



# 2022 - 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

DIXON PARK SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED  
FOUNDED 1932

OUR MISSION IS SIMPLE; SAVING LIVES,  
CREATING GREAT AUSTRALIANS AND  
BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES



# 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 27 August 2023**, 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 21 August 2022.
- Presentation and adoption of the Annual Report for the 2022 -2023 season.
- Presentation and adoption of the Auditors Report and Annual Financial Statements for the financial year ending 30th June 2023. 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 2023 - 2024 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 2023 - 2024 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

The whale trains are heading north along with the State of Origin. Dixon Park in June 2023 is soaked in sunshine, with a westerly breeze and is the epicentre for many groups. Community members walk, run and ride past. Some stop, define their space on the grass and recharge. A five minute recharge soon expands into half an hour or more. Overlooking the ocean, and observing nature migrate north, provides the perfect environment to come together with friends and unpack the events of the week. Our community has certainly embraced this space. The 2022 - 2023 summer season also experienced a significant increase in people attending Dixon Park. What would Dixon Park's first members from 90 years ago make of the recharge coffee culture, the parking sensors embedded in the car park, and the e-vehicle recharge stations? They certainly did not have any issues finding a park.

Surf Club volunteers play a crucial role in our society, contributing to both personal growth and the betterment of communities. The importance of the Surf Club and associated membership cannot be overstated, as it brings numerous benefits to individuals and society.

Surf club membership provides a unique opportunity for personal development. It allows individuals to acquire and enhance valuable skills such as leadership, communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Through volunteering, people can explore their passions and interests, gaining a deeper sense of purpose and fulfillment in life. It also promotes empathy and understanding by exposing volunteers to diverse communities, cultures, and perspectives.



Surf club membership has a significant impact on the communities it serves. Volunteers contribute their time, energy, and expertise to address various social, environmental, and humanitarian issues. They support local nonprofits, schools and other organizations, helping them deliver essential services to those in need. By volunteering, individuals become agents of positive change, fostering social cohesion, and creating a ripple effect of generosity and goodwill.



Congratulations to the major award winners:

Recipient	Award
Sam Murland (378.5 patrol hours)	Lifesaver of the Year
Alan Cross	Volunteer of the Year
Patrol 10 - Neil Caddis (Patrol Captain) Cassie Barnett, Laura Barnett, Ashlee Antcliff, Hannah Choi, Reece Faulkner, Lillian Miller and Mark Nikola Vergot	Patrol of the Year

Surf club membership strengthens social bonds and builds stronger communities. It brings people from diverse backgrounds together, fostering connections and building relationships based on shared values and goals. Through collaborative efforts, volunteers can tackle complex challenges, enhance community resilience, and create a sense of belonging and pride.

Finally, surf club membership inspires and motivates others. By witnessing the selfless actions of volunteers, individuals are encouraged to get involved and become effective themselves. Volunteering is a catalyst for social change, encouraging a culture of compassion, civic engagement, and active citizenship.

In conclusion, volunteering is of paramount importance as it enriches individuals' lives, empowers communities, and fosters a more compassionate and inclusive society. Giving our time and skills can contribute to positive change and create a better world for everyone. 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.**

Our surf club members provided many thousands of patrolling hours. This includes over 5000 preventative actions. Members continued to assist in the flood relief program. The characteristic red and yellow uniforms found their way to various locations in support of flood victims. Navigating a heavy shore dump in an IRB was swapped for dodging flooded fence lines, and transporting people, their pets, and supplies.

The Club Lifesaving Equipment Grant (CLEG), the Beach Safety Equipment Fund (BSEF), and the City of Newcastle provided essential funding to support the purchase of lifesaving equipment. A program to replace IRB motors and associated equipment utilises this funding. Surf rescue boards and rescue tubes were also purchased to support training and lifesaving activities.

A successful season was completed with no lives lost during Club patrolling times. The many dimensions of the Club including lifesaving, education, nippers, surf sports, functions, administration and finance continue to work together to support the community. I thank and recognise the significant

contributions of our members who participated 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 contributions, the Club could not have met its core responsibilities and enjoyed such a great season.

**Dean Rowe and Peter Eden** 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 by sharing human resources and beach access. A new IRB motor was commissioned during the season and saw action straight away. This was funded by the Beach Safety Equipment Fund and the Club Lifesaving Equipment Grant.

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. **Stuart Barnett**, our Assessor and Trainer led this program. 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.

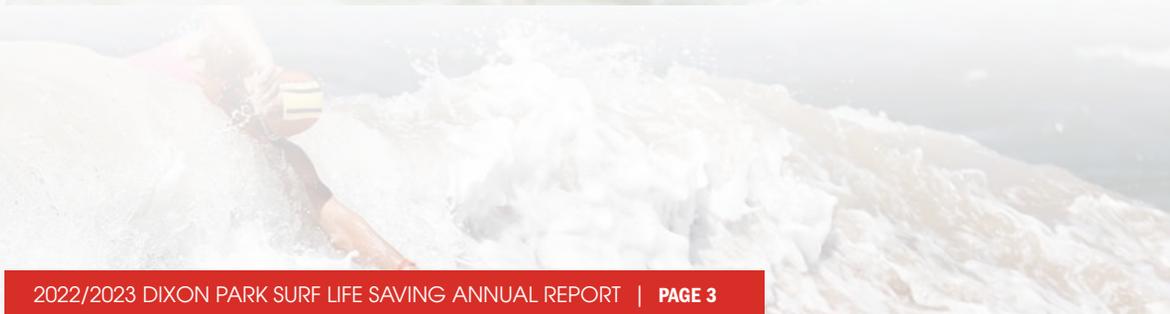
This season the Education section dealt with Patrol and Junior Activity proficiencies, conducting and processing proficiencies prior to Christmas 2022. The Junior Activities section of the Club also offered and completed the relevant Surf Aware, Surf Play, Surf Safe and Surf Smart awards for the Nippers.

A dedicated group of Dixon Park competitors participated in the Hunter Branch Championships and the State Championships. It was pleasing to see that their participation translated into many successes in a variety of water and beach events. The support and encouragement of the leadership team in this area saw an increasing number of members competing.

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 these activities help to develop the skills of the individual and the community culture of the Club.

The Club is very appreciative of the generous support it receives from its sponsors – **Hunter Civilab, 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 the benefit of members and the community.

**Toni O'Donoghue**, Director of Administration, continues to strengthen our governance and management processes. This is a foundation for development, growth, and sustainability. It is evident through ongoing changes and enhancements to our administration, systems, and processes. The many hidden hours in administration often go unnoticed, but it all translates to the efficient running of the Club.



Peter Wilkinson who led the Solar Panel project continues to monitor and grow his understanding of the electricity market for the benefit of the Club and the environment.

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. During meetings with the City of Newcastle in 2021 Dixon Park agreed to transfer the kiosk lease from Dixon Park to the City of Newcastle. The loss of this significant resource and the City of Newcastle’s annexation of the southern bay was recognised with provisions put in place to compensate Dixon Park for this loss of valuable surf lifesaving areas.

We are guided by the 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 respects, talks to 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, appreciate and welcome the rising sun, and the beginning of a new day. The approaching 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 16 June at NEX Wests, recognised the contributions of the Dixon Park Team. Nominations included:

Nominees	Award
Sam Murland	Lifesaver of the Year
Alan Cross	Volunteer of the Year
Stuart Barnett	Assessor of the Year
Juan Ramuno	Senior Athlete 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

Dixon Park’s Executive Team members have given of their time and gifts to support this community. Our Executive Team includes **Toni O’Donoghue, Stuart Barnett, Peter Eden, Dean Rowe, John Miller and Peter Wilkinson**. I would also like to thank the team at Hunter Surf Life Saving for their ongoing support and advice to the Club. Passion is a powerful force in achieving success. Passion and excellent processes are the foundation supporting the success of Hunter Branch.

Finally, on behalf of our members and the wider community, I acknowledge and thank Stuart Barnett (Director of Education) who will not be nominating for the Executive Committee for the 2023 - 2024 Season. Stuart, our Director of Education, also previous Club President and Nipper President, has provided significant leadership across all dimensions of the Club. Stuart’s enormous number of volunteering hours would be difficult to define. It would include providing expert advice on significant surf club issues and the many unseen hours picking up equipment and returning equipment following training sessions.

We look forward to seeing you at Dixon Park for our 91st Season.

**Peter Brown  
President**



# ADMINISTRATION REPORT

The following annual administrative summary provides an overview of the key activities and achievements of Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club for the 2022-2023 season. This report highlights the club's efforts in maintaining beach safety, training members, engaging and educating the community, and ensuring effective governance and administration.

The 2022-2023 season saw the Club celebrate its 90th anniversary of serving the beach going community. This milestone was celebrated with a dinner in November that was well attended by current and past members. During the season members were seen proudly wearing their 90th anniversary shirts and caps. Over the last ninety years Dixon Park Surf Club has grown from a dugout in the sand dunes to a fully resourced and financially independent surf Club, providing an essential service to the public. As we move into our 10th decade of operations, it is hoped that the Club will maintain its close links to the community it serves and continue to grow in strength from both a financial and management perspective.

The other highlight on the season's social calendar was the Club presentation night held in April, which was well attended. This saw Sam Murland awarded the 2022-2023 Lifesaver of the Year, Alan Cross was named the Volunteer of the Year and Patrol 10, led by Patrol Captain Neil Caddis, was awarded Patrol of the Year.



Patrolling members logged 2,930 patrol hours for the season, with 5 rescues performed, 15 applications of first aid and thousands of preventions. Our patrols were again extremely proactive on the beach therefore minimising the need for rescues. Members also responded to the call for NSW flood assistance providing IRB drivers and crews to move people, pets and possessions to safety.

During the season we were again fortunate to receive grant funding for much needed gear and equipment. Funding of \$11,000 was made available under the Beach Safety Equipment Grant (BSEG) with funds earmarked for rescue boards, rescue tubes, a defibrillator, first aid kit and tourniquet kit. Funds were also made available under the Club Lifesaving Equipment Grant (CLEG) and Newcastle Council contributed as in previous years.

Behind the scenes, numerous processes and activities were undertaken to ensure mandatory compliance obligations were fulfilled. Call-out team lists were maintained, equipment checked and repaired, member contact lists maintained, finances monitored, and member awards updated. Regular Branch meetings were also attended by committee members as required.

The Executive Committee of Dixon Park SLSC meets monthly to monitor operations, discuss issues within the club, report on finances and plan for future activities. Each Director reports on operations within their area of responsibility, and flags concerns or issues that require discussion. Strong governance supports all Executive activities, with structured processes and procedures in place to ensure transparency, consistency and compliance. The Committee is continually seeking interested parties, especially younger Club members, to participate as members of the Executive team to ensure all our member groups feel adequately represented.

**Table: Executive meetings and participation from September 2022 to June 2023**

Executive Group	Position	Attendance	Apology
Peter Brown	President	7	0
John Miller	Director of Finance	5	2
Dean Rowe	Directors of Lifesaving	6	1
Peter Eden			
Stuart Barnett	Director of Education	5	2
Peter Wilkinson	Director of Surf Sports	6	1
Toni O'Donoghue	Director of Administration	7	0
John Miller	Director of Junior Activities	5	2

(Meetings were not held in October, December & February due to the lack of a quorum)

## Deceased Members

To those Members who have suffered bereavements during the past year, we express our deepest sympathy. We especially remember life members **Wal Eather** and **Ray Harman** who have passed away.

Wal was elected a Life Member in 1953. He served as Club Secretary in 1947 and then from 1949 to 1955. He then served as Club President from 1956 to 1958.

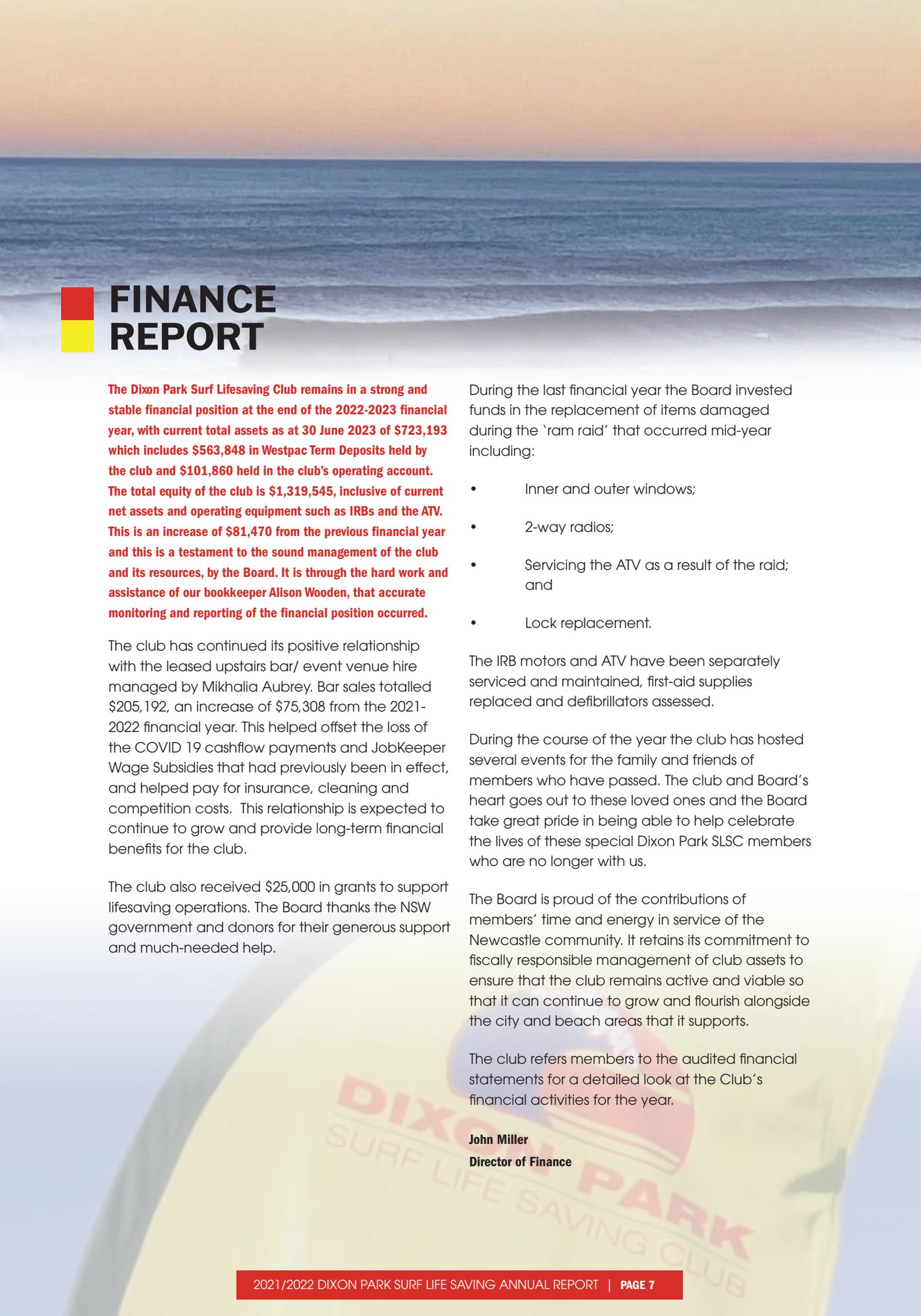
Ray was elected a Life Member in 1981. He served as Treasurer in 1962, from 1965 to 1970 and again in 1979, 1980 and 1987.

Both contributed significantly to the development and continued success of the club. Present members of the club are indebted to the legacy of those who went before us.

**Toni O'Donoghue**

**Director Administration**





# FINANCE REPORT

**The Dixon Park Surf Lifesaving Club remains in a strong and stable financial position at the end of the 2022-2023 financial year, with current total assets as at 30 June 2023 of \$723,193 which includes \$563,848 in Westpac Term Deposits held by the club and \$101,860 held in the club's operating account. The total equity of the club is \$1,319,545, inclusive of current net assets and operating equipment such as IRBs and the ATV. This is an increase of \$81,470 from the previous financial year and this is a testament to the sound management of the club and its resources, by the Board. It is through the hard work and assistance of our bookkeeper Alison Wooden, that accurate monitoring and reporting of the financial position occurred.**

The club has continued its positive relationship with the leased upstairs bar/ event venue hire managed by Mikhailia Aubrey. Bar sales totalled \$205,192, an increase of \$75,308 from the 2021-2022 financial year. This helped offset the loss of the COVID 19 cashflow payments and JobKeeper Wage Subsidies that had previously been in effect, and helped pay for insurance, cleaning and competition costs. This relationship is expected to continue to grow and provide long-term financial benefits for the club.

The club also received \$25,000 in grants to support lifesaving operations. The Board thanks the NSW government and donors for their generous support and much-needed help.

During the last financial year the Board invested funds in the replacement of items damaged during the 'ram raid' that occurred mid-year including:

- Inner and outer windows;
- 2-way radios;
- Servicing the ATV as a result of the raid; and
- Lock replacement.

The IRB motors and ATV have been separately serviced and maintained, first-aid supplies replaced and defibrillators assessed.

During the course of the year the club has hosted several events for the family and friends of members who have passed. The club and Board's heart goes out to these loved ones and the Board take great pride in being able to help celebrate the lives of these special Dixon Park SLSC members who are no longer with us.

The Board is proud of the contributions of members' time and energy in service of the Newcastle community. It retains its commitment to fiscally responsible management of club assets to ensure that the club remains active and viable so that it can continue to grow and flourish alongside the city and beach areas that it supports.

The club refers members to the audited financial statements for a detailed look at the Club's financial activities for the year.

**John Miller**  
**Director of Finance**



# LIFE SAVING REPORT

**Our surf club does not exist without our patrolling members, so the volunteers who turn up every weekend and public holiday 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'.**

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 2022 - 2023 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 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 10, led by Patrol Captain Neil Caddis, was awarded the honour for 2022-2023. A 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.

Special mention and thanks to those members who completed 100% of their patrol hours and in some cases attended well above their rostered hours - Peter Brown, Ross Burgess, Neil Caddis, Peter Eden, Kesley Kearnes, Sam Murland, Brad Newman & Earl Rennie. These members generously gave up their time and expertise to support their own and other patrol groups as required.

## Patrol 10 - Patrol of the Year – Members

- Neil Caddis (PC)
- Reece Faulkner
- Cassandra Barnett
- Laura Barnett
- Mark Nikola Vergot
- Ashlee Antcliff
- Hannah Choi
- Lillian Miller



Our statistics across the season from 24th September 2022 to 25th April 2023, included the attendance of 72,624 people at Dixon Park beach during patrol hours (this is an increase of 50,000 attendances on the previous year). Patrolling members provided support and protection for the community for 2,930 hours. They undertook 5,035 preventative actions, attended to 15 first aid incidents and performed 5 rescues from the surf. Our patrols worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of the beach going public, with no fatalities occurring on our watch.

Members also helped with the NSW Flood response during the season with Sam Murland, Alan Cross and Tom Newman deploying with our IRB to help the community.

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

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 2023-24 season.

**Dean Rowe, Peter Eden**  
**Directors of Lifesaving**

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**5**  
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preventative actions



**15**  
first aid incidents





# JUNIOR ACTIVITIES (NIPPERS) REPORT

**Coming off the back of a COVID- affected 2022 season the 2023 Nippers season was very successful, with larger numbers of Nippers able to regularly attend the Sunday sessions. It seemed like the younger groups of under 6s and 7s more than doubled in size, with there being almost 30 under 6s that came every week. 138 Nippers registered for the season and the majority of those participated throughout all the Sunday sessions. More importantly, 2023 was a season with much more favourable water conditions than the previous two years. This meant the nippers spent more time in the water developing their skills. It was a season that was rainy and a little cooler than other years, but the Nippers took to the water with great enthusiasm and the results showed.**

The increase in skills and water abilities shown by the Nippers was a credit to the volunteer Age Managers who supervised the kids and patiently guided them through the activities every week. The Nippers Committee of Cassie Criss, Alan Cross, Claire Szabo, Kate Henty, Patricia Kinney, Mark Henty and Jo Turton also worked tirelessly to help set up and structure the sessions. Without the assistance of all the Age Managers and the parents who participated in games and activities on the beach, Nippers would not have been possible! This year again many parents stepped up and assisted with the set up for the beach activities, and then with packing up when the day concluded. They also helped with the weekly barbeque to support the club and feed those wet, hungry kids. Sometimes the Nippers had to remind the Age Managers just who the kids were and who the adults were!

The growth in water skills shown was also due to the kids being willing to dig in and try ocean activities, many of them for the first time. This year many Nippers tried taking a board out into the surf or waded into the (sometimes scary) breaking waves. With arms linked they supported each other and pushed their boundaries. The efforts of the group lifted each member and helped them accomplish activities they would not have attempted at the start of the season.



At the start of the year a cohort of 8 -10 of the older kids was invited to learn to bodysurf wearing fins. While they tried hard, many of them could barely walk to the water in the fins and could only attempt 10 minutes swimming in shallow water. By the end of the season that same group spent 45 minutes bodysurfing and free swimming without touching the bottom at all, showing a massive improvement not only in confidence but in strength and water skills!

This year several of the older Nippers completed their Surf Rescue Certificates, an enormous achievement of which they should be duly proud. This also puts them well on their way to completing their Bronze Medallions should they want to. They have matriculated to become patrolling members of Dixon Park SLSC and will assist in the coming season as Water Safety supervisors for the other Nippers. Hopefully they will serve as an inspiration for future generations of Nippers to try as hard as they can!



Several Nippers participated in the Fingal Surf Lifesaving Carnival and tried their hardest. Whilst there might not have been any wins, there were great times had and many memories to take away!

In summary, the 2023 Nippers season was a memorable one. It was both a pleasure and a privilege to be able to help educate and mentor the Nippers, helping them learn and grow both in the ocean and as individuals. We look forward to many more Nippers seasons and hope that the Nippers of today will become the lifesavers and Age Managers of tomorrow, passing on their skills and helping to keep the beaches safe!

**John Miller**  
**Junior Activities Manager**





## EDUCATION REPORT

**Season 2022-2023, has in some ways been the start of a rebuilding of the Education team. With the retirement or departure of trainers over the last few years, a greater burden was placed on a smaller Education team. We have now built a larger team, all of whom are experienced lifesavers and eager trainers, so things look bright for 2023-2024.**

I would like to thank the members of the training team who have contributed over the course of the season. Myself, Stuart Barnett, as Chief Training Officer, (Trainer, assessor and facilitator) supported by Cassie Barnett (Trainer), Laura Barnett (Probationary Trainer), Thomas Newman (Probationary Trainer), Ross Burgess (Probationary Trainer) as well as Adrian Parker and Mark Wright. Elly McSwan, who was also a probationary trainer assisted up until Christmas but has relocated to Victoria.

Ross, Laura and Tom assisted with the last Bronze squad and will need to present and assist with at least one more squad before moving from probationary status to fully qualified trainers.

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

This season the Club ran a small Bronze, SRC and First Aid course. The Bronze courses were limited by my availability and the current membership did not take the opportunity to join the first aid course. We are looking to boost our active patrolling membership next season. The plan is to advertise a Bronze medallion squad in June 2023 with a commencement date sometime in July. A First aid course and Advanced Resuscitation course will also be run in July and August. We are also looking to run an IRB crew and Driver Course in the first half of the new season.

The Club is also looking to ascertain the numbers for the Surf Rescue Certificate as early as possible to ensure the under 14's group can complete their award before Christmas.

In total the Club processed 499 new Awards this season. As at the end of the season we have 93 members holding the Bronze Medallion of which 65 are proficient, 33 holding the

IRB crew certificate of which 27 are proficient, 20 holding the IRB driver certificate of which 16 are proficient, 41 holding the Advanced Resuscitation certificate of which 19 are proficient and 42 holding First Aid. Not all of those award holders are patrolling or patrolling full time. The Club, moving forward, needs to increase its active member numbers via new recruitment and by encouraging past and non-patrolling members to re-engage and potentially complete awards.

This season the Club also dealt with Patrol, Award and Junior Activity proficiencies, carrying out and processing proficiencies prior to Christmas 2022. 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 trainer, Cert IV Training and Assessing), Adrian Parker (Probationary Training Officer, Cert IV Training and Assessing), Laura Barnett (Probationary Training Officer), Ross Burgess (Probationary Training Officer), Thomas Newman (Probationary Training Officer)

## 2022/23 AWARD RECIPIENTS

### TRAINERS AWARD

Thomas Newman and Ross Burgess

### BRONZE MEDALLION

Kate Henty, Tyron Mascini, Callen Blanch

### SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE

Xavier Byrnes

### FIRST AID

Declan Fitzgerald, Mark Kirkpatrick, Tyron Mascini and Callen Blanch

**Stuart Barnett**

**Chief Training Office/Director of Education**



# SURF SPORTS REPORT



**Our Masters' competitors continue to show the way for the Club in competition. While only small in number, these competitors performed extremely well at the local Hunter Branch Masters' Carnival. Juan Ramuno competed for the first time with commendable results and all members are encouraged to consider an enjoyable outing at the Branch Championships.**

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 the 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, Alan Cross, Allan Gordon and Tom Newman. Branch officials were again very happy with the Club's 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.

- Lisa Wright      1st - 30-39 yrs Female Beach Flags  
1st - 30-39 yrs Female Beach Sprint
- Juan Ramuno    1st - 30-39 yrs Male 2Km Beach Run  
1st - 30-39 yrs Male Beach Flags  
2nd - 30-39 yrs Male Beach Sprint  
3rd - 30-39 yrs Male Surf Race
- Timothy Wilkinson    2nd - 40-49 yrs Male Beach Sprint
- Peter Eden        1st - 60-69 yrs Male Single Ski
- Gavin Stewart    1st - 60-69 yrs Male Surf Race  
2nd - 60-69 yrs Male Single Ski

The Masters Boat crew continued to enjoy success this season. The crew led the Hunter / Central Coast Boat Series up to the very last race. A triple dead heat resulted in the crew ending up fourth for the last round and tied with Umina for the series. Umina won on a count back. Victory at the Branch augured well for the State Titles. Unfortunately, an injury to Paul Murray resulted in the need for a hurried replacement – the result was a 2nd at the State. The 260s crew felt Scarborough in WA was too far to travel to defend their Australian Title.

The ASRL provided a talking point for the crew. The day began with a leisurely 3½ hour drive to Bulli. On arrival at 10am there was steady, light rainfall. The rain got heavier but we got the boat and trailer towed onto the beach. The rain got heavier, and the wind got stronger; Bulli surf club was flooded as the heavy rain continued (100mm in 2 hours). The boat buoys were invisible, and even a good 'A' crew would have struggled against the strong onshore gale. The Carnival was called off at 12.00. We manhandled the trailer and boat back off the beach. The rain and wind stopped around 1.00. We had a leisurely 3½ hour drive back to Newcastle. Another great day at a surf carnival.

In years gone by competition was the hallmark of surf club membership. Members were encouraged and expected to participate in intra-club competition. The focus was on fitness and preparedness for rescue. Sunday morning events were important, but now appear to be a thing of the past. Our last Club Championship was held in 2014. Saturday Patrols, the importance of education in SLS and the business of life generally have all contributed to this change.

With this in mind, members are encouraged to make use of the Club's facilities and equipment. The gym, club skis and boards can all be utilised for personal fitness

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





# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR 1ST JULY 2022 TO 30TH JUNE 2023



## Audited Financial Statements

Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

ABN 36 248 962 500

For the year ended 30 June 2023



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## Profit and Loss

### Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc. For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>		
Bar Sales	205,192	129,884
Clothing Sales	7,455	6,700
Day Hall Hire Income	19,002	14,580
Donations and Sponsorships	800	11,898
Event Services	573	26,592
Food Sales	7,227	-
Fundraising events	2,386	-
Grants - acquittal	9,502	37,812
Grants - non acquittal	14,636	16,792
Hall Hire and Functions Income	72,055	36,507
Interest Income	3,398	120
Kitchen Hire Income	27,091	22,871
Memberships	26,773	31,007
Profit on sale of assets	-	1,403
Sundry Income	12,029	2,998
Supplier Commission Income	455	2,347
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>408,573</b>	<b>341,511</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
Opening Stock	37,374	13,770
Clothing & merchandise Purchases	10,888	25,071
Event Services costs	7,255	23,765
Fundraising costs	6,035	-
Purchases - Bar	80,496	48,804
Purchases - Food	4,514	39
Closing Stock	(32,013)	(37,374)
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>114,548</b>	<b>74,075</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>294,025</b>	<b>267,436</b>
<b>Plus Other Income</b>		
COVID19 Cashflow Boost grant + Job Saver Grant	-	30,804
Jobkeeper Wage Subsidy	-	2,250
<b>Total Plus Other Income</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,054</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>294,025</b>	<b>300,489</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Advertising	-	690
ATV Running Costs	458	789
Audit and accounting Fees	5,360	4,410
Awards	789	313

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

	2023	2022
Bank Charges	3,014	1,576
Bookkeeping Services	9,460	4,760
Business email compromise scam	-	24,511
Cleaning	17,733	10,490
Clubhouse Supplies	2,225	2,039
Competition Expenses	331	147
Depreciation	36,177	34,560
Entertainment	455	-
Grant Expenditure	2,648	762
Hunter Branch/SLSA costs	3,520	2,981
Insurance	15,864	9,758
IRB Expenses	430	1,656
Light, Power, Heating	11,036	8,030
Liquor License	449	417
Motor Vehicle Expenses	268	258
Presentation & Club Days	9,691	5,323
Printing, Postage & Stationery	813	765
Rent	573	545
Repairs and Maintenance - Building Project	-	941
Repairs and Maintenance	17,344	17,508
Subscriptions	360	801
Sundry Expenses	-	109
Superannuation - bar/functions	7,751	3,804
Telephone & Internet	1,760	3,256
Training Courses and Consumables	285	562
Wages and Salaries - bar/functions	43,906	24,188
Wages and Salaries - cleaning	-	82
Wages and Salaries - event co-ordinator	30,156	16,500
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>222,857</b>	<b>182,529</b>
<b>Operating surplus/(loss) for the year attributable to members</b>	<b>71,168</b>	<b>117,960</b>

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## Balance Sheet

### Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

#### As at 30 June 2023

	30 JUN 2023	30 JUN 2022
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
GST Liability	1,299	-
Accounts Receivable	1,050	2,150
Cash on Hand	2,300	2,300
Cash Reserve	3,872	162,549
DPSLSC - Debit card	2,000	2,000
DPSLSC - Term Deposit	563,848	301,779
Operating Account	101,860	123,882
Prepayments	14,951	2,551
Stock on Hand - at Cost	32,013	37,374
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>723,193</b>	<b>634,585</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
<b>Plant &amp; Equipment</b>		
Plant & Equipment - Juniors	44,770	44,770
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Plant & Equipment - Juniors	(44,699)	(44,399)
Office Furniture & Equipment	16,440	5,513
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Furniture & Equipment	(1,239)	(108)
Plant & Equipment - Seniors	521,453	506,119
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Plant & Equipment - Seniors	(407,508)	(389,685)
Property Improvements	571,809	570,446
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Property Improvements	(56,851)	(41,742)
<b>Total Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>643,777</b>	<b>650,915</b>
<b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	<b>643,777</b>	<b>650,915</b>
Formation Expenses	38	38
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>643,815</b>	<b>650,953</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,367,008</b>	<b>1,285,538</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
GST Liability	-	2,217
Accounts Payable	12,016	1,626
Bonds Held (Functions)	2,350	2,000
PAYG Withholdings Payable	3,284	1,546
Sundry Creditors	790	438
Superannuation Payable	2,432	1,337
Unearned Income	26,591	27,998
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>47,463</b>	<b>37,161</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>47,463</b>	<b>37,161</b>

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	30 JUN 2023	30 JUN 2022
<b>Net Assets</b>	1,319,545	1,248,376
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained Surplus	1,319,545	1,248,376
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>1,319,545</b>	<b>1,248,376</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc. For the year ended 30 June 2023

#### 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 and Charitable Fundraising Act 1991. 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

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 2023 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 2023. 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 2023

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 2023 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.

*John P Miller*

Committee Member:

*Peter Brown*

Committee Member:

Dated: 06/08/2023



# Independent Audit Report To The Members of

## Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc. For the year ended 30 June 2023

### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc., which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2023, 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 2023, 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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*Craig Bartlett*

Director: Craig Bartlett

07/08/2023

Dated:

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Doug	Sault
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## Life Members

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Ashlee	Antcliff
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Chris	Harvey
Charles	Henshaw
John	Humphries
Kesley	Kernes
Amy	Kirkpatrick
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Troy	McClelland
Kate	McIntosh
Natasha	McIntosh
John	Miller
Lillian	Miller
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## Reserve Active

Adrian	Anderson
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