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Annual Report

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



63RD EDITION



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NOTICE OF THE 63RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED, AFFILIATED WITH SURF LIFE SAVING SOUTH AUSTRALIA, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB ON SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 10AM SHARP. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD UPSTAIRS IN THE CLUB BISTRO.

AGENDA

1. Notice of Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Adoption of Minutes of the 62nd Annual General Meeting held on September 18, 2022 and business arising.
4. Presentation, Consideration and Adoption of the 62nd Annual Report and Financial Statement.
5. Notices of Motion on recommendations of Board of Management.
6. Affiliation with SLSSA.
7. Club Membership Fees for season 2023/24
8. Declaration of Vacancies of Present Committee
9. Election of Officers for season 2023/24
10. Presentation of Club Awards
11. General Business



Somerton SLSC would like to say thank you and acknowledges the support of:

Surf Life Saving Australia and their major sponsors Ampol, DHL Isuzu Ute Australia, Westpac, BRP.

Surf Life Saving South Australia and local sponsors Kozii Swimwear, the Government of South Australia Office of Recreation and Sport, the South Australian Fire and Emergency Service Commission, and West Beach Parks.

CONSTITUTION EXTRACT

NAME

The name of the club shall be the 'Somerton Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated'.

AFFILIATION

The club shall affiliate with Surf Life Saving Australia, Surf Life Saving South Australia and any other organisation that the Management Committee may from time to time determine.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the club shall be:

- The study and practice of the methods of surf life saving as laid down by the Surf Life Saving Australia.
- To minimise the loss of life from drowning and render all possible aid to those in distress by providing beach patrols as laid down by the State Centre within the borders of the beach.
- To co-operate with the local governing authorities in taking such measures as are considered necessary by the club to ensure the safety of users of the beach.
- To organise and conduct competitions and social functions for the benefit of the Club and its members.

CLUB COLOURS

The club colours shall be White, Green and Black and shall be subject to the approval of the State Centre.

AREA OF OPERATION

The Somerton Surf Life Saving Club patrols the area between King Street, Brighton and the Broadway, Glenelg : some 3 kilometres of coastline.

A static Base Patrol is situated on the beach, below the cliff in front of the Clubrooms, from which roving patrols to both the north and south of the Club are coordinated. Constant surveillance of the immediate areas is maintained from the cliff top and/or from the balcony of the Club House. The mobile patrol is also coordinated from the main beach patrol and each patrolling day the IRB regularly patrols from King Street in the south to the Broadway in the north. This extends our boundaries of patrolling operations to in excess of five kilometres thus ensuring that all beach between Somerton and the neighbouring clubs is well and truly covered

LIFE MEMBERS

Douglas Gray *
Peter Brown *
Forbes Weir *
Robin Kidney *
Anthony Kidney*
Allan McDonough *
Phil Lambourne *
Keith Sangster *
Anthony Dyer *
Dick Cabban *
Robert Golding
Robert Hood Snr *
Maxwell Golding *
Dean Hammond *
Robert Hood Jnr
Peter Hood
Paul Lewandowski
James McCaul
Dorothy Hammond *
Francis (Gary) Miller *
Steven Miller
Matthew Fletcher
Timothy Fletcher
Andrew Whittington
Jason Bradley
Andrew Holt
David Meaney
Sarah Bradley
Stephen Cornish
Michelle Cornish
Andrew Meaney
Char Hood
Raymond Nussio
Louise Fletcher
William Smith
Warwick Holland
Neill Hogg *
Melissa Millstead
Catherine Frost
Mark Williams
Robin McBride
Donald Smith *
Marg Lamerton

* deceased

FOUNDATION MEMBERS

Robin Kidney *
Phil Lambourne *

* deceased

VICE PATRONS

PATRON

The Mayor of the City of Holdfast Bay, Mayor
Amanda Wilson

VICE PATRON

Sarah Andrews MP - State Member for Gibson

The Hon Stephen Patterson MP, Member for
Morphett

Mrs Rosemary Clancy Councillor for the
Brighton Ward

Mr Lance Meaney

HONORARY LEGAL ADVISOR

Mrs Ashlee Provis

CLUB STRUCTURE

President- Warwick Holland

Vice President- Brad Keighran

Honorary Secretary- Andrew Camilleri

Honorary Treasurer- Tony Brumfield

Club Captain- Lisa Window

Director (appointed) Drew Hoxey

Director (appointed) Davey Taylor

Director (appointed) Louise Lawson

Director (appointed) Ali Hill

Registrar- Marian McAllister

Vice Captain- Richard Mayfield

Water Safety Supervisor- Adam McAllister

Junior Coordinator- Ali Hill

Junior Administration Officer- Emma

Parkinson-Lawrence

Youth Captain- Loo Keighran

Senior Competition Officer- Loo Keighran

Junior Competition Officer- Jenni Brown

Boats Competition Officer- Andrew Thiele

Chief Training Officer- Rob McBride

Boat Captain- Michael Whitford and Andrew Thiele

Board and Ski Captain- James McBride

Surf Sports- Brad Keighran

Swim Captain- Matthew Perriman

IRB Captain- Craig Brown

ATV Captain – Jon Stewart

Race Steward- Sarah Cutbush

Gear Steward- Jon Stewart

Gym Manager- Jordan Maslen

First Aid Officer- David Provis

Communications Officer- Louise Lawson

Merchandise Coordinators - Kathy Holland / Nicole
Murphy

Volunteer Coordinator- Margie Brown

Buddy Bar Managers- Sheena LeCornu

Honorary Club Chaplain- Barbara Paull-Hunt

Maintenance Manager - Bob Hood

Social and Events - Megan Rebuli

Facilities- Drew Hoxey

SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

AXELEN AUSTRALIA

BOB HOOD MAINTENANCE SERVICES

COMBO INDUSTRIES

DULUX PAINT

EASYAUTO 123

ECO ELECTRICAL & AIR

HEARTLAND WINES

INCA CONSTRUCTIONS

OPTIMAL AIR & REFRIGERATION

RJE GLOBAL

ROTARY CLUB OF HOLDFAST BAY

SA CONSTRUCT

SOUTHERN CROSS MEATS

STONECRAFT

STUBBIES INK

2022-2023 GRANTS

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT - BEACH SAFETY

EQUIPMENT FUND (Life Saving Gear)

GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA - SA Fire and
Emergency Services Commission Grant (Life Saving
Gear)

BRP Side by Side Equipment Grant (ATV)

OTHER FUNDING

GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA - EMERGENCY
SERVICES FUND

CITY OF HOLDFAST BAY

SURF LIFE SAVING MAJOR NATIONAL PARTNERS:

AMPOL, DHL, ISUZU UTE AUSTRALIA, WESTPAC, BRP

SURF LIFE SAVING SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to provide you with my 6th and final Annual Report as President of the Somerton SLSC for 2022-2023, our 63rd season.

Our core responsibility as a Surf Life Saving Club is to patrol and provide a safe beach and aquatic environment for the public, including our members. Our area of operation stretches 3 kilometres from King Street, Brighton to the Broadway, Glenelg South. I'm pleased to report that no lives were lost during our patrolling hours between the red and yellow flags. It is appropriate to reinforce the extremely valuable skills our members learn when they join us and that one never knows when they may possibly need to put them into action. I also want to acknowledge the teaching skills of our trainers and the knowledge they've successfully shared with members.

I want to thank our patrol captains, vice-captains and all patrolling members for carrying out their duties to patrol our beaches and aquatic environment. In particular, I'd like to mention Club Captain and Vice-Captain, Lisa Window and Richard Mayfield for leading the Club in this essential obligation. Special mention also to our IRB drivers and crew, as they undertake many roles in addition to patrolling. These include water cover for our Junior program, carnivals (Juniors, Seniors and surf-boats) and non-surf lifesaving water based events, both at Somerton and neighbouring beaches. Craig Brown has continued to lead this area for many seasons and the entire Club is very grateful for you and your team for the support you provide in allowing these other activities to take place. This is a fun and exciting area of patrol and competition and I encourage all members to consider joining this group.

Regarding our 2 sub-leases with the Kiosk and the Bistro, we are pleased to report to members that approval for continuation of both sub-leases have been granted by the City of Holdfast Bay:

- The Kiosk was provided with a 2-year extension in June 2023. There is still further work to be done in aligning their sub-lease with the same date as the club's head lease with the council.
- In early August 2023, the Bistro has been given a new 3-year sub-lease and its expiration will coincide with the expiration of the Club's head lease with Council on 6th December 2026. An option to renew will be provided at that time to coincide with the renewal of the Club's head lease with the City of Holdfast Bay. There is still further work to be done with some of the terms of the sub-lease and we are working through this at the time of writing this report.

While it has taken a very long time to reach this stage, the Club is pleased with the progress that has been made. We also want to thank both businesses for their continued support of the Club and our aims, and for the patience they've displayed while we've worked towards this. I have mentioned this in past reports, but it is important to remind all members of the benefit the Club receives by receiving a reliable income stream from both businesses. We strongly encourage all members to support The Kiosk and The Bistro whenever the opportunity arises - we benefit from your patronage.

I'd like to highlight an achievement of one of our members, Sarah Cutbush, who was elected President of Surf Life Saving SA in May 2023. Sarah has been an active patrolling member at Somerton for over 10 years and is currently our Race Steward who organises our weekly Club swims, the annual Mile Swim and the season finishing "Max" swim. She was initially elected to the Board of SLSSA back in May 2018 and became Vice President of SLSSA a couple of years ago. With the unfortunate passing of State President, Kevin "Brakey" Watkins in February, Sarah acted as President (a role she had been taking on as his illness progressed) until being elected to this role in May. In her time on the Board to date, Sarah has played a major role in helping to bring positive cultural change to our Association. Club members who know Sarah think very highly of her. Her integrity, leadership and passion for our organisation is clearly appreciated by numerous other surf life savers outside of our Club and across the State. I am sure she will continue to create positive change for everyone associated with our movement in South Australia.

A major highlight of the past season was again in relation to the performance of our Juniors, who finished in 3rd place out of the 22 SA clubs at the completion of the Junior State Championships. A new ranking system introduced by SLSSA at the end of the previous season included areas such as membership retention, carnival participation, sports performance, sport environment and the Nipper program, in addition to competition performance. The Club is very proud of this result, and it reflects well on the leadership of Ali Hill and Emma Parkinson-Lawrence. Further thanks are also given to our Age Managers, coaches and all who are associated with the Junior program, including parent volunteers and the Water Cover team.

Congratulations to all our very deserving award recipients at our Awards night back in May and to our nominees who were entered into the annual SLSSA Awards of Excellence in June. Although no members

received any of the Awards on the evening, Somerton was very pleased to have one of our Life Members, Tony Dyer, awarded posthumous membership of SLSSA Hall of Fame. It is wonderful recognition for a Club Member who devoted an immense number of hours to our Club and to surf life saving, for over 3 decades from the early 1960s until 1990. He also played a significant role in SLSSA as the SA Gear Steward, a long serving member of the Board of Examiners and during the 1990s was heavily involved in IRBs, both in training and competitions. He was awarded Life Membership of SLSSA in 1990. Sadly, he passed away in April 2023, but his wife, Heather was able to accept the award. Besides acknowledging Tony and his award, I would like to acknowledge three other former members who also passed away during this season and recognise the contributions they each made to our Club:

- We learnt of Robin Kidney's passing back in September. As you all know, he along with Phil Lambourne, founded our Club in 1960 and was awarded Life Membership. Robin's contributions are too numerous to list here. He still regularly came down to the Club on Saturday afternoons until the end of the 2021/22 season, 60 years after he co-founded it which typified his passion for the Club. He was a larger-than-life character, made himself known to many and didn't mind sharing past stories about the Club to anyone who spent time chatting to him. He is already missed...
- Davis Barber lost his very long battle with cancer in November 2022 – he had only just turned 28. The whole Barber family have been heavily involved with the Club for over 20 years. Contributions include sponsorship through their business, Combo Industries, Darryl serving as an AGM and Gear Steward, Petra volunteering as an official and sitting on committees including Fundraising. Davis's passion was boards and skis, and he was instrumental in arranging the Somerton Signature event, along with James McBride. This was held at the Club for 3 seasons around 10 years ago.
- Trevor Brown unfortunately also lost his battle with cancer in December 2022. Trevor's involvement extended back to the late 1960/early 1970s as a Nipper and he gained State Team selection. He later returned to the Club with his wife Mary and 2 daughters, Inneke and Chloe back in the 2000's when he was an Age Manager for many years. His brother Greg is still an active member and very much involved in life saving and administrative roles in and around the Club.

As a volunteer led Club, it's important to never forget

the many individuals who have all played a part in developing the Club and its legacy that all members enjoy today. It's appropriate to remember the noteworthy and unique contributions of Tony, Robin, Davis and Trevor to our Club and to surf lifesaving at different times over the past 60 years.

In January, for the third consecutive year, we hosted the SA State Masters Open Water Swim Championships. The plaza area in front of the Club, the Kiosk, the coastal pathway, our cliff-top location and the Bistro make us an ideal location for this event and the Marion Masters Swimming Club are keen to continue with this arrangement into the future. Special thanks to Club Captain Lisa Window, Vice-Captain Richard Mayfield, Craig Brown and the IRB crew, as well as our water-cover personnel for your efforts leading up to and on the day. This showcases our commitment to others through the volunteer service we provide our broader community.

As with previous seasons, I'm not summarising all key operational areas within the Club (Life Saving, Surf Sports, Training and Education, and Junior/Youth Development) in my report. Please read the individual summaries provided by the Area Captains and Club Officers from these areas. Rather than singling out individuals, I run the risk of omitting someone who has contributed and been involved, so THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS WHO GIVE FREELY OF THEIR TIME TO SUPPORT OUR CLUB.

There are many non-life saving areas that are supported and managed by other key non-patrolling members. Thanks very much to Club Chaplain, Reverend Barbara Paull-Hunt; Buddy Bar manager, Sheena LeCornu; Merchandise Co-ordinators Kathy Holland and Nicole Murphy; and the Saturday afternoon BBQ team lead by Simon Croxton. These individuals generously give their time on a weekly basis for the benefit of other members without receiving anything in return.

Margie Brown and her helpers continued to lead our Somerton SEALS (Special Education and Learning) program, with nine seasons now completed. Somerton SEALS provides aquatic opportunities for participants with a disability and underscores our desire to offer an inclusive community program for those who are unable to participate in our Junior and Senior programs.

We are grateful for both our cash and in-kind sponsors. Their generosity continues to enable us to offer our program to the various sections within the Club. Without your on-going support, we'd find it difficult in

many areas on and off the beach. Thank you!

At the end of each season, there are members who, for a variety of reasons, will not continue in their positions. There are too many to list here now and while this may appear to leave a gap to fill, it also provides opportunities for other members to step up into these roles. This will allow for new and constructive ideas to help drive Somerton forward into the future and be recognised as a unique family based Club, providing an essential service while having fun.

The Club Board of Management deserves special recognition. Individually, as volunteers, you have all provided countless hours of dedicated service. Although not always obvious to members, I can assure you that your commitment has certainly helped to improve the Club in many ways. Without you, we would not have the Club culture and success that we have achieved and aim to achieve into the future, so I thank each of you for your involvement.

Our preparations for the upcoming 2023-2024 season are underway and I look forward to seeing everyone again in and around the Club. It has been a privilege to serve the Club in this role and help guide it towards a sustainable future. I am very confident that with the calibre of members who are taking on leadership roles, we will continue to prosper and serve our community.

Warwick Holland, Life Member
PRESIDENT
Somerton SLSC Inc "Your Club, Our Club, One Club"



TREASURER'S REPORT

The club continues to perform well financially. The 2022-23 year featured significant investment in new equipment for the club, maintenance occurred to the storage shed and change rooms as well as continued refreshment of the bistro facilities.

The capital program was \$67,000 and included:

- Replacement of the ATV as a result of high maintenance costs for the current ATV and high outage periods due to delays in sourcing parts following the COVID pandemic;
- A new engine and trailer for the IRB and the delivery of a new IRB hull that was ordered in 2021-22;
- Continued revitalisation of surf sports equipment through the purchase of two new competition skis;
- An additional 6 foam junior boards were purchased and the junior completion trailer had a mechanical overhaul;
- The installation new carpet and flooring to the bistro; and
- Replacement of the commercial dishwasher for the bistro.

In addition the club repaid a further \$12,000 of its loan from Surf Life Saving South Australia reducing the outstanding balance of approximately \$18,000 as at 30 June 2023. The club remains very solvent with a cash balance of \$99,000 or approximately \$72,000 after removing the effect of trade debtors.

The operating result of a \$36,000 loss was slightly higher planned however it primarily reflects the depreciation of the building and its fittings that will be fully depreciated by the end of the current lease (2026) in accordance with accounting standards. Depreciation totalled a very substantial \$74,000 for the financial year with approximately half of this relating to the building fittings.

The club restructured membership fees in the 2023 season to reduce the cost of some categories. Despite this restructure, the total membership fees for 2023 (\$57,500) exceeded the 2022 (\$55,474) season. Grant revenue returned to more normal levels in 2023 (\$15,000) compared to post Covid economic stimulation levels in 2022 of \$38,500.

Tony Brumfield
Treasurer



AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT'S DECLARATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The Board of Management have determined that the Club is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board of Management the financial report as set out on pages 6 to 16

- (a) At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that Somerton Surf Life Saving Club Inc. is able to pay its debts as and when they become due; and
- (b) The financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Management pursuant to Regulation 60-15 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*.

On behalf of the Board of Management:

 Treasurer 14/8/23

 Secretary

Signed at Somerton Surf Life Saving Club this 14 day of August 2023.

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Board of Management present their report on the financial statements of the Club for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The following persons hold office as Board of Management members as at the date of this report:

Warwick Holland (President)
 Brad Keighran (Vice President)
 Andrew Camilleri (Secretary)
 Lisa Window (Club Captain)
 Davey Taylor
 Louise Lawson
 Ali Hill
 Tony Brumfield (Treasurer)

ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Club during the period were:

- a) The study and practice of the methods of surf life saving as laid down by the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia (SLSA).
 - b) To minimise the loss of life from drowning and render all possible aid to those in distress by providing beach patrols as laid down by the SLSA State Centre within the borders of the beach.
 - c) To co-operate with the local government authorities in taking such measures as are considered necessary by the Club to ensure the safety of the users of the beach.
 - d) To organise and conduct competitions and social functions for the benefit of the Club and its members.
- No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

RESULTS

The net result of operations, was a deficit of \$36,185 (2022 surplus of \$5,120).

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

There were no significant changes in the operations of the Club during the year.

MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE PERIOD

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2023 that has significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- (i) the operations of the Association;
- (ii) the results of the operation; and
- (iii) the stake of affairs of the Association.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEMBERS' BENEFITS

During the period:

- (i) no officer of Somerton Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated;
- (ii) no firm in which an officer was a member; and
- (iii) no body corporate in which an officer has a substantial interest.

has received directly or indirectly from the Club any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value.

Signed at Somerton Surf Life Saving Club Inc. this
 resolution of the Board of Management

day of August 2023, in accordance with a

..... Treasurer

..... Secretary

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

**UNDER SECTION 60-40 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES
AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012**

In accordance with section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the Board of Management of Somerton Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

As lead audit partner for the audit of the financial statements of Somerton Surf Life Saving Club Inc as at 30 June 2023, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Nexia Edwards Marshall
Chartered Accountants

Damien Pozza
Partner

Adelaide
South Australia

August 2023

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED
 STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS & OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
INCOME			
Sales Income	2	1,234,872	1,069,634
LESS COST OF GOODS SOLD			
Management Fee		(967,524)	(624,603)
Cost of Sales		(226,555)	(194,647)
GROSS SURPLUS		40,793	50,384
LESS EXPENSES			
Administration		(41,993)	(48,166)
Depreciation & amortisation		(74,443)	(71,283)
Competition		(25,839)	(42,166)
Fundraising expenses		(1,805)	(1,268)
Juniors		(7,702)	(1,243)
Lifesaving expenses		(18,182)	(13,380)
Premises		(71,269)	(65,092)
TOTAL EXPENSES		(241,033)	(242,596)
OTHER INCOME			
Fundraising, donations and sponsorships	2	21,925	23,682
Grants and trust distributions	2	27,000	50,500
Membership fees	2	57,500	55,474
Other income	2	57,630	67,676
TOTAL OTHER OPERATING INCOME		164,055	197,332
OPERATING SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)		(36,185)	5,120

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	96,473	163,601
Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors	4	4,271	2,864
Inventories on Hand	5	39,327	30,409
Other Current Assets	6	7,365	7,157

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

147,436 203, 831

NON CURRENT ASSETS

Property, Plant & Equipment	7	190,918	198,035
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TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS

190,918 198,035

TOTAL ASSETS

338,354 401,866

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable and Other Payables	8	23,729	40,151
Financial Liabilities	9	12,000	11,000

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES

35,729 51,151

NON CURRENT LIABILITIES

Financial Liabilities	9	5,787	17,692
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TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES

5,787 17,692

TOTAL LIABILITIES

41,516 68,843

NET ASSETS

296,838 333,023

EQUITY

Reserves	11	76,564	76,564
Retained Earnings		220,274	256,459

TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS

296,838 333,023

The accompanying notes for part of these financial statements.

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SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	Retained Earnings \$	General Reserve \$	Total Accumulated Funds \$
Balance as at 30 June 2021		251,339	76,564	327,903
Net Surplus from Association's Activities		5,120	-	5,120
Balance as at 30 June 2022		256,459	76,564	333,023
		Retained Earnings \$	General Reserve \$	Total Accumulated Funds \$
Balance as at 30 June 2022		256,459	76,564	333,023
Net Deficit from Association's Activities		(36,185)	-	(36,185)
Balance as at 30 June 2023		220,274	76,564	296,838

The accompanying notes for part of these financial statements.

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023 \$ Inflows (Outflows)	2022 \$ Inflows (Outflows)
Cash flows from Operating Activities:			
Receipts from customers (inc GST)		1,541,080	1,385,800
Payments to suppliers and employees (inc GST)		(1,528,882)	(1,311,819)
Net cash provided by operating activities	12	12,198	73,981
Cash from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(67,326)	(42,910)
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(67,326)	(42,910)
Cash from financing activities			
(Repayments) of long term borrowings		(12,000)	(10,000)
Net cash (used in) financing activities		(12,000)	(10,000)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in cash held		(67,128)	21,071
Cash at the Beginning of the period		163,601	142,530
Cash at the end of the period	3	96,473	163,601

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED
 NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Somerton Surf Life Saving Club Inc, a not-for-profit entity, has prepared special purpose financial statements as, in the opinion of the Committee, it is unlikely there are users of these financial statements who are not in a position to require the preparation of reports tailored to their information needs. Accordingly, these financial statements have been prepared to satisfy the Committee's reporting requirements under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, the Association Incorporation Act 1985, and 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 those of previous periods unless stated otherwise.

These special purpose financial statements comply with all the recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards, other than noted below.

The recognition and measurement requirements that have not been complied with are those specified in AASB 16 Leases, as the Club has elected not to apply the accounting standard. The Club has elected to continue to recognise operating lease expenses as they are incurred and disclose all operating leases in Capital and Leasing Commitments note 9.

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis of accounting including the historical cost convention and the going concern assumption and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

(b) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost, less where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

Cost

Furniture, plant and equipment are recorded at cost.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT)

(b) Property, Plant and Equipment (cont)

Depreciation

All fixed assets, are depreciated over their useful lives to the Club, commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Major depreciation periods are:

Rate :

Leasehold improvements at cost
Plant and equipment at cost

2-20%
10-50%

(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

(d) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Club 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 using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

(e) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the incorporated association is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer.

For each contract with a customer, the incorporated association: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

Variable consideration within the transaction price, if any, reflects concessions provided to the customer such as discounts, rebates and refunds, any potential bonuses receivable from the customer and any other contingent events. Such estimates are determined using either the 'expected value' or most likely amount method. The measurement of variable consideration is subject to a constraining principle whereby revenue will only be recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur. The measurement constraint continues until the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. Amounts received that are subject to the constraining principle are recognised as a refund liability.

Grants

Grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the incorporated association satisfies the performance obligations stated within the funding agreements.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before the incorporated association is eligible to retain the contribution, the grant will be recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until those conditions are satisfied.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point in time when the customer obtains control of the goods, which is generally at the time of delivery.

Sales Revenue

Bar and Bistro, events, fundraising and raffles are recognised when received or receivable.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received. Where conditions are attached to the donation which must be satisfied before the entity is eligible to receive the donation, the recognition of the donation as revenue will be deferred until these conditions are satisfied.

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

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

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

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1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT)

(f) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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 Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

Receivables and payables in the Statement of Financial Position are shown inclusive of GST. The amount of GST recoverable from the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in other receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

(g) Inventories on Hand

Inventories held for sale are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(h) Income Tax

The Club is exempt from income tax under the provisions of Section 50-5 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(i) Leases

Operating lease payments, where the lessor effectively retains substantially all of the risks and benefits of ownership of the leased items, are included in the determination of the operating result in equal instalments over the lease term.

(j) Comparative Figures

Comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current reporting period, where required by accounting standards, or, as a result of changes in accounting policy.

(k) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

Estimation of useful lives of assets

The Club determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

2 Revenue	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
<i>Revenue from Contracts with Customers</i>			
Sales Income		1,234,872	1,069,634
Fundraising, donations and sponsorships		21,925	23,682
Grants and trust distributions		27,000	50,500
Membership fees		57,500	55,474
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		1,341,297	1,199,290
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<i>Other Revenue</i>			
Other income		57,630	67,676
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		57,630	67,676
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Revenue		<hr/>	<hr/>
		1,398,927	1,266,966
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3 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Cash on Hand		1,783	1,783
Cash at Bank		94,690	161,618
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		96,473	163,601
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4 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND OTHER DEBTORS			
Trade Receivables		3,406	2,344
GST Receivable		865	320
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Total Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors		4,271	2,664
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5 INVENTORIES ON HAND			
Bar Stock		21,620	16,242
Clothing and Merchandise Stock		17,707	14,167
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		39,327	30,409
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6 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments		7,365	7,157
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SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

7. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Property:			
Plant and Equipment - at Cost		890,344	823,075
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(767,979)	(732,232)
Total Plant and Equipment		122,365	90,843
Leasehold Improvements at cost		328,925	328,925
Less Accumulated Amortisation		(260,372)	(221,733)
Total Leasehold Improvements		68,553	107,192
Total Property, Plant and Equipment		190,918	198,035

	Leasehold Improvements \$	Plant & Equipment \$	Total \$
Balance at 30 June 2022	107,192	90,843	198,035
Additions	-	67,269	67,269
Depreciation Expense	(38,639)	(35,747)	(74,386)
Balance at 30 June 2023	68,553	122,365	190,918

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

8 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER PAYABLES	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Current			
Trade Creditors		23,729	40,151
		<u>23,729</u>	<u>40,151</u>
9 BORROWINGS			
Current			
Interest Bearing Loans	(i)	12,000	11,000
		<u>12,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>
Non Current			
Interest Bearing Loans	(i)	5,787	17,692
		<u>5,787</u>	<u>17,692</u>
Total Borrowings		<u>17,787</u>	<u>28,692</u>

(i) Interest bearing loans relate to the loan from Kanini Pty Ltd as trustee for the SLSSA Club Foundation. This loan was for a period of 20 years commencing in May 2005 the total amount outstanding as at 30 June 2023 was \$17,787.

9 CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS

(a) Operating Lease Commitments

Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for, but not capitalised in the financial statements

Operating Leases due:		
not later than 12 months	4,937	3,137
between 12 months and 5 years	10,171	9,601
greater than 5 years	-	-
	<u>15,108</u>	<u>12,738</u>

The property lease commitment is a non-cancellable commitment, commenced in 2006 and expires on 7/12/2026. Annual rent is reviewed each year at 7th December and is adjusted annually by CPI. Lease renewable in 2026 at lessee's request.

11 RESERVES

General Reserve	76,564	76,564
	<u>76,564</u>	<u>76,564</u>

The general reserve contains amounts transferred from the asset revaluation reserve.

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

12 RECONCILIATION OF SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD TO NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period	(36,185)	5,120
Non-cash Flows in Current Period Surplus :		
Depreciation of Property, Furniture, Plant and Equipment	74,442	71,283
SLSSA Club Foundation Interest Expense on Repayments	1,095	866
Changes in Assets and Liabilities :		
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	(1,607)	475
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventories	(8,518)	4,599
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments	(208)	2,186
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade and Other Payables	(16,421)	(10,668)
Net cash flows provided by Operating Activities	12,198	73,981

13 EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There have been no significant events that have occurred subsequent to 30 June 2023

14 ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The principal place of business of the association is:
 Somerton Surf Life Saving Club
 Esplanade & Repton Rd
 SOMERTON SA 5044

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SUBDIVISION 60-40 OF THE
AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012 TO THE BOARD
OF MANAGEMENT OF SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2023 there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Nexia Edwards Marshall

Nexia Edwards Marshall
Chartered Accountants

D. Pozza

Damien Pozza
Partner

Adelaide
South Australia

14 August 2023



HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

This year the Secretary's role has been fortunate to have the support of an Events Coordinator, Megan Rebuli who has enthusiastically and successfully organized a range of formal and informal Club Events (see separate report). This has resulted in the revitalization of several annual events and also the introduction new activities. Megan's energy and enthusiasm have certainly improved social aspects of the Club and significantly reduced the burden on the Secretary's role. Thank you to Megan for her work in this area and the Club and Club Members look forward to seeing continued growth in this area.

Sub-Membership Categories							
The figures in this summary are those at 1st July of the selected season (or earlier if elected in the screen 'Registration Season End Settings').							
Sub-Membership Category	Total Members	Male Members	Female Members	Indeterminate Gender	Unknown Gender	2021 Season Total Members	Member Retention (%)
Probationary	0	0	0	0	0	1	0 %
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	188	101	87	0	0	165	113.94 %
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	29	14	15	0	0	45	64.44 %
Active (15-18 yrs)	20	6	14	0	0	36	55.56 %
Active (18yrs and over)	95	60	35	0	0	102	93.14 %
Award Member	2	1	1	0	0	4	50 %
Long Service	29	18	11	0	0	25	116 %
Associate	160	67	93	0	0	141	113.48 %
Life Member	27	20	7	0	0	30	90 %
General	2	1	1	0	0	2	100 %
Non Member Participants	1	1	0	0	0	1	100 %
Community Member	31	15	16	0	0	30	103.33 %
Total	584	304	280	0	0	582	100.34 %

While there have been some challenges with the SurfGuard system, Club Registrar Marian McAllister has done a fantastic job with membership registrations, renewals and transfers over the past 12 months. A big thank you to Marian for her management of SurfGuard and contributions to the Club.

The club finished the 2022/23 season with 584 members, slightly up on the 2021/22 membership total of 582 but remaining lower than the 608 members achieved in 2020/21. The gender split of members has remained constant over the last three years with female members accounting for 48% of Somerton's Membership. There is a noticeable dip in member retention in the Cadet Member (13-15 years) and Active (15-18 years) categories, which is a red flag for the Club, as these are the next generation of surf life savers at Somerton. Membership across these two categories should be monitored closely next season to ensure this is not a trend.

Another area that will need some attention into the future is our aging security system and the lack of access cards for members seeking access to the Club. The Club is currently attempting to identify a new source of access cards so the patience of members is appreciated.

Unfortunately, I am unable to continue in the role of Director - Member Services next season and will not be nominating to remain on the Board of Management. I have really enjoyed the last three years as a Director of this great Club and it amazes me how much time and effort other Directors and volunteers put in to ensure the smooth operation and financial viability of our Club.

I would like to thank everybody who has supported me during my time in this role, it certainly would not have been possible without the assistance of so many. I am certain the incoming Director – Member Services will continue to make the Somerton SLSC a success into the future.

See you on the beach

Andrew Camilleri
Director – Member Services
Somerton SLSC

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Coming to end of my second term as Vice President, I am able to happily reflect on what has been a positive period for the club. Four things stand out:

- 1) Our patrols are highly skilled and meeting our patrol obligations
- 2) We have a great Junior program (thanks Ali) and with it a brilliant cohort of junior families. No mean feat when one considers the fever pitch junior recruitment from some of our neighbours.
- 3) We have returned to our cultural foundations as a genuinely family focussed, fun surf club for all.
- 4) The club has a board which leaves ego at the door and gets on with the job of making sure our club is compliant, members supported and we are financially viable.

In fact, our finances are arguably in the best shape since the clubs formation. While we continue to work closely with council on the sub lease, we have made significant ground in this space. More importantly, we will be totally debt free heading into the next season.

In closing, I wanted to thank the current board and specifically Waz for his leadership over the past 6 seasons. We will have to find some more excuses to chat during the week :)

Green, white and black for ever.

Brad Keighran
Vice President



CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Somerton had 8 patrolling teams this season, one more from last season, which averaged out to 6 full patrols from November to March and standby in October and April. We have over 100 Bronze and SRC members rotating throughout these patrol teams as well as Life Members, Long Service and Active Reserves filling in and helping out.

I would like to thank the Patrol Captains and Vice Captains for their commitment throughout the season and the continuity of our Patrol Captains makes it much easier for myself and the Vice Captain Richard Mayfield knowing we have knowledge and support in this area. To all the patrolling members I thank you for your valuable time in volunteering to keep our beach goers safe.

Unfortunately I think we had more cooler and windy days than warm (certainly the case on my patrol) so a new pop up tent will be purchased to shelter under when setting up on top during inclement weather.

Club proficiencies are an enormous challenge each year, but Rob McBride and Ray Nussio plus designated helpers made the task of putting all patrolling members through seemingly smooth. Our trainers were also very busy this season with SRC courses, Bronze courses, ART, IRB Crew and IRB Drivers. Numerous hours, weekdays and weekends are put in not only from the trainers but also the trainees to achieve these awards and those who did water cover for our proficiencies and assessments. Somerton also hosted a very successful bulk assessment, which is a credit to our Chief Instructor Rob and fellow trainers John Stewart, James McBride, Connor Fear and Craig Brown. Thank you all for your dedicated time and effort. It does not go unnoticed.

So much happens behind the scenes and one of these volunteers is our First Aid Officer, Dave Provis. Dave ensures the First Aid Kits are always fully stocked and Oxygen and Defib kits checked and ready to go. Dave is meticulous in this area and a great asset to our patrols. Thank you Dave.

As the red and yellow flags were lowered for the last time on Easter Monday and another season over I am extremely happy to say we had no lives lost and every beach goer left our beach safely.

Won't be too long and we'll all be back on the beach enjoying the warmth of the summer sun, but until then take care and see you back on our favourite beach soon.

For competition report and results please see individual reports.

Lisa Window
Club Captain



NEW AWARDS 2022/23

Silver Medallion – Aquatic Rescue (SMAR)

Donnelly, Angus

Training Officer Award – Bronze Medallion

Stewart, John

Surf Sports Development Coach

Brown, Craig

Silver Medallion – IRB Driver

Barker, Cleo

Edwards, Georgie

Fear, Connor

Lally, Kate

Mayfield, Caroline

McAllister, Darren

Niemann, Sarah

Taylor, Andrew

IRB Crew

Bettineschi, Troy

Brookes, Neil

Brumfield, Isabel

Coveney, Tamika

Fuller, Aiden

Hoxey, Drew

Jasson, Timothy

Mayfield, Richard

McAdam, Olivia

Murphy, Isabella

Neimann, Sarah

O'Connor, Rose

Pribanic, Ayden

Sumner, Daniel

Bronze Medallion

Andrews, Shannon

Annear, John

Boot, Thomas

Brumfield, Isabel

Clancy, Don

Cook, Sandra

Fear, Lachlan

Fettke, Matthew

Fuller, Aiden

Hauben, Ilan

Hayward, Elka

Hendrie, Gilly

Hockley, Jack

Johns, Sam

Maniscalco, Joseph

Maynard, Isabella

Rawson, Lucia

Rebuli, Megan

Russell, Cody

Thomas, Sophie

Thompson, Ishtah

Window, Ryder

Surf Rescue Certificate

Brown, Lily

Brumfield, Lachlan

Chapman, Harvey

Denton, Nathan

Fettke, Lachlan

Fuller, Caitlin

Hayward, Will

Johnson, Logan

Maynard, Oliver

O'Connor, Alice

Pribanic, Austin

Rawson, Archie

Stephan, Ruby

Stewart, Alexandra

Sullivan, Drew



REPORT FROM THE CLUB'S MAINTENANCE GUY

Apart from the, so called normal building maintenance that goes on in any given season, I would like to mention a couple of instances where we had to carry out additional work this year, as our club is now 18 years old and in need of some much needed repairs and upgrades. I would also like to make mention of those who assisted in getting the jobs done, because without these people, it would not have been achievable and would have cost the club thousands of additional dollars.

In no particular order; The repairs/preparation and painting of the club inside and out took some 2 and a half months. Thanks to Dulux for the donation of all the paint, Lou Lawson for co-ordinating the procurement of the club's allowance plus some extra. Thanks to Greg Brown for assisting me over a couple of days to get the front entrance to the club finished in time for the Display for Club Member Davis Barber's Wake and Celebration of his short life [gone too soon]. Thanks to Mark [Curly] Williams and Eddie Lightfoot from Aztec Constructions for their donation of labour and materials to repair/replace the weather damaged sections of ceiling above the 4 roller doors and the vent reveals along the top of the southern wall.

And just when we thought it was a programmed replacement of carpet and lino flooring to the upstairs Bistro we were greeted by a large section of sub floor which was badly weathered/rotted by ingress of water in front of the bi-fold doors which required remediation within 24 hours due to the job I was doing installing a anti trip nosing to the bottom door frame and the carpet/flooring job schedules. Thanks to Davey Taylor for getting the Council to act [that's another story] and Tony Brumfield and Davey for their support as the job went well into the night. It was not a simple job, as the materials and their specifications had changed and no longer available which created a headache for all involved.

Thanks to Troy Bettineschi who I assisted in the replacement of the stainless steel flooring to the kitchen main fridge, the jacking up and replacement of the stainless steel drain tray to the main Air Conditioner on the mezzanine floor, and the alterations to the plumbing and cabinetry in the Buddy Bar to accommodate the 2 new fridges. Adding to that, we put in for a grant with the help of Lou Lawson but had to top it up, it was to replace all the fluros upstairs and down stairs with LED Fluros and thanks to Troy for his assistance in getting it done. Thanks to also Adam Bettineschi for electrical work carried out around the club.

We also had the Holland Blinds repaired and some items replaced due to age and wear and tear. Installation of additional retractable wash down hose reels. Modification of the Board Rack with additional framework and 8 swivel wheel assemblies installed. We have also had to replace some of the Electronic door locks and h/duty door closers due to wear and tear/corrosion. Thanks also Mike Whitford and Troy Bettineschi assisting in the plumbing repairs carried out over the season.

My apologies if I have omitted any issues or people who need recognition for their work or input over the past season as it is hard to keep the report concise and short.

Thanks

Bob Hood

ACTIVE LONG SERVICE MEMBERS

Jason Antonello
Gregory Brown
Graham Burfield
Helen Burfield
Mark Cassebohm
Matthew Harry
Kevin Heard
Kathleen Holland
Barry Jones
Sheena LeCornu
Edward Lightfoot
Thomas Loftus
Sally Mainsbridge
Darren McAllister
Marian McAllister
Anne-Marie McBride
James McBride
Sarah Niemann
Ashlee Provis
Ryan Ross
Andrew Thiele
Grant Turner
Charlotte Twizell
Jon Vass
Michael Whitford
Alan Winson
Jack Carter
Tom Carter

Jack Millstead
Kate Lally
Matthew McAllister
Liam Jones
Adam McAllister
Cameron Burfield
Max Hosking
Joseph Pribanic
Catherine Mayfield
Neil Brookes
Melissa Keighran
Kirsten Poetsch
David Provis
Amy Brown
Craig Brown
Kate Hayward
Mark Hayward
Matthew Roberts
Lisa Window
Peter Window
Sarah Cutbush
John Stewart







BEACH REPORT

Medals all round at **Senior Beach States**

Numbers in the beach squad roughly remained the same as last season. We had a couple of newcomers but also lost some competitors from last season for various reasons. The U14/U15 age group seems to be the most difficult to fill and again this season we found they came and went and by States we only had one competitor. This is an area Alan and I will keep striving to rebuild through nippers on Saturdays and hopefully in the coming seasons we will have numbers in these age groups. Otherwise Somerton is very strong from U16 through to Open.

Thank you to our officials Marg and Loo, David for your awesome photos and training input, Alan for your total commitment to the beach squad and the parents and all our Somerton Supporters.

Alan and I want to congratulate all our beach competitors on an outstanding performance over the two days of States. With such a small team (14 competitors) many had to run back to back to back relays to allow us to enter teams over different age groups. Not one complaint, they just lined back up ready to run again and did what they came here to do, the results of the relays say it all. Alan & I are very proud of you all.

Amazing running from our beachies, with a total of 17 medals. 4 gold, 8 silver, 5 bronze - including the Open Women's Gold Jordi McMillan.

SPRINTS

U14 - Drew - 6th

U16 - Ishtah 2nd

U16 - Ryder and Aiden - 6 & 7th

U17 - Isabella - 2nd

U19 - Jordi - 1st

U19 - Piper - 2nd

Open - Richie - 7th

Open - Jordi - 1st

RELAYS

U17 - Ishtah, Rose, Bella, Olivia - 2nd

U19 - Tamika, Piper, Bella, Jordi - 1st

U19 composite - Ishtah, Olivia, Christie's, Pt Elliott - 2nd

Open Female - Tamika, Rose, Piper, Jordi - 2nd

Open Male - Ayden, Ryder, Richie, Jack - 5th

MIXED RELAYS

U15 composite - Sarah + 3 Southport- Semi Final

U17 - Aiden, Ryder, Ishtah, Bella - 3rd

U19 - Ayden, Ryder, Piper, Jordi - 2nd

U19 composite - Tamika, Bella, Seacliff, Seacliff- 3rd

Open - Richie, Jack, Piper, Jordi - 3rd

FLAG RESULTS

U16 female - Ishtah 3rd

U16 male - Ryder 2nd

U17 female - Olivia 3rd

U19 female - Piper 1st

Open female - Piper 4th



MASTERS STATES

Medals all round at Masters States.

Masters States were held at Glenelg SLSC with Somerton being represented by 6 master competitors, including two first time Masters, Ashlee Provis and Megan Rebuli. Individually as a small team we did amazing but come team day we were able to add to our individual medal tally with gold and silver in beach relays, bronze in team distance run, silver in board relay and bronze in the taplin. Without Ash and Megan joining us this year we would not have been able to compete in some of the team events so we welcome anyone who would love to be involved with the Masters Team. So please if you're willing to give it a go come and have a chat with any of us on Saturday. It's not as daunting as you might think!

Thanks Alan and Ray Nuss for coaching and cheering!
Thanks Marg Lamerton for officiating!

RESULTS

Jon Vass - gold flags, silver sprints, bronze 1km
Ashlee Provis - gold flags, silver sprints
Lisa Window - silver flags
Megan Rebuli - 4th flags
Sarah Nemo - 5th flags
Lisa, Ashlee and Jon - gold mixed relay
Sarah, Ash, Lisa and Megan - silver women's sprint relay
Jon and Sarah - bronze in the 2x1k
Sally Mainsbridge, Lisa and Sarah - silver taplin
Ash, Lisa and Sarah - bronze board relay

Somerton finished 10th overall! Small but mighty.

Thanks.

Lisa Window
Beach Captain

Alan Winson
Beach Coach



JUNIOR COORDINATOR REPORT

Three years ago, I stepped into the role of Junior Coordinator, and Emma into the role of Junior Administrator. My goal for the program was to create opportunities for all children (and parents) to participate in Nippers in a safe and supportive environment. At the time it was a daunting task as the State was in the throes of the COVID pandemic. There were so many unknowns, including fluctuating restrictions that brought significant challenges.

The program has gone from strength to strength. Last year we were awarded 'Most Improved Junior Club' and this year we finished 3rd from 16 clubs across the State – 1st in the Holdfast Branch (which includes Glenelg, Brighton, and Seacliff). I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved! This couldn't have been possible without a collective effort and the hard work of the Junior Committee which includes Emma Parkinson-Lawrence, Jennie Brown, Rhianna Hedley, Kerry Leaver, Marian McAllister, James McBride, and our dedicated age group managers.

Perhaps the greatest showcase of the cohesive community spirit we have at this Club was our hosting of the seasons' first Junior State Carnival in December. Despite the incredibly challenging conditions, including a high morning tide, low sand with exposed rocks and blustery conditions, we executed the carnival to perfection; it started on time and finished on time! A massive thank you to those who assisted on the day. This season we welcomed new Junior Club Captains, Adelaide Boulton and Joey Weaver, and recognised Lily Andrews and Sidney Kupniewski who were awarded 'Nipper of the Year'. These four young people are excellent role models for our younger Nippers, and I look forward to seeing them grow into future leaders at the Club as they undertake their SRC with their age group next season.

This role has been challenging but rewarding and I thank everyone for their support over the last three years. In reflecting on the success of the program, in the past three seasons:

- 25 parents achieved their SRC or Bronze Medallion (Season 2022/23 Shannon Andrews, Don Clancy, Sandra Cook, Matt Fettke, Gilly Hendrie, Sam Johns, Joe Maniscalco)
- 11 parents became accredited officials (Season 2022/23 Julie Higgins, Tash Jasson, Peter Kupniewski, Belinda Porter, Angela Wicks, Renee Wilson)
- 19 new age managers
- 7 new members of the Junior Committee
- 25 U13 went on to complete their SRC (from 2020/21 and 2021/22 cohorts)
- Implemented a swimming program (coached by Clayton Hayball, Janet Denton) to complement our existing board and junior iron sessions (coached by Brad Keighran, James McBride, Jack Milstead)
- Dedicated sprints and flags training (coached by Lisa Window, Alan Winson)
- Reinvigorated march past (coached by Rhianna Hedley)
- Participated in the Glenelg Christmas Pageant

In addition to those individuals highlighted above, our program would not happen without our dedicated IRB crews and water cover personnel who ensure our children are safe in the water. Thanks to Competition Officer Jennie Brown, carnival photographers (Ben Stephan, Leanne Hoxey), BBQ (Simon Croxton, Francois Miller, Brett Norton), Buddy Bar (Sheena LeCornu, Megan Rebuli) and Merchandise (Kim Hamilton, Allie Chilcott, Kathy Holland, Nicole Murphy) crew. And to those parents who helped with beach set-up/pack-up, and to Club Chaplain Barb for your unwavering support.

To further recognise outstanding contribution to the junior program, this year the Club introduced a new award, given by the Junior Coordinator and Administrator. The 'Warwick Holland Perpetual Award for Contribution to the Junior Program' has been named after our current President Warwick Holland. Warwick has been a steadfast supporter of the junior program, having guided many nippers as an age group manager and Junior Coordinator. More recently he has provided continuous encouragement to me and Emma in our roles. Going forward this will be an annual award, but in its inaugural year Emma and I chose to reflect on the last three years, and nominated Ben Stephan (photography and water cover), Joe Pribanic (water cover over 5+ season, water cover coordinator this season, carnival trailer towing) and Rhianna Hedley (AGM, Junior Committee, march past coach). Congratulations to the winner, Joe Pribanic. And of course, it is also important to acknowledge our junior members who gave it their all this season, no matter the weather! I want to commend our younger members on their sportsmanship and commitment, as they represent our Club and culture so well. Please see below for a full list of Junior Award winners. I'm looking forward to being involved in other areas of the Club and assisting Sarah Niemann (nee Nathan) as she steps into the Junior Coordinator role next season. I am sure she will be embraced by her Somerton family and will do a fabulous job. See you on the beach!

Ali Hill
(Outgoing) Junior Coordinator

Junior Club Championship Winners 2022/23

Under 8

Age Managers: Tim Jasson, Sam Johns

Boys

1st Matteo Halimee
2nd Noah Bettineschi
Walter Johns 3rd

Girls

1st Gracie Fellows
2nd Greta Bobrige
Eliza Leenaerts

Under 9

Age Managers: Gareth Brown, Katie Norton & Adam Clutterbuck

Boys

1st James Knights
2nd Dylan Hoxey 2nd
Oscar Clutterbuck

Girls

1st Matilda Hardwick
Arrabella Norton
3rd Charlotte Russell

Under 10

Age Managers: Rhianna Hedley, Andrew Camilleri, Mel Lovejoy

Boys

1st Clancy Kupniewski
2nd Sam Cleggett
3rd Ashley Wilson

Girls

1st Nova Andrews
2nd Holly Knights
3rd Chloe Camilleri

Under 11

Age Managers: Louise Lawson, Matthew Fettke Charlotte Dally, Emily Casey, Kyrenia Kyprianou

Boys

1st Noah Stephan
Lincoln Wicks
3rd Jacob Fettke

Girls

1st Jaimee Fuller
2nd Eloise Sadler
3rd Ellie Keukenmeester

Under 12

Age Managers: Mark Hamilton, Sarah Niemann

Boys

1st Oliver Stephan
2nd Arthur Niemann
3rd William Lawrence

Girls

1st Ruby Knights
2nd Bree Kloeden
3rd Emma Denton

Under 13

Age Managers: Mark Brammy, Jane Sibbons, Pete Boulton

Boys

1st Joey Weaver
2nd Austin Chilcott
3rd Harvey Kupniewski

Girls

1st Lilly Andrews
2nd Adelaide Boulton
Chloe Brammy

Age Manager Award Winners 2022/23

Under 8 Boys

Mitchell Lyle

Under 8 Girls

Gracie Fellows

Under 9 Boys

Ashton Brown

Under 9 Girls

Georgia Abley

Under 10 Boys

Benjamin Lovejoy

Under 10 Girls

Amelia Wallace

Under 11 Boys

Thomas Carr-Hayball

Under 11 Girls

Jaimee Fuller

Under 12 Boys

Arthur Niemann

Under 12 Girls

Bree Kloeden

Under 13 Boys

Jackson Camilleri

Under 13 Girls

Chloe Brammy

Junior Long Swim Winners 2022/23

Overall Winner, Southern Cross Meats Shield: Harvey Kupniewski

Under 11 Boys

1st Thomas Carr-Hayball
2nd Jacob Fettke
3rd Noah Stephan

Under 11 Girls

1st Elle Harmer
2nd Ellie Keukenmeester
3rd Jaimee Fuller

Under 12 Boys

1st William Lawrence
2nd Arthur Niemann
3rd Bodie Hedley

Under 12 Girls

1st Ruby Knights
2nd Bree Kloeden
3rd Ayla Higgins

Under 13 Boys

1st Harvey Kupniewski
2nd Sidney Kupniewski
3rd Joey Weaver

Under 13 Girls

1st Gigi Leaver
2nd Chloe Brammy
3rd Lilly Andrews

CLUB CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

What another amazing season on the beach! Thank you for the privilege to serve as your Chaplain. This season it was great to walk the beach and speak to many parents while we watched the kids enjoy their various tasks on the sand and in the water.

I am very proud of this club with all the energy put in by those being managers and training teams, the IRB's and other patrols that take place on the day and those who give of their time to train others outside of the normal Saturday Club meeting.

Those who look after the shed and the BBQ and those who supply the sausages and bread etc for these events, that we all enjoy eating. Not only the kids love them but so do the adults!

For those on patrol and in the tent on the beach gives our club and the community a secure feeling of being safe and cared for.

It was great to be asked to judge the girls sand castles and the boys sand castles and moats that ran right down to the beach to the water's edge. They all did such a wonderful effort I thought it good to reward them all with a soft drink. Once again it is good to be able to offer the ice-creams etc at the end of season to the children, a way of caring for them.

I enjoy being there for each and every one of our club members and some good conversations have been had this past season, not only with parents but with our younger leaders and children.

I look forward to seeing you all again on the beach!

Rev'd Barb Paull-Hunt
Club Chaplain

SOMERSQUAD

The 2022/23 season saw our SomerSquad members enjoy a variety of activities, including: award training; assistance with nippers; surf ski introductory session; reef exploration; a visit from the SLSSA jet skis and jet boat; and volunteering at the Junior Carnival hosted by Somerton; with the season culminating in our annual youth camp at Chiton Rocks.

Trained by the wonderful James McBride, our newest SomerSquad members (nipper graduates) obtained their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC), adding some enthusiastic new faces to patrol groups. While our older members, under the expert training and guidance of Connor Fear, John Stewart and Rob McBride, increased their skills to obtain the more advanced Bronze Medallion award.

The highlight of the season was once again our youth camp, held 10th to 12th February at Chiton Rocks SLSC. From a bistro meal on Friday night, to an early morning surf & swim on Saturday, followed by a rolling patrol, a bit of 'meant to be' non-competitive rugby, some games and team building exercises (including the plank challenge; 'rock, paper, scissors'; hoop game; highest tower challenge; and spoons), and then rounding out the night with a movie. This fun-filled weekend is all about making memories with your surf lifesaving mates!

Many thanks to our SomerSquad parent volunteers and camp chaperones - Kirsty Hayes, Toby Rawson, Kate Hayward, Tony Brumfield, Joe Pribanic, Loo Keighran and Brad Keighran. We couldn't do this without you!

Congratulations also to Caitlin Fuller, our SomerSquad Member of the Year!

Loo Keighran
Youth Coordinator



GRANTS & SPONSORSHIPS

Another good year for the club in terms of grants. We received the first year of the Beach Equipment Safety Fund which has been extended for a 3-year period with \$10,000 being granted per year. This funding along with a grant (payable in 2023) from the Rotary Club of Somerton Park and a grant from Bombardier Recreational Products has gone towards purchasing a new ATV (full retail cost \$31,696). While the old ATV is not that old, it was starting to see some age and the maintenance costs were starting to skyrocket. It will now be sold, and funds reinvested. A big shout out to John Stewart and Toby Rawson for helping to liaise with the various parties to get this project over the line.

Finally, the SA Fire and Emergency Services Commission grant of \$5,500 has been put toward a new IRB road trailer. Cue Craig Brown's happy dance who has worked tirelessly to keep the old trailer in circulation this long!

SPONSORSHIPS

We have been in a rebuilding phase for sponsorships. The 2022/2023 season saw a few new names (but familiar faces) come to the party. EcoElectrical (Adam Bettineschi) sponsored new age manager tops for the SomerSeals program and Optimal Air (Troy Bettineschi) sponsored new age manager tops for the Junior program. EasyAuto 123 sponsored a brand new bbq which was put to use during the latter part of the season.

Under our new sponsorship offering with sponsorship tiers, we welcomed Axelent Australia as a Platinum Sponsor for the next two seasons. Axelent is a world leading supplier of commercial safety solutions. They said the idea of supporting a non-profit whose purpose is to provide safety to the local community was a logical fit. Thank you to member & board director Drew Hoxey for making the introduction.

We continue to receive in-kind support from some key sponsors, these include Heartland Wines with some excellent reds for prizes and gifts, everyone's favourite Southern Cross Meats who kept the bbq stocked all season long and Stubbies Ink who helped out with printing.

Dulux through the Surf Club Project provided over 100 litres of paint. Bob Hood single handedly repainted the entire lower level of the club. The team from Inca Construction carried out some drywall repairs prior to the repaint. An amazing effort!

At the end of this season some long-term sponsorships have come to an end. I would like to recognise the significant contribution of Stonecraft Imports and the Cassebohm family to our club over many, many years. Thank you to Beavis Plumbing for their support over the years and to Turnbull Built whose sponsorship allowed us to offer discounted long-sleeve shirts to our Nippers for the past two years.

Finally, I'd like to thank Troy Bettineschi who has come on board as Sponsorship Officer. His enthusiasm and connections have created great momentum in this area. We'll have a lot more exciting partnerships to announce in 2023/2024.

2022-2023 Sponsors

AXELEN AUSTRALIA
BOB HOOD MAINTENANCE SERVICES
COMBO INDUSTRIES
DULUX PAINT
EASYAUTO 123
ECO ELECTRICAL & AIR
HEARTLAND WINES
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OPTIMAL AIR & REFRIGERATION
RJE GLOBAL
ROTARY CLUB OF HOLDFAST BAY
SA CONSTRUCT
SOUTHERN CROSS MEATS
STONECRAFT
STUBBIES INK

We gratefully acknowledge the following grant funding received this year:

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT - BEACH SAFETY EQUIPMENT FUND (Life Saving Gear)

GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA - SA Fire and Emergency Services Commission Grant (Life Saving Gear)

BRP Side by Side Equipment Grant (ATV)

And we acknowledge the funding the club receives for ongoing operations from:

GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA - EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND

CITY OF HOLDFAST BAY

SURF LIFE SAVING MAJOR NATIONAL PARTNERS: AMPOL, DHL, ISUZU UTE AUSTRALIA, WESTPAC, BRP

SURF LIFE SAVING SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Louise Lawson

Director – Grants & Sponsorships



SOCIAL AND EVENTS

Somerton SLSC had an exciting lineup of social events that brought together past and present club members as well as sponsors during the 2022-23 season. These events provided an opportunity for the Somerton community to come together, and strengthen the bonds within the club.

The season kicked off with great enthusiasm at the Season Opening event, where members gathered to mark the beginning of another thrilling year of surf activities, including a speech by Warwick Holland (president), blessing of the equipment by Rev. Barb (Club Chaplain), and demonstration of surf sports led by Brad Keighran (Vice President).

As the festive season approached, the annual Christmas Breakfast welcomed the warmth of the holiday spirit and was combined with a beer, pie and friendly conversations. This event served as a perfect occasion for members to reflect on the year's achievements and extend their gratitude to each other for their contributions.

Acknowledging the support of sponsors was a significant focus for the club, and Sponsors Day + Club Championships was an event dedicated to showcasing their invaluable role in the success of Somerton SLSC. This event not only celebrated the club's athletes in some wild weather conditions during the Club Championships but also allowed sponsors to witness firsthand the impact of their support on the development of surf lifesaving in the community.

Another highlight of the season was the After States event, where members gathered to celebrate the achievements of the juniors, seniors, and masters competitions. It was a time for camaraderie, shared stories of triumph, and inspiring the next generation of surf athletes within the club.

As the summer season drew to a close, the Club Awards night was held to honour outstanding individuals and teams who demonstrated exceptional dedication, sportsmanship, and leadership throughout the season. The club's achievements were recognized and celebrated, leaving everyone with a sense of pride and accomplishment.

These social events were met with overwhelming participation and support from the Somerton SLSC community. They not only provided a platform for fostering connections but also played a vital role in strengthening the club's culture as we rebound from Covid-19 restrictions through a shared passion for surf lifesaving. The success of these events is a testament to the collective efforts of the social committee and all club members.





IRB REPORT

It has been another great season in the IRB area, that saw the current IRB drivers and crew continue to support patrols, water cover for nippers, club swims and carnivals. This season Somerton has operated and maintained 4 hulls and 5 engines, that are essential as front line tools for rescues and water cover. We also welcomed a new Hull and we purchased a new trailer to transport all our new gear around the state. We have just had approval to purchase a new engine for 2023-2024 and are awaiting its arrival. These purchases are vital in the planning for the future with our growing number of members to ensure we meet our patrol obligations, as well as meeting the needs of club and local community. This renewal plan will allow us to retire some of our aging craft to continue to maintain a high level service. I am pleased to report that we have had no major breakdowns, damage or incidents this season. I thank all members for following correct procedures and instructions to ensure major, costly repairs have not been required.

I've had a great season with all the IRB drivers and crews, I thank them for the time and effort they give to support our club and community and the many extra callings including nipper and carnival water cover and special events. Without their support many of these events would not be possible. We have just qualified 7 drivers and 15 crews however the club is always needing for more active IRB drivers and crews so we can support all our requirements. IRB drivers and crews is a rewarding and essential part of lifesaving. We invite anyone interested to join us in any capacity from Nipper water cover to Patrols to IRB racing, all are welcome. IRB's is a team environment with great people to work with and we really need the help to share the load. If you want a go let us know.

Lastly I would like to thank the Board, members and sponsors for all their support. I look forward to the 2023-24 season.

IRB RACING

This year our squad grew to 27 racing members with many seasoned drivers, crews and patients who are joined by some newly qualified members learning the ropes. This season we had 4 open men's teams, two under 23 men's teams, two open women's teams, one under 23 women's team and a open men's team. The crews trained hard and tuned our hulls and engines which has resulted in Somerton consistently being in the top 3 clubs across all events in both surf and flat water conditions. The team also took a road trip to Beachport to compete and a regional carnival where we excelled in some very challenging surf conditions. Unfortunately, the weather was against us for our State titles. We had 2 attempts to hold the SA state titles however due to weather both attempts were cancelled and we have no other rescheduling dates available.

Our club and team can not survive without the help of others and I would like to like to take this opportunity to thank the tireless support of Marg Lamerton, Marian McAllister, Jon Vass and our support team for being our officials and helpers throughout the season. A special thanks to Dave McMillan who took some great photos throughout the season.

Craig Brown
IRB Captain



BOARD AND SKI REPORT

Congratulations to all the incredible Nipper, Senior, and Master board and ski competitors for your hard work, dedication, and commitment to training and competition.

Our paddlers spend hours upon hours in the water honing their skills, building resilience and comradery. As with every season, board and ski training begins in the depths of winter, with our athletes donning wetsuits every weekend to build a solid foundation and improve their technique leading into the summer competitive season.

During the warmer months, we continue to provide structured training, including our Wednesday afternoon 'No Guts No Glory' program, Friday afternoon boards, and the Saturday morning Ironperson sessions. A special thank you to our coaches Brad Keighran and Jack Millsted who dedicate their time, as well as the many parents and supporters who provide water-cover.

It has been pleasing to watch our squad grow and often comprise all age groups from the youngest nippers through to our senior athletes. This promotes a strong bond between all competitors, and our older paddlers get the chance to act as mentors and role models for the younger athletes.

A huge thank you to our board of management, who continue to support the board and ski area financially. This season we received two new adjustable racing skis, which afford our competitors the opportunity to learn and race on the latest equipment. We continue to manage the club craft, endeavouring to maintain a fleet of boards and skis that are not only fast and competitive in the water, but look fantastic in green, black and white on the beach!

We hope you enjoyed yourselves and that you are looking forward to next season.

James McBride
Board and Ski Captain





SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT - 2023 AWARDS

Super 6 Patrol Hours

1st	Greg Brown	88.2 hours
2nd	John Stewart	84 hours
3rd	Connor Fear	72.8 hours
4th	Jessica Powell	63.9 hours
5th	Brad Keighran	60 hours
6th	Darren McAllister	55 hours

Patrol Group of the year

Patrol Group F

Club Swim - Handicap

1st	Barry Clarke	68 points
2nd	Gareth Brown	50 points
3rd	Ian MacDonald	46 points

Southern Cross Mile Swim - Handicap

1st	Lachlan Fettke
2nd	Charlotte Twizell
3rd	Toby Rawson

Robin Kidney Award - Fastest Mile

Lachlan Fettke

Andrew Meaney perpetual commitment and contribution to surf boats

Jason Antonello

Jason Bradley perpetual commitment and contribution to surf sports

Richie Mayfield

Andrew Holt perpetual commitment and contribution to beach sports

Tamika Coveney

Somersquad Member of the Year Stonecraft rising star

Caitlin Fuller
Ishtah Thompson

Best Female Competitor

Jordi McMillan

Best Male Competitor

Richie Mayfield

Best Masters Competitor

Jon Vass

Best Team

The Originals Surf Boat Crew (Shane Gleeson, Kevin Heard, Mark Williams, Barry Jones, Andrew Thiele)

Best First Year Member

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Warwick Holland perpetual for contribution to the junior program (inaugural award)

Official of the year

Joe Pribanic

Club Captain Award

Loo Keighran

Life Saver of the Year

James McBride

Cat Wirth Service Award

Craig Brown

Volunteer of the Year

John Stewart

Most Outstanding Service

Megan Rebuli

Ali Hill

SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Under 14 Male

1st Lachlan Fettke
2nd Drew Sullivan
3rd Austin Pribanic

Under 15 Male

1st Hamish Hayes

Under 17 Female

1st Bella Murphy
2nd Ishtah Thompson
3rd Rose O'Connor

Under 17 Male

1st Aiden Fuller

Under 19 Female

1st Piper Window
2nd Tamika Coveney

Under 19 Male

1st Ayden Pribanic

Under 35 Women

1st Ashlee Provis
2nd Kate Lally
3rd Charlotte Twizell

Under 35 Men

1st Richard Mayfield
2nd Tom Smith
3rd Jack Millstead

Masters 35-44 Women

1st Sarah Neiman

Masters 35-44 Men

1st David Provis

Masters 45-55 Men

1st Tony Brumfield
2nd Toby Rawson
3rd Ashley Derman

Masters 54+ Women

1st Lisa Window





SOMERTON SEALS

The Somerton SEALS program has been running for 9 seasons. Season 2022/23 ran from mid-January to mid-March weekly on Saturdays before Nippers. Our program has a ratio of at least a 1:1 volunteer to participant, being run by Somerton members. Somerton SEALS currently works with up to 13 participants each week, has 17 volunteers and we have assistance from Somerton SLSC patrol crews.

The Somerton SEALS was developed to provide more opportunities for 'community' for those with special needs. The program is not just about the participants, but also about the whole family having that community.

Our participants' families outlined that they wanted their family member to gain a variety of things from the Somerton SEALS program, predominantly enjoyment and increased social skills.

The big flotation mat, the nipper boards, and the IRB are the most popular activities. Many thanks to the patrols who assist us on Saturdays!

Thankyou to our wonderful participants, we are so glad you have become part of our Somerton family. Some of our participants have grown up with the program having been involved for the entire nine years. There is a lot of interest in the program from parents of children with special needs. We are excited to welcome new participants for the 2023 – 2024 season. The new season presents a great opportunity for Somerton juniors and seniors to volunteer with the Somerton SEAL team. WE need You to help us welcome new members to the Somerton Family so we can expand the program. If you are interested in being a part of the Somerton SEALS please contact Margie Brown.

A huge thankyou to our amazing volunteers this season! A special thank you to our Somerton SEALS sponsor eco Electrical and Air and to Kathy Holland for organising our fabulous new SEALS AGM pink shirts. Bring on summer.

Margie Brown
Somerton SEALS Coordinator



SENIOR SURF COMPETITION REPORT

We love being in the water and our small but talented group of senior athletes trained hard all year in what was often cool conditions.

Senior States day 1 - Aldinga

We had a good (but ridiculously long) first day. Starting with the open 2km run, Richie finished around seventh and not far from the placings.

The youth kicked off with u15 board rescue. Lachy and Austin (both u14) lined up in heat 1 against boys who were a year older and missed the semi by one spot. Really impressive race and completed with a nice wave to the beach. Looking forward to next year.

The senior boys waited right until the end of the day to start racing. Open board rescue with Toby and Richie, u17 board rescue with Fergus and Will, finishing with open rescue tube rescue with all four.

Toby and Richie were outstanding making the final of the open board rescue. In the final they were on the silver medal wave before sliding off the back ten metres out. Stoked at the high quality of racing from both lads.

Fergus and Will were third rounding the cans but struggled with the paddle. Might need a bigger board then 75kg for two boys over 70 kgs but lots to like from two first year 17s in a super hot heat. Swim training probably helpful also - just saying.

Final race was the final of the open rescue tube rescue with all four. We swam two 15 year olds against the other more experienced teams. They did not come last and if the coach had got the tactics right (swapped the order of the swimmers), they might have gone a bit better. Oh well.... Lots to be proud of. Looking forward to finishing the season in style.

Day 2 and 3 of Senior States - Moana

We had some great performances in the water with Lachie Fettke, Austin Pribanic, Richard Mayfield, Toby Sutton and Fergus Keighran.

Lachie finished 9th in the u14 surf final and just off the mid pack in the iron. Austin came for the u14 surf final and was only twenty metres behind his teammate. On the back of some improved skill sets and performances from both lads and Lachie Brumfield, we look forward to next season. Thanks also to Drew for coming down for the surf and Cameron relays.

Richie had the Open swim and although he finished towards the rear of the field, he wasn't far off the leading group.

Fergus completed the u16 swim but was battling some issues with his back and had to withdraw from the iron.

Toby had a great day. He made the board final and finished mid pack. However he just missed the medals placing fourth in both the surf and iron race. There has been a lot of development since u14 and it is finally starting to show. That's the journey. Well done.

Thanks to James McBride for being a great coach, expert trailer mover and making old school look so cool.

To the wonderful parents who come and support their kids, help set up and pack down, it's genuinely appreciated.

Finally thank you to our incredible Somerton officials Marg Lamerton and Loo Keighran who are on the beach for every race.

We look forward to building the senior surf squad and heading up to the Sunshine Coast for Aussies next year. Lots of fun to come.

Brad Keighran
Surf Sports Manager



STATE POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pool Rescue State Champs done and dusted for another year, and once again our athletes did us all proud over two days of grueling competition.

Our small team of 12 competed in 30 events, with many top 10 finishes and a smattering of medals. What impressed me most was the way everyone dealt with challenges head on, left setbacks in the past, and just gave everything an absolute crack. Well done Richie, Lachie B, Lachie F, Harvey, Sidney, Bodie, Ollie, Georgiana, Emma, Adelaide, Thomas and Jacob.

Thanks to Kerry Leaver for officiating all day Sunday, and to Tony Brumfield, Ben Stephan, Pete Kupniewski, Clayton C H, Mary Carr, Mia Norman Boulton, Pete Boulton, Nick Leaver and Rhianna Hedley for timekeeping and supporting your kids. And a special thanks to Janet Denton and Alison Hill for coaching on Wednesday nights and managing the team throughout the season.



