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Annual Report

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



64TH EDITION



AGM 2024

NOTICE OF THE 64TH 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 8 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 10AM SHARP. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

AGENDA

1. Notice of Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Adoption of Minutes of the 63rd Annual General Meeting held on September 10, 2023 and business arising.
4. Presentation, Consideration and Adoption of the 64th Annual Report and Financial Statements.
5. Notices of Motion on recommendations of Board of Management.
6. Affiliation with SLSSA.
7. Club Membership Fees for season 2024/25
8. Declaration of Vacancies of Present Committee
9. Election of Officers for season 2024/25
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, Westpac.

Surf Life Saving South Australia and major state sponsors Government of South Australia, Infront Surf Craft, Sharkskin, Kozii, 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
James McBride

* deceased

FOUNDATION MEMBERS

Robin Kidney *
Phil Lambourne *

* deceased

VICE PATRONS

PATRON

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

VICE PATRONS

Sarah Andrews MP, State Member for Gibson

The Hon Stephen Patterson MP, Member for
Morphett

Louise Miller-Frost, Member for Boothby

HONORARY LEGAL ADVISOR

Mrs Ashlee Provis

CLUB STRUCTURE

President, Surf Sports, Coach - Brad Keighran

Vice President, Youth Coordinator - Ali Hill

Secretary - Louise Lawson

Treasurer - Tammie Pribanic

Club Captain, Trainer, Coach - James McBride

Director, Junior Coordinator - Sarah Niemann

Director - Site Management - Drew Hoxey

Director - Facilities - Davey Taylor

Director - Governance - Warwick Holland

Registrar - Marian McAllister

Vice Captain - Richie Mayfield

Water Safety Supervisor - Joe Pribanic

Junior Administration Officer - Emma

Parkinson-Lawrence

Senior Competition Officer - Loo Keighran

Junior Competition Officer - Jennie Brown

Lifesaving Advisor, Trainer - Rob McBride

Chief Instructor, Trainer - John Stewart

Assessor - Ray Nussio

Trainer - Connor Fear

Boat Captain - Grant Turner

Board & Ski Captain - Ayden Pribanic

Beach Captain - Lisa Window

IRB Captain, Trainer, Coach - Craig Brown

ATV Captain - Tony Brumfield

Race Steward - Sarah Cutbush

Gear Steward - Jon Vass

Gym Manager - Ryan Ross

First Aid Officer - Dave Provis

Merchandise Coordinators - Kim Hamilton/Kathy
Holland

Buddy Bar Manager - Sheena LeCornu

Maintenance Manager - Bob Hood

Honorary Club Chaplain - Rev. Barbara Paull-Hunt

SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

ADELAIDE POND & AQUARIUM SERVICES

AIR WHOLESALERS

AXELEN AUSTRALIA

BOB HOOD MAINTENANCE SERVICES

CUSTOM BUILT NEW HOMES

ECO ELECTRICAL & AIR

GOOD DAY

HARRIS REAL ESTATE

HEARTLAND WINES

INCA CONSTRUCTION

MOORE SIMMONS

OPTIMAL AIR & REFRIGERATION

PURITY PUMBING & GAS

RJE GLOBAL

SA CONSTRUCT

SASH - SPORT & SPINAL HEALTH

SIGNATURE ORTHODONTICS

SOMERTON PARK ROTARY CLUB

SOUTH COAST WINDOW TINTING

SOUTHERN CROSS MEATS

STUBBIES INK

THORPE CARPENTRY

2023-2024 GRANTS

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

BEACH EQUIPMENT SAFETY FUND

STRONGER COMMUNITIES GRANT

GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

COMMISSION GRANT

OFFICE FOR RECREATION & SPORT - ACTIVE CLUB
PROGRAM

OTHER FUNDING

GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA - EMERGENCY
SERVICES FUND

CITY OF HOLDFAST BAY

SURF LIFE SAVING SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This has been my first season as President. As such, it has been a privilege and honour to serve the interests of the Club and its members, and I am pleased to provide you with my first annual report.

I must start with thanking all the members of every Board and Committee across the club, but most of all, those members of the Board of Management who at every turn have put the best interests of the Club first and foremost.

We started the season with a number of changes at board level: Ali Hill stepped up to Vice President, Lou Lawson as Secretary, Tammie Pribanic as Treasurer, James McBride as Club Captain, Drew Hoxley as Site Management Director and Sarah Nieman in the Junior Coordinator role. Warwick Holland (Director, Governance) and Davey Taylor (Commercial Operations Director) stayed on as board members to ensure they could complete their task of separating the 'Bistro' operations from Club. All of these Clubbies have dedicated volunteer hours over and above what one would call reasonable, and all because of a willingness to serve.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Warrick Holland for his outstanding service as the past president of Somerton SLSC. Waz's impact on our club is immeasurable; his steady leadership of the Board of Management has been instrumental in initiating the systems and processes that have brought us to a place of financial security and stability. He took on the role at a time when we were struggling both financially and culturally, and through his unwavering dedication and support, he has helped guide us back on track. On a personal note, I am incredibly thankful for the phone calls and support he has provided me throughout.

Thank you Davey Taylor, for your exceptional service as our Commercial Operations Director. Words can't fully express our gratitude. Davey, alongside Waz, has been pivotal in enabling our club to completely step back from managing the bistro by successfully outsourcing it to independent operators. This process, which began in 2019, has taken nearly five years to reach completion, finally becoming a reality on 7 May 2024. The journey was filled with countless challenges, but Davey's unwavering dedication has made a lasting impact on our club. We are deeply grateful for your contribution and look forward to seeing you on the beach.

Strategy

In July this year, we gathered a team of people from key areas and with relevant knowledge bases for our initial strategic planning session. There is obvious increased pressure on our club from three ultra competitive neighbours and we need to define what it is that makes our club unique and where can we improve. There is much more to be done but some of the themes discussed included: What we do well; Keeping our beaches safe; What we want to be known for; Development of members; and Thriving community. We look forward to expanding on the information gathered and including the greater club community in building out our future.

Finance

A significant highlight this year was the implementation of the bistro sub-lease, which took effect on 7 May 2024. This arrangement brings the bistro in line with the kiosk, which has successfully operated under a similar structure since 2014.

In even more pleasing news, the club achieved a profit of \$15,226 in 2023-24, a remarkable turnaround from the \$36,185 deficit recorded the previous year. While there is still work to be done, this result is a testament to careful management. A special thank you to Tammie for being our financial rock.

Donations and sponsorships have once again enabled us to keep all our equipment up to date and rescue-ready. Without these vital funds, we would struggle to maintain the high standard of rescue equipment necessary for our patrols.

Our sponsors and supporters have been long-term contributors to Somerton, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to them for their ongoing financial and personal support. Our generous sponsors include Axellent, Custom Homes, Optimal Air & Refrigeration, and Southern Cross Meats, along with our Community Sponsors.

We also received wonderful support from the Somerton Park Rotary Club this year, with their donations contributing towards the acquisition of a new ATV and allowing us to invest in additional club equipment.

Lifesaving

Our dedicated patrolling teams work tirelessly each weekend to keep our beach safe, covering the stretch from King Street, Brighton, heading north to The Broadway. This season, 156 active members patrolled our beach, logging over 4,000 patrol hours. These strong preventative measures highlight our unwavering commitment to public safety in all weather conditions. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to James McBride (Club Captain), Richie Mayfield (Vice Captain), and all the Patrol Captains for their hard work, dedication, and persistence throughout the season.

A special mention goes out to our IRB drivers and crew, who take on numerous roles beyond patrolling. They provide water cover for our junior program, carnivals (including Juniors, Seniors, and Surf Boats), and various non-surf lifesaving water-based events, both at Somerton and neighboring beaches. Craig Brown has led this area for many seasons, and the entire club is deeply grateful to him and his team for the invaluable support they provide, enabling these activities to take place.

Our training and education teams demonstrate remarkable commitment to skills maintenance and new awards each season. Their efforts often go unnoticed as they quietly and humbly continue their volunteer work without seeking recognition. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to John Stewart, Ray Nussio, Connor Fear, Rob McBride, and James McBride for their dedication, leadership, and innovative ideas in this area, along with many others around the club. It's inspiring to see so many new patrolling volunteers joining us on the beach. Thank you all so much for your contributions.

Juniors

In her first year as Junior Coordinator, Sarah Neiman led a highly effective Junior Activities program, and it was wonderful to see so many junior lifesavers develop their skills this year. The highlight of our efforts was being named the 2024 Junior Club of the Year, and I want to thank the entire Junior Committee and awards team for submitting such a compelling entry.

The feedback from SLSSA was exceptional.

We achieved the equal highest junior membership retention in the state at 76%. SLSSA praised our club for having "not only exemplary child safety and surf education administration standards but also an outstanding Nipper program that goes above and beyond the traditional curriculum."

They further recognised us as a trailblazer in promoting diversity and inclusion in Nippers, highlighting our nearly decade-long program that supports children and youth with disabilities in participating in surf-based activities. They noted our efforts to make the Saturday Nipper program accessible to all children of varying abilities, including providing adaptations and additional support where needed.

Our club is deeply committed to nurturing the next generation of lifesavers. We do this through development programs, involving patrolling members in the delivery of surf education, and implementing a buddy system where older Nippers mentor and encourage younger ones.

This season, we also demonstrated exceptional commitment to environmental stewardship and conservation. We took swift action to protect the nesting areas of Hooded Plovers at our local beach ramp by roping them off and installing signage to raise awareness among visitors. Additionally, we partnered with Birdlife Australia to educate our Nippers about the importance of conservation efforts, harnessing their curiosity and enthusiasm.

Endless thanks go out to our Age Managers, coaches, parent volunteers, and the water cover team, as well as everyone associated with the junior program. It's truly been an amazing season!

Youth

Our Youth members continue to strengthen the culture of our club, showing incredible enthusiasm in everything they do. Under the capable leadership of Ali Hill and a dedicated team of helpers, our Youth are engaged in a wide range of fun activities and leadership opportunities beyond traditional surf life saving activity.

This year, new SRCs from the U14 cohort transitioned into providing water safety and actively patrolling. They represent the future of our club and need to be nurtured and encouraged so we can continue to improve member retention.

Sport

On the back of our training program including beach running, No Guts No Glory, Friday boards and the weekend Iron session have seen some great improvements in our junior area and these were evidenced at the Junior State Titles. Thanks to

the coaches and parents who continue to support our program - a curated program we know builds confidence and drives results.

While IRB's have flourished at senior level, we have some areas of improvement to focus on which include surf sports, masters as well as boats. These are huge opportunities for our club and areas the BOM will support into next season and beyond.

The Club will also be introducing revised sports policies that will ensure members across all areas of competition operate under the same set of expectations, and have equal access to support for travel, fund raising, and state/national representation.

We sent a young team away to the Australian SLS Championships (Aussies) in April which provided opportunities for growth, as well as some excitement for all that attended. Aussies is an event that we will continue to promote and use as part of our goal setting for youth, senior and masters athletes.

Sarah Cutbush

Congratulations to Sarah who became the 17th President of Surf Life Saving SA this past season, and the first female State President. We are so proud that one of our dedicated active patrolling members is represented on the board and President. SLSSA could not be in better hands moving forward and I am excited to see the impact of the new SLSSA strategy.

Awards of excellence

We were proud to see one of our own, Marg Lamerton, nominated for Official of the Year at the Awards of Excellence. Marg's dedication shone through as she officiated at Somerton's Senior Club Championships, all Junior State Carnivals, including the State Championship days, as well as Senior Carnivals, SA Surf League, and State Championships. She also contributed her expertise at the Masters State Championships and IRB 360 events. Unfortunately, due to planned surgery, Marg was unable to attend the Aussies, which would have marked her 10th year of officiating at the event. We are all incredibly proud of her invaluable contributions.

IRB state championships

A huge thank you to all the volunteers and to Ali Hill for leading us through the day. I've never seen so much soup... all generously donated by our volunteers!

It has been a privilege to watch the IRB group grow over the past decade, reaching the point where they are now the largest IRB racing team in the state. Congratulations on an incredible season and for the outstanding results at States—so close to taking the top spot!

A special shoutout to Jack Millstead, our only state representative in any sport this year, who was selected for the state IRB team and traveled interstate to compete. We are all extremely proud of you and your continued dedication to Somerton.

Community

Our community connection is an essential part of our DNA.

We had the pleasure of hosting the SA State Masters Open Water Swim Championships earlier this year, and it was a fantastic day that truly showcased our strong connection with the community. The event brought together swimmers from across the state, and we were thrilled to see such a great turnout. Safety was our top priority, and we provided extensive water cover to ensure that all participants were safe throughout the event. A special thanks to James McBride and Craig Brown, who did an exceptional job organising and coordinating the water safety teams. Their hard work and dedication were key to the success of the day, and we're incredibly grateful for their leadership.

Margie Brown and her dedicated team of helpers have continued to lead our Somerton SEALS (Special Education and Learning) program with passion and commitment. The SEALS program provides vital aquatic opportunities for participants with disabilities, allowing them to engage in water-based activities in a supportive and inclusive environment. This program underscores our club's commitment to inclusivity, ensuring that everyone, regardless of their abilities, has the chance to experience the joys of the ocean and learn essential aquatic skills. The Somerton SEALS program not only fills a gap for those who are unable to participate in our Junior and Senior programs but also strengthens our role as a community hub where everyone is welcome. The impact of this program is profound, offering participants a sense of belonging and accomplishment while fostering a spirit of inclusivity that we are proud to champion.

There are so many wonderful volunteers at our amazing club and thank you to all that you do week in week out. From patrolling the beach, maintaining the club facilities (Bob), AGM'ing our nippers, to managing the Buddy Bar, coaching, officiating, making sure we have merchandise to sell, to cooking the bbq or simply helping out at a carnival. We could not exist without you.

As we move towards another season I invite all members to put their hands up to contribute in any way they can. We will be establishing a number of subcommittee's that will be promoted through the club communications. If you see an opportunity or a position that suits your interest or skill set, please contact myself or any one of our board members.

Thanks for your support.

Green, White and Black forever.

Brad Keighran
President



TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending 30 June 2024

This year the club continued to build on its recent good financial performance, with strong support from our community and sponsors and sound management of club's resources and expenses.

The club continued to invest in maintaining its facilities, upgrading its patrolling and surf sports equipment and providing development opportunities to its members. We contributed to the costs of transporting equipment for our boat crew and surf sports team to the 2024 Aussies carnival in Queensland and for our IRB team to Beachport. The club is building its representation across all forms of surf competition which is reflected in growth in competition expenses.

I am pleased to report that the club achieved a profit of \$15,226 in 2023-24, a better than budgeted result. This compares to the deficit of \$36,185 recorded in 2023-24. This continued improvement in the club's finances was due in large part to a growth in sponsorship and donation revenue and careful management of the club's expenses.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our generous sponsors, including Axellent, Custom Homes, Optimal Air&Refrigeration and Southern Cross Meats as well as our Community Sponsors. Their support over the year has been instrumental in our strengthened financial position and ability to invest in club assets.

We also received wonderful support from Somerton Park Rotary Club during the year, with its donations contributing towards the acquisition of a new ATV and enabling us to invest in club equipment.

Membership fee revenue was broadly in line with revenue recorded in 2022-23.

In early 2023-24, we paid off the remaining balance of our loan with Surf Life Saving South Australia, with the club now debt-free.

A key achievement this year was the implementation of the bistro sub-lease which came into effect on 7 May 2024. From that date, the sub-lessee operates the bistro as its own business and pays rent to the club. This brings the bistro arrangements in line with the kiosk which has operated under a similar structure since 2014.

As a result of the improved financial performance, the club's cash holdings substantially improved, with our cash at bank increasing by over \$62,000. This provides a solid foundation to support future investment in the club while ensuring we have capacity as a club to respond to unexpected events. With a range of costs increasing, including electricity and insurance, maintaining a sound financial position protects the longer-term financial viability of the club.

This year's financial results demonstrate a continued recovery and an upward trajectory for our club and has laid a solid foundation for our continued success and growth.

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to our sponsors, donors, and all members of the club whose unwavering support has contributed to this positive financial outcome. As we look ahead, we remain committed to leveraging our improved financial position to enhance our club, support our members, and continue making a positive impact on our community.

Tammie Pribanic
Honorary Treasurer

AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT'S DECLARATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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


..... Secretary

Signed at Somerton Surf Life Saving Club this 22 day of August 2024.

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 2024.

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

Brad Keighran (President)
 Alison Hill (Vice President)
 Louise Lawson (Secretary)
 James McBride (Club Captain)
 Tammie Pribanic (Treasurer)
 Davey Taylor
 Sarah Niemann
 Drew Hoxey
 Warwick Holland

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 surplus of \$15,226 (2023 deficit of \$36,185).

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

On 7 May 2024, the Club finalised the sub-lease of the bistro premises. From that date, the sub-lessee operates the bistro as its own business and pays rent to the club. This brings the bistro arrangements in line with the kiosk which has operated under a similar structure since 2014. There were no other 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 2024 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:

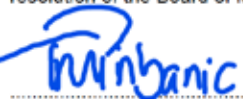
- (i) no officer of Somerton Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated;
- (ii) no firm in which an officer was a member; and
- (iii) no body corporate in which an officer has a substantial interest,

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

Signed at Somerton Surf Life Saving Club Inc. this

22

day of August 2024, in accordance with a

resolution of the Board of Management

 Treasurer


 Secretary

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 2024 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



Damien Pozza
Partner

Adelaide
South Australia

22 August 2024

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS & OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

| | Note | 2024 \$ | 2023 \$ |
|---|------|------------------|------------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| Sales Income | 2 | 1,256,633 | 1,234,872 |
| LESS COST OF GOODS SOLD | | | |
| Management Fee | | (984,260) | (967,524) |
| Cost of Sales | | (217,739) | (226,555) |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| GROSS SURPLUS | | 54,634 | 40,793 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| LESS EXPENSES | | | |
| Administration | | (44,548) | (41,993) |
| Depreciation & amortisation | | (65,328) | (74,443) |
| Competition | | (32,605) | (25,639) |
| Fundraising expenses | | (1,245) | (1,805) |
| Juniors | | (12,402) | (7,702) |
| Lifesaving expenses | | (16,591) | (18,182) |
| Premises | | (67,985) | (71,269) |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | (240,704) | (241,033) |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| OTHER INCOME | | | |
| Fundraising, donations and sponsorships | 2 | 44,223 | 21,925 |
| Grants and trust distributions | 2 | 35,198 | 27,000 |
| Membership fees | 2 | 56,201 | 57,500 |
| Other income | 2 | 64,881 | 57,630 |
| Gain/(loss) on disposal of assets | 2 | 793 | - |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTAL OTHER OPERATING INCOME | | 201,296 | 164,055 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| OPERATING SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) | | 15,226 | (36,185) |
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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

ASSETS

| CURRENT ASSETS | Note | 2024 \$ | 2023 \$ |
|---------------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | 3 | 159,270 | 96,473 |
| Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors | 4 | 1,680 | 4,271 |
| Inventories on Hand | 5 | 18,204 | 39,327 |
| Other Current Assets | 6 | 7,814 | 7,365 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | 186,968 | 147,436 |
| NON CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Property, Plant & Equipment | 7 | 140,084 | 190,918 |
| TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS | | 140,084 | 190,918 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 327,052 | 338,354 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Accounts Payable and Other Payables | 8 | 14,988 | 23,729 |
| Financial Liabilities | 9 | - | 12,000 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 14,988 | 35,729 |
| NON CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Financial Liabilities | 9 | - | 5,787 |
| TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES | | - | 5,787 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | 14,988 | 41,516 |
| NET ASSETS | | 312,064 | 296,838 |
| EQUITY | | | |
| Reserves | 11 | 76,564 | 76,564 |
| Retained Earnings | | 235,500 | 220,274 |
| TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS | | 312,064 | 296,838 |

The accompanying notes for part of these financial statements.

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

| | Note | 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 |
| | | | | |
| | | Retained Earnings \$ | General Reserve \$ | Total Accumulated Funds \$ |
| Balance as at 30 June 2023 | | 220,274 | 76,564 | 296,838 |
| Net Surplus from Association's Activities | | 15,226 | - | 15,226 |
| Balance as at 30 June 2024 | | 235,500 | 76,564 | 312,064 |

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 2024

| | Note | 2024 \$ Inflows (Outflows) | 2023 \$ Inflows (Outflows) |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Cash flows from Operating Activities: | | | |
| Receipts from customers (inc GST) | | 1,582,222 | 1,541,080 |
| Payments to suppliers and employees (inc GST) | | (1,499,780) | (1,528,882) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 12 | 82,442 | 12,198 |
| Cash from investing activities | | | |
| Payments for property, plant and equipment | | (22,993) | (67,326) |
| Proceeds from property, plant and equipment | | 9,292 | - |
| Net cash (used in) investing activities | | (13,701) | (67,326) |
| Cash from financing activities | | | |
| (Repayments) of long term borrowings | | (5,944) | (12,000) |
| Net cash (used in) financing activities | | (5,944) | (12,000) |
| Net Increase/(Decrease) in cash held | | 62,797 | (67,128) |
| Cash at the Beginning of the period | | 96,473 | 163,601 |
| Cash at the end of the period | 3 | 159,270 | 96,473 |

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 2024

1 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

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 10.

(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 2024

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

2-20%

Plant and equipment at cost

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

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

| 2 Revenue | Note | 2024 \$ | 2023 \$ |
|--|------|------------|------------|
| <i>Revenue from Contracts with Customers</i> | | | |
| Sales Income | | 1,256,633 | 1,234,872 |
| Fundraising, donations and sponsorships | | 44,223 | 21,925 |
| Grants and trust distributions | | 35,198 | 27,000 |
| Membership fees | | 56,201 | 57,500 |
| | | 1,392,255 | 1,341,297 |
| <i>Other Revenue</i> | | | |
| Gain/(loss) on disposal of assets | | 793 | - |
| Other income | | 64,881 | 57,630 |
| | | 65,674 | 57,630 |
| Revenue | | 1,457,929 | 1,398,927 |
| 3 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | | | |
| Cash on Hand | | 583 | 1,783 |
| Cash at Bank | | 158,687 | 94,690 |
| | | 159,270 | 96,473 |
| 4 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND OTHER DEBTORS | | | |
| Trade Receivables | | 1,680 | 3,406 |
| GST Receivable | | - | 865 |
| Total Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors | | 1,680 | 4,271 |
| 5 INVENTORIES ON HAND | | | |
| Bar Stock | | 800 | 21,620 |
| Clothing and Merchandise Stock | | 17,404 | 17,707 |
| | | 18,204 | 39,327 |
| 6 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Prepayments | | 7,814 | 7,365 |

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

| 7 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT | Note | 2024 \$ | 2023 \$ | |
|--|------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Property : | | | | |
| Plant and Equipment - at Cost | | 904,838 | 890,344 | |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation | | (804,939) | (767,979) | |
| Total Plant and Equipment | | 99,899 | 122,365 | |
| Leasehold Improvements at cost | | 328,925 | 328,925 | |
| Less Accumulated Amortisation | | (288,740) | (260,372) | |
| Total Leasehold Improvements | | 40,185 | 68,553 | |
| Total Property, Plant and Equipment | | 140,084 | 190,918 | |
| | | Leasehold Improvements \$ | Plant & Equipment \$ | |
| | | Total \$ | | |
| Balance at 30 June 2023 | | 68,553 | 122,365 | 190,918 |
| Additions | | - | 22,993 | 22,993 |
| Disposals | | - | (8,499) | (8,499) |
| Depreciation Expense | | (28,368) | (36,960) | (65,328) |
| Balance at 30 June 2024 | | 40,185 | 99,899 | 140,084 |

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

| 8 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER PAYABLES | Note | 2024 \$ | 2023 \$ |
|---------------------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| Current | | | |
| Trade Creditors | | 14,350 | 23,729 |
| GST Payable | | 638 | - |
| | | <u>14,988</u> | <u>23,729</u> |
| 9 BORROWINGS | | | |
| Current | | | |
| Interest Bearing Loans | (i) | - | 12,000 |
| | | <u>-</u> | <u>12,000</u> |
| Non Current | | | |
| Interest Bearing Loans | (i) | - | 5,787 |
| | | <u>-</u> | <u>5,787</u> |
| Total Borrowings | | <u>-</u> | <u>17,787</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 and was fully paid as at 30 June 2024

10 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 | | 5,211 | 4,937 |
| between 12 months and 5 years | | 10,564 | 10,171 |
| | | <u>15,775</u> | <u>15,108</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

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|---------|----------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the period | 15,226 | (36,185) |
| Non-cash Flows in Current Period Surplus : | | |
| Depreciation of Property, Furniture, Plant and Equipment | 65,327 | 74,442 |
| SLSSA Club Foundation Interest Expense on Repayments | 157 | 1,095 |
| Changes in Assets and Liabilities : | | |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Receivables | 2,591 | (1,607) |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Inventories | 21,123 | (8,918) |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments | (449) | (208) |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Trade and Other Payables | (8,740) | (16,421) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net cash flows provided by Operating Activities | 82,442 | 12,198 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

13 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year, the members of the Association's Board of Management engaged in transactions with the Association as part of its normal course of operations. These transactions were on normal commercial terms and were at arms length.

14 EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There have been no significant events that have occurred subsequent to 30 June 2024

15 ASSOCIATION DETAILS

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

Opinion

We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of the Somerton Surf Life Saving Club ('the Club'), which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2024, the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the Board of Management's Declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Somerton Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated, is in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012; including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Club's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial report and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022.

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 Club in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 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.

Other information

The Board of Management are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Board of Management Report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but does not include the financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Advisory. Tax. Audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED (CONT)

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 Board of Management'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.

Board of Management's responsibility for the financial report

The Board of Management are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial report and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. They are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibility 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Club's internal control;

Advisory. Tax. Audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED (CONT)

Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial report (cont)

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by those charged with governance;
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Club's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Club to cease to continue as a going concern; and
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Nexia Edwards Marshall

Nexia Edwards Marshall
Chartered Accountants



Damien Pozza
Partner

Adelaide
South Australia

22 August 2024

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HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

What a year it's been at Somerton! From winning South Australian Junior Club of the Year to hosting the IRB State Championships to running a training session for 2-time Suncorp Super Netball Premiers, The Adelaide Thunderbirds. The vibe at Somerton is good and our steady membership numbers reinforce that.

| 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 | Non-binary Members | Unknown Gender | 2022 Season Total Members | Member Retention (%) |
| Junior Activity Member (5-13 years) | 162 | 86 | 76 | 0 | 0 | 188 | 86.17 % |
| Cadet Member (13-15 years) | 36 | 20 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 124.14 % |
| Active (15-18 yrs) | 19 | 7 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 95 % |
| Active (18yrs and over) | 72 | 45 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 75.79 % |
| Award Member | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 100 % |
| Long Service | 53 | 32 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 182.76 % |
| Associate | 174 | 72 | 102 | 0 | 0 | 160 | 108.75 % |
| Life Member | 28 | 21 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 103.7 % |
| General | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 % |
| Non Member Participants | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 % |
| Community Member | 33 | 19 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 106.45 % |
| Total | 579 | 303 | 276 | 0 | 0 | 584 | 99.14 % |

The club has had a consistent membership base of just under 600 for the last three seasons. We finished the 2023/24 season with 579 members, slightly below the 2022/23 membership total of 584. The gender split of members has remained constant over the last three years with female members accounting for 48% of Somerton's Membership. There was a noticeable dip in Active (18years and over) members however this was due to a reclassification of members who are no longer proficient award holders. Our Cadet (13-15) membership retention % grew for the first time in a long time and we retained all but one Active (15-18 years) member. We also had a bump in Long Service members this year.

In my first year as Secretary at Somerton, I focused on four key areas: 1) responding to member inquiries enquiries and keeping members informed about club activities, 2) enhancing member inclusion and enjoyment at the club, 3) recognizing members' volunteering efforts, and 4) continuously improving processes to build an organizational memory for the future. Thankfully, I have received invaluable support from key contributors to the club.

I would like to extend a big thank you specifically to the following individuals and committees:

- Registrar, Marian McAllister: Always attentive to the details and ready with answers. This is Marian's last year as Registrar, and I am deeply grateful for her support. Although she is stepping down from this role, she will continue to contribute to the club in new ways.
- Events Coordinator, Megan Rebuli: Megan's enthusiasm and attention to detail have been a breath of fresh air. Though Megan is moving on from her role, she will remain involved behind the scenes. Once a volunteer, always a volunteer.
- The Social & Fundraising Committee: Tim & Tash Jasson and Troy Bettineschi, who have successfully organized a variety of social events, enhancing the positive atmosphere at the club.
- Member Awards & Recognition: Rob McBride & Greg Brown, who have diligently worked through the Surfguard member database to ensure that members receive the appropriate club and State awards for their service years. Your efforts are deeply appreciated.
- Tech Guru, Darren McAllister: Darren assisted in rolling out digital membership cards this year, benefiting both members and the environment. Now, showing your card for discounts at the Kiosk and The Somerton Bar & Bistro is more convenient than ever.
- Unofficial Club Historian, Bob Hood: Bob ensures that our historical data is accurately reported and recorded, preserving our club's legacy for future generations. Thank you, Bob!

Looking forward to another great season. See you on the beach!

Louise Lawson
Director – Member Services

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

This season saw substantial changes to key position holders on the Board with a new President (Brad Keighran), Vice-President, Secretary (Lou Lawson) and Treasurer (Tammie Pribanic). We also welcomed a new Junior Coordinator, Sarah Niemann, who joined the Board as the Director for Juniors. I am especially thankful for the support of Drew, James, Davey and Warwick who continued to serve on the Board and assisted us in the transition. This undoubtedly made for a smooth hand-over and I found the year to be most rewarding. There is no doubt that this group genuinely cares about the future of the Club and its' Members.

A key achievement this year was the implementation of the Bistro sub-lease which came into effect in May 2024. This has not been easy reform - the sublease expression of interest was posted in June 2019, and has involved significant consultation with a range of parties. Over the 5-year period many obstacles were presented which required countless volunteer hours to resolve as well as dedication to understand complex licensing and planning areas outside our core expertise. This included submitting planning applications with Planning SA (or addressing those submitted on our behalf), negotiating new arrangements with Council, and overcoming substantial barriers due to council staff and resident concerns about the implications of the change in the lease structure for the Bistro. This forced us to engage fire engineers, sound engineers, lawyers, council planning experts and property appraisers, with significant financial and personal (time, stress) cost. At the helm of this process was Warwick Holland and Davey Taylor. Their incredible resilience, commitment, and leadership will leave a lasting impact and contribute to a sustainable financial future.

As I began this report, I thought I would mention one or two notable highlights but in reflecting on the season it became apparent that there were many: Junior Club of The Year, Club Awards Night (sold out! thanks to the efforts of Megan Rebuli), sending a team to Aussies on the Gold Coast, hosting IRB State Champs with 2nd placing by the IRB team, Pool Rescue State Champs (with participation and medals across all divisions – junior, youth, open and masters)... there is a lot to be proud of.

Thanks to all who contribute their time and energy to create a great culture and a great Club.

Ali Hill
Vice President



CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

I am proud and delighted to be celebrating the end of another great season for our club. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of our patrolling members for their valuable time and effort once again.

The depth and breadth of our lifesaving base is evident when you consider we had around 150 members collectively perform over 4,000 hours of patrol and water cover service over the course of the season.

Somerton SLSC maintains responsibility for managing the longest stretch of coastline (from King Street, Brighton to the Broadway) of the four holdfast bay clubs. Our 8 highly skilled patrol teams did a fantastic job this season, enabling us to meet this obligation, keeping our beach safe on every weekend and public holiday from October to April.

Our service and engagement to the broader community also continued during the season, as demonstrated through our participation in numerous community events – coordinating water safety for visiting schools, external sporting clubs and other groups.

Our training officers and did a great job at ensuring our lifesavers remained proficient and highly skilled. We are fortunate to have such dedicated instructors who continue to train new members and existing members across the various awards.

A special thank you to our members who represented and patrolled the big days like Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Years Day. The community of Somerton thank you so much for giving up your valuable time and your efforts do not go unnoticed.

We have kept our beach safe all season, with no lives lost. The amount of contribution and teamwork across the member base makes our club such an important part of our community.

It has been a privilege to serve as Club Captain this season and I look forward to the many challenges and successes of the coming year.

James McBride



NEW AWARDS 2023/24

SILVER MEDALLION – ADVANCED RESCUE (SMAR)

Saxon McDonald
Isabella Murphy
Isabel Brumfield
Molly Stewart
Ishtah Thompson
Elka Hayward
Aiden Fuller

SILVER MEDALLION – PATROL CAPTAIN (PC)

John Stewart

BRONZE AWARDS

Scarlet Brammy
Hamish Hayes
Peg Lightfoot
Sophie McAdam
Will Murphy
Dallis Poetch
Sadie Roberts
Aimee Carter
Adam Clutterbuck
Alison Hill
Ariya Lodge
Sarah Tucker
Linda Turrini
Alice Woods
Brendan Wallace

SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE

Adelaide Boulton
Austin Chilcott
Ava Kelsch
Chloe Brammy
Harvey Kupniewski
Jackson Camilleri
Joey Weaver
Lauren Barclay
Lilly Andrews
Oliver Maynard
Olivia Low
Oscar Russell
Sidney Kupniewski
Zachary Fear

ADVANCED RESUCITAION TRAINING (ART)

Matthew Ackland
Troy Bettineschi
Ashley Derman
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REPORT FROM THE CLUB'S MAINTENANCE GUY

As the Club in its current form moves into its 19th year, we find that more and more maintenance is being required, and that was apparent this year. After many requests by the club to have the Council look into the issues with the condition and operation of all of the roller doors, they came to the decision that all needed replacing. As it was their responsibility to maintain the building, they kept with the same slat design, but had heavy duty motors, and top roller drums installed to upgrade the specifications to meet the Commercial requirements of the building we have. The intent was there, but the storm we had in June put the doors to the test, and door #4 couldn't match the conditions of the day, and blew in, which resulted in some speedy repairs to be carried out.

Some other repairs due to age have been the internal frame door closers, specifically the Gym door, and thanks to Greg Brown for his assistance at times, especially when an additional pair of hands are required, as those aluminium framed full glass doors are quite heavy. Thanks, must also be given to Adam and Troy Bettineschi for their help checking out the roof leak over the Bistro Office, and the subsequence repairs to the broken guy wires on the kitchen exhaust stack and the noting of the corroded condition of the roofing sheets which was also added to the list. Davey Taylor and myself were also engaged with the Council to also look at the repairs that are outstanding, such as the roof leaks in the Gym which are possibly due to the ingress of rain around, and at the bottom of the Bistro Bi-fold doors, and the windowpane seals mainly on the western side. All are a result of the November storm a couple of years ago. Another areas of concern that was noted, is the repairs to the balcony flooring which have some rotting planks, remediation of the ceiling in the Male Changerooms, which was a result of water supply pipe movement and poor bracing/bracketing causing one main and one minor leak in that area, and on inspection, see the need for the Council to carry out a more thorough audit/inspection of all pipe work in the roof and walls and other concealed spaces.

Troy and myself have been busy upgrading and making safe areas around the club. Troy mounted the Air Compressor and Retractable Air Line supply up on the southern wall making way for more room to operate, and removing obstacles, and tripping hazards. As for me, I saw the need to remove the hazard of tripping and the exposure to electrocution caused by the power extension cord for the charging of the ATV laying across other craft and trailers, and laying on wet equipment and floors, and any other equipment requiring a power supply. It involved the manufacture, construction and mounting of a power supply boom with a 3m reach and a retractable operation for the power supply extension cord, and when not in use it can be stored back against the wall.

Other works in the pipeline is the construction of a Trophy Cabinet in the passage, and this is currently due to the limited wall areas upstairs and in the foyer and north wall of the equipment area, as it needs to be away from any areas that are prone to wind and moisture. Maybe, in the future, there might be an opportunity to extend parts of the building, and that may give the opportunity to make use of an area that would be more fitting of displaying the History and Achievements of the Club and its Members. Some of the other projects in the pipeline are, Bouy and Anchor rack on wheels, mechanic system for the storing of the IRB's and some sort of storage medium. Storage of all equipment is an ongoing process and needs to be flexible as we move forward.

As I have made mention to those in Administration of the club, we are at the beginning of the period of looking at what the Council has in mind in their Conditions of the new Club Lease Agreement due in 2027. As of the 2024-25 Season under our current Conditions of the Club Lease, we have the opportunity of making submissions and admissions to the Council of what we find conducive for the club to operate, and derive a suitable income, but more so a profit into the future. This will be achieved by instigating the formulation of a committee to making sure we do not miss any opportunities to have input to the new terms of the Lease. It would be advantageous to have consultation and consensus before the Council head to their Legal and Leasing Department, because it's very hard to make change once their Project gets any traction and is heading for the printers.

As for those that have assisted with many little jobs or situations over the past season, I would like to also mention Grant Turner, John Stewart, Ashley Derman, Tammie Pribanic, Ben Wallbridge [Café], Warwick Holland and Lou Lawson. My apologies if I have omitted any issues or people who need recognition for their work, and input over the past season, as it is hard/challenging to remember it all. As always, I attach the value of work in kind, and for the season of 2023-24 it was approx. \$20,000. This is mentioned so that if the club ever finds themselves having to pay for repairs, it can identify what is needed to budget for running cost.

Thanks, and that's it from me.
Bob Hood

ACTIVE LONG SERVICE MEMBERS

Jason Antonello
Darryl Barber
Petra Barber
Neil Brookes
Amy Brown
Craig Brown
David Brown
Gregory Brown
Margie Brown
Cameron Burfield
Helen Burfield
Adam Clutterbuck
Sarah Cutbush
Matthew Harry
Kate Hayward
Mark Hayward
Kevin Heard
Kathleen Holland
Jason Hosking
Sarah Hosking
Liam Jones
Brad Keighran
Melissa Keighran
Kate Lally
Sheena LeCornu
Thomas Loftus
Sally Mainsbridge
Catherine Mayfield

Stephen Mayfield
Adam McAllister
Darren McAllister
Marian McAllister
Matthew McAllister
Anne-Marie McBride
Jack Millstead
Sarah Niemann
Kirsten Poetsch
Joseph Pribanic
Ashlee Provis
David Provis
Matthew Roberts
Ryan Ross
Jennifer Stevens
John Stewart
Andrew Thiele
Grant Turner
Charlotte Twizell
Jonathan Vass
Michael Whitford
Lisa Window
Peter Window
Alan Winson



MASTERS REPORT

MASTERS STATES 2024

Massive congratulations to all our competitors and well done on such an amazing effort from our Somerton Masters Team who competed at Normanville SLSC on the March long weekend. Two very hot days of competition and everyone should be extremely proud of their efforts individually and as well as teams.

This year we had a squad of 13, (8 females and 5 males) competing across all disciplines on the beach and in the water. As we usually tend to do, Somerton show up when it counts. Not huge on training throughout the off season or even on season, I am proud to say everyone gives it a good crack in their age group and helps out in teams when needed.

This year we had a first time competitor (and going by her results and competitiveness has many years to come), a long service member who 'mastered' the double ski and a life member who came out of retirement just to do flags. Great work Shannon Andrews, Dave Provis and Hoody. Three examples of you're never too old to give it a go or learn something new!

Huge shout out and thank you to Ashlee and Dave for the accomodation and pasta feed Saturday night, Marg Lamerton Somerton's ever reliable representative in the official area, Loo Keighran competition officer, our Somerton community supporters and craft handlers (Arthur, Oscar, Betty, Clare and Rosie)

It was a wonderful weekend of laughs, highs, lows, friendships rekindled and friendly but tough competition. The enthusiasm and encouragement from each other only makes us stronger.

TOTAL MEDAL TALLY 19

Gold

Jon Vass - flags
Jon Vass - sprints
David Provis - flags
Shannon Andrews- flags
Lisa Window - flags
Lisa Window / Sally Mainsbridge- double ski

Silver

Ashlee Provis - flags
Louise Lawson - flags
Lisa Window - sprints
Jon Vass - 1 km distance run
Shannon, Louise, Lisa - board relay
Marian, Ashlee, Megan, Lisa - beach relay

Bronze

Robert Hood - flags
Megan Rebuli - flags
Marian McAllister - flags
Marian McAllister - sprints
Lisa Window - individual boards
Lisa, David Provis - mixed double ski
Jon Vass / David Provis - composite beach relay

4th

Sally Mainsbridge - 1 km distance run
Sarah Niemann / Jon Vass - 2 x 1 km mixed relay
Ben Wallbridge / Sally Mainsbridge - mixed double ski
Ashlee Provis - sprints



JUNIOR COORDINATOR REPORT

South Australian Junior Club of the Year 2024 !!

What sensational recognition and reward for a huge season and congratulations to everyone involved in our Junior program.

This award recognised for our exemplary child safety and surf administration as well as a Nipper program that goes above and beyond the traditional curriculum. Somerton achieved the equal highest Junior membership retention in the State at 76%.

Some of the key factors our club was recognised for include

- the Mini Guts training sessions implemented this season
- Having our older Nippers buddy up with our youngest Nippers to do swims and Saturday Nipper activities
- Engagement with Birdlife Australia to be educated about the Hooded Plovers who were nesting on Somerton this season

There is a phenomenal amount of volunteer work that occurs for our Nipper program to happen. I am very thankful and appreciate all those that contribute to this season, on and off the beach.

Firstly I would like to acknowledge and thank the hard working and dedicated Junior Committee consisting of Emma Parkinson-Lawrence (Junior Administrator), Rhianna Hedley, Alison Hill, Marian McAllister, James McBride, Heidi Bevan and Leanne Hoxey. I especially want to thank Emma, who after 4 years in the Junior Administrator position is stepping down. Thank you for helping me learn the ropes this season, but especially thank you for the 4 seasons of work, a lot that goes on behind the scene.

This season we had 23 dedicated, energetic and spirited Age Group Managers. I can say that AGMs learn as much from the season and enjoy their time on the beach as the Nippers do. Thank you for your commitment and contribution and I look forward to next seasons crazy shirt and hat days.

William Lawrance and Abbey Hamilton were recognised as our Junior Club Captains for this season. Congratulations on your leadership and I wish you well in your Surf Life Saving journey beyond Nippers.

Rain, hail or shine there is a dedicated team of members who provided water cover on Saturday afternoons and at competitions. Thank you to you all for your time and support for the Nippers and especially thank you Joe Pribanic, Drew Hoxey and Craig Brown for organising and leading the water cover every Saturday.

It was evident as the season progressed how our Nippers developed and refined their skills. The additional training opportunities of Swimming, No Guts No Glory, boards, Iron and the new addition of Mini Guts coached by Ali has been valuable and rewarding. Thank you to the coaches and watercover for enabling these opportunities.

Congratulations to all the Nippers that represented the club at carnivals and state titles this season. Congratulations also to Nippers of the Year Ruby Knight and Oliver Stephan who were recognised at the State Titles event.

Thank you to the Officials, Jennie Brown (Competition Officer), Ben Stephan and Leanne Hoxey (Official Photographers) and the beach set and working party Volunteers – your contribution is valued.

Not only did we have 67 Nippers represent Somerton at the three days of Junior State Titles, four Nippers ventured to the Sunshine Coast to compete at Aussie Titles. Congratulations to Ruby Knights, Arthur Niemann, William Lawrance and Ollie Stephan for participating in this high-level competition. The conditions were much more than anything we have in South Australia and each of you gave everything you had and certainly learnt from the experience. I especially want to congratulate Ruby of getting through to the final of the U13 swim.

Thank you to the Somerton community for making my first year in the position a pleasure and I look forward to seeing you all on the beach soon

Sarah Niemann
Junior Coordinator

Junior Long Swim Winners 2023/24

Overall Winner, Southern Cross Meats Shield

Oliver Stephan

Age group places

U11

1st Holly Knights 1st
2nd Maya Stephan
3rd Nova Andrews

U12

Elle Harmer 1st
2nd Annabelle Stevenson
3rd Jaimee Fuller

U13

Ruby Knights
2nd Bree Kloeden
3rd Alya Higgins

1st Clancy Kupniewski
2nd Sam Cleggett
3rd Oscar Niemann

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

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

Junior Club Champion Awards

U8

Boys

1st Angus Hardwick
Byron Hedley
3rd Daniel Harmer

Girls

1st Olivia Sadler
2nd Ava Bettineschi
3rd Charli Fisher

U9

Boys

1st Noah Bettineschi
2nd Walter Johns
3rd Keon Heaney

Girls

1st Lydia Devlin
2nd Eliza Leenaerts
3rd Clara Ainslie

U10

Boys

1st James Knight
2nd Oscar Clutterbuck
Dylan Hoxey

Girls

1st Matilda Hardwick
2nd Arabella Norton
3rd Afton Tayler

U11

Boys

1st Clancy Kupniewski
2nd Sam Cleggett
3rd Oscar Niemann

Girls

1st Holly Knights
2nd Nova Andrews
3rd Amelia Wallace

U12

Boys

1st Noah Stephan
2nd Thomas Carr-Hayball
3rd Alexander Van Der Merwe

Girls

1st Eloise Sadler
2nd Jaimee Fuller
3rd Elizabeth Harmer

U13

Boys

1st Oliver Stephan
2nd William Lawrence
3rd Rhys Norton

Girls

1st Ruby Knight
2nd Bree Kloeden
3rd Abbey Hamilton

Age Group Manager Awards

U8

AGMs – Tash Jasson & Shae Taylor
Charli Fisher & Angus Hardwick

U9

AGMs – Tim Jasson & Sam Johns
Lydia Devlin & Lior Clancy

U10

AGMs - Gareth Brown, Katie Norton & Adam Clutterbuck
Claudia Aldridge-Kaur & Alexis Maniscalco

U11

AGMs - Rhianna Hedley, Mel Lovejoy, Andrew Camilleri & Pete Boulton
Chloe Camilleri & Elliot Clancy

U12

AGMs - Louise Lawson, Matt Fettke, Charlotte Dally, Emily Casey & Kyrenia Kyprianou
Katie Morris-Fenna & Jacob Fettke

U13

AGMs - Mark Hamilton & Sarah Niemann
Lucienne Clancy & Arthur Niemann



SOMERSQUAD

As with previous years, the Somersquad season began with training for the SRC and Bronze Medallion. Thanks to trainer James McBride, we added 13 SRC to our patrolling ranks in November and by the end of December John Stewart and Rob McBride had led 7 youth to attain their Bronze Medallion. We appreciate the time and effort that goes into Award training, which not only benefits the Club but provides valuable individual skills to each of our youth members.

As the season progressed Somersquad participated in regular Saturday sessions that included social activities such as yoga, stand up paddle boards, a trip to Glenelg for frozen yoghurt, and surfing at Middleton. They were also introduced to ski paddling, surf boat rowing, IRB racing, and jet skis with a visit from the SLSSA patrols. On other weeks we supported the junior program by providing water cover and as assistant AGMs.

A highlight of the season was the Pizza and Games Night. Youth were divided into teams led by some of our senior athletes, Ayden Pribanic, Richard Mayfield, Bella Murphy, Ishtah Thompson, and faced off in a range of team-based games and challenges. It was rewarding to see everyone getting involved and expanding their social networks.

The Games Night set us up for a great camp at Chiton Rocks and we were at maximum capacity with attendance. It did not disappoint... games, big surf, patrolling, group night walks, birthday cake, more big surf...and lots of food!

We have a fantastic youth group and I hope they continue to make the most of the opportunities that our Club and surf lifesaving in general provides.

Thanks to those parents who helped with various activities during the season, especially the Chiton Rocks Chaperones (Kirsty Hayes, Gareth Brown, Joe & Tammie Pribanic, Cecilia Low, Toby Rawson) – looking forward to recruiting more youth leaders to assist me next year.

Ali Hill
Youth Coordinator



SPONSORSHIP

As I reflect on our 1st year of undertaking the Sponsorship portfolio its hard to put it all into a short bio but to phrase a term from our younger vibe generation it's been Bussin'!!

What a Dope (cool) & Cray (crazy) Season 2024 has been.

To continually evolve & grow this portfolio has been one of focus but remains a continual work in progress to make sure we have quality sponsors that align with the core values of the Somerton Brand.

Welcoming a new Platinum sponsor in Custom Built Homes & Renovations to support the Junior program initially with the Nipper Tops & Hi-Vis Rash Tops has been fantastic and look forward to growing our relationship into the future. Thank You.

Axellent continue to support us as an ongoing Platinum Sponsor and we can't thank them enough for their support across multiple facets of the club – Members day with Axel, Aussie Touring Party & IRB Racing Team along with contribution to several equipment purchases.

Optimal AIR&REFRIGERATION have also increased their capacity to a Platinum Sponsor with multiple contributions across the club towards both equipment, assets purchases, supporting the Junior & IRB programs along with the events on the social scene.

Community Sponsors was a new initiative this year to off-set the cost of new Nipper Flags for our Saturday AGM groups – we thank you for your support & look forward to continuing these partnerships moving forward.

- Eco Electrical and Air
- Thorpe Carpentry
- Purity Plumbing
- SASH Physio
- Good Day Co
- South Coast Window Tinting
- Moore Simons
- AIR Wholesalers
- Adelaide Pond & Aquarium Services
- Harris Real Estate
- Signature Orthodontics

A heartfelt Thank You to our ongoing sponsors that have been around for a while and are a big part of what makes the fabric of this club the "Home of the Champions"

Southern Cross Meats, Heartland Wines, Stubby Ink, Combo Industries, SA Construct, Good Day Co.

Finally to the Somerton Members - without your support we wouldn't exist & thrive with the vibe we have.

Thank you.

Troy Bettineschi
Sponsorship Officer



COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS REPORT

Commercial Operations encompasses the operations of the bistro and kiosk.

Bistro

This year saw the culmination of plans for the club to withdraw entirely from its involvement with running the bistro by outsourcing the business to independent operators. The process began in 2019 and has taken nearly five years to reach fulfilment. Along the way it has encountered numerous obstacles, some of which have taken a long time to overcome, but it finally became a reality on 7 May 2024. On that date Gambell & Sutton Pty Limited obtained a liquor licence and became the sub-lessee of the bistro premises. Since then it has operated the bistro as its own business and has paid rent to the club. This brings it in line with the kiosk which has operated under the same structure since 2014.

At the commencement of the outsourcing process the club had no idea it would encounter so many difficulties or take so long. The club called for expressions of interest to sub-lease the bistro in 2019 and Kate Gambell & Charles Sutton were the successful applicants. In September 2020 their company Gambell & Sutton Pty Limited entered into a management agreement with the club for it to manage the bistro on behalf of the club for what was then expected to be a few months, until all the necessary approvals had been obtained. The arrangement continued not for a few months but until 7 May 2024. I have to thank Kate and Charles for their patience and persistence and for the wonderful job that they have done as the club's managers. I hope that now it's their own business, it will continue to thrive.

I also have to thank the various Boards of Management who readily gave me their support and particularly Warwick Holland when he was president, whose faith in me never wavered every time yet another unforeseen obstacle was encountered, and the current president Brad Keighran for his help in putting me in touch with the right people to assist me. Sarah Andrews, the local MP and her staff have also been very helpful.

Kiosk

Penny and Ben Wallbridge have operated the kiosk since 2014 and do an excellent job. It is not an easy business to operate as it is very weather dependent with little protection against wind, rain and too much sun. Earlier in the year, Penny and I had a discussion with the Council about it investing in better protection. We were well received, but further consideration has been put off to be included in discussions generally about the renewal of the club's lease, which expires in December 2026. Although that might seem a long time away, the club has much to talk about with the Council and it would be best for those discussions to commence reasonably soon.

Davey Taylor
Commercial Operations Director



SOCIAL AND EVENTS

In the 2023-24 season, the Somerton SLSC Events Coordinator and Social Committee facilitated and hosted seven key events.

The Social Committee hosted a 'Through the Decades' themed Quiz Night on September 16th, 2023, at the Ascot Park Bowls Club, delivered by Quiz Meisters. The event was well-attended, with numerous tables filled by members, friends, and family.

The Season Launch took place on November 5th, 2023, in the club plaza. Several local dignitaries and club members attended to commemorate the beginning of the season. Highlights included a generous donation of a new ATV from the Rotary Club of Somerton Park, speeches from board members, announcement of the junior captains, an IRB racing display, live music, and a BBQ.

Two events marked the Christmas celebrations. Santa Claus made an appearance at the final Nippers session of 2023, bringing joy to the younger members, and included the Christmas mega-raffle for adults and children. On Christmas morning, the annual Beer 'n' Pie breakfast was held in the Somerton Bistro.

Seniors and Masters Club Championships was held on Saturday 17th Feb, trialling a morning session. The event was a success, with excellent conditions bringing over 30 competitors to the beach, spanning from under 14s into 60+ years.

Sponsors Day was held in afternoon of the same day, including a Corona Bar in addition to the Buddy Bar, a bake sale, live music, raffles for adults and children, free face painting, and lawn games on The Plaza.

Club Awards Night was held on Saturday 4th May in the club bistro. Over 100 attendees, including senior competitors, new bronze award recipients, life members, officials, social members, board members, and local MP Sarah Andrews – Member for Gibson, were in attendance to congratulate award winners, and celebrate the 2023-24 season with a three-course meal and live DJ. Thank you to Richie Mayfield (MC), Lauren McBride (styling), and Cecilia Low (photography) for their contributions to the evening.

The 2023-24 season's social events were a great success, bringing the club members and community together, as well as creating fundraising opportunities for the club, with approximately \$3000 raised during the season. Feedback throughout the season has been overwhelmingly positive, with increased attendance at events and an improvement in club culture.

Thank you to the Somerton SLSC Community for supporting the events and fundraising initiatives. We'd also like to give thanks to Brett Norton and Simon Croxton for their work on the BBQ including 'gourmet BBQ' at events, as well as Amy Stephan, Heidi Bettineschi, Belinda Porter and Lizzie Johns for their contributions to events, including donations and the sale of raffle tickets and baked goods. Additional thanks to Troy Bettineschi (Fundraising Coordinator), Tim Jasson (Social Committee Secretary) Brad Keighran (President), Ali Hill (Vice President), Tammie Pribanic (Treasurer), Lou Lawson (Secretary), and James McBride (Club Captain), for their significant contributions and support throughout the season.

The Events and Social Committee looks forward to another exciting year ahead.

Megan Rebuli, Events Coordinator & Tash Jasson, Chair - Social Committee



IRB REPORT

2023/24 has been the biggest year for the IRB water cover crews to date which saw the current IRB drivers and crew continue to support patrols, water cover for nippers, club swims and carnivals. On top of our patrol obligations the IRB team provided an additional 273 hours of water cover to support nippers program, carnivals and community events. This season Somerton have christened 'Axel' our newest hull with support from Axellent Australia while maintaining another 3 hulls and with 2 new engines support by Axellent Australia & Optimal Air and Refrigeration, bring our total to 6 high quality engines which are essential as front line tools for rescues and water cover. 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 equipment and allows us 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 are always looking to expand our team as we need 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 2024-25 season.

IRB RACING

This year we 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. The crews trained hard and tuned our hulls and engines which has resulted in Somerton creating some historic results. We won our first every round win at carnival 4 and continued our good form at State Title which Somerton hosted where our team brought home our biggest ever medal haul including 7 Gold, 5 Silver & 4 Bronze. 16 Medals total from 20 events entered. We took out 2nd overall at State Titles just 9 points behind Aldinga and Second overall in the 2024 Premiership Season just 49 points behind Pt Noarlunga.

State Title Medal Results

Gold medals in

- 23 mens tube
- Open mens tube
- Under 23 female mass team b
- Under 23 male mass team a
- Under 23 female teams rescue
- Under 23 male teams rescue
- Open male teams rescue

Silver medals in

- Masters womens tube
- Open female tube
- Male Under 23 rescue
- Open female rescue
- Open Male rescue



Bronze

- Under 23 rescue
- Under 23 female mass team a
- Open female mass
- Open mens mass team c

On behalf of the team I would like to thank everyone that has supported us this year, our officials Marg Lamerton, Jon Vass & Marian McAllister, the team behind hosting State titles that made State Titles run so seamlessly.

So this is not the end of our story. We have spent the last 11 years working hard to get to this point where we are now a genuine contender and we are hungrier than ever to take the next step. So we would like put the call out to anyone who loves a bit speed and a whole lot of fun and a fantastic team environment to join us in 2025 its going to be a big one as everyone knows we are coming for them!

Craig Brown
IRB Captain



SURF SPORTS

Board, ski and swim makes the surf sport environment really exciting. We train really hard with four ocean sessions a week including ski, team members swim external up to 5 sessions week and have opportunities for travel with events and extra surf sessions on the mid or south coast.

Heading into the season, limited surf carnivals and unusual race scheduling made it a challenging year working around state carnivals.

However the Goolwa Beach carnival is what I would like to highlight always a favourite for the senior surf crew. Lots of first time competitors jumping into the powerful Goolwa surf - and killing it. Well done to Harvey, Sid and Lily Andrews!

Started the day with the 2km run where Lily Brown, Harvey, Sid and Richie flew around the course. Nice welcome back for Lily B (we missed you) with a solid 5th in the u15. Richie also ran well with a 5th in the open.

Surf racing was exciting. Lily A made a board final which was so impressive. Lachy and Austin also made swim and iron finals. Both boys had a really consistent carnival across all events. Richie swam well and improved on the board.

Couple of big highlights. First to Sid and Harvey Kupniewski. They did every event with 100% effort and never complained - a perfect fit for our team. Last shoutout is for Lily Andrews. She is a natural in the surf and not only made a board final, she also completed the iron course after getting smashed on the last turn can.

Senior State Championships

We had a really enjoyable state championship with a small bit mighty team, in cold, flat and windy conditions across three days.

It was brilliant to have Isaac come back from the Gold Coast to join the team for the weekend, which the younger members loved. He brings a real sense of leadership and continually showcases just how important Somerton is in his journey.

We started the Championship on Day 1 with a Bronze medal for Isaac in Open Surf Belt with our 60year old reel and rope. As a team, we loved being part of such an iconic race. Looking forward to the new rope and more speed next season.

We also had solid performances from our u15 boys Lachy and Austin in the board rescue and surf teams. They really are improving every year and that was proven with both boys making a number of finals.

Richie and Isaac made the final of the board rescue finishing 5th after leading throughout. So good. Need a much bigger board hey lads.

Day 2 of State Championships was a massive day of racing for the team. James and I were really proud of the efforts showcased, especially around one of the longest surf courses we can remember - nuts!

Lily and Liv were awesome in their first senior state championships. Both are really tough competitors and we all hope they are inspired to do more next season.

Day three was swim, board and iron finals. Isaac picked up another bronze in the open surf swim and made the final of the Open Ironman.

We had a great Senior States with lots of improvement, finals made and some medals won. No better place to be than in the sea.

Brad Keighran & James McBride



AUSSIES

The fabulous Sunshine Coast was the destination for the Surf Life Saving Australian Championships. Somerton took away a wonderful group of young athletes for two hectic days of competition, in swell and water that set to challenge some senior competitors.

The team had a massive first day with proper sunshine coast swell and horizontal rip, and swim cans set beyond the back break at 225+ metres. Our youth athletes were incredible in unfamiliar conditions.

Ollie and Will made it through to the quarters in the surf swim. An amazing achievement amongst state and national swimmers.

All of our u13 boys completed their iron heats without mishap, finishing in around 12th position.

the u15 boys being Lachy and Austin were up against some really fierce competition. While there were some challenges, the touring group were really happy with their efforts - lots to look forward to.

The big highlight came from Ruby Knights. She had an incredible day racing multiple rounds - including the semi of the iron and making the u13 swim final. So proud of her efforts throughout the day.

Day 2 was teams and the u13 boys (Will and Ollie) competed their first race on the larger racing mal (13/14 board race). It was wonderful to see them come flying back in together.

Thanks to our wonderful touring sponsor Axellent and to Drew Hoxey for your support.

Aussies is amazing. Our families had a great time. The kids bought more merchandise than could possibly fit in a returning suitcase. We hope to have a much bigger team for 2025.

Brad Keighran
Aussie Team Manager





PATROL SERVICE HONOUR BOARD

| Over 1000 Hours | | Member ID | Status | Hours | Patrol years | Season average |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|--------|-------|--------------|----------------|
| Robert | Hood (Jnr) | 4196767 | Life | 2135 | 50 | 42.7 |
| Jason | Bradley | 4196564 | Life | 1414 | 31 | 45.6 |
| Tim | Fletcher | 4196674 | Life | 1173 | 27 | 43.4 |
| Matthew | Fletcher | 4196673 | Life | 1166 | 30 | 38.9 |

| Over 900 Hours | | Member ID | Status | Hours | Patrol years | Season average |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------|--------|-------|--------------|----------------|
| Gregory | Brown | 4197614 | Active | 994 | 14 | 71 |
| James | McBride | 4197189 | Life | 935 | 22 | 42.5 |

| Over 800 Hours | | Member ID | Status | Hours | Patrol years | Season average |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------|--------|-------|--------------|----------------|
| Warwick | Holland | 4196759 | Life | 892 | 24 | 37.1 |

| Over 700 Hours | | Member ID | Status | Hours | Patrol years | Season average |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|--------|-------|--------------|----------------|
| Jack | Millsted | 4197714 | Active | 784 | 15 | 52.3 |
| Craig | Brown | 4224899 | Active | 757 | 19 | 39.9 |
| Robin | McBride | 4197379 | Active | 728 | 20 | 36.4 |
| Peter | Hood | 4196769 | Life | 720 | 17 | 42.3 |
| Matthew | McAllister | 4197712 | Active | 703 | 12 | 58.6 |

| Over 600 Hours | | Member ID | Status | Hours | Patrol years | Season average |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|--------|-------|--------------|----------------|
| Adam | McAllister | 4242507 | Active | 687 | 11 | 62.4 |
| Adam | Clutterbuck | 4196615 | Active | 664 | 16 | 41.5 |
| Barry | Jones | 4197097 | Life | 641 | 28 | 22.9 |
| Mark | Williams | 4196519 | Life | 641 | 24 | 26.7 |
| Paul | Lewandowski | 4224185 | Active | 641 | 14 | 45.8 |
| Sally | Mainsbridge | 4197836 | Active | 611 | 19 | 32.2 |
| Melissa | Millsted (Silcox) | 4196978 | Life | 610 | 18 | 33.9 |

| Over 500 Hours | | Member ID | Status | Hours | Patrol years | Season average |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|--------|-------|--------------|----------------|
| William (Bill) | Smith | 4196982 | Life | 590 | 21 | 28.1 |
| Lisa | Window | 4759811 | Active | 586 | 10 | 58.6 |
| Thomas | Loftus | 4197084 | Active | 571 | 30 | 19.0 |
| David | Meaney | 4196870 | Life | 568 | 11 | 51.6 |
| Sarah | Bradley (Milburn) | 4197114 | Life | 566 | 17 | 33.3 |
| Brad | Keighran | 4555791 | Active | 544 | 14 | 38.8 |
| John | Stewart | 5440573 | Active | 536 | 11 | 48.7 |
| Sarah | Nieman (Nathan) | 4197216 | Active | 531 | 16 | 33.2 |



TOTAL PATROL HOURS FOR THIS SEASON

INCLUDING FOR OTHER ORGANISATIONS

| FIRST NAME | SURNAME | HOURS | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|--------|--------------------|----------|-------|-----------|-----------|------|
| Brown | Gregory | 180.92 | Maynard | Isabella | 25 | Cook | Sandra | 8.75 |
| Hood | Robert | 131.75 | Oliver | Alec | 25 | Hayward | Elka | 8.5 |
| Powell | Jessica | 112.25 | Pribanic | Ayden | 25 | MacDonald | Ian | 8.25 |
| Stewart | John | 94.25 | Hayward | Will | 23.5 | Brammy | Chloe | 8 |
| Brown | Craig | 80 | Poetsch | Dallis | 23.5 | Annear | John | 7 |
| Ackland | Matthew | 77.33 | Brown | Lily | 23 | Lightfoot | Peg | 7 |
| McBride | James | 76.75 | Chilcott | Austin | 22.75 | Pribanic | Tammie | 7 |
| Fettke | Matthew | 69.5 | Kupniewski | Harvey | 22.5 | Stephan | Ben | 6 |
| Lawson | Louise | 69.5 | Kupniewski | Sidney | 22.5 | Antonello | Jason | 5 |
| Ackland | Grant | 59 | Provis | David | 22.5 | Fear | Lachlan | 5 |
| Hoxey | Andrew | 52.98 | Boulton | Adelaide | 21.5 | Heard | Kevin | 5 |
| Mayfield | Richard | 52 | Barclay | Lauren | 21.33 | Russell | Oscar | 5 |
| McDonald | Saxon | 50.75 | Forrest | Lucinda | 21 | Tucker | Sarah | 5 |
| Bettineschi | Troy | 48.23 | Stewart | Molly | 21 | Whitford | Michael | 5 |
| Brookes | Neil | 47.8 | Vass | Jonathan | 21 | Fear | Zachary | 4.67 |
| Fear | Connor | 45.5 | Atkinson | Ryan | 20 | Brammy | Scarlett | 4.25 |
| McBride | Robin | 44.25 | Jones | Liam | 20 | Lodge | Ariya | 4 |
| Millsteed | Jack | 43 | McAllister | Adam | 20 | O'Connor | Elissa | 4 |
| McAllister | Marian | 42 | Murphy | William | 20 | Turrini | Linda | 4 |
| Taylor | Andrew | 41.33 | Rebuli | Megan | 20 | Wallace | Brendan | 4 |
| Hill | Alison | 41 | Stevens | Jennifer | 20 | Roberts | Sadie | 2.5 |
| Keighran | Brad | 41 | Sullivan | Drew | 20 | Casey | Emily | 2 |
| Mayfield | Caroline | 40.41 | Thomas | Chas | 20 | Knights | Ben | 2 |
| Pribanic | Austin | 40 | McAdam | Sarah | 19.75 | Low | Cecilia | 2 |
| Denton | Nathan | 39.5 | Niemann | Sarah | 19.5 | Mayfield | Catherine | 1 |
| McAllister | Darren | 39.25 | Provis | Ashlee | 18.5 | | | |
| Lally | Kate | 39 | Turner | Luke | 18.25 | | | |
| Fettke | Lachlan | 37.5 | Wallbridge | Ben | 18 | | | |
| Low | Olivia | 36.5 | Dickson | Angus | 17.5 | | | |
| Barker | Cleo | 36 | Hockley | Jack | 17.33 | | | |
| Brumfield | Isabel | 36 | Chapman | Harvey | 17 | | | |
| Cutbush | Sarah | 36 | Hughes | Michael | 17 | | | |
| Keighran | Isaac | 36 | Stephan | Ruby | 17 | | | |
| Mainsbridge | Sally | 36 | McAdam | Ross | 16.75 | | | |
| Poetsch | Kirsten | 36 | Betterman | Adam | 16.5 | | | |
| Tippins | Fletcher | 35.5 | Thiele | Andrew | 16.5 | | | |
| Twizell | Charlotte | 35 | Hendrie | Gilly | 16.25 | | | |
| Window | Lisa | 35 | Nussio | Raymond | 16 | | | |
| Carr | Mary | 34.5 | Window | Piper | 16 | | | |
| Derman | Ashley | 33 | Jasson | Timothy | 15.75 | | | |
| Fuller | Caitlin | 33 | O'Connor | Rose | 15.5 | | | |
| Murphy | Isabella | 33 | Brown | Ernie | 15 | | | |
| McAllister | Matthew | 32.83 | Brown | Isabel | 15 | | | |
| Ross | Ryan | 32.5 | Burfield | Cameron | 15 | | | |
| Ireland | Hana | 32 | Oliver | Georgia | 15 | | | |
| Pribanic | Joseph | 31.96 | Thomas | William | 15 | | | |
| Turner | Grant | 31.5 | Fuller | Aiden | 14.67 | | | |
| Brown | Amy | 31 | Hayward | Kate | 14.5 | | | |
| McAllister | Alexander | 30.75 | Loftus | Thomas | 14 | | | |
| Edwards | Georgie | 30 | Niemann | Lachlan | 14 | | | |
| Keighran | Fergus | 30 | Weaver | Joey | 14 | | | |
| Thompson | Ishtah | 30 | Casey | Carolyn | 13.75 | | | |
| Tippins | Duncan | 30 | Morgan-Van Loon | Jarrad | 13.5 | | | |
| Clancy | Don | 29.75 | Kelsh | Ava | 13 | | | |
| Andrews | Shannon | 28.75 | Chilcott | Adam | 12.75 | | | |
| Carter | Melanie | 28.5 | Maynard | Oliver | 12.5 | | | |
| McAdam | Olivia | 28.25 | Maniscalco | Joseph | 12.25 | | | |
| Brumfield | Lachlan | 27.5 | Harry | Matthew | 12 | | | |
| Brumfield | Tony | 27.5 | Porter | Mika | 11.25 | | | |
| Rawson | Archie | 27.5 | Derman | Lynda | 10 | | | |
| Andrews | Lilly | 27.25 | McMillan | Jordan | 10 | | | |
| Casey | Anthony | 26.5 | Rawson | Lucia | 10 | | | |
| Stewart | Alexandra | 26 | Sumner | Daniel | 10 | | | |
| Camilleri | Jackson | 25.5 | Parkinson-Lawrence | Emma | 9 | | | |
| Hayes | Hamish | 25 | | | | | | |

BEACH REPORT

SENIOR STATES 2024

This year Senior states was held at the beautiful Christies Beach SLSC over three days Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The beach program was split with sprints and relays late Friday afternoon and flags Sunday afternoon. These amazing young adults showed up for our club and did us all proud. Medals, teamwork and lots of fun had by all.

Going from last years numbers in U13 and U14 Alan and I had hoped to have sufficient competitors in the youth age group to make relay teams but unfortunately that didn't occur and we were actually left with only one U14 male competitor. The male competitors in general are extremely low with only one in U17 and Open age groups. This is an area we will continue to work with alongside the nipper / youth program to help to not only retain these youth for patrolling but also keep involved in competition.

All was not lost though for our youth age group when it came to States, as a call-out for help to Somerton youth was answered and we were able to fill a youth mixed relay and have competitors in U14 and U15 flags and sprints.

We continue to have a strong contingent with our female athletes being able to fill U17, U19 and Open relay teams. This small group of females have come through nippers into seniors and continue to train, compete, patrol as well as helping with coaching tips for our nippers.

As in previous years we will strive to build and for such a small team we are extremely competitive. There are not too many age groups where we don't medal or place top 6. They are all an amazing dedicated group of athletes and Alan and I look forward to seeing you all back on the beach next season doing your thing.

Thanks to Isaac Keighran & Jack Millsteed who helped with our open male and open mixed relay teams and Adelaide, Olivia and Lachie who helped with the youth teams. Also to our officials, athletes families and supporters thank you from us all.

RESULTS

Silver

Jackson Camilleri U14 sprints
Piper Window U19 sprints
Piper Window U19 flags
U15 male relay - Jackson Camilleri + composite
U19 mixed - Aiden Fuller, Bella Murphy, Piper Window + composite

Bronze

Bella Murphy U19 sprints
U17 female relay - Bella Brumfield, Sarah McAdam, Nicole Martel, Ishtah Thompson
U17 male relay - Aiden Fuller + composite
U19 female relay - Bella Brumfield, Bella Murphy, Rose O'Connor, Piper Window
Open female relay - Nicole Martel, Bella Murphy, Rose O'Connor, Piper Window

4th

Bella Murphy Open sprints
Piper Window Open flags
U15 female relay - Adelaide Boulton, Olivia Low + composite

Special mention also to Piper Window with an awesome effort at The Aussies 5th in U19 flags.

Go team SOMERTON

Lisa Window
Beach Captain



BOAT CAPTAINS REPORT

The position of Boat Captain was not filled at the start of the season, and I was approached in January [near the end of the season] to see if I was willing to take on this role.

This has come about due to quite a few members retiring from rowing, also others choosing to make up crews with different clubs to accommodate their individual needs and to facilitate the ability for them to compete at State and National levels.

This led to a domino effect or rearranging, trying to put together suitable crews with those rowers that were left.

This has now meant we need to start a rebuilding program to get the boat section back up and running.

After the last rowing season for the Masters crew, we had a discussion as a crew, looking at ways of reviving the interest in this area. As a result, John Stewart, Bob Hood and myself ran a "come and try" session with the junior ranks. This created some much needed interest.

Currently we have the Masters 220 crew and the Men's open A crew.

We are also looking at training some addition Sweeps like John Stewart, Luke Turner and myself, as Jason Antonello is taking some time out.

As of now this leaves Bob Hood and Matt Harry as the club's only accredited sweeps at this stage. We are not the only club to experience these issues.

The results for the boat crews for 2023-2024 season were as follows:
The Mellons finished in 2nd place –Masters 220s category. The Melon's competed in, The State Titles, finishing 4th in all their heats. They also competed in the National Titles in Queensland.
The Sons of Beaches finishing in 5th place –Masters 220s category.

At present we have 2 of our 3 boats stored on site at Somerton and 1 being stored through the off season at an Edwardstown site.

Since I have taken over this role as boat captain, I wish to thank Bob Hood for his ongoing assistance.

Grant Turner
Boat Captain



SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT

Perpetual Awards

Andrew Meaney Perpetual - boats
Jason Bradley Perpetual - surf sports
Andrew Holt Perpetual - beach
Somersquad Member of the Year Perpetual
Stonecraft Rising Star Perpetual
Warwick Holland Perpetual - Junior Program
Offical of the Year Perpetual
Club Captain Award Perpetual
Life Saver of the Year Perpetual
Best First Year Member Perpetual
Cat Wirth Service Award Perpetual
Volunteer of the Year Perpetual
Most Outstanding Service Perpetual

Robert Hood
James McBride
Lisa Window
Lilly Andrews
Jackson Camilleri
Rhianna Hedley
Marg Lamerton
Matt Fettke
Craig Brown
Award Retired in 2024
Emma Parkinson-Lawrence
Troy Bettineschi
Warwick Holland

Competition Awards

Best Female Competitor
Best Male Competitor
Best Masters Competitor
Best Team

Piper Window
Richie Mayfield
Jon Vass
U19 Female Beach Relay: Piper Window, Isabel
Brumfield, Isabella Murphy, Rose O'Connor

Results Based Awards

Club Swim - Handicap Perpetual Trophy
Southern Cross Mile Swim - Handicap
Robin Kidney Award - Fastest Mile

Gareth Brown
Richie Mayfield
Richie Mayfield

Patrolling Awards

Patrol Group of the Year (Flag)

Patrol Group G:

John Stewart (Captain), Kirsten Poetsch (Vice Captain)

Super 6

Greg Brown (177.42 hours)
Bob Hood (131.75 hours)
Jessica Powell (112.25 hours)
John Stewart (94.25 hours)
Craig Brown (80 hours)
Matthew Ackland (77.33 hours)



SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

| Age group | Male - Gold | Male - Silver | Male - Bronze |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| U14 | Harvey Kupniewski | Sidney Kupniewski | |
| | Jackson Camilleri | | |
| U 15 | Lachlan Fettke | Lachlan Brumfield | Austin Pribanic |
| U 17 | Aiden Fuller | Fergus Keighran | |
| U 19 | | | |
| Open Male | Richard Mayfield | James McBride | Max Hosking |
| | | | Ayden Pribanic |
| 30-39 | Ryan Ross | David Provis | |
| 40-49 | Matthew Fettke | | |
| 50-59 | Tony Brumfield | | |

| Age group | Female - Gold | Female - Silver | Female - Bronze |
|-----------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| U14 | Lilly Andrews | Olivia Low | Lauren Barclay |
| U 15 | Lily Brown | | |
| U 17 | <u>Ishtah</u> Thompson | Sarah McAdam | |
| U 19 | | | |
| Open Male | Kate Lally | | |
| | Georgie Edwards | | |
| 30-39 | Ashlee Provis | Sarah Niemann | Charlotte <u>Twizell</u> |
| | | Megan <u>Rebuli</u> | |
| 40-49 | Shannon Andrews | Jessica Powell | |
| 50-59 | Louise Lawson | Lisa Window | Marian McAllister |





SOMERTON SEALS

The Somerton SEALS program has been running for 10 seasons. We run 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 7 participants each week, has 10 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 a decade.

There is a lot of interest in the program from parents of children with special needs. We are hoping to welcome new participants for the 2024 – 2025 season. This new season presents a great opportunity for more Somerton juniors and seniors to volunteer with the Somerton SEAL team.

The call for volunteers will be made at the beginning of the season. If you would like to be involved in this fantastic rewarding program please contact Margie Brown.

A huge thankyou to our amazing volunteers, we look forward to seeing everyone back on the beach!

Margie Brown
Somerton SEALS Coordinator





STATE POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Another fun year at Pool Rescue with our team proudly representing the Club.

Pool rescue carnivals provide a great opportunity to learn and refine lifesaving skills in a fun, but competitive environment. Unlike the other surf sport disciplines, all age groups compete at the same carnivals which fosters connection between athletes of all ages. This year we fielded teams across all categories from juniors to masters, which also created a bit of friendly father-son rivalry (should've taken that bet Matthew Fettke...).

We had great attendance at training throughout the season – a special thanks to Janet Denton who assisted me with coaching again this year. This dedication undoubtedly led to some solid performances at States in individual and team events with top 6 finishes and medals across the group.

Well done to our State Champs competitors - Richie, Fergus, Aimee, Lachie F, Nathan, Drew, Matt, Brad, Ben, Ollie, Will, Arthur, Bodie, Emma, Maggie, Jacob, Noah, Oscar and Benji – our largest team for a few years. Together they achieved over 30 medals.

Thanks to our wonderful officials Loo Keighran, Marg Lamerton, Emma Parkinson-Lawrence and Tash Jasson, and to all the parents who contributed to timekeeping – your support (and seamless following of the schedule) was greatly appreciated.

Ali Hill

Pool Rescue Coordinator

Junior Medals

Gold - U12 Male Line Throw: Jacob & Noah

Silver - U13 Male Line Throw: Arthur & Bodie

Bronze –U13 Female Line Throw: Emma & Maggie

Bronze –U12/13 Female Obstacle Relay: Emma & Maggie (composite w/ Glenelg)

Gold - U12/13 100m patient tow: Ollie & Will

Gold - U13 Male 50m Brick Carry: Ollie

Silver - U13 Male 50m Brick Carry: Will

Gold - U12/13 Male Brick Relay: Jacob, Bodie, Will, Ollie

Bronze –U12/13 Male Brick Relay: Arthur (composite w/ Grange, Brighton & Semaphore)

Silver - U12/13 Male Medley Relay: Arthur, Bodie, Will, Ollie

Bronze –U12/13 Female Medley Relay: Emma & Maggie (composite w/ Glenelg)

Youth & Open Medals

Gold - U15 Line Throw: Nathan & Lachie F

Gold - U15 Male Obstacle Relay: Lachie F & Nathan (composite w/ Moana)

Silver - Open Male Obstacle Relay: Fergus & Richie (composite w/ Aldinga)

Gold - Open Female Obstacle Relay: Aimee (composite w/ Semaphore & Grange)

Bronze –Open 200m Obstacles: Richie

Bronze –U15 Rescue Medley: Lachie F

Bronze –Open Lifesaver Relay: Fergus & Richie (composite w/ Semaphore)

Bronze –Open Manikin Carry Relay: Fergus & Richie (composite w/ Aldinga)

Gold - U15 Manikin Carry Relay: Lachie F & Nathan (composite w/ Moana)

Gold - U15 Medley Relay: Lachie F & Nathan (composite w/ Moana)

Masters Medals

Bronze –Masters Male Obstacle Relay: Ben, Brad, Matt & Drew

Silver - Masters Male Manikin Carry Relay: Ben, Brad, Matt & Drew

Gold - Masters Male Medley Relay: Ben, Brad, Matt & Drew

Silver - M50-60 years Line Throw: Ben & Brad

Bronze –M40-50 years 100m Obstacles: Drew

Silver - M50-60 years 100m Obstacles: Ben

Bronze –M40-50 years 100m Manikin Tow: Drew

Silver - M50-60 years 100m Manikin Tow: Ben

Bronze –M40-50 years 50m Manikin Carry: Drew

Gold - M50-60 years 50m Manikin Carry: Ben

Silver - M40-50 years 100m Manikin Carry: Drew

Silver - M50-60 years 100m Manikin Carry: Ben

Bronze –M50-60 years 100m Manikin Carry: Brad



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