou to all those who volunteered their time and energy every weekend to allow our nippers to learn valuable surf and life skills.

The Club is very appreciative of the generous support it receives from its sponsors – **Hunter Civilab, Piggott's Pharmacy, QOH Architects, Shy Skin, Frame Promotional Products and Port Waratah Coal Services**. These funds are invested directly back into the services and activities of the Club for benefit of members and the community.

The 'business' of surf lifesaving which was already immersed in a world of compliance is now working through a host of recommendations that will allow the club to function and prosper. The members can be confident in the Club's governance and management processes. Executive members meet regularly to monitor the various dimensions of the Club that are directed to addressing our mission "to save lives, create better Australians and build better communities." Peter Wilkinson led the Solar Panel project which is a great way to offset energy costs, reduce the environmental impact of the club and provide a host of other benefits, such as supporting local businesses and contributing to energy independence.

We continue to strengthen our governance and management as a foundation for development, growth, and sustainability. This is evident through ongoing changes and enhancements to our administration, systems, and processes.

Conversations with the City of Newcastle continue. The goal is to identify a model that is supportive of surf lifesaving and the community, as we move towards our 100 years of service and beyond.

We are guided by objectives of Surf Life Saving NSW:

### **Embrace Community**

Assisting clubs' membership to reflect the changing community profiles, being acknowledged as an all-inclusive organisation that protects, educates, prepares and embraces everyone.

### **Position, Profile & Presence**

Actively position ourselves within government, community and media, allowing our presence to be seen everywhere, every time, ultimately maximizing our profile and the value of our members.

### **Working Better Together**

Building a strong and sustainable Surf Life Saving community

that talks, respects each other, and works together to achieve shared vision, values and goals.

We support Making Meditation Mainstream a global initiative created in response to the escalating mental health challenges. Sessions are held at sunrise. At Dixon Park people come together in silence, to appreciate, and welcome the rising sun and the beginning of a new day. The recent cooler months have seen the introduction of cold-water baths to assist in the meditation process!

Hunter Branch Awards of Excellence, which were held on Friday 17 June at NEX Wests, recognised the contributions of the Dixon Park Team.

Nominations included

Nominees	Award
John Miller	Lifesaver of the Year
John Silveirinha	Volunteer of the Year
Geoff Padgett	Administrator of the Year
Mark Wright	Trainer of the Year
Stuart Barnett	Assessor of the Year
Paul Brady	Masters Athlete of the Year
Peter Wilkinson, Paul Murray, Paul Hunt, Ian Kerr and Shane Barclay	*Masters Boat Crew – Masters Team of the Year

\* Announced as winners of the Masters Team of the Year

Dixon Park’s Executive Team members have given of their time and gifts to support this community. Our Executive Team includes **Geoff Padgett, Toni O’Donoghue, Stuart Barnett, Kesley Kernes, Dean Rowe, Marc Henty and Peter Wilkinson**. I would also thank the team at Hunter Surf Life Saving for their ongoing support and advice to the Club. Best wishes to Rhonda Scruton for her future endeavours and thank you for your many years of service to surf lifesaving. Passion is a powerful force in accomplishing anything you set your mind to. Ultimately, passion is the driving force behind the success of Hunter Branch.

Finally, on behalf of our members and the wider community, I acknowledge and thank **Marc Henty** (Director of Junior Activities) who will not be nominating for the Executive Committee for the 2022 - 2023 Season. Marc, our Director of Junior Activities, also provided significant leadership to a group of enthusiastic nipper parents in a very uncertain (COVID-19) nipper season. Their goal was to provide a **happy, caring, and fun** environment that will attract and retain the young people, and to provide strong leadership, responsiveness, and flexibility in our changing environment.

We look forward to seeing you back at Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club for an even better season in 2022 - 2023.

**Peter Brown**  
President



# ADMINISTRATION REPORT

**The 2021 – 2022 Season saw a return to ‘normal’ club activities from an operational perspective post COVID. Weekend patrols, nippers, carnivals, education and training, all resumed with minimal restrictions, and all participants were happy to co-operate with those restrictions still in place. After 2 years of severely curtailed activities this ‘freedom’ to operate was greatly appreciated, and embraced by all areas.**

A snapshot of the Club’s membership for the season shows 21% patrolling members, 42% nippers and another 37% as supportive Associate and Long Service members. A visible demonstration of this support was seen every weekend during the patrol season when volunteer members turned up to patrol, and numerous parents and helpers arrived for the nippers’ activities.

During the season grant funding was received for much needed gear and equipment. The SLSNSW Sun Safety Grant provided \$2,500 for a beach shelter, patrol hats and sunscreen. Funding of \$15,000 was also made available under the Beach Safety Equipment Grant (BSEG) – these funds were earmarked for 2 new motors and a replacement IRB trailer. The Club Lifesaving Equipment Grant (CLEG) also provided a rescue board, fins and a tourniquet.

In 2022 the Club was able to install a \$34,000 20kW Solar System, made possible with a \$12,000 Powering Communities Program grant from the Federal Government. Special thanks to our Federal Member, Sharon Claydon for her support in acquiring the grant. The benefits to the Club are lower electricity costs and our small contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The maintenance work done by Newcastle Council also deserves mention, with a new weather proofing ‘skin’ installed on the Northern section of the building in addition to repairs to concrete cancer. Members will also be aware of the renovation of the Nippers’ shed and the improved water supply.

The Executive group of Dixon Park SLSC meets on a monthly basis to monitor operations, report on finances and plan for future activities. Strong governance supports all Executive activities, with structured processes and procedures in place to ensure transparency, consistency and compliance. The Club is continually seeking interested parties, especially younger members, to participate as members of the Executive team to ensure all members in every age group feel adequately represented.

**Toni O’Donoghue**  
**Director Administration**



**Table: Executive meetings and participation from September 2021 to June 2022**

Executive Group	Position	Attendance	Apology
Peter Brown	President	10	0
Geoff Padgett	Director of Finance	9	1
Dean Rowe	Director of Lifesaving	5	5
Kesley Kernes			
Stuart Barnett	Director of Education	7	3
Peter Wilkinson	Director of Surf Sports	10	0
Toni O’Donoghue	Director of Administration	9	1
Marc Henty	Director of Junior Activities	4	6



## **FINANCE REPORT**

**The Board is pleased to report a net operating profit of \$117,960.23 for the current financial year, and cash reserve at Westpac on 30 June 2022 of \$595,594.72.**

Significant positives contributing to the operating result were as follows;

1. Government assistance with Job Saver and Business grants continued into this year
2. The Beach Safety Assistance Fund, courtesy of SLSA.
3. PWCS grant.
4. Federal Government grant for part cost of solar panels
5. City of Newcastle annual grant to Surf Clubs

The Board is very appreciative of this support for life saving activities at Dixon Park.

Negative impacts on fundraising included Covid, which affected our usually busy summer trading period, resulting in lower bar sales.

In addition, a financial scam of about \$26k occurred in January because of email fraud, associated with the solar panel installation. This is currently the subject of police action.

Over the period the Board has invested funds as listed;-

1. A new television and projector for training and community purposes.
2. Upgrading internet accessibility to the first floor
3. Purchased a single ski for the use of members.
4. Contributed half cost of the new ATV
5. Purchased/installed solar panels on the roof.

I refer members to the attached P&L and Balance sheet for a detailed look at the Club's financial activities for the year.

Despite Covid, the Club continues to be in a sound financial position. The expectation is for a return to more stable fund-raising conditions over the 2022-2023 financial year. The Board continues to look for meaningful ways to enhance the amenity of the Club for the benefit of its current and future members.

The Board wishes to acknowledge the staff for their continued support in management of our fundraising activities.

Special mention is made of our bookkeeper Alison Wooden. Her input and assistance with financial matters is greatly appreciated. Alison goes way beyond her role description in assisting the Board in managing the financial affairs of the Club

**Geoff Padgett**  
**Director of Finance**



# LIFE SAVING REPORT

**Our surf club does not exist without our patrolling members, so these volunteers who turn up every weekend and on public holidays during the season truly are the life blood of our Club. The generosity of our patrolling members who give freely of their time and expertise allows Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club to fulfil the SLSA mission of 'saving lives, creating great Australians and building better communities'.**

The 2021 - 2022 season saw us commencing patrols with COVID management plans in place to protect our members and the community. Another COVID measure saw the Council Lifeguards on the beach on both Saturday and Sunday, with our patrol groups providing support and manpower as required. The strong proactive relationship between the two groups allowed for a seamless transition to this new method of operating, with our 10 patrol groups embracing the change.

Our patrol captains were once again a source of leadership and support for patrolling members. Their commitment to and management of lifesaving operations ensured coverage of the beach every weekend with the required number of patrolling members in attendance with the required skill sets. For the 2021 - 2022 season our Patrol Captains were:

Patrol 1	Peter Wilkinson
Patrol 2	Dean Rowe
Patrol 3	Adrian Parker
Patrol 4	Ross Burgess
Patrol 5	Brad Noble
Patrol 6	Earl Rennie
Patrol 7	Mark Kirkpatrick
Patrol 8	Scott Gibson/Kesley Kernes
Patrol 9	John Humphries
Patrol 10	Neil Caddis

The naming of the Patrol of the Year is always a highly anticipated announcement at the end of season awards. The competition is always strong, and this season was no exception. Patrol 9, led by Patrol Captain John Humphries, was awarded the honour for 2021-22. They were a very small but dedicated group, who despite their small number still managed to bring a great deal of skill and experience to the beach at each patrol. They displayed a high level of enthusiasm for patrols, a commitment to continuous improvement in their fitness and skill sets and delivered a high level of preventions.



## Patrol of the Year - Members

- John Humpries PC
- Chris Harvey
- Jude Biswas
- John Miller

Special mention and thanks to those members who completed 100% of their patrol hours and in some cases attended well above their rostered hours - Laura Barnett, Cassie Barnett, Stuart Barnett, Peter Brown, Ross Burgess, Neil Caddis, Alan Cross, John Miller, Tom Newman, Toni O'Donoghue, Adrian Parker, Earl Rennie, Dean Rowe,

John Silveirinha and Peter Wilkinson. These members generously gave up their time and expertise to support their own and other patrol groups as required.

Our statistics across the season from 18th September 2021 to 25th April 2022, included the attendance of 22,222 people at Dixon Park beach during patrol hours. Patrolling members provided support and protection for the community for 2,799 hours. They undertook 2164 preventative actions, attended to 25 first aid incidents and performed 8 rescues from the surf. Our patrols worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of the beach going public, with no fatalities occurring on our watch.

Hunter Branch undertook periodic patrol audits to provide feedback regarding patrol compliance with standard operating procedures and direct focus to any areas where additional effort was required. The audits also served as a means for the regular review of the quality and consistency of our patrol services.

While COVID continued to provide challenges for our patrols, they proved they were more than equal to the task and displayed their commitment to the SLSA mission on the beach every weekend. Our patrolling members should be extremely proud of the contribution they have made in providing a safe and enjoyable coastal experience for the local community and visitors, and we hope they all return for the 2022-23 season.

**Dean Rowe, Kesley Kernes**  
**Directors of Lifesaving**

**22,222**  
people at Dixon  
Beach during  
patrol hours



**2,799**  
patrol hours were  
logged for the season



**8**  
rescues

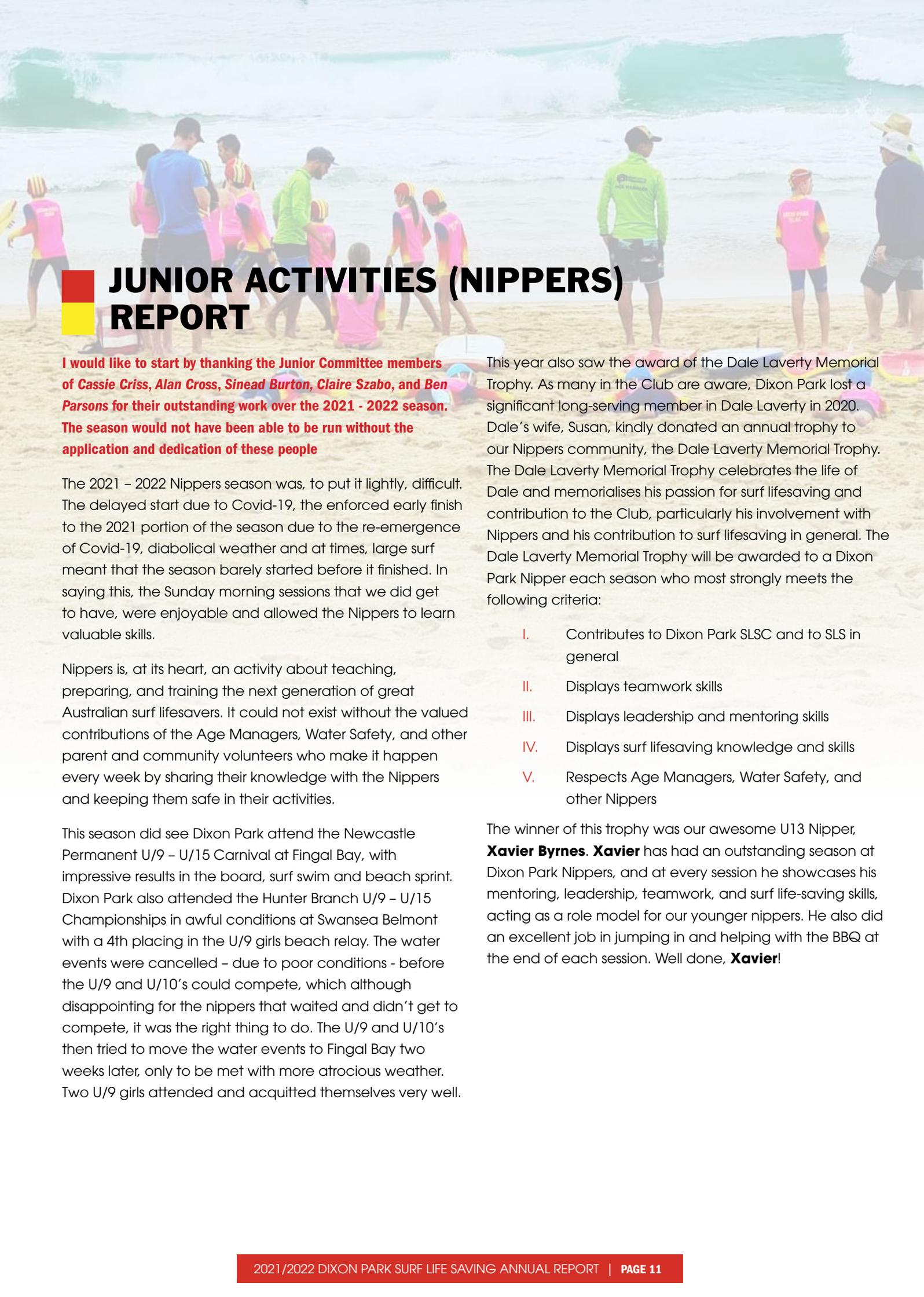


**2164**  
preventative actions



**25**  
first aid incidents





# JUNIOR ACTIVITIES (NIPPERS) REPORT

**I would like to start by thanking the Junior Committee members of Cassie Criss, Alan Cross, Sinead Burton, Claire Szabo, and Ben Parsons for their outstanding work over the 2021 - 2022 season. The season would not have been able to be run without the application and dedication of these people**

The 2021 – 2022 Nippers season was, to put it lightly, difficult. The delayed start due to Covid-19, the enforced early finish to the 2021 portion of the season due to the re-emergence of Covid-19, diabolical weather and at times, large surf meant that the season barely started before it finished. In saying this, the Sunday morning sessions that we did get to have, were enjoyable and allowed the Nippers to learn valuable skills.

Nippers is, at its heart, an activity about teaching, preparing, and training the next generation of great Australian surf lifesavers. It could not exist without the valued contributions of the Age Managers, Water Safety, and other parent and community volunteers who make it happen every week by sharing their knowledge with the Nippers and keeping them safe in their activities.

This season did see Dixon Park attend the Newcastle Permanent U/9 – U/15 Carnival at Fingal Bay, with impressive results in the board, surf swim and beach sprint. Dixon Park also attended the Hunter Branch U/9 – U/15 Championships in awful conditions at Swansea Belmont with a 4th placing in the U/9 girls beach relay. The water events were cancelled – due to poor conditions - before the U/9 and U/10’s could compete, which although disappointing for the nippers that waited and didn’t get to compete, it was the right thing to do. The U/9 and U/10’s then tried to move the water events to Fingal Bay two weeks later, only to be met with more atrocious weather. Two U/9 girls attended and acquitted themselves very well.

This year also saw the award of the Dale Laverty Memorial Trophy. As many in the Club are aware, Dixon Park lost a significant long-serving member in Dale Laverty in 2020. Dale’s wife, Susan, kindly donated an annual trophy to our Nippers community, the Dale Laverty Memorial Trophy. The Dale Laverty Memorial Trophy celebrates the life of Dale and memorialises his passion for surf lifesaving and contribution to the Club, particularly his involvement with Nippers and his contribution to surf lifesaving in general. The Dale Laverty Memorial Trophy will be awarded to a Dixon Park Nipper each season who most strongly meets the following criteria:

- I. Contributes to Dixon Park SLSC and to SLS in general
- II. Displays teamwork skills
- III. Displays leadership and mentoring skills
- IV. Displays surf lifesaving knowledge and skills
- V. Respects Age Managers, Water Safety, and other Nippers

The winner of this trophy was our awesome U13 Nipper, **Xavier Byrnes**. **Xavier** has had an outstanding season at Dixon Park Nippers, and at every session he showcases his mentoring, leadership, teamwork, and surf life-saving skills, acting as a role model for our younger nippers. He also did an excellent job in jumping in and helping with the BBQ at the end of each session. Well done, **Xavier!**

Hopefully, next season the weather improves, and Covid-19 restrictions are a thing of the past! Next season, the focus of Nippers will shift a little more towards competition. That is not to say that all Nippers must compete: we simply want to make sure that Nippers who do want to compete can do so. Hopefully, this will mean preseason training around September and October, and carnival proficiencies completed before the start of the season. We will hope to have a strong Dixon Park contingent at the Branch Championships next season. So, look out for those Dixon Park skull caps at carnivals! There is a lot to look forward to in 2022 - 2023!!!

We cannot wait to see you back at the beach for season 2022 - 2023 at Dixon Park. We will be setting up some information days around September/October for the coming season, so please come along, and bring some friends or family who might be interested in getting their kids into Nippers. The motto at Dixon Park Nippers is FUN, SAFETY, TEAMWORK, and we live by that every week!

See you on the beach in Season 2022 - 2023.

**Marc Henty**  
**Junior Activities Manager**





# EDUCATION REPORT

**The 2021/22 season turned out to be another very different year for Education at Dixon Park Surf Club. With Covid modifications still in place we faced another hurdle, weather and surf conditions. The Bronze and SRC squads were faced with not only cold and wet weather, but also dangerous surf conditions which prevailed for much of their season. The end result was the assessment being moved to Fingal Beach as one of the few safe beaches available.**

The Training of squad members was primarily handled by Stuart Barnett as the Club’s Chief Training Officer together with assistance from Club Trainer Cassie Barnett. I would however make special mention of two unsung heroes of the Club. Without the assistance of these two members there would have been no Bronze or SRC squads at Dixon Park.

Laura Barnett and Elly McSwan attended as water safety and to assist with training at all of the training sessions. Without them many of those sessions could not have proceeded. They then turned up and provided the Club’s water safety quota at the Assessment at Fingal beach. To their credit they also completed the Trainers Award and are now Probationary trainers at Dixon Park. Thank you and congratulations to Laura and Elly.

Thanks also to Mark Wright, Adrian Parker and Ross Burgess who provided assistance with First Aid training and Bronze training respectively during the season. Mark and Adrian now have their Certificate IV in Training and Assessing recognized by Surf Life Saving. Both are now probationary trainers and once they complete their probation, we are looking to have both Mark and Adrian move through to become Assessors.

In addition to Club Training and Assessing, Stuart Barnett also attended various other Clubs and all of the Central Venue Assessments as a facilitator.

This season the Club ran Two First Aid Courses, a Bronze Medallion course and a Surf Rescue Certificate course. The Junior Activities Committee also ran the relevant Surf Aware, Surf Play, Surf Safe and Surf Smart awards for the Nippers.

Overall, the Club processed 499 new Awards this season between the Senior and Junior Club.

This season the Club also dealt with Patrol, Award and Junior Activity proficiencies, carrying out and processing 384 proficiencies prior to Christmas 2021. This is an important part of the season and requires a considerable amount of time on the part of the Education team, Patrol Captains, Nippers Committee and Age Managers.



## CLUB EDUCATION TEAM

Stuart Barnett (Trainer, Assessor, facilitator, Cert IV Training and Assessing), Cassie Barnett (Training Officer), Mark Wright (Probationary Training Officer, Cert IV Training and Assessing), Adrian Parker (Probationary Training Officer, Cert IV Training and Assessing), Laura Barnett (Probationary Training Officer), Elly McSwan (Probationary Training Officer)

## 2021/22 AWARD RECIPIENTS

### TRAINERS AWARD

Laura Barnett and Elly McSwan

### BRONZE MEDALLION

Jude Biswas, Hannah Choi, Maria Cordoba, Andrew Cottrell, Timothy Hayes, Lillian Miller, Natalia Pedroza, Juan Ramuno, Alexandra Ryba and Blair Speakman.

### SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE

Imogen Arnott and Esther Leung

### FIRST AID

Gareth Baker, Cassie Barnett, Laura Barnett, Tia Brady, Ross Burgess, Sam Burgess, Kye Bush, Alan Cross, Peter Eden, Allan Gordon, Christopher Harvey, Max Henshaw, Mark Henty, Matt Hickey, Kesley Kernes, Thomas Newman, Brad Noble, Darren Pateman, Robert Reid, Earl Rennie, Joao Silveirinha, Andrew Stimson, Breeannan Williams, Mark Wright, Jude Biswas, Hannah Choi, Maria Cordoba, Andrew Cottrell, Timothy Hayes, Lillian Miller, Natalia Pedroza, Juan Ramuno, Alexandra Ryba and Blair Speakman.

### SILVER MEDALLION BASIC BEACH MANAGEMENT

Peter Eden, Kesley Kernes, Thomas Newman, Brad Noble, Earl Rennie, Joao Silveirinha and Peter Wilkinson

**Stuart Barnett**

**Facilitator, Assessor and Trainer**

**Dixon Park SLSC**



# SURF SPORTS REPORT

**In 2021-22 the rain, the wind, large surf and in some cases a lack of sand on the beach created havoc with SLS competition. The biggest casualty was the NSW Surf Championships – cancelled due to weather and surf.**

There were, however, some bright spots at Dixon Park this season. The Club held two Branch Carnivals providing competitors with a relatively clean and competitive surf on both occasions. These Carnivals are not possible without assistance of Club members to set up and pack down gear. The biggest task is providing IRB crews throughout the day. A big thankyou goes to our small band of IRB personnel – notably Ross Burgess, Allan Cross, Allan Gordon and Tom Newman. Branch officials were again very happy with the Clubs organisation and the keen involvement of competitors for two successful carnivals.

On the competitive front Dixon Park’s ranks are quite thin. A small band of competitors were successful at the Branch Championships.

- Peter Eden                    1st - 50-59 Single Ski
- Harry Daniel                2nd - 60-69 Beach Flags
- Harry Daniel                2nd - 60-69 Beach Sprint
- Harry Daniel                3rd - 60-69 2000m Beach Run
- Peter Brown                 3rd - 60-69 Surf Race
- Tim Wilkinson              3rd - 30-39 Board Race
- J Dwyer, J Price,            3rd - 30yrs Min Board Relay
- T Wilkinson
- Redhead/Dixon Park

A very pleasing result was Paul Brady who defended victory last year and again won gold at the Aussies. On a more unfortunate note and for unfathomable bureaucratic reasons Peter Brown was prevented from competing at these Titles.

The highlight continues to be the success of the Masters’ Boat Crew. This season the crew of Shane Barclay, Ian Kerr, Paul Hunt, Paul Murray and Peter Wilkinson defended their Aussie Title. Their high expectations were achieved with a Gold Medal at the Australian Champions. The crew also collected the Branch Title and the Australian Surf Rowers League Title. Weather conditions and the consequent cancellation of the State Titles resulted in the ASRL organising an alternate State Event with the crew again victorious (& viewed as another State Title). The crew’s efforts resulted in them being judged the Branch Team of the Year.

The Boat & Ski Shed at Horseshoe Beach and the use and popularity of the gym are benefits that continue to be available to all members. Especially pleasing was the purchase of a new Club Ski, which is also available for use by members. For next season I am hopeful that more members will make use of Club Equipment for their own personal fitness and to improve our competitive ranks.

### **Peter Wilkinson Director of Surf Sports**



# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR 1ST JULY 2021 TO 30TH JUNE 2022



Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc.  
A.B.N. 36 248 962 500

Audited Financial Statements  
For The Year Ending  
30 June 2022

## Evolution Audit

- Business Lifecycle Plans
- Management Accounting
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## Statement of Income and Expenditure

Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc.  
 For the year ended 30 June 2022

NOTES 2022 2021

Income	2022	2021
<b>Gross Profit from Trading</b>		
Revenue	129,884	155,772
Bar Sales	6,700	831
Clothing Sales	14,580	14,414
Day/Hall Hire Income	11,898	4,327
Donations and Sponsorships	26,592	25,387
Event Services	-	482
Food Sales	37,812	23,303
Grants - acquittal	16,792	15,660
Grants - non acquittal	36,507	68,381
Hall Hire and Functions Income	120	612
Interest Income	22,871	18,745
Kitchen Hire Income	31,007	22,989
Memberships	1,403	1,909
Profit on sale of assets	2,998	4,680
Sundry Income	2,347	2,727
Supplier Commission Income	341,511	360,221
<b>Total Revenue</b>		
Cost of Sales	13,770	33,369
Opening Stock	25,071	8,201
Clothing & merchandise purchases	-	108
Cost of Raffles and Food	23,765	25,132
Event Services costs	-	435
Fundraising costs	48,804	50,934
Purchases - Bar	39	99
Purchases - Food	(37,374)	(13,770)
Closing Stock	74,075	104,508
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>267,436</b>	<b>255,713</b>
<b>Total Gross Profit from Trading</b>	<b>267,436</b>	<b>255,713</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		
<b>Other Income</b>		
Miscellaneous Income	33,054	18,400
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>33,054</b>	<b>18,400</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>300,489</b>	<b>274,113</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Advertising	690	753
ATV Running Costs	789	398
Audit and accounting Fees	4,410	4,335

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	2022	2021
Awards	313	
Bank Charges	1,576	1,560
Bookkeeping Services	4,760	4,600
Business email compromise scam	24,611	
Cleaning	10,490	4,049
Clubhouse Supplies	2,039	2,205
Competition Expenses	147	945
Depreciation	34,560	33,113
Employees amenities		413
Entertainment		1,350
Grant Expenditure	762	1,514
Hunter Branch/SLSA costs	2,981	4,709
Insurance	9,758	14,386
IRE Expenses	1,656	498
Light, Power, Heating	8,030	6,117
Liquor License	417	435
Loss on scrapped assets		765
Motor Vehicle Expenses	258	224
Presentation & Club Days	5,323	4,069
Printing, Postage & Stationery	765	124
Registrations		73
Rent	545	646
Repairs & maintenance - building project	941	697
Repairs and Maintenance	17,508	10,906
Subscriptions	801	330
Sundry Expenses	109	271
Superannuation - bar/functions	3,804	4,289
Telephone & Internet	3,256	2,196
Training Courses and Consumables	562	187
Wages and Salaries - bar/functions	24,188	36,460
Wages and Salaries - cleaning	82	1,453
Wages and Salaries - event co-ordinator	16,500	12,058
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>182,529</b>	<b>156,128</b>
<b>Operating surplus/(loss) for the year attributable to members</b>	<b>117,960</b>	<b>117,985</b>

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## Balance Sheet

### Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

#### As at 30 June 2022

NOTES 30 JUN 2022 30 JUN 2021

	30 JUN 2022	30 JUN 2021
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Accounts Receivable	2,150	7,220
Cash on Hand	2,300	2,195
Cash Reserve	167,549	167,515
DPSLSC - Debit card	2,000	2,000
DPSLSC - Term Deposit	303,779	101,692
Operating Account	123,882	266,286
Prepayments	2,551	1,387
Stock on Hand - at Cost	37,374	13,770
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>634,585</b>	<b>559,065</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
<b>Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	44,770	44,770
Plant & Equipment - Juniors	(44,399)	(44,099)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Plant & Equipment - Juniors		
Office Furniture & Equipment	5,513	
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Furniture & Equipment	(108)	
Plant & Equipment - Seniors	506,119	500,344
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Plant & Equipment - Seniors	(389,685)	(385,150)
Property Improvements	570,446	534,936
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Property Improvements	(41,742)	(21,580)
<b>Total Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>650,915</b>	<b>623,221</b>
<b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	<b>650,915</b>	<b>623,221</b>
Formation Expenses	38	38
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>650,953</b>	<b>623,259</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,285,538</b>	<b>1,182,324</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
GST Liability	2,217	5,125
Accounts Payable	1,626	2,875
Bonds Held (Functions)	2,000	2,000
PAYG Withholdings Payable	1,546	3,056
Provision for bonus		5,500
Sundry Creditors	438	
Superannuation Payable	1,337	1,582
Unearned Income	27,998	31,770
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>37,161</b>	<b>51,908</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>37,161</b>	<b>51,908</b>

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	NOTES	30 JUN 2022	30 JUN 2021
<b>Net Assets</b>		1,248,376	1,130,416
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained Surplus		1,248,376	1,130,416
<b>Total Equity</b>		1,248,376	1,130,416



## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc. For the year ended 30 June 2022

#### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements cover Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc. as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc. is an incorporated association and a charity reporting under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. Since Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc. revenue is under \$500,000 it is defined as a small charity for reporting purposes.

#### Financial Reporting Framework

The committee have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the entity is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the needs of members. The entity is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the committee have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise.

#### Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of the statements are as follows:

##### a. Revenue

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

##### b. Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Property, plant and equipment is initially recorded at the cost of acquisition or fair value less, if applicable, any accumulated depreciation. Plant and equipment that has been contributed at no cost, or for nominal cost, is valued and recognised at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired. The plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure that the carrying amount is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets.

Freehold and land and buildings are usually measured at cost, less subsequent depreciation for buildings.

##### c. Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the committee reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test

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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached audit report.



is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

**d. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held on call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown with current liabilities on the balance sheet.

**e. Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

**f. Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors**

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from functions hire clients as well as amounts receivable from a supplier rebate. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the 30 June 2022 are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

**g. Accounts Payable and Other Creditors**

Accounts payable and other creditors represent the liabilities for goods and services received by the company that remain unpaid at 30 June 2022. Trade payables are recognised at their transaction price. They are subject to normal credit terms and do not bear interest.

**h. Goods and Services Tax**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

**i. Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

**j. Income Tax**

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

**k. Comparative Figures**

Where required, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

**l. Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

The committee evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the entity.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached audit report.



## Statement by Members of the Committee of

### Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc. For the year ended 30 June 2022

The members of the committee have determined that the incorporated association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The members of the committee declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, present fairly the entity's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
2. In their opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This statement is signed in accordance with a resolution of the committee of Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

Committee Member:   
[insert committee member name]

Committee Member:   
[insert committee member name]

Dated: 4/8/2022

## Independent Audit Report To The Members of

### Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc. For the year ended 30 June 2022

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc., which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2022, the income and expenditure statement, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by the members of the committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the entity as at 30 June 2022, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the significant accounting policies outlined in Note 1.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the entity's financial reporting responsibilities under the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the significant accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial report and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee are responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intend to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Ray	Harman
W	Haynes
James	Johnson
Dale	Laverty
William	McIntosh
Harold	McLardy
Richard	McWhinney
Brett	Norris
John	O'Reilly
Jack	Owen
F	Parker
Wilf	Parker
Reginald	Parkinson
Tom	Purdon
David	Ringland
J	Rourke
Kevin	Smith
Edward	Swain
John	Tongue
Peter	Woodward

### Life Members

Stuart	Barnett
Paul	Brady
Peter	Brown
Wally	Eather
Carl	Greer
Warren	Hinchcliffe
Bruce	MacDonald
Arthur	Mawkes
Paul	Murray
Peter	Norris
Toni	O'Donoghue
Trevor	Owen
Geoff	Padgett
Earl	Rennie
Doug	Sault
Kenneth	Screen
Jack	Tomlinson
Peter	Wilkinson

### Active Members (18 yrs and over)

Ashlee	Antcliff
Curtis	Baker
Gareth	Baker
Brett	Bancroft
Cassandra	Barnett
Laura	Barnett
Jude	Biswas
Ross	Burgess
Samuel	Burgess
Brett	Burton
Kye	Bush
Caitlin	Byrnes
David	Byrnes
Neil	Caddis
Hannah	Choi
Andrew	Cottrell
Alan	Cross
Leon	Doherty
Peter	Eden
Ian	Faulkner
Reece	Faulkner
Aleksandr	Fitzgerald
Declan	Fitzgerald
Scott	Gibson
Chris	Harvey
Charles	Henshaw
Max	Henshaw
Matt	Hickey
John	Humphries
Kesley	Kernes
Amy	Kirkpatrick
Mark	Kirkpatrick
Natalie	Lantry
Anthony	Marsh
Ellen	Martin
Troy	McClelland
Kate	McIntosh
Natasha	McIntosh
Elly	McSwan
John	Miller
Lillian	Miller
Bradley	Newman
Thomas	Newman
Brad	Noble
Jack	Noble

Adrian	Parker
David	Parkinson
Ben	Parsons
Samuel	Rayfield
Grant	Robinson
Nicholas	Robinson
Brianna	Rope
Dean	Rowe
Alexandra	Ryba
Joao	Silveirinha
Kyle	Smith
Gavin	Stewart
Andrew	Stimson
Darren	Toomey
Mark-Nikola	Vergot
Timothy	Wilkinson
Breeannan	Williams
Mark	Wright

### Long Service

Carl	Audley
Shane	Barclay
Matthew	Criss
Allan	Gordon
Marc	Henty
Paul	Hunt
Ian	Kerr
Paul	McGuire
Kenneth	Nolan
Allan	Stace
Lisa	Wright

### Reserve Active

Adrian	Anderson
Tia	Brady
Harry	Daniel
Richard	Finlay-Jones
Brian	Fisher
Michael	Pearce
Graham	Raisbeck



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