



# Annual Report

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



65TH EDITION



## AGM 2025

NOTICE OF THE 65TH 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 31 AUGUST 2025 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 64th Annual General Meeting held on September 8, 2024 and business arising.
4. Presentation, Consideration and Adoption of the 65th 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 2025/26
8. Declaration of Vacancies of Present Committee
9. Election of Officers for season 2025/26
10. Presentation of Proposed Constitution
11. Presentation of Service Awards
12. Election of Life Members



**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, Kellogg;s Nutri-Grain, Qantas.

Surf Life Saving South Australia and major state sponsors Government of South Australia, Infront Surf Craft, Sharkskin, Kozii, West Beach Parks, Freemasons, Badges and Medals, and OpSys

## 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  
Margie Brown  
Barry Jones

\* 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, Grants Officer - Louise Lawson  
Treasurer - Tammie Pribanic  
Club Captain, Trainer, Coach - James McBride  
Director, Junior Coordinator - Sarah Niemann  
Director: Site Management - Drew Hoxey  
Director: Facilities, Sponsorship Officer - Troy  
Bettineschi  
Director: Governance - Warwick Holland/Tim Jasson  
Registrar - Emma Parkinson-Lawrence  
Events Coordinator - Tash Jasson  
Volunteers Coordinator - Marian McAllister  
TechIT - Darren McAllister  
Vice Captain - Richie Mayfield  
Water Safety Supervisor - Drew Hoxey  
Officials Coordinator - Marg Lamerton  
Junior Administration Officer - Leanne Hoxey  
Senior Competition Officer - Loo Keighran  
Junior Competition Officer - Kathy & Ben Cleggett  
Lifesaving Advisor, Trainer - Rob McBride  
Chief Instructor, Trainer - John Stewart  
Assessor - Ray Nussio  
Trainer - Connor Fear  
Boat Captain - Grant Turner  
Beach Captain - Lisa Window  
IRB Captain, Trainer, Coach - Craig Brown  
ATV Captain - Tony Brumfield  
Race Steward - Sarah Cutbush  
Gear Steward - Greg Brown  
Gym Manager - Ryan Ross  
First Aid Officer - Dave Provis  
Merchandise Coordinators - Jasmine Heaney  
Buddy Bar Manager - Megan Rebuli  
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  
CMV GROUP  
COMBO INDUSTRIES  
CUSTOM BUILT NEW HOMES  
ECO ELECTRICAL & AIR  
GOOD DAY  
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

### 2024-2025 GRANTS

#### AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

BEACH EQUIPMENT SAFETY FUND  
STRONGER COMMUNITIES GRANT

#### GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES  
COMMISSION GRANT  
SA SMALL BUSINESS ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT

#### OTHER FUNDING

GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA - EMERGENCY  
SERVICES FUND  
CITY OF HOLDFAST BAY  
SURF LIFE SAVING SOUTH AUSTRALIA

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with great pride and gratitude that I present the President's Report for the 2024/25 season at Somerton Surf Life Saving Club. As we move into our 65th year, our club has once again shown what can be achieved when a community of passionate volunteers comes together. From lifesaving on the beach, to training the next generation, to achieving success on the state and national stage, Somerton continues to thrive.

At the heart of this success is our culture: a culture of inclusivity, service, teamwork and resilience. Whether it's patrolling on a cold afternoon, coaching our juniors, or cooking a BBQ, every contribution strengthens our club. This report is as much a celebration of our members as it is a summary of achievements.

## Board of Management

We have been busy. This year, we finalised a new Strategic Plan, adopted a new Constitution to align with SLSA guidance (thanks Matt Fettke and Ashlee Provis for your efforts), and laid important groundwork for future development. In addition, this season the bistro operated the business - as its own business and paying rent to the club. None of this would have been possible without our high functioning Board of Management.

Our board members – Ali Hill (Vice President), Lou Lawson (Secretary), Tammie Pribanic (Treasurer), James McBride (Club Captain), Drew Hoxley (Site Management Director), Tim Jasson (Governance), Sarah Nieman (Junior Coordinator) and Warrick Holland at the beginning of the season – have all given countless hours beyond what could ever be expected. Their commitment and willingness to serve has been inspiring. I sincerely thank each of you for your leadership and passion.

## Lifesaving – Our Core Mission

This season, 157 active members patrolled our beach, delivering more than 4,100 hours of service and covering the stretch from King Street, Brighton, to The Broadway. Their vigilance and professionalism ensured the safety of thousands of beachgoers in all conditions.

Special thanks must go to James McBride (Club Captain), Richie Mayfield (Vice Captain), and all our Patrol Captains for their leadership and commitment. Their efforts, alongside those of every patrolling member, remind us why lifesaving will always be at the heart of our club.

## Training and Education

The strength of our lifesaving services relies on training, and this year our members achieved 70 new awards, up from 57 the previous season. This is an outstanding result and a credit to our dedicated trainers and assessors – thank you. You are shaping skilled, confident lifesavers who are always rescue ready.

## Juniors and Youth – Building the Future

Our juniors are the lifeblood of Somerton. Through surf education, buddy programs, and leadership from patrolling members, we continue to nurture the next generation of lifesavers. Endless thanks go to Sarah Nieman, the junior committee, Age Managers, water cover team, coaches and parent volunteers – your energy makes our program so special.

Our Youth program, guided by Ali Hill and her team, is also thriving. With a mix of surf activities, leadership opportunities and social connection, our youth are shaping the culture of the club. Their enthusiasm is infectious and gives us great confidence in our future.

## Sport – Punching Above Our Weight

We are immensely proud of our competition teams, who have worn our green, white and black with pride at carnivals near and far. Whether bringing home medals or simply giving their all, every member who represents Somerton does us proud. A heartfelt thank you goes to our dedicated coaches, who continue to inspire and push our athletes to new heights, and to the amazing volunteers who remain the backbone of everything we achieve. We once again showed our strength in competition and some of the highlights included:

**IRB:** Crowned State Champions and winners of the 2025 Premiership, with 13 medals (2 gold, 5 silver, 6 bronze). Huge thanks to Craig Brown, whose leadership of this section has been invaluable.

**Australian Pool Championships:** Congratulations to masters competitors Charlotte Twizzel and Amy Carter, and to our female mannequin relay team (Aimee Carter, Amy Fenna Brown, Charlotte Twizzel and Sarah Cutbush) who made the dais.

**State Representatives:** Well done to Jack Millstead (IRB) and Oliver Stephan (Surf).

**Surf Rescue State Champs – Champion Lifesaver:** Our small team returned with 2 silver and 2 bronze medals. Thanks to Duncan for leading this charge – we look forward to even greater success next year.

**State Surf Lifesaving championships:** Across both water and sand we had terrific results bring home 3 Gold, 2 Silver and 7 Bronze,

**State pool championships:** In an event where we have always had strong representation and showcased high skillsets, this year did not disappoint with numerous medals won across all age groups. We also finished a very respectable 6th overall.

**Master states:** Our small team, led by our female athletes collected medals like they were shells on a beach. Brilliant couple of days of racing.

For a small club surrounded by bigger and louder neighbours, our results showcase that we continue to punch well above our weight.

### **Community Programs – Somerton SEALS**

One of the most inspiring aspects of our club is the Somerton SEALS program, led by Margie Brown and her team of helpers. This program provides aquatic opportunities for people with disabilities, ensuring everyone can share in the joy of the ocean. The SEALS program not only fills a vital gap for those unable to join traditional Junior or Senior programs, it also represents the very best of Somerton – inclusivity, community spirit, and the belief that the beach is for everyone.

### **Recognising Excellence**

We were proud to see our members recognised at the 2025 SLSSA Awards, with two worthy winners:

- Loo Keighran – Official of the Year
- John Stewart – Trainer of the Year

These achievements highlight the incredible talent within our club and the impact our volunteers make across the surf lifesaving movement. So proud.

### **Finance and Governance**

Somerton remains in a strong financial position, supported by:

- Active sub-leases through the bistro and kiosk
- Successful grant applications
- Growing sponsorship
- Stable membership

These pillars have enabled us to maintain our equipment and invest in the future.

A heartfelt thank you to Tammie Pribanic, who has been an exceptional Treasurer. Her insight and commitment have kept us in excellent shape financially, and as she steps down, we acknowledge her enormous contribution and the legacy she leaves.

### **Grants and Facilities**

This season, we secured funding through the Beach Safety Equipment Fund, the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission, the Stronger Communities Program, and the Small Business Energy Efficiency Grant. Thank you Lou Lawson for securing these grants for our club.

We are awaiting outcomes from two Power of Her grants – one to support the Her Wave program, and another larger bid to upgrade the female change rooms with a dual-purpose disability/family space.

We are also eagerly awaiting the delivery of Federal Labor's Government's \$500k 'club improvement' grant. Combined with our head lease expiring in 2026, we have formed a Facilities Sub-Committee to guide this critical process. Thank you to Drew Hoxey, Tim Jasson, Tony Brumfield, Sam Johns, and Davey Taylor for their early work. This project is vital to securing the long-term future of our club.

### **Volunteers – The Heart of Somerton**

From patrols and training to coaching, officiating, fundraising, cooking BBQs, running the Buddy Bar, and keeping the club maintained (thank you, Bob!) – our volunteers are the heartbeat of Somerton SLSC. To every single member who gave their time this season: thank you. You are what makes our club strong, welcoming, and unique.

### **Looking Ahead**

As we enter this season, our focus will be on:

Securing our future facilities and lease

Delivering our new Strategic Plan priorities: Safe Beaches, Thriving Community, Developing Members

Strengthening pathways from Juniors to Youth to Seniors

Continuing to grow our financial sustainability

Finally, to every member of the Somerton family – thank you. Whether you've patrolled the beach, washed down a board, flipped a sausage, coached our athletes, or lent a hand at a fundraiser, your contribution is the heartbeat of this club. Together, we are building a strong, welcoming, and resilient community with a proud history and an even brighter future

Green, White and Black forever.

Brad Keighran  
*President*

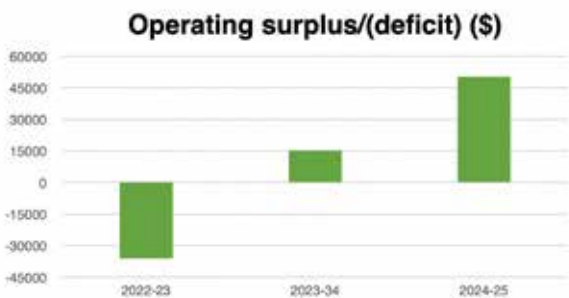


# TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending 30 June 2025

This year the club continued to invest in key infrastructure and equipment while improving its financial position. The club was again supported through a number of key sponsorships, grants and the Kanini distribution from Surf Life Saving South Australia Club Foundation. It was also the first full year that the club has operated under the new bistro lease arrangements, with the bistro sub-lessee operating the business as its own business and paying rent to the club.

I am pleased to report that the club achieved an operating surplus of \$50,224 in 2024-25, a better than budgeted result. This compares to a small operating surplus of \$15,226 in 2023-24 and an operating deficit of \$36,185 in 2022-23. With the club now debt free, the Board has been managing its resources responsibly, including building a level of capacity and resilience within the club's finances.



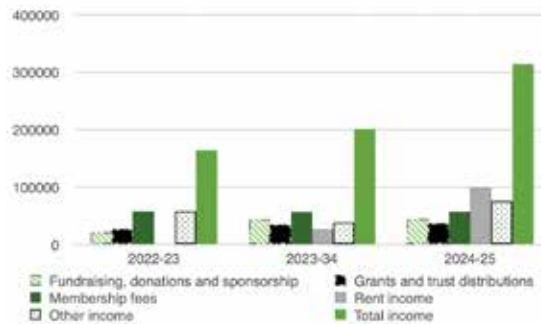
The club's ability to invest in equipment, club facilities and our members was again underpinned by our sponsors' contributions to the club. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our generous sponsors, including Axellent, SA Construct, Custom Homes, Robin Johnson Engineering, Livewire Digital and Southern Cross Meats as well as our Community Sponsors.

The club was fortunate this year to receive two additional grants, the South Australian Government Small Business Energy Efficiency Grant (\$6,307) which met 50 per cent of the cost of replacing the air-conditioning in the club gym and a grant from the CMV Group Foundation (\$3,000) to fund the purchase of a new automated external defibrillator and ATV all weather box.

Membership fee revenue was broadly in line with revenue recorded in 2023-24.

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.

Sources of income (\$)



The club continued to invest in maintaining its facilities, investing in patrolling and surf sports equipment and providing development opportunities to its members. As mentioned above, we replaced the air-conditioning in the gym with a modern, energy efficient air-conditioning system, replaced a refrigeration unit in the bistro, paid the deposit for a new Thundercat IRB hull (expected during 2025-26) upgraded the junior and senior trailers, invested in a range of surf sports and IRB competition equipment as well as a new IRB storage system.

The club also met a range of increased business costs, including higher insurance and energy costs, increased council rent reflecting the new bistro leasing arrangements and storage costs to store one of the surf boats and create more space within the club shed.

Competitors representing Somerton in a range of areas has increased, including seniors and master competitors. This is a great for the club. The club subsidises competitor fees recognising that competitions assist our members in developing their surf related skills and showcasing the capabilities of our members/club.

As a result of the improved financial performance, the club's cash holdings improved, with our cash at bank increasing by over \$93,000. Together with last year's result, 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.

Maintaining a sound financial position protects the longer-term financial viability of the club while allowing investments to provide good facilities for our members and the community and enable the club to pursue its strategic objectives.

Tammie Pribanic  
Honorary Treasurer

# AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT'S DECLARATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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 2025.

## 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 2025.

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)  
 Sarah Niemann  
 Andrew Hoxey  
 Troy Bettineschi  
 Tim Jasson

## 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 \$50,224 (2024: \$15,226).

## 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 2025 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, other than that disclosed in Note 13.

Signed at Somerton Surf Life Saving Club Inc. this 22 day of August 2025, 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 2025 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 2025

SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED  
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS & OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Sales Income	2	46,702	1,256,633
<b>LESS COST OF GOODS SOLD</b>			
Management Fee		-	(984,260)
Cost of Sales		(40,543)	(217,739)
		<u>6,159</u>	<u>54,634</u>
<b>GROSS SURPLUS</b>			
<b>LESS EXPENSES</b>			
Administration		(31,701)	(44,548)
Depreciation & amortisation		(68,212)	(65,328)
Competition		(32,292)	(32,605)
Fundraising expenses		(1,973)	(1,245)
Juniors		(9,766)	(12,402)
Lifesaving expenses		(15,223)	(16,591)
Premises		(110,631)	(67,985)
		<u>(269,798)</u>	<u>(240,704)</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Fundraising, donations and sponsorships	2	44,915	44,223
Grants and trust distributions	2	37,307	35,198
Membership fees	2	56,921	56,201
Rent income	2	98,890	26,785
Other income	2	75,830	38,096
Gain/(loss) on disposal of assets	2	-	793
		<u>313,863</u>	<u>201,296</u>
<b>TOTAL OTHER OPERATING INCOME</b>			
		<u>50,224</u>	<u>15,226</u>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)</b>			

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

## ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	252,527	159,270
Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors	4	7,271	1,680
Inventories on Hand	5	4,891	18,204
Other Current Assets	6	8,097	7,814
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>272,786</b>	<b>186,968</b>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, Plant & Equipment	7	103,990	140,084
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>103,990</b>	<b>140,084</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>376,776</b>	<b>327,052</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable and Other Payables	8	10,854	14,988
Contract Liabilities	9	3,634	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>14,488</b>	<b>14,988</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>14,488</b>	<b>14,988</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>362,288</b>	<b>312,064</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Reserves	11	76,564	76,564
Retained Earnings		285,724	235,500
<b>TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		<b>362,288</b>	<b>312,064</b>

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 2025

	Note	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
		Retained Earnings \$	General Reserve \$	Total Accumulated Funds \$
Balance as at 30 June 2024		235,500	76,564	312,064
Prior year adjustment			-	-
Net Surplus from Association's Activities		50,224	-	50,224
Balance as at 30 June 2025		285,724	76,564	362,288

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 2025

	Note	2025 \$ Inflows (Outflows)	2024 \$ Inflows (Outflows)
Cash flows from Operating Activities:			
Receipts from customers (inc GST)		385,453	1,582,222
Payments to suppliers and employees (inc GST)		(260,078)	(1,499,780)
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Net cash provided by operating activities	12	125,375	82,442
Cash from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(32,118)	(22,993)
Proceeds from property, plant and equipment		-	9,292
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Net cash used in investing activities		(32,118)	(13,701)
Cash from financing activities			
Repayments of long term borrowings		-	(5,944)
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Net cash used in financing activities		-	(5,944)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in cash held		93,257	62,797
Cash at the Beginning of the period		159,270	96,473
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Cash at the end of the period	3	252,527	159,270
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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 2025

## 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 2025

## 1 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (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 2025

## 1 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (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 2025

2 Revenue	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Revenue from Contracts with Customers</i>			
Sales Income		46,702	1,256,633
Fundraising, donations and sponsorships		44,915	44,223
Grants and trust distributions		37,307	35,198
Membership fees		56,921	56,201
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		185,845	1,392,255
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<i>Other Revenue</i>			
Gain/(loss) on disposal of assets		-	793
Rent income		98,890	26,785
Other income		75,830	38,096
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		174,720	65,674
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Revenue		360,565	1,457,929
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<b>3 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>			
Cash on Hand		460	583
Cash at Bank		252,067	158,687
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		252,527	159,270
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<b>4 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND OTHER DEBTORS</b>			
Trade Receivables		7,271	1,680
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Total Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors		7,271	1,680
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<b>5 INVENTORIES ON HAND</b>			
Bar Stock		928	800
Clothing and Merchandise Stock		3,963	17,404
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		4,891	18,204
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<b>6 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Prepayments		8,097	7,814
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## SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

7 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Property :			
Plant and Equipment - at Cost		908,729	904,838
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(830,598)	(804,939)
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Total Plant and Equipment		78,131	99,899
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Leasehold Improvements at cost		347,283	328,925
Less Accumulated Amortisation		(321,424)	(288,740)
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Total Leasehold Improvements		25,859	40,185
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Total Property, Plant and Equipment		103,990	140,084
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		Leasehold Improvements \$	Plant & Equipment \$
		\$	Total \$
Balance at 30 June 2024		40,185	99,899
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Additions		18,358	13,760
Disposals		-	-
Depreciation Expense		(32,684)	(35,528)
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Balance at 30 June 2025		25,859	78,131
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## SOMERTON SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

8 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER PAYABLES	Note	2025	2024
		\$	\$
Current			
Trade Creditors		10,392	14,350
GST Payable		462	638
		<u>10,854</u>	<u>14,988</u>
9 Contract liabilities			
Current			
Rent income received in advance		3,634	-
		<u>3,634</u>	<u>-</u>
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		9,750	5,211
between 12 months and 5 years		-	10,564
		<u>9,750</u>	<u>15,775</u>

The property lease commitment is a non-cancellable commitment, commenced in 2006 and expires on 7 December 2026.

Annual rent is reviewed each year at 7th December and is adjusted annually by CPI.

Lease is 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 2025

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

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period	50,224	15,226
Non-cash Flows in Current Period Surplus :		
Depreciation of Property, Furniture, Plant and Equipment	68,212	65,327
Gain on Disposal	-	(793)
SLSSA Club Foundation Loan Relief	-	(12,000)
SLSSA Club Foundation Interest Expense on Repayments	-	157
Changes in Assets and Liabilities :		
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	(5,591)	2,591
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventories	13,313	21,123
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments	(283)	(449)
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade and Other Payables	(4,134)	(8,740)
Increase/(Decrease) in Contract Liabilities	3,634	-
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Net cash flows provided by Operating Activities	125,375	82,442
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## 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.

During the year, a Board of Management member who is a Director of Optimar Air and Refrigeration Pty Ltd was involved in providing electrical and air-condition replacement works for \$22,425 (2024: 15,850). 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 2025.

## 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 2025, 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 2025 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 2025, 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.

## **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.

The Board of Management are responsible for overseeing the Club's financial reporting process.

### **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;

**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 2025



# HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Another great year at Somerton! 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	2023 Season Total Members	Member Retention (%)
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	150	74	76	0	0	162	92.59 %
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	31	12	19	0	0	36	86.11 %
Active (15-18 yrs)	32	16	16	0	0	19	168.42 %
Active (18yrs and over)	78	46	32	0	0	72	108.33 %
Award Member	2	1	1	0	0	2	100 %
Long Service	45	27	18	0	0	53	84.91 %
Associate	36	14	22	0	0	174	20.69 %
Life Member	30	22	8	0	0	28	107.14 %
Community Member	22	12	10	0	0	33	66.67 %
Nipper Parent	117	53	64	0	0	0	- %
<b>Total</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>93.78 %</b>

The club has had a consistent membership base of just under 600 for the last four seasons. We finished the 2024/25 season with 543 members, just below the 2023/24 membership total of 579. The gender split of members has remained constant over the last three years with female members accounting for 48% of Somerton's Membership. The retention rate of Associate members looks low, but this was due to the addition of the Nipper Parent membership sub-category. Many of our associates are part of a junior family group.

In my second year as Secretary at Somerton, I focused on working more closely with the Member Services team. I can't thank them enough for the effort they put in to ensure our members have a positive experience at the club. They included:

- Registrar – Emma Parkinson-Lawrence, who stepped into the role for the first year and did a great job, especially with the audit which is always very time consuming
- Volunteer Coordinator – Marian McAllister, who moved from Registrar into this role, filling gaps in rosters, getting the word out about our volunteer needs
- Events Coordinator – Tash Jasson (with Tim Jasson also behind the scenes) who helped to provide a great club atmosphere for our members the whole year long
- TechIT – Darren McAllister, who sorted out our MS SharePoint licensing, scam emails and our digital membership cards

Again, this season I spent a lot of time filling in for the vacant Communications Officer role (social media posts, website updates, newsletters), which was a lot of work on top of the Secretary role. There has been quite a bit of member feedback about communications or lack thereof and perhaps the lack of a dedicated resource is why. I am truly hopeful someone will put their hand up for the role next season.

And finally, I spent a great deal of time in the Grants Officer role. Grants contribution to our revenue stream is significant. We have 2 lifesaving grants that are usually given – Beach Safety Equipment Fund and South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission. These two grants allow us to continually refresh much needed lifesaving training and patrol equipment. We were also successful in obtaining the Stronger Communities grant which will allow us to implement a new security system as the current one is outdated and not functioning as it should. We were also successful with the Small Business Energy Efficiency Grant. With these funds we were able to replace the air-conditioning system in the gym. A big shoutout to Troy Bettineschi for his support to get these last two grants done.

And just before the 2025 season starts, we applied for not one but two Power of Her grants. One for the Her Wave program and a much larger grant for improvements to the building infrastructure specifically the Female Change Rooms, including a dual-purpose disability/family space. These grants were intensive and consumed a significant amount of board time. We will find out if we are successful in the new season.

Above all, I'd like to say thank you to my fellow board members – Brad, Ali, Tammie, James, Troy, Drew, Tim, Sarah. It was a pleasure to serve with you. We make a great team!

Louise Lawson  
Secretary, Director – Member Services, Grants Officer, Communications Officer (interim)

## VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

This season was marked by relative stability within the Board, with all Executive members continuing in their roles. Following the resignation of long-serving Board Members Warwick Holland and Davey Taylor, we welcomed two new Directors: Troy Bettineschi, who will oversee Sponsorship, and Tim Jasson, who will lead Governance. Warwick and Davey's contributions to the Club have been invaluable. Both played key roles in the Club's financial recovery, including the successful sub-leasing of the Bistro. Their unwavering dedication, resilience, and leadership have left a legacy that will ensure the Club's long-term financial sustainability.

A key personal focus this season has been the Youth program – Somersquad. Retaining our youth members is essential to the Club's future, and I'm grateful for the time and effort invested in creating meaningful opportunities for them, both in and out of competition. I'd like to take a moment to highlight a few of these initiatives. As outlined in my Youth Report, we saw strong youth engagement this season, with many achieving their SRC, Bronze and Silver Medallions, and IRB Crew certifications—contributing to solid youth representation on patrol. Thanks to Duncan Tippins, we expanded our sports program to include the new discipline of Champion Lifesaver, complementing our established surf, beach, boat, and IRB events. Most notably, Duncan led by example, competing alongside three youth athletes—Lachlan Fettke, Fletcher Tippins, and William Lawrence—all of whom earned medals in their respective age groups.

One of the season's most rewarding moments was seeing several of our 'unsung heroes' recognised at the Annual SLSSA Awards Night. Four members were named finalists in a highly competitive field: Loo Keighran for Official of the Year; Craig Brown for Volunteer of the Year; Ray Nussio for Assessor of the Year and John Stewart for Trainer of the Year. The 'IRB lifter' was also a finalist in the Innovation Category. We are incredibly proud of all our finalists and grateful to the team who prepared the award submissions. A special congratulations to Loo and John, who went on to win their categories!

The IRB Season rounded out a great year. The IRB racing team dominated from start to finish, winning the 2025 State Premiership, a title that was previously held by only two clubs in the past 15 years. The team has grown from a fledgling group of seven competitors in its inaugural year to a dynamic and inclusive team that was 30 strong this season. It goes without saying that the driving force behind the team is Craig Brown. Under his leadership, IRB has created opportunities for members of all backgrounds and experience levels.

As we move into season 2025/26 there is much work to be done. Key priorities include an updated Club Constitution, negotiating a new building lease with Holdfast City Council, and grant writing, including plans to use the Federal Labour Government's \$500k grant which was committed to each of the four clubs in the Holdfast Bay area. This is in addition to the running of seasonal surf-related activities and programs! We look forward to sharing the outcomes from this work with the membership in due course.

Thank you to everyone who generously gives their time and energy to help foster the strong culture and vibrant community that define our Club. As a Board member, I'm proud to work alongside such a dedicated group whose leadership, collaboration, and commitment continue to guide the Club's direction and long-term success.

Ali Hill  
Vice President



# CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to present to the members the Club Captain's report for season 2024/25. Our patrolling season began on 12 October 2024 and ended on 28 weekends later on Easter Monday. In that time, Somerton SLSC excelled in many areas across Surf Life Saving, keeping our beach safe for our local community and visitors.

Somerton members collectively performed over 4,100 hours of service this season, both 'between the flags' and through all important water cover activities. This is an impressive 11% increase on the number of hours served on the previous season.

Our ability to provide such a comprehensive service to the Somerton community is completely reliant on the selflessness, commitment and dedication of our patrolling members and water cover operators. We thank every one of our 157 lifesavers for every volunteer hour they contributed across the season.

Our 8 Patrol teams are led by outstanding people who do an amazing job. They are engaging with their patrol teams and are very proactive, with hundreds of preventive actions being carried out. Our Patrols are led by the following members:

- Kate Lally, Charlotte Twizell, and Isabel Brumfield (Patrol A)
- Craig Brown, Sarah Cutbush and Cleo Barker (Patrol B)
- Connor Fear, Matt McAllister and Olivia McAdam (Patrol C)
- Richie Mayfield, Ayden Pribanic and Isabella Murphy (Patrol D)
- Troy Bettineschi, Jack Millsteed and Saxon McDonald (Patrol E)
- James McBride, Ryan Atkinson and Ryan Ross (Patrol F)
- John Stewart and Greg Brown (Patrol G)
- Jon Vass and Matt Fettke (Patrol H)

All of our lifesavers are proficient and upskilled each year. In addition, awards attained by our members over the season increased to 70 from 57 the year prior. The uptake that we have seen across many different awards is extremely pleasing and we must thank our training team, including our instructors and assessors. The growth in awards delivered is essential to our lifesaving operations, as we continue to build patrol depth with higher qualified patrolling members.

I am proud of the dedication, professionalism, and resilience of our members over the course of the season, executing our patrol obligations and providing water-cover services to a high standard. Looking forward to season 25/26.

James McBride  
*Club Captain*





# REPORT FROM THE CLUB'S MAINTENANCE GUY

Another year has passed, and we have been able to achieve some of the larger jobs that have been plaguing the club for a while. Firstly, there was the 4 roller doors, and it was inferred that the club would have to incur the costs associated with the repairs/replacement of the project, but this was taken on by the Council. Next there was an Audit carried out by an Independent Organization on behalf of the Council who are investigating their ownership of responsibilities, and which has resulted in going some way to assigning the obligations and responsibilities of both identities of the Lease. Two more issues that had been plaguing the club for the last 2-3 years was the Storm damage to the ceilings in the Gym and the Male Changerooms, and the weathered/ corroded condition of the Balcony Balustrade and the 4 Roller Door Lintels all of which are now being addressed. I feel we are heading in the right direction regarding having the appropriate parties identify, evaluate and assign responsibilities on all aspects of the current Lease. I hope that in the immediate future we are able to identify the issues that most affect the club and have constructed and informed meetings with the Council before our pending Lease Agreement in 2027 gets past the Council's discussion Groups and is heading for the printers.

On another note, there are plans in the pipeline to add an additional 8m of storage shed to the rear of the club which will go some way to address further concerns of being able to safely, and securely store equipment at the club. As the club has a legal and moral obligation to keep up with progress, plus the advancement with equipment, amenities, techniques and processes we use, there is a need to service those areas of concern and responsibilities as best we can.

For those that have commented about the display cabinets, one in the Passage, and one between the Bar and Passage, hopefully it won't be their last resting place as it warrants a more deserving place of Presents and Importance, but due to the changing landscape of the club at this stage, it is the only area we can facilitate the displaying of the Club and it's individual Members achievements. Thanks must go to member Sam Johns of Custom Built Homes for the beautiful recycled timber and manufacture of the cabinet, Troy Bettineschi for mounting it on the wall which left me with the job of fitting gap mouldings, sliding door rails and Perspex doors, and apply some 8 coats of Furniture Oil. The ultimate goal is to have a more Prominent and Permanent area for its display, but for the current time this is what is achievable with our limited access to available space.

Another area I have been looking into and feel is a shared responsibility, is the storage of Club History which is made up of old photos, documents and Patrol Logbooks. At this current stage I have found all the Pennants presented to the club for Inter Club, State and National Carnivals/Titles, and they have been sorted/collated into years, photographed [before they disintegrate] and a digital record made, then repacked and stored away. It has also led to finding lost/misplaced items like photos, inaugural and other club records Patrol and Irb Log Books [the inaugural records are currently in the process of being collated and digitalized]. Thanks to Greg Brown who took on the project of updating the Patrol Records on SurfGuard as a result of us both finding information that had been missed or omitted. Some members may find some additional hours appear on the Portal and Greg Brown's Excel Sheet of Service and Patrol Hours', which is another valuable tool when researching History. Thanks must go to Greg Brown and Rob McBride for involvement in the Club's History.

As in past Annual Reports, I have attached a value of "work in kind" for the 2024-25 season which was approx. \$21,000 for "Labour only". This is mentioned so that if the club ever finds themselves having to project costs for the future, or Grants, or having to pay for Maintenance, it can identify what is needed to Budget or costs for such work required.

Thanks, must also go to Troy Bettineschi, as we both try to work hand in hand with the issues that impact the club.

Bob Hood



## ACTIVE LONG SERVICE MEMBERS

Troy Bettineschi  
Neil Brookes  
Amy Brown  
Craig Brown  
David Brown  
Greg Brown  
Jack Carter  
Adam Clutterbuck  
Sarah Cutbush  
Kate Hayward  
Mark Hayward  
Kathy Holland  
Max Hosking  
Brad Keighran  
Loo Keighran  
Kate Lally  
Louise Lawson  
Sheena LeCornu  
Sally Mainsbridge  
Catherine Mayfield  
Stephen Mayfield  
Adam McAllister

Darren McAllister  
Marian McAllister  
Matthew McAllister  
Anne-Marie McBride  
Jack Millstead  
Jarrad Morgan-Van Loon  
Sarah Niemann  
Joe Pribanic  
Tammie Pribanic  
Ashlee Provis  
David Provis  
Matthew Roberts  
Ryan Ross  
Jenny Stevens  
John Stewart  
Grant Turner  
Luke Turner  
Charlotte Twizell  
Jon Vass  
Lisa Window  
Peter Window  
Alan Winson



# MASTERS REPORT

## Masters State Titles 2025

This is one of my favourite events of the year.

Masters State Titles provides the opportunity for members aged 30 years and above to get in, have a go and bring out their inner competitor while having a whole lot of fun.

Congratulations to all our members who represented the club and a special mention to those that competed in their first State Titles. Somerton entered its largest Masters team for a number of years, with the following members representing the green, black and white:

Shannon Andrews  
Carolyn Casey  
Amy Fenna  
Drew Hoxey  
Brad Keighran

Sally Mainsbridge  
Marian McAllistar  
Ashlee Provis  
Sarah Niemann

Duncan Tippins  
Jerry Toon  
Jon Vass  
Ben Wallbridge

We filled the club trailer with craft (another first for a while) and headed south to Christies Beach Surf Life Saving Club who kindly hosted the event on the hot March long weekend.

The action started on Saturday with beach and individual water events and it was in the long runs where we claimed the first of our medals for the weekend.

Flags saw lots of action, no strained Somerton muscles and plenty of great results.

Our beach relay teams were sensational with no DQs for baton changes and again a few medals collected for the annual once off soft sand sprint.

With the beach events completed for the day, it was time to cool off in the crystal-clear waters of the mid coast. The conditions were like glass and not a ripple in sight, which did improve the success of our master's staying on their boards and skis.

I think one of the highlights of the day was Ben Wallbridge achieving a Bronze medal in boards on his very own Wallbridge board.

The team returned to the shores of Christies early Sunday morning to have a crack at the long run relays. Carolyn and Duncan were impressive smashing out the 1km each to come away with a Silver.

For many of the competitors, the team water events are where most of the fun happens. This year Somerton was well represented in the mixed double ski, and in both the female and male double ski, board relays, Taplin, swim team and board rescue events. Somerton competed strong and scored some more medals throughout Day 2.

After a big two days in the sun, it was very enjoyable to return to the club, unload the trailer and hit the Buddy Bar to enjoy a cold beverage together. There was great chatter and laughs relieving all the highlights from the weekend and promising yourself (like every year ) that you will train for this next year!

Somerton placed 12th overall, and while the medals are an achievement, I am very impressed and inspired by all Masters competing and achieving personal goals – some for the first time in a long time.



## Medal winners

### Gold Medals

Carolyn Casey

Beach Sprints  
2km Beach Run

### Silver Medals

Shannon Andrews  
Ashlee Provis  
Sally Mainsbridge  
Carolyn Casey & Duncan Tippins  
Carolyn Casey, Sally Mainsbridge,  
Marian McAllister & Leanne Rouvray (Gleneig)  
Sarah Niemann, Ashlee Provis,  
Shannon Andrews & Amy Brown

Flags  
Flags  
1km Beach Run  
2 x 1km Relay  
Beach Relay  
Beach Relay

### Bronze Medals

Ben Wallbridge  
Marian McAllister  
Sally Mainsbridge, Shannon Andrews & Amy Brown  
Sarah Niemann, Shannon Andrews & Amy Brown

Board Race  
2km Beach Run  
Ski Relay  
Board Relay

Thank you to Lisa Window for helping organise the entries and teams and to our wonderful Officials Marg and Loo.

Masters is a competitive but supportive environment where clubbies enjoy representing their club on the sand and in the surf. For anyone thinking about having a crack, I highly encourage you to do it.

Sarah Niemann



# JUNIOR COORDINATORS REPORT

Season 2024/25 was a fully loaded season that saw 149 Nippers and Shrimps tie on their coloured caps. Somerton hosted 2 carnivals this season – the Branch carnival followed by first State Carnival for the season. AGMS signed of proficiencies in the pool and wore their best bad shirt. We were visited by Father Christmas on our beach and joined him in the Glenelg Christmas pageant. We had 68 come and trys and 3 Under 13s compete at Aussies. There was 3 club champs days, a long swim and a country carnival at Normanville. 67 Nippers represented Somerton at State Titles and 128 gained Surf Education awards. All of this in 18 weeks!!

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, especially the extra work from you all to host 2 carnivals before Christmas. It is a huge amount of work but excellent opportunity to have the rest of the state enjoy our beautiful beach.

Thank you to our Junior Committee for their dedication and commitment - Leanne Hoxey (Junior Administrator), Rhianna Hedley, Mel Lovejoy, Alison Hill, Marian McAllister, James McBride, Heidi Bevan and Emma Parkinson-Lawrence. After many years committing to the Junior Committee and program, Alison and Emma have stepped down from the committee – on behalf of many I thank you both for your time, dedication and the work you have contributed to our youngest members of the Club.

It was wonderful having many new face as part of our Shrimp and Nipper team. Our 25 Age Group Managers again provided the Shrimps and Nippers with dedication, support and energy each week. I thank each of you for your commitment and contribution and I know you all enjoyed the season as much as the kids.

Every Saturday at as the quarter to 2pm wind picks up there is a dedicated team of members who don their high vis orange and hit the water to 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 Drew Hoxey (Water Cover Coordinator) and Craig Brown (IRB Captain) for organising and leading the water cover. Congratulations also to the parents who gained their awards this season to join in the water action with their kids. This is a fantastic achievement and the reward of being in the water with your Nippers is very special.

Congratulation to Jacob Fettke and Jaimee Fuller who were appointed Junior Club Captains for this season. You are both excellent young members of our club and I thank you for your contributions this season. Congratulations also to our Nippers of the Year Ellie Keukenmeester and Alex Van Der Merwe who were recognised at the State Titles event. I hope to see the four of you and as many of our U13 Nippers continue their life saving journey with Youth Squad and Patrolling.

Many Nippers dedicate themselves to the sport participating in additional training opportunities the with the club including Beach, Iron, Board, Swimming, No Guts No Glory, Mini Guts and March Past. Thank you to the coaches and watercover who volunteer to provide these opportunities enabling Somerton to be well represented at Carnivals and State Titles.

Congratulations to all the Nippers that represented the club at carnivals and state titles this season, especially for those who did this for the first time. Somerton had success in winning medals and making many finals, but the success of our club is also evident in the sportsmanship, inclusiveness and fun we have while participating.

Thank you to the Officials especially our newest Officials and the Officials that don't have Nippers but kindly volunteered to cover our clubs commitments. Thank you Ben Cleggett (Competition Officer), Ben Stephan and Leanne Hoxey (Official Photographers) and the parents who towed trailers, beach set and pack – your contribution is valued.

A special mention to Thomas Carr-Hayball, Jacob Fettke and Noah Stephan who competed at Aussie Titles on the Gold Coast. This is a huge achievement and the Club is very proud to see you representing us at the National competition.

Nippers provides children and families to be part of a community. Thank you to the Somerton community for your support and I look forward to seeing you all on the beach soon.

Sarah Niemann  
*Junior Coordinator*

## Junior Long Swim Winners 2024/25 Overall Winner, Southern Cross Meats Shield

Holly Knight & Clancy Kupniewski

### U11

1st Georgia Abley  
2nd Matilda Hardwick  
3rd Arrabella Norton

1st James Knights  
2nd Dylan Hoxey  
3rd Patrik Porter

### U12

1st Holly Knights  
2nd Nova Andrews  
3rd Isabella Cooney

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

### U13

1st Elle Harmer  
2nd Francesca Maniscalco  
3rd Annabelle Stevenson

1st Thomas Carr-Hayball  
2nd Jacob Fettke  
3rd Alex Van Der Merwe

## Junior Club Champion Awards

### U8

Boys

1st Max Jarman  
2nd Myles Devlin  
3rd Max Pennifold

Girls

1st Lily Lewis  
2nd Betty Niemann  
3rd Delilah Foy-Pitt

### U9

Boys

1st Angus Hardwick  
2nd Byron Hedley  
3rd Hugh Wallace

Girls

1st Charlie Fisher  
2nd Ava Bettineschi  
3rd Violet Jasson

### U10

Boys

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

Girls

1st Lydia Devlin  
2nd Tabitha Foy-Pitt  
3rd Madeline Pete

### U11

Boys

1st James Knights  
2nd Oscar Clutterbuck  
3rd Dylan Hoxey

Girls

1st Matilda Hardwick  
2nd Arrabella Norton  
3rd Emma Eichner

### U12

Boys

1st Clancy Kupniewski  
2nd Sam Cleggett  
3rd Ethan Barclay

Girls

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

### U13

Boys

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

Girls

1st Elizabeth Harmer  
2nd Jaimee Fuller  
3rd Ella Yeomans  
3rd Ellie Keukenmeester

## Age Group Manager Awards

### U8 AGMs

**Adam Clutterbuck, Ali Stewart, Tristan Grace King & Lukas Porter**

### U9 AGMs

**Tash Jasson, Rhianna Hedley**  
*Mikayla Van Der Merwe & Hayden Brown*

### U10 AGMs

**Tim Jasson, Sam Johns**  
*Tabitha Foy-Pitt & Hudson Jasson*

### U11 AGMs

**Katie Norton, Tamika Coveney & Belinda Porter**  
*Georgia Abley & Dylan Hoxey*

### U12 AGMs

**Mel Lovejoy, Andrew Camilleri & Pete Boulton**  
*Isabella Cooney & Oscar Niemann*

### U13 AGMs

**Louise Lawson, Matt Fettke, Charlotte Dally, Emily Casey & Kyrenia Kyprianou**  
*Francesca Maniscalco & Noah Stephan*

# SOMERSQUAD

The Somersquad program provides fantastic opportunities for personal growth and development and youth attendance continues to grow each season. A key focus of each season is award training, beginning in October with the SRC for U14 and Bronze Medallion for U16. We had a significant number of awards achieved this year, with James McBride leading 15 youth to attain their SRC and John Stewart training 11 in the Bronze Medallion. Several youth members went on to attain their Silver Medallion in Aquatic Search & Rescue and complete their IRB crew certification. We also had good representation at the SLSSA Youth Development Camp with three U14s attending - Arthur, Emma and Bodie - along with two U18 participating in the SLSSA Leadership Development Camp - Fergus and Scarlett. It is exciting to see the number of youth continuing in their surf lifesaving journey.

Attendance at Saturday afternoon sessions was strong with on average 15 youth participating in a range of activities. These were a mix of surf and social - snorkelling, Wibit, slides at Marion Outdoor Pool, IRBs, surf boat rowing, casual walks to Yo-Chi at Glenelg, and helping with the nipper program. A highlight for me was seeing these young people in action at the Junior State Carnival held at Somerton in December. Somersquad was the driving force behind the cake stall, BBQ, water cover and first aid - super impressive! Thanks to those parents who helped with various activities during the season.

Our last activity was the annual Youth Camp at Chiton Rocks. We had fantastic weather which meant lots of time in the water with big surf and an iron training session thrown in the mix. Saturday afternoon was spent on patrol, surfing, walking to Pt Elliot or chilling at camp, and we rounded the day off with some after dinner games and a night walk. Thanks to my fellow chaperones - Joe & Tammie Pribanic, Anthony Hedley, and especially Janet Denton who led the catering.

It's been a fun season, and I hope to see everyone back next year.

Ali Hill  
Youth Coordinator



# SOMERTON SEALS REPORT

I am happy to report that season 24/25 for the Somerton SEALS (Somerton's special needs nipper program) has been another wonderful success, it is hard to believe that we have been going for 11 years already! The SEALS ran every Saturday from the 11th January to the 22nd February (the last day of nippers) from 11.30am to 12.30pm and we enjoyed some truly lovely weather for most of our season.

The Somerton SEALS has been 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.

We had a very successful recruitment drive for new volunteers this year (Thankyou Ali Hill and Marian McAlister) and because of this we were able to invite new participants to our program. Our volunteer base has now grown to 19, with a big increase in male volunteers which is wonderful for our participants. 9 of our volunteers are 21 and under and we are very proud of their commitment to the SEALS.

We had 8 regular participants ranging from school age to young adults, some of which have been with us for the entire 11 years. We are so grateful for their and their families' friendship and support of our simple little program, we always have heaps of fun!

We would love to increase our participant numbers and are hoping to do so in the coming seasons.

Thankyou to our wonderful volunteers, you are amazing! They manage to fit our program in along with nippers, patrol and water cover commitments. A thankyou also to our patrols who help our volunteers with IRB rides at the end of our sessions, they are very popular with our participants.

Lastly, thank you to our fabulous participants and their families, we are humbled by your trust in us and Somerton!

See you on the beach!

Margie Brown  
Somerton SEALS Coordinator



# SEASON 2024/25 POOL RESCUE REPORT

Our pool rescue team continues to grow and this year we added U11 and Masters women to the mix, with our team finishing in 6th position. This discipline really highlights the importance of swimming and lifesaving skills, and it was great to see the comradery across the ages.

Well done to our State Champs competitors - Richie, Aimee, Amy, Charlotte, Lachie, Drew, Brad, Ben, Ollie, Will, Arthur, Bodie, Emma, Maggie, Jacob, Thomas, Alex, Oscar N, Benji, Dylan, Oscar C, Arrabella, and Georgia. We were also joined by Ben Warr from Glenelg. A special congratulations to Ben Wallbridge who had an exceptional meet and was awarded the overall Champion in the 50-59-year-old age group. We hope to have even more competitors next year.

A huge thank you to Janet Denton who shared the team managing and coaching with me again this year. It is a time intensive job, especially with such a short season. Thanks also to our key officials - Anne-Marie McBride, Loo Keighran, Marg Lamerton, and Emma Parkinson-Lawrence - and to those parents who stepped up to complete their qualifications - Amy Stephan, Mel Lovejoy, Kate Eichner. And of course, thank you to the parents who supported their children by getting them to training and assisting with time keeping - I hear those of you in the control room had a great time, learnt some new skills...and new words.

Ali Hill (and Janet Denton)  
Pool Rescue Coordinator

## Pool Champs Report

Somerton Surf Club was well represented at the 3 carnivals and State Championships from May to July. There were both female and male teams competing as well as junior teams across multiple age groups. We hope to retain as many of the swimmers as possible from this year especially, the U11's that were excellent in their introduction to the competition. Having the open female team for the first time in many years was a particular highlight. The number of athletes participating in their first year of seniors was also very pleasing and we hope they can continue to represent Somerton in the future.

Training would be best to be spread across 3 coaches in future if possible or U11 athletes would benefit from 1 training session at least before other athletes to become familiar with the events.

Swimmers participating at Westminster will have some introduction to Pool Rescue by Tamika and Janet in an effort to introduce swimmers to the competition and encourage participation.

Officials, parents and athletes did an amazing job to volunteer for the roles that needed to be filled. Alison Hill was instrumental in the role of Team Manager to organise Somerton Teams and composite teams as well as to schedule the families, organise officials etc.

Reducing the need for composite teams will continue to be a goal for the future.

## Junior Medals

Gold - U11 Male Line Throw: Dylan & Oscar  
Bronze - U12/13 Male Brick Relay: Jacob, Thomas, Oscar, Alex  
Bronze - U11 50m Brick Carry and 50m fins: Dylan

## Youth & Open Medals

Gold - U14 Female Line Throw: Emma & Maggie  
Silver: U14 Male Line Throw: Arthur & Bodie  
Bronze - U14 200m Obstacles: Ollie  
Gold - U14 100m manikin tow and 100m manikin carry with fins: Ollie  
Silver - U14 100m manikin tow: Will  
Silver - U14 50m manikin carry: Ollie  
Bronze - U14 50m manikin carry: Will  
Bronze - U17 50m manikin carry: Lachie  
Bronze - U14 50m fins: Ollie  
Bronze - U15 Male Obstacle Relay: Ollie, Arthur, Bodie, Will  
Bronze - Open Manikin Relay: Lachie, Richie, Drew, Ben Warr  
Silver - U15 Manikin Relay: Ollie, Arthur, Bodie, Will  
Silver - Open Medley Relay: Lachie, Richie, Drew, Ben Warr  
Gold - U15 Medley Relay: Ollie, Arthur, Bodie, Will

### Masters Medals

Bronze – M30-39 years Line Throw: Ben Warr & Drew  
Silver - M50-59 years Line Throw: Ben Wallbridge & Brad  
Gold –Masters Male Obstacle Relay: Ben Wallbridge, Ben Warr, Brad & Drew  
Gold –Masters Female Obstacle Relay: Amy, Aimee, Charlotte (composite w/ Aldinga)  
Silver - Masters Male Manikin Relay: Ben Wallbridge, Ben Warr, Brad & Drew  
Silver –Masters Male Manikin Relay: Amy, Aimee, Charlotte (composite w/ Aldinga)  
Silver - Masters Male Medley Relay: Ben Wallbridge, Ben Warr, Brad & Drew  
Bronze - Masters Female Medley Relay: Amy, Aimee, Charlotte (composite w/ Moana)  
Bronze –M30-39 years 100m Obstacles: Ben Warr  
Bronze –M40-49 years 100m Obstacles: Drew  
Gold - M50-59 years 100m Obstacles: Ben  
Gold – F30-39 100m Obstacles: Aimee  
Silver – F30-39 100m Obstacles: Charlotte  
Silver –M40-49 years 100m Manikin Tow: Drew  
Silver - M50-59 years 100m Manikin Tow: Ben Wallbridge  
Silver – F30-39 years 100m Manikin Tow: Aimee  
Bronze –M30-39 years 100m Manikin Carry with fins: Ben Warr  
Gold – M40-49 years 100m Manikin Carry with fins: Drew  
Gold – M50-59 years 100m Manikin Carry with fins: Ben Wallbridge  
Silver – F30-39 years 100m Manikin Carry with fins: Aimee  
Silver – M30-39 years 50m Manikin Carry: Ben Warr  
Silver – M40-49 years 50m Manikin Carry: Drew  
Gold - M50-59 years 50m Manikin Carry: Ben Wallbridge  
Silver – F30-39 years 50m Manikin Carry: Aimee  
Bronze – M30-39 years 50m fins: Ben Warr  
Bronze – M40-49 years 50m fins: Drew  
Silver - M50-59 years 50m fins: Ben Wallbridge  
Gold – F30-39 years 50m fins: Aimee  
Silver – F30-39 years 50m fins: Charlotte



## SOCIAL AND EVENTS

In the 2024-2025 season, the Somerton SLSC Social and Events Committee facilitated and hosted 7 key events.

The Season Launch took place on November 2nd, 2024, in the club plaza. Several local dignitaries and club members attended to commemorate the beginning of the season. Highlights included Recognition of State Emergency Services Medal to Robert "Bob" Hood, presentation of the Somerton Rotary Club donated rescue board, speeches from board members, announcement of the junior captains, a raffle, live music, a baked good stall and a BBQ. An initiative to fundraise throughout the season for new Nipper Boards was also announced.

The season also saw Somerton SLSC host both the Branch Carnival on the 24th of November and a Jr. Carnival on the 8th of December. Both carnivals required a co-ordinated effort between the social committee, Jr. committee and volunteer co-ordinator to ensure their success. Assistance from volunteers to successfully run the Buddy Bar, bake sale and BBQ, (which included new food items which we had previously not sold) made catering to the masses successful. As well as this, the Jr. Carnival required the organisation of meals for officials who volunteered on the day – many thanks to the kiosk for their assistance with this.

Our Sponsors and Members Day Fiesta was held the afternoon of the 15th of February, included various activities and food to help celebrate the day. The social committee organised a highly successful bake sale, live music, raffles for both adults and juniors, face painter- free for attendants- and lawn games to be enjoyed on The Plaza. Leaning into the Mexican theme, the social committee provided a nacho bar for members to enjoy alongside a BBQ.

Club Awards Night was held on Saturday 31st of May in the club bistro with just under 100 attendees. The evening brought together senior competitors, new bronze award recipients, life members, officials, social members, board members, local MPs Sarah Andrews – Member for Gibson & Louise Miller Frost – Member for Boothby along with Mayor Wilson – Holdfast Bay, who were in attendance to celebrate the 2024-25 season and to congratulate award winners. Key contributors to the event were, Lauren McBride (styling), Shae Taylor (photography), and DJ Adrian Shepherd.

Throughout the season, the Social Committee also provided support in organising the annual Beer and BBQ breakfast on Christmas day and providing hot food options for events such as Senior Club Champs. The 2024-25 season's social events were a great success, bringing the club members and community together. Feedback received throughout the season regarding social committee events has been overwhelmingly positive, particularly the variety of food options available throughout the season during events. Thank you to the members of the BoM for their contributions throughout the season, especially Lou Lawson who provided guidance for many events. Thanks also to Troy Bettineschi, Tim Jasson, Marian McAllister, Buddy Bar and BBQ volunteers for their assistance throughout the season. Finally, our events and fundraising efforts wouldn't be nearly as successful without the incredible support of our club members and their families. Every drink purchased and every cookie enjoyed contributes directly to raising funds that help support and grow our club.

Looking forward to another exciting season ahead!

Tash Jasson  
Events Co-ordinator



# SOMERTON SLSC - SPONSORSHIP SEASON 2024/2025

Another year completed for the Sponsorship portfolio.

We are continually evolving & learning to grow but also strengthen our partnerships within the community.

A big thank you to Axelent, Custom Built Homes&Renovations, SA Construct & Optimal AIR&REFRIGERATION for their continual support in the Platinum Space.

A special mention to Combo Industries for their In-Kind Donation of the 2 New Mobile Racking Systems – One for Nipper Boards & the other for the Swim Cans, Anchors & Ropes approx. worth \$5200.00.

Also, to Anthony Casey from CMV for the AED and ATV All Weather Box to the value of \$3300.00.

To Bob Hood Maintenance Services – for your in-kind sponsorship with the countless hours put in maintaining this club. Thank you.

Community Sponsors was a continued initiative this year– we thank you for your support & look forward to continuing these partnerships moving forward.

- Eco Electrical and Air
- SASH Physio
- Good Day Co
- South Coast Window Tinting
- AIR Wholesalers
- Adelaide Pond & Aquarium Services
- Signature Orthodontics
- Axelent Australia

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, Rotary Club of Holdfast Bay.**

Once again – Thank you to our members for their continued support. Please remember to support our Sponsors where possible.

If you want something to do or know someone who would love to support our club, we would love your help in growing this portfolio.

Thank you.

Troy Bettineschi.  
*Sponsorship Officer*



# IRB REPORT

2024/2025 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 290 hours of water cover to support nippers program, carnivals and community events. This season Somerton have incorporated more club sponsors branding onto our hulls and engines in appreciation for what they do for the club. We now have Axellent, Optimal, SA Construct and Custom Built proudly displayed on our equipment. We continue to maintain our 4 hulls and 6 engines to a high standard and with the introduction of our new, award nominated racking system which keeps the craft both safe and accessible and frees up more floor space to allow us to have 2 IRB's rescue ready 24/7. We also continue to plan for the future needs of the club and community by ordering our next IRB hull to which is due for delivery and be ready for the 2026/27 season. This renewal plan will allow us to retire some of our aging equipment and allows us to continue to maintain a high level frontline service. I am pleased to report that we have had only a few incidents of damage requiring repairs. I thank all members for following correct procedures and instructions to ensure our equipment stays in good condition.

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 call ups including nippers, carnival water cover and special events. Without their support many of these events would not be possible. We trained and qualified 17 new crews and 6 drivers but as always we are looking to expand our team as we need for more active IRB drivers and crews so we can support all our requirements. IRB drivers and crews is a rewarding and essential part of lifesaving. We invite anyone interested to join us in any capacity from Nipper water cover to Patrols to IRB racing, all are welcome. IRB's is a team environment with great people to work with and we really need the help to share the load. If you want to have 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 2025-26 season.

## IRB RACING

This year we our squad grew to 31 racing members with many seasoned drivers, crews and patients who were joined by some newly qualified members. The crews had a massive pre-season training hard, tuning our skills and equipment which has resulted in Somerton creating a first for our club by winning the 2025 Premiership series. We won 4 of the 5 carnivals and convincingly took out the Premiership which is the first time in its history that the shield will reside at Somerton. We are Emsley proud of this achievement which was accomplish through adversity, determination and teamwork. The team showed that Somerton can punch above our weight and take it to the top Clubs across our State. This success comes with no surprise as the teams commitment to the sport and each other combined with passion, determination and grit really shows we can do anything we put our minds to.

We continued our success at the State Titles with Somerton bringing home a swag of medals 13 medals in total with 2 gold, 5 silver and 6 bronze. We showed our ability and depth fielding teams across every age group, event and category. Our skills and depth of talent continues to shine with all Somerton open teams (3 male and 3 female) making it through to the final of the blue ribbon rescue event (the most of any club) as we took 3 of the 8 spots in the final.

### State Title Medal Results

Gold - Under 23 Male tube  
Gold - Under 23 Male Mass Rescue  
Silver - Open Male Rescue  
Silver - Open Male Tube  
Silver - Masters Female Tube  
Silver - Under 23 Male Teams  
Silver - Under 23 Male Rescue  
Bronze - Under 23 Female Mass Rescue  
Bronze - Under 23 Female Rescue  
Bronze - Master Mens Rescue  
Bronze - Open Female Teams  
Bronze - Masters Female Teams  
Bronze - Life Saver Relay

Lastly 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 & Mel Millsted. The team behind the team which is you, our club, our family, our community.

So, this is not the end of our story. We have spent the last 12 years working hard to get to this point where we are now a genuine contender. We remain hungrier and more determined than ever. So we would like put the call out to anyone who loves a bit speed and a whole lot of fun in a fantastic team environment to join us in 2026 its going to be a big one!

Craig Brown  
IRB Captain  
#teamsomerton



# SURF SPORTS

## Senior State Championships

### DAY 1

The Somerton team got off to a strong start with finals appearances and two gold medals.

Gold: Ollie Stephan dominated the U14 2km beach race, with Arthur Nieman also finishing strongly in 5th. Excitingly, these two will combine in the 2x1km team event on Sunday.

Gold: Isaac Keighran claimed victory in the prestigious Open Belt Race, supported by the belt team of Matthew Fettke, James McBride, and Richard Mayfield.

Other highlights included: Bella Murphy and Piper Window lining up in the Open Board Rescue, giving it their all in a stacked field.

Isaac and Richie teaming up in the Open Board Rescue, just missing finals.

U17s shining: Austin Pribanic finished 8th in his first-ever Belt Race. Two U17 board relay teams made strong showings, with Lachlan Fettke and Austin finishing 8th in the final.

In the Surf Teams, both U17 and Open teams showed determination, with Lachy impressively racing in both divisions.

A fantastic opening day for Somerton — setting the tone for a big weekend ahead.

### DAY 2

It was a massive day at Southport with a big team on deck and plenty of racing from the early morning beach events through to the water finals.

#### Beach Results:

- U15 Individual Sprint – Jackson Camilleri, Bronze
- Open Women's Sprint – Piper, Bronze
- U15 Male Relay – Jackson, Arthur, Rhys & Ollie, Bronze
- Open Male Relay – Jack Millstead, Aiden, Richie & Alex McAllister, Bronze
- Open Mixed Relay – Jack, Richie, Piper & Bella Murphy, Silver

Strong performances also came from our Open Women (4th), U19 Women (5th), U19 Men (4th), U19 Mixed (5th), U17 Mixed (4th) and U17 Men (5th).

#### Water Results:

U19 Rescue Tube Rescue – Bronze to Lachy, Austin, Nathan & Fletcher.

Liv Low worked tirelessly as our sole U15 female competitor, racing across multiple events and showing incredible resilience with 9th in Board and 11th in Iron.

Four U14 boys made the Ironman final – Ollie (4th), Will (8th), Arthur (13th), Bodie (15th). They also stepped up in older team events, with highlights including a 7th in Surf Teams and 9th in Board Teams. Special mention to Bodie for racing composite where possible and showing huge improvement.

In the U17s, Austin progressed to tomorrow's Iron final and today's Ski final, while Lachy and Fletcher battled hard in relays. Both Austin and Lachy also qualified for the Surf Race final.

The Open men pushed hard, with Richie narrowly missing the Ironman final and Isaac qualifying for the Board, Iron and Surf Race finals tomorrow.

Another huge day with Somerton athletes consistently punching above their weight.

### DAY 3 – FINALS DAY

Finals day did not disappoint, with medals, waves, and outstanding performances across the board. Medal Highlights:

- U15 2x1km – Arthur & Ollie, Bronze
- Open 2x1km – James & Richie, Bronze
- U14 Board Race – Ollie, Gold (in a dominant performance)
- Open Surf Race – Isaac, Silver

#### Other Standouts:

U14 boys continued to shine: Surf Race results saw Ollie 4th, Will 7th, Arthur 11th and Bodie 15th. This group is shaping into a powerhouse for the future.

U17s: Austin battled through the Iron final, while Lachy bounced back to finish 10th in the Surf Swim. Together with Fletcher, they placed 8th in the U17 Taplin, showing plenty of promise.

Liv Low impressed again in the U15 Surf Swim, rounding out a great weekend of competition.

Richie put in a strong Open Surf Race, staying with the main pack throughout.

Isaac capped off another outstanding championships with three Open finals: Silver in Surf, 6th in Board, and 6th in Ironman after racing brilliantly all weekend.

#### Finale – Open Male Taplin

Somerton proudly fielded a full team of six for the iconic Taplin: Isaac, Fergus, Richie, Austin, Fletcher & Lachy. With four athletes under 18, this was a significant milestone for the club and a sign of great things ahead.

#### Thank You

A huge thank you James McBride, Matt Fettke, the parents for managing athletes, moving craft, and packing trailers, and to our officials who make racing possible.

## Youth Aussies – North Kirra

The Youth Aussies at North Kirra promised to be one of the biggest in history with record entries, but Mother Nature had other plans. A severe storm forced the cancellation of Saturday's water competition, and Sunday's program was limited after a high tide delayed the start.

Despite the setbacks, our team embraced the challenge and made the most of their opportunity to race on the national stage. Somerton was proudly represented by:

- U13s: Jacob, Thomas, Noah
- U14s: Arthur, Bodie, Ollie, Will

Other representatives: Ruby Knights (U14) and Jackson Camilleri (U15), who joined Grange to extend their experience in individual and team events.

For many of our athletes, the North Kirra surf was a whole new test, with strong swell and sweep making the opening board race particularly tough. By the second event, the surf race, all of our athletes completed the course – an achievement in itself given the conditions.

Even with the shortened program, there were highlights worth celebrating. Arthur and Will finished just outside the cut in their board race, showing great improvement this season. Ollie reached the quarter finals before being caught by a wave on the way in – tough luck, but that's surf racing.

Ollie also had the honour of representing South Australia in the Pathways Interstate Championships, where the state team placed fourth overall. We're confident that next year, more Somerton athletes will be putting their hands up for selection.

A huge thank you goes to our incredible parents for their fearless support and organisation, to Axelent (Drew Hoxey) for the continued support of our tour tops, and to Matthew Fettke, who was a huge help in team management for the U13s (and notched up plenty of steps along the way).

## Open Aussies – Kirra

The Australian Open Championships are the biggest surf carnival in the world, with five days of racing, thousands of competitors, and hundreds of events. Somerton was represented by three athletes:

- Lachlan Fettke (U17)
- Austin Pribanic (U17)
- Richard Mayfield (Open)

To maximise their experience, Lachy and Austin teamed up with Semaphore, while Richie joined Southport to compete in both individual and team events.

Kirra provided plenty of variety – from rain early in the week to beautiful sunshine to finish, along with the usual challenges of unpredictable waves and uneven start lines. Racing at this level is always demanding, but our athletes embraced it, gaining valuable experience and a clear understanding of what it takes to improve for next year.

We are incredibly proud of Lachy, Austin, and Richie for the way they represented Somerton, and we look forward to building a bigger team under our own cap for Aussies 2026.

### Officials

A special acknowledgement goes to Loo Keighran, who officiated at both the Youth and Open Championships. Her commitment and professionalism are second to none, and her efforts continue to make her one of the state's finest officials.

### Looking Ahead

From the stormy challenges of North Kirra to the sunshine of Kirra's finals, this year's Aussies were full of learning, growth, and memorable experiences for our Somerton team. We are proud of every competitor, coach, and supporter who helped make it happen.

The foundation is set, the hunger is there, and we can't wait to see Somerton return even stronger at the 2026 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships.

Green, white and black forever.

Brad Keighran



# PATROL REPORT

## Patrol Service - History

Members may be aware that in late 2022 Surf Lifesaving SA asked clubs to review records with the aim of identifying those eligible for Surf Lifesaving Australia recognition, and recognition with the Australian Federal Government's National Medal Over the past few years.

Club President Warwick Holland asked me to try and coordinate club records on Patrol Hours with a group of other interested and connected members including Life Members Bob Hood (Jnr) and Rob McBride. A key problem was that Surfguard records only logged patrol service from the 2006 season, so I manually reviewed all available Somerton Annual reports since 1960 to build a comprehensive tabulation of all available records for everyone who had patrolled for Somerton SLSC since the club's inception. All of that data was then transferred to Surfguard records, making us one of the few clubs to have such a complete record of our volunteers' service.

While the work didn't identify anyone else eligible retrospectively for the National Medal, it allowed us to apply for hundreds of National Patrol Service awards (NPS) for past and current members. We were also able to create the first Honours listing of patrolling members since an early effort in the 70's, and to alert members who were approaching service landmarks.

I have continued to maintain the patrol logs in the following season and the weekly work of logging paper patrol records to Surfguard. Surf life Saving Australia publishes an Awards and recognition Framework. Members eligible for a range of awards can apply themselves via the Forms section of the Members Portal.

## SLSA National Patrol Service Awards

Awards are gained for 5 years plus of patrol service of at least 16 hours per season. During the past seasons there have been some changes to eligibility criteria for the NPS that members need to be aware of. The latest document was published in February 2024.

- The collated hours before 2006 are used in addition to the "All Patrolled" hours recorded in Surfguard and on the Patrol report of the Members portal. N.B. this is not the same as the headline hours seen at your member login.
- Eligible Patrol Hours are available to currently proficient SRC, Bronze Medallion First Aid Officer and Radio operator award holders (in each relevant season).
- Eligible Patrols include only : Rostered Beach Patrol, Rostered Powercraft or Helicopter patrol, Rostered Radio Room or Radio Officer patrol.
- Water safety is no longer eligible unless part of a rostered patrol under the direction of a patrol captain (red & yellow)

The club will seek clarification of these changes and how they will impact the logging of Nipper water safety on weekends. The definitions also change how some activities previously logged in the paper patrol records will be logged and therefore classified in Surfguard for the coming season.

## SLSA Long Service Awards

This season, in conjunction with Rob McBride, we started applying for SLSA Australia Long Service Certificates, available to members with more than 25 years membership regardless of patrol hours. Many of those awards for active and Life Members will be available at the AGM. Surfguard records only cover the years since 2006, so all the applications need supporting that Rob and I are collating material from Club annual reports.

## Members can apply for these awards

While club workers are taking the lead on these awards, members can apply for any award themselves via the Forms tab of the SLSA Members portal. If you think you are eligible, but cannot make an application please contact me and we can look providing supporting documents.

## A Club Honour Board ?

Many clubs have physical honour boards in their rooms. Somerton has not been in a position to do this before, but we now could. Members should discuss if this is something they want. Usually, the Patrol honour board would record those who reached notable patrol hour thresholds above 500 hours. We currently have 38 members with over 500 hours including 17 over 750 hours, 6 over 1000 hours and one over 2000 hours.

## Missing Records

Our archive of Club annual reports is incomplete. If you know of any club reports for the years 1962-1970, or any patrol hour records for other years before 1993 please contact me or the Secretary. Likewise if you want to join in our historical archive activities.

Gregory Brown

# FACILITIES & COMMERCIAL OPERATION'S REPORT

## **Bistro**

The operation of The Bistro under Gambell & Sutton saw this partnership continue with them supporting us in multiple events across the year with End of Season Presentation & Beer & Pie Breakfast being the highlights for our members.

They continue to stamp their mark within the community with not only their regular trading but also their private events so please make sure you support them when you can.

With the age profile of the club & the non-capital plant aging we have had to undertake some remedial repairs to refrigeration equipment & a replacement of the Keg Cool room condenser.

With the status of the equipment, we will try to shift into a proactive mindset of upgrading our non-capital infrastructure to minimise disruption when catastrophic failures do occur. As always periodic maintenance is undertaken & vital to ensure optimal performance at all times.

We look forward to what the next 12 months brings.

## **Kiosk**

Penny and Ben Wallbridge continue to operate and are doing an excellent job serving the regulars within the community & supporting the Nippers on a Saturday with their chip run!

We hope to continue & grow our partnership with them over the next 12 months.

## **Facilities**

This year has seen the formation of a Facilities Sub-Committee. With the head-lease expiring in December 2026 it is an undertaking that requires a significant amount of time & resources to ensure we get what is best for the club long term.

Thank you to Drew Hoxey, Tim Jasson, Tony Brumfield, Sam Johns & Davey Taylor for their time & consultation so far.

We have and will be undertaking some upgrades during the off-season with a new security system to be implemented & more mechanical plant upgrades.

We also now have a wonderful opportunity with a Commonwealth Grant of \$500,000.00 to make some serious investments into the club. The Facilities committee is working closely with the B.O.M and other Key Stakeholders in this space to ensure we have a Master Plan for the future of this club.

A big thank you to Lou Lawson for her help in acquiring funding through Grants for the multiple projects, and to Board Of Management for their on-going support.

# PATROL SERVICE HONOUR BOARD

## Over 2000 Hours

Robert Hood (Jnr)	2272.6	Active Life Member
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## Over 1000 Hours

Jason Bradley	1413.7	Life Member
Gregory Brown	1214.4	Active
Timothy Fletcher	1172.75	Life Member
Matthew Fletcher	1165.75	Life Member

## Over 750 Hours

Paul Lewandowski	990.5	Life Member
James McBride	984.5	Active Life Member
Warwick Holland	8981.5	Life Member
Craig Brown	835.2	Active
Jack Milstead	833.5	Active
Robin McBride	769.25	Active
Britany Miller	756.	
Matthew McAllister	752.7	Active

## Over 500 Hours

Peter Hood	719.5	
Adam McAllister	716.4	Active
Adam Clutterbuck	666.25	Active
Sally Mainsbridge	652.25	Active
Barry Jones	643	
Mark Williams	640.5	Life Member
Murray Holland	639.25	
Melissa Milstead (Slicox)	609.75	Life Member
Lisa Window	608.9	Active
John Stewart	596.4	Active
William (Bill) Smith	590	Life Member
Brad Keighran	577.5	Active
Thomas Loftus	572.5	
Daryl Holland	571.25	
Sarah Neiman (Nathan)	570	Active
Mark Simunsen	568.25	
David Meaney	567.9	Life member
Sarah Bradley (Milburn)	566.25	Life Member
Anthony Kidney	541	
Stephanie Horne	539.5	
Charlotte Twizell	507	Active
Kate Lally	506.25	Active
Ray Nussio	503.7	Active Life Member

# TOTAL PATROL HOURS FOR THIS SEASON

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	HOURS						
Robert	Hood	146	Piper	Window	24	Neil	Brookes	9
Grant	Ackland	101	Jerry	Toon	24	Oliver	Maynard	9
John	Stewart	85	Caitlin	Fuller	23	Joseph	Pribanic	9
Gregory	Brown	83	Will	Hayward	23	Linda	Turrini	9
Craig	Brown	78	Michael	Hughes	23	Luke	Turner	8
Matthew	Ackland	77	Raymond	Nussio	23	Adam	Chilcott	8
Matthew	Fettke	68	Anthony	Casey	23	Ben	Knights	6
Troy	Bettineschi	65	Tammie	Pribanic	23	Lauren	Barclay	5
Louise	Lawson	55	Archie	Rawson	23	Thomas	Boot	5
Darren	McAllister	54	Lisa	Window	23	Scarlett	Brammy	5
James	McBride	50	Lynda	Derman	22	Isabel	Brumfield	5
Marian	McAllister	50	Arthur	Niemann	22	Harvey	Chapman	5
Jack	Millstead	49	Lachlan	Brumfield	22	Harvey	Chilcott	5
Shannon	Andrews	49	Ashlee	Provis	21	Liam	Jones	5
Alison	Hill	47	William	Murphy	21	Rose	O'Connor	5
Connor	Fear	46	Maggie	Bettineschi	20	Jennifer	Toon	5
Andrew	Hoxey	45	Chloe	Brammy	20	Emily	Casey	4
Matthew	McAllister	45	Ernie	Brown	20	Ben	Stephan	4
Alexander	McAllister	43	Indi	Heaney	20	Lucia	Rawson	4
Don	Clancy	42	Saxon	McDonald	20	Jarrad	Morgan-Van Loon	3
Robin	McBride	41	Ryan	Ross	20	Sam	Johns	3
Jessica	Powell	40	Andrew	Taylor	20	Kyrenia	Kyprianou	2
Georgie	Edwards	40	Ishtah	Thompson	20	Christopher	Presser	2
Richard	Mayfield	40	Lily	Brown	19	Deborah	Tippins	1
Sarah	Niemann	39	Jackson	Camilleri	19	Adam	Clutterbuck	1
Sarah	McAdam	38	Gilly	Hendrie	19	Zachary	Fear	0
Ashley	Derman	38	Joseph	Maniscalco	19	Cecilia	Low	0
Sally	Mainsbridge	38	Austin	Pribanic	18	Catherine	Mayfield	0
Alexandra	Stewart	36	Bodie	Hedley	18			
Olivia	Low	36	Tamika	Coveney	18			
Jennifer	Stevens	35	Ben	Wallbridge	18			
Duncan	Tippins	35	William	Lawrence	18	Note		
Grant	Turner	35	Sandra	Cook	17	BOM Contribution:		380
Kate	Lally	34	Ruby	Knights	17			
Oliver	Stephan	34	Molly	Stewart	17			
John	Annear	34	Campbell	Hill	17			
Caroline	Mayfield	34	Carolyn	Casey	17			
Cleo	Barker	32	Adelaide	Boulton	15			
Olivia	McAdam	32	Isla	Cleggett	15			
Tony	Brumfield	32	Jack	Hockley	15			
Melanie	Carter	32	Ava	Kelsh	15			
Sarah	Cutbush	32	Peg	Lightfoot	15			
Megan	Rebuli	32	William	Thomas	15			
Brad	Keighran	31	Alice	Woods	15			
Rhys	Norton	31	Mika	Porter	15			
Charlotte	Twizell	31	Harriet	Robertson	15			
Amy	Brown	31	Ariya	Lodge	14			
Janet (Emma)	Denton	31	Isabella	Maynard	14			
Lachlan	Fettke	31	Jade	Hill	13			
Ayden	Pribanic	30	Teagan	Lewis	13			
Jonathan	Vass	30	Brendan	Wallace	13			
Max	Hosking	30	David	Provis	12			
Lachlan	Fear	29	Bree	Kloeden	11			
Adam	McAllister	28	Ryan	Atkinson	10			
Lilly	Andrews	27	Isabel	Brown	10			
Abbey	Hamilton	26	Cameron	Burfield	10			
Aimee	Carter	26	Austin	Chilcott	10			
Timothy	Jasson	25	Austin	Kelsh	10			
Lucienne	Clancy	25	Maddison	Mudie	10			
Nathan	Denton	25	Isabella	Murphy	10			
Aiden	Fuller	25	Lachlan	Niemann	10			
Fergus	Keighran	25	Alec	Oliver	10			
Harvey	Kupniewski	25	Kirsten	Poetsch	10			
Sidney	Kupniewski	25	Sadie	Roberts	10			
Fletcher	Tippins	25	Mary	Carr	10			
			Elka	Hayward	9			

# LIFE MEMBERSHIP

## 2022/2023

As presented by the Life Membership Committee, endorsed by the Board of Management and the membership at the 63rd Annual General Meeting held 10th September 2023, the following member was bestowed with the honour of Life Membership of the Somerton Surf Life Saving Club.

### **JAMES McBRIDE**

James McBride joined the Somerton Surf Life Saving Club on 1st November 1997 making this his twenty- sixth consecutive season. James was in the nipper program at Somerton from 1997 to 2003 and was awarded Junior Surf Life Saver of the Year at Junior State Championships in 2003.

James has fulfilled many roles at the Club since becoming a Senior, gaining his Bronze Medallion on 15th January 2005. James has completed 712.75 patrol hours whilst patrolling between the flags for 21 consecutive seasons. In addition to patrol duties, James has undertaken management roles including Board of Management for 7 years, 5 years as Competition Officer, 2 years as Club Captain, Board and Ski Captain for 11 years and Surf Sports Coach for 10 years coaching either or all Board and Ski, Ironman and Junior mid-week training.

James has fulfilled many other roles and tasks at the Club. His dedication to surf sports saw him tow the board and ski trailer to all senior carnivals from 2011 to 2019. His attendance at carnivals is outstanding, both as a competitor, coach, team manager or gear steward. He also regularly attends junior carnivals to identify those nippers who show promise as future senior competitors. In addition, James has attended "Aussies" on five occasions: as competitor, team manager and IRB driver/water cover. James has undertaken the role of board and ski repair guru, collecting boards from the club and returning them when repaired. Pool Rescue Championships is another competition area that James has been involved in, and with John Fielding, organised Somerton to attend their first Pool Rescue Competition in 2013. SLSSA Pool Rescue is now an annual competition that Somerton competes in. It is no surprise that James, along with Davis Barber, were the driving force to establish the "Somerton Gold", an Ironman event for club members only. After the success of the Somerton Gold, James and Davis oversaw the rebranding of the event as "The Somerton Signature Challenge" and was open to all clubs from around Australia.

During the financial crisis of 2013-16, James volunteered on the bar on Rotary Club nights and with his wife, Lauren, undertook to coordinate the final 12 wedding events our club was committed to after closing the Bar/ Bistro. James has remained a loyal and consistent servant of Somerton SLSC, fulfilling his duties as a patrolling member for 21 consecutive years, a Board of Management member for 7 years and countless years as a competitor and coach. James has remained at the club during an era that saw many of his clubmates transfer to other clubs for competition reasons. James has always proclaimed he is Somerton for life. Even more amazing is the amount of time James dedicates to the junior, cadet, and youth coaching areas, all while fulfilling his patrol duties.

## 2023/2024

As presented by the Life Membership Committee, endorsed by the Board of Management and the membership at the 64th Annual General Meeting held 8th September 2024, the following members were bestowed with the honour of Life Membership of the Somerton Surf Life Saving Club.

### **MARGIE BROWN**

Margie Brown joined Somerton on 17th October 2009 and has been an active member for 15 years. She joined along with her family, initially to have her children enrolled in the nipper's program. But in the same year as joining the club, she threw herself headlong into the organisational side of the Club. Margie started as an Age Group Manager with the Under 6 age group. Within 12 months, she had progressed to the role of Junior Secretary, now known as Junior Administrator. She held the role of Junior Administrator from 2010 to 2014 as well as fulfilling her duties as an Age Group Manager, at a time when the club was bursting at the seams with new members.

Margie moved on in 2014 to fulfil the role of the Club's Registrar for two seasons; 2014/15 and 2015/16, while still fulfilling her role as an Age Group Manager. At the same time as being Registrar, Margie started a program known as the "Somerton Seals", a program for nippers with special needs. The program was founded in 2014, and at the 2015 SLSSA Awards of Excellence, Somerton was awarded the SLSSA Community Education Program of the Year.

Now it was time to step up again when the club most needed her. In April, 2016, Margie answered the call of the then Club Secretary to step into the role early, four months prior to the AGM. It was a demanding and time-consuming role. This was during the period when our Club had some financial struggles, resulting in the closure of the Bistro for a few years. She continued in the role of Club Secretary for four more years from 2016 to 2020. During this period, she remained the co-ordinator of the Somerton Seals Program, a position she has held from inception.

In 2020, Margie took on the role of Volunteer's co-ordinator. This was an essential role within the club as the club, the state and the world learned how to grapple with the complexities thrown up by the Covid pandemic. Margie continues in the role of Somerton Seals co-ordinator, a position she has held since its foundation.

Margie has been recognised by the Club receiving many awards, Volunteer of the Year in 2013 and 2015 and received the Most Outstanding Service Award in 2020.

### **BARRY JONES**

Barry (Buckets) Jones joined Surf Life Saving Australia in 1990, and after a brief stint at Seacliff, saw the error of his ways and transferred to Somerton in 1994. He has been a patrolling member for 30 consecutive years, amassing 641 hours between the flags. In 2023, Barry was awarded his 20 Year SLSA National Patrol Service Award. The criteria for this award is a minimum of 16 hours in the season for it to be counted towards the award.

Barry gained his Bronze Medallion on 15th December 1990 and added other awards along the way, IRB Crew 2002 – 2012, Surf Sports Coach 2010 - 2014 and did his Age Group Manager's course in 2005. Out of 31 seasons at Somerton, Barry has competed for no less than 30 seasons representing the Green, White and Black. Barry has amassed a heap of medals over those years including 30 Gold medals, 8 Silver medals and 9 Bronze medals accrued from competing at Senior State Championships, Masters State Championships, Australian Championships in both Aussies Open and Aussies Masters categories, Surf Lifesaving World Titles and New Zealand National Surf Lifesaving Titles.

Barry is one of those very rare members that never left the club after joining, maintaining unbroken membership for 30 years until he retired from rowing in 2023. This is quite outstanding for a boatie to represent one club, when today we see competitors hopping from club-to-club, chasing teams and titles. Barry's involvement at the club wasn't limited only to patrols and competition, he was also active as Boat Captain, junior water cover, Age Group Manager, surf sports coach, IRB crew, bar volunteer, shed hand and worked tirelessly in maintaining our boats and also manufacturing oar racks for the shed. In amongst patrolling and competing, he also found time to fulfil that most rewarding duty of Age Group Manager, allowing him to enjoy his children's journey through surf life saving.

Barry has been recognised with a number of awards; in 2001-2002 he received the club's Most Outstanding Service Award, in 2005-2006 he received the Best Competitor Award, in 2010 he received the Andrew Meaney Perpetual Trophy for commitment and contribution to Surf Sports and in 2022-2023 he received both the 20 Year SLSA National Patrol Service Award and Somerton's Best Team Award.

# BEACH REPORT

Although we had a very successful weekend of States from our beach competitors with Somerton being well represented with athletes in all age groups, training numbers throughout the season were down with declining numbers from previous years. This may be due to the majority of our beach athletes being in U19/Open age groups and have other commitments and priorities ie year 12, work, other sport. Trying to get the commitment from the seniors has been a struggle this season and we found that if one or two were not able to attend then it followed through with their friends, making it very difficult to train those who regularly attended especially with relays.

On a more positive note there has been a significant increase in numbers from our junior age groups U11-U13s with the majority of U13 beachies continuing into seniors next season.

After speaking to our neighbouring clubs Seacliff, Brighton and Glenelg at States we found Somerton was not the only club in this position. Numbers at States were great, but not many attended training! Moving forward to the coming season, we are in the midst of planning sessions where we will potentially train with the other surf clubs, therefore increasing numbers, which leads to more fun, better competition and also hopefully bring some previous

## RESULTS

### INDIVIDUAL SPRINTS

U15 bronze - Jackson Camilleri

Open female bronze - Piper Window

U19 female Bella Murphy 5th, Bella Brumfield 6th

U19 male Aiden Fuller 4th

### RELAYS

U15 Male bronze - Jackson, Rhys, Ollie, Arthur

Open Male bronze - ack, Richie, Aiden, Alex

Open Mixed silver - Jack, Richie, Piper, Bella M

U17 Mixed 4th Lachie, Nathan, Sarah, Teagan

U19 Male 4th Aiden, Fletcher, Lachie, Nathan

Open Female 4th Piper, Bella M, Bella B, Sarah

### FLAGS

U15 Male Jackson bronze

U19 Female Bella M bronze

U19 Male Aiden bronze

Open Female Piper 4th

Open Male Richie 5th

U15 female - Adelaide Boulton (8th) Olivia Low (10th)

U17 female - Sarah McAdam 8th

Open female - Bella M 8th

Open Male - Aiden 8th

### DISTANCE RUN

U14 2km Ollie Stephen

U15 2x1km Ollie and Arthur

Open 2x1km James and Richie

competitors back onto the sand to keep the beach area going strong. We are confident this will be successful to help grow and develop the beach area and potentially allow us to take one or two teams to Aussies 2026.

The beach events are an area Somerton has always been and still is highly rated with great success rates. Alan, Andrew and I remain committed to continuing growth in this area with learning from the challenges in previous seasons and developing new skills to further promote the beach area. Even with low training numbers we continue to medal and finish in the top 10, so this is an area we will strive to improve for the future of our beach competitors.

As I previously stated we've had our ups and downs in numbers at training but it all came together for States, there was some great racing with amazing results.

Big shout out to the U14 & U17 water competitors who helped with our relay events which enabled us to compete in male, female and mixed across all age groups from U14-Open.

Congratulations to Sarah McAdam winning the Andrew Holt commitment to beach award.

Well done to all who competed, Alan and I are very proud of you all and your results. Thank you also to Andrew Camilleri for your advice and technique at training sessions.

To our officials Loo and Marg we appreciate everything you do, thank you.

To the parents for the support and encouragement towards your children to help keep them involved in Surf Life Saving, thank you.

Onwards and upwards to next season - ready for new challenges, fresh goals and even greater achievements.

Lisa Window  
*Beach Captain*



# BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

## Surf boats 2024-25 season

This season we have had one active master's men's crew, unfortunately they did not compete due to a couple of injuries throughout the season.

We held a come try session during Saturday nippers to raise our profile and to encourage new participants which was quite successful and as a result we were able to fill 2 crews from Somerton to row in the Anzac Day memorial dawn service held at Brighton jetty .

There is also one new sweep in training to qualify in future carnivals.

We are looking forward to getting more crews together for the 2025-26 season.

Boat Captain  
*Grant Turner.*

# CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

During the early part of the season, I was privileged as your Chaplain to help out with the SEALS program with Margie Brown. I found this to be a very rewarding time as I mingled with the children, adults and parents of this group. What a joy to help people to experience the beach which they otherwise might not have had the opportunity to do so. Such an important program indeed.

It was great to catch up with some of the Nippers and their families on the beach as well. Offering a friendly ear to some of the kids that needed to share with me. It is always a pleasure to catch up with those on patrol duty on the beach. It was wonderful to see the kids take part in the competitions throughout the season.

At the end of the last season again I gave \$300 for the kids to have an ice cream or drink. My way of caring as a chaplain and sending my love to the club.

Take care and blessings

Rev'd Barb  
*Club Chaplain*



# GEAR STEWARD'S REPORT

The Gear Steward is responsible for maintenance of lifesaving gear and equipment, in order to ensure that the patrol members have all required and necessary equipment for patrols and water safety, and that the club equipment compliment meets the standards required by SLSA SA. This process begins predictably well before the season and the AGM with and audit, continuing through the season as necessary, and concluding with a post season cleanup and gear check. Season 2024 was the third year I was engaged in preseason audits, and the first as the official Gear Steward. The aim has been to restore our compliment of patrol equipment, update asset registers, improve equipment and plan for future replacements.

The preseason audits initially take several days and cover the basic patrol equipment, and radio resources. Due to the comprehensive nature of the "patrol ready" checks required by SLSA SA, the gear steward also completed the required audits of IRB, ATV, road registered trailers, First Aid equipment, along with training aids. As usual this generates a list of corrective actions and cooperative work with the IRB Captain, First Aid Officer and Club Captain.

Most gear was ready for patrol, but we identified an urgent need to restore stocks of rescue tubes, and replace aged patrol flags, swim fins, radio bags, loud hailer, and radio batteries. Gear turnover is predictable, and purchase is helped by the annual Beach Safety Equipment Fund grants.

We identified a need for additional radios to accommodate changes in beach communication for Saturday Nipper water cover, and the Board is working on those purchases.

During the season there were incidents at several clubs including Somerton related to the shelters in high winds. These were largely linked to incorrect erection methods, so we have upgraded the guy lines and sand pegs and steps were started to better teach and check the methods used on patrol when putting up the shelter.

Anyone who notes a problem or has a suggestion regarding gear can contact the Gear Steward directly, but the best option is via the Patrol Operation App using the ISSUES function. That ensures the issue is logged and all other patrolling members can be aware of the issue and progress to correct it. We also started a Gear News thread distributed to all Patrol group members on the Stack App to help communication around gear matters. If anyone has suggestions for items that will help the patrol and water safety operations do not hesitate to discuss them with the Gear Steward, Patrol or Club captains. Looking forward, we have identified the need for a rolling replacement of IRB personal flotation vests, as our stock is now 10 years old. Planned replacement of the beach and First aid room defibrillators should be advanced as both our devices were among the first used on SA beaches. Some additional equipment needs have recently been noted to service the Emergency Response Team functions. Maintenance of the Surfguard equipment register, and asset control steps will be a focus of the coming season to help us see replacement needs before they become obvious due to failure or excessive wear.

This has been a season of taking stock, correcting past and emerging issues, and planning for the immediate future. The 2025 preseasons checks will again generate predictable calls for urgent purchasing so that the patrol members always have access to sufficient rescue and patrol equipment in good condition to help them present a confident front to the beach going public.

Gregory Brown



# AWARDS AND TROPHIES

## AWARDS

## WINNER

Andrew Meaney Perpetual Trophy for  
Commitment and Contribution to Surf Boats

John Stewart

Amanda Wilson Perpetual Trophy for  
Commitment and Contribution to IRB Racing

Georgie Edwards

Jason Bradley Perpetual Trophy for  
Commitment and Contribution to Surf Sports

Lachlan Fettke

Andrew Holt Perpetual Trophy for  
Commitment and Contribution to Beach Sports

Sarah McAdam

Stonecraft Rising Star

Oliver Stephan

Somersquad Member of the Year

Olivia Low

Warwick Holland Perpetual Trophy for  
Commitment and Contribution to the Junior Program

Louise Lawson

Club Captain Award

John Stewart

Life Saver of the Year

Gregory Brown

Official of the Year

Loo Keighran

Cat Wirth Service Award

Craig Brown

Volunteer of the Year

Tash & Tim Jasson/ Matthew Fettke

Most Outstanding Service

Louise Lawson

Best Female Competitor

Georgie Edwards

Best Male Competitor

Oliver Stephan

Best Masters Competitor

Ben Wallbridge

Best Team

Open Mens - IRB Team Rescue

**AWARDS**

**WINNER**

Club Swim - Handicap

Barry Clarke  
Duncan Tippins  
Kate Lally

"The Southern Cross Mile" - Mile Swim Handicap

Lachlan Fettke  
Richard Mayfield  
William Lawrence

"The Robin Kidney Award" - Fastest Mile

Lachlan Fettke  
Richard Mayfield  
Stephen Mayfield

**Super 6 Patrol Hours**

Super Six Patrol Member – 1st  
Super Six Patrol Member – 2nd  
Super Six Patrol Member – 3rd  
Super Six Patrol Member – 4th  
Super Six Patrol Member – 5th  
Super Six Patrol Member – 6th

Robert Hood  
Grant Ackland  
John Stewart  
Greg Brown  
Craig Brown  
Matthew Ackland

Patrol Group of the Year

Patrol B





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