

**2025 Agenda**  
Soldiers Beach Surf Club  
Committee Meeting

Attendees: Simon Falconer, Jennifer Falconer, Jaydee Lourens, Tony Axford, Kell Maxwell, Gail Rixom, Darcy Waller, Mick Crowe, James Carroll, Sergei Mikhalchenko, Evelyn Williamson,

Apologies: Shawn Ford,

Date: 26/04/2026

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Meeting opened at: 09:03

**Item 1: Declaration of any Conflict of interest:**

Does anyone have a conflict of Interest that is not registered below?

Name: Shawn Ford                      Interest: Contractor Light of Installation  
Name: Kelly Maxwell                  Interest: Relative of the Kraken

**Item 2. Motion to Adopt Previous Minutes**

Moved By: Tony Axford  
Second by: Mick Crowe  
CARRIED Y

**Item 3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

1. Bunnings BBQs can we look into this. Darcy Waller/Tony Axford **No one showed interest ATM, ongoing**
2. Look at fundraising to get photos digitalised? Bunnings BBQ possibly Gail Rixom **see above**
3. Star link being installed see attached info. **Happening 28<sup>th</sup> April close out**
4. Looking at price structure for next season. Be available for next meeting Tony Axford. **Completed**
5. Thanks to Sarah Maughan and Gail Rixom for getting certificates out to all nippers. **Completed**
6. Expenditure will cease from 15<sup>th</sup> April to prepare for Audit, all equipment needs to be returned before then. Tony Axford. **Auditor checking equipment on 26<sup>th</sup> April Completed**

**Item 4. President – Simon Falconer**

1. Council:

\* Roof restoration is going ahead starting 11<sup>th</sup> May, have been informed it will likely take more than the 3wks allocated, provisions are in place.



\* Council has agreed to fix/replace damaged windows upstairs, this will happen during next financial year (26/27)

2. Grants currently being applied for

\* \$17500 Category 1 (clubgrants)

2 new marquees (4.5 x 3m) and approx. 5 new nipper boards

\* \$4500 Community Grant Federal Government Emma McBride:

\$2500 is to cover the install of starlink and a year's internet coverage. \$2000 for the rookie program

\* Community Building Partnership State Government: David Harris approx. \$95000

This is for soundproofing the auditorium and reverse cycle air conditioning to be installed.

\*Coca Cola: community grant

20 cases of soft drink to be used for BBQs to make clear profit. (currently in Harry potter room)

3. State is supplying each club with a Shark bite kit, this needs to be installed on the outside of the club by 30 May 2026.

4. Presentation award winners have been selected after nominations received. In total we received nominations from 18 different members. All nominees have been emailed informing them of their nomination. Thanks to Mick Crowe for organising gifts for the recipients. Please the following as described by the Director of Finance.

*In short 67 members will have their fees refunded \$7,247.50.*

*My take on the expense of Presentation Night is this...*

**Patrolling Members**

1) patrolling members receive cash \$85.00 (BY WAY OF MEMBER FEE REFUND) if they do the minimum patrolling hours 40.

2) if they get a gift = to \$40.00, in total they will receive from the club = **\$125.00**

**This is not affordable to the Club**

3) Other recipients of awards will also fall under the Membership refund program \$65 then plus a gift \$40.00 total from the **Club** = **\$105.00**

*I understand that in the past the Club gave out more gifts e.g. towels etc. But they did not get their membership fees refunded either, their fees would have covered part of the cost as income.*

*Now how is the Club going to handle the expectations from members next Presentation night with possible no membership refunds ?*

*My view was no volunteer should have to pay for their time of service on the beach. The Club was fortunate to get sponsorship, which needs to follow up this year.*

*This committee has reviewed 3 budgets since December, that is when you **raise the extra expenditure** not weeks out from the presentation night.*

*The Club has pushed the budget to its limit. I will remind you that the Club must follow the budget constraints otherwise there will not be funds for the future.*

*The Club can not be run the way it used to be..... The costs to run this Club 20 years ago \$60,000 today \$250,000.*

*This coming year the Club will lose in revenue \$60,000 due to building shut downs and will have to pay all outgoings of \$20,000 overall the Club will be out of pocket \$80,000, which means less to spend in each section.*

*I'm frustrated that people think because we have investments we are loaded..... we are not.*

*i'll give a reality check another northern Club (not lakes) has \$1million in investments, and the interest runs all their programs.*

*This Club over the past 4 years has raised \$400,000 in grants, \$200,000 in sponsorship and \$40,000 in donations along with Council taking up the building maintenance of over \$800,000.*

*Fund raising of over \$30,000.*

*Thats a Business not just a Club, the work behind the scenes has been a team effort.. however , Budgeting is the backbone the committee must be prudent and **let's give when we can.***

*The committee must not spend what we don't have.*

*This will be someone else's job, but the committee can not go back to spend spend!*

5. All eligible members have been refunded their membership fees thanks to Community Bank Wyong for their sponsorship of this. Currently in talks to extend this deal.

6. AGM likely date is early July, need to confirm with Auditor.

7. New membership fees have been agreed to and will be sent out to all members on the 1<sup>st</sup> May in line with our season



## Item 5. Director of Finance – Tony Axford

- a. Bank Summary
- b. Profit and Loss
- c. Balance Sheet
- d. Age payables/receivables

### Current Financial Position

Gross Profit to date **20/04/26** \$338,363.45

LESS EXPENSES \$193,758.52

Net profit \$144,604.93

Less Grants \$66,233.23\*

Working Capital \$78,371.70

Age Receivables \$ 1,619.95

LESS Age Payables \$5,944.45

Super saver (Bendigo) \$72,995.54

Term Deposit (Bendigo) \$30,000.00

**Less ATO GST BILL \$3,811.00**

Total unbudgeted Working cash \$500.00

As of the 20/04/26 Cash in Bank

Bendigo Event acc \$441.06

Starlink and Zero Direct Debit

Bendigo Grant Holding Acc. \$72,995.45

to be reinvested 29<sup>th</sup> April

Bendigo Investment Acc 1. \$0

Bendigo Investment Acc 2. \$30,000.00 6 month on call Mature 29<sup>th</sup> April

Greater Main account \$2,733.77 Budgeted

**Greater Investment (closed) \$20,186.29 to be reinvested**

**Bendigo 29<sup>th</sup> April**

\*Grant Account \$ 66,233.23 Budgeted (includes holding of

\$20,186.29)

**Total Cash \$172,403.60**

### **Motion 1:**

Move that the Attached Payments be approved as legitimate expense to the Club.

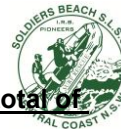
Moved By: Tony Axford

Second By: Gail Rixom

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### **Other issues**

1. No Debt current, as all bills are paid when they fall due. Budget is on track no over spends, this currently this financial year.



2. The Bendigo Bank total refunds to membership fees this financial year, **67 members and a total of \$7,247.50.**
3. New membership fees have been requested to be loaded onto Surf Guard, **need conformation that has happened.**
4. New membership fees have been requested to up loaded to the Website, **need conformation that has happened.**
5. Budgets for 2026-2027 have been electronically voted on and approved by the committee.
6. Request for **a financial meeting be set for 9.30 am Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of May (1hr).** TBD

**Would recommend that if a person is looking at the Dir Finance role for next year, they should be encouraged to attend.**

#### **Item 6. Director of Administration – Simon Falconer**

1. still waiting on end of season reports from several portfolios for the annual report, these need to be in asap.
2. AGM paper work is being looked at and sorted. Likely to be early July depending on financial report from Auditor.

#### **Item 7. Vice President – Darcy Waller**

Nil to report

#### **Item 8. Director of Education – Simon Falconer**

1. Still working on completing IRBD and IRBC course.
2. There will be some off-season training and courses happening, First aid, UAV. A reminder to anyone that wants to participate in these that they need to be financial, payment needed after 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026.

#### **Item 9. Director of Life Saving – James Carroll**

Sending out membership information re insurance

IRBD being qualified in May

IRBD training to be held working with Mick Rassmussen

Branch has identified First aid and captains course

RWC in off season a possibility.

#### **Item 10. Director of Surf Sports – Mick Crowe**

1. Attended branch surf sports meeting last night. Surf sports calendar should be in place before August. Two day nipper carnivals proved to be popular with parents and athletes, not so much with



officials and host clubs. Looking at options to address this, split between to clubs or reduced programs. **Put into consideration for later date Program available approx. August**

2. EOI for host clubs have been called for. Assistance would be provided to small clubs to encourage to host.

3. Assistance with official and coach training is being proposed. More information to come.

4. We are planning to begin training for our youth and seniors who wish to compete next season early next season. Possible September commencement.

### **Item 11. Director of Youth Development Committee (Nippers)**

1. Nipper caps have been order for next season thanks to The Doylo for their sponsorship of this.

2. a request to purchase some kick boards for nipper pool training and maybe some pool training aids. **Talks continuing with The Ary for more sponsorship**

### **Item 12. IRB Captain – Shawn Ford**

New valve for Achillies irb, faulty.

New motor is missing a part, need to be investigated, Tony to chase up with Arizona.

### **Item 13. Board & Ski Captain –**

Nil to report

### **Item 14. Boat Captain – Sergei Mikhalchenko**

Attended Terrigal Dawn service on ANZAC day.

### **Item 15. First Aid Officer – Sarah Agland**

1. New bed is up and running, it has an air mattress, all of it was donated. Special note that the bed has a quick release valve in case a patient needs CPR. A sign will be put on the wall.

### **Item 16. Junior Club Captain – Evelyn Williamson**

See Rookie report

### **Item 17. Rookie co-ordinator – Jaydee Lourens**

1. Just a heads-up Jaydee's trip to NZ has been postponed to July due to the cyclones in Auckland last week

2. Youth Patrol went well, we had 6 participants at North Entrance, with a few others going to Shelly and other beaches. Talked to people from Branch and they said they believe we had the most kids go to other clubs in the whole branch which is an achievement.

3. All going ahead for the camp, waiting on final RSVPs at the moment, were looking at 16 confirmed participants with a few others still deciding, which is a 25% increase on numbers from last years



Att: All Soldiers Youth U15-25

As a reward for all your hard work this season, we have organised an end-of-season trip to have some fun and build stronger friendships with each other.



**Camp Details**

**Departure**

Date: Friday May 1st  
Time: 5 pm  
Accommodation: Taree Old Bar SLSC  
Location: Soldiers Beach Surf Club

**Return**

Date: Sunday May 3rd  
Time: Approximately 4 pm  
(We will communicate with parents as we leave.)  
Location: Soldiers Beach Surf Club

RSVP: <https://form.jotform.com/260872741631862>

Please RSVP to ensure we have a spot on the bus and have catering for you. Please complete this by April 20, or we will assume you are not attending.

*Items of value are brought at your own risk. No responsibility will be taken for lost or broken items. There may be opportunities to use the local shops but this is unconfirmed, although, you will be able to purchase food while on the road and potentially travelling to various locations at the camp so you must bring money on your card or in cash.*

**Supervising Adults**

We have 4 supervising adults on this trip to ensure the camp runs smoothly. All adults have WWCC and have completed child safe modules.

Suzanne Lourens  
Jaydee Lourens

Michael Crowe  
Anthony Axford

**Emergency Contact** If you need to contact your child in the event of an emergency at the Lifesaving Camp, I have provided the details below.

Jaydee Lourens, Junior Club Captain – 0491 012 730  
Suzanne Lourens, Supervising Adult- 0414 239 053

Planned itinerary:

Friday 1st of May	Saturday 2nd of May	Sunday 3rd of May
Leave Soldiers @ 5pm, dinner at Heatherbrae and arrive at Taree Old Bar around 8pm.	Early morning to go to barefoot boats (fishing, swimming, lunch), free time at the beach in the afternoon and then have dinner and board game/ team building night.	Group breakfast with Taree Old Bar youth, followed by an inflatable toy competition against each other and other clubs. Leave @ 1pm, afternoon snack at Heatherbrae and arrive at Soldiers around 4pm.

Clothes	Toiletries	Extras
3 x comfortable t-shirts	Deodorant	Sleeping bag & Pillow
2x shorts/tights	Toothbrush	Stretcher, Swag or Blow up mattress ( and pump )
1x warm pants (trackies/ jeans)	Toothpaste	1 x beach towel
3x Underwear	Hairbrush	1 x bath towel
3x Socks	Hair ties	Thongs/slides
Jumper/hoodie	Shampoo	Phone/charger
Appropriate sleepwear	Conditioner	Power bank for phone
Appropriate swimwear/swim shorts	Body wash/soap	Torch/Head lamp
Wetsuit/Rash shirt ( <b>highly</b> recommended as the water will be cold)	Moisturiser	Snorkelling gear (if you want)
	Any medications	Sunscreen / Zinc
		Hat
		Sunglasses
		Rain jacket
		Backpack/tote bag
		Water bottle
		Fluro Pink Rashie
		Wetbag
		Insect Repellent
		Spending money

Please pack conservatively as we have limited space on bus & trailers.

**Contact Me!**

This year due to limited time we won't be hosting a parent info night. If you have any questions that are not explained on this circular, please reach out. I am more than happy to answer all and any questions you may have.

Email me on: [rookies@soldiersbeachsurfclub.com.au](mailto:rookies@soldiersbeachsurfclub.com.au)  
Call/ Text me on: 0491012730

## Item 18. Childsafe Report – Jennifer Falconer

Position Child Safe Co-ordinator

The last Committee report by the Safe Child Safe Co ordinator for the 2025-26 Season

It has been a pleasure to work with the young people this season. All the Committee and volunteers have been wonderful in their care and mentoring of our youth.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues, team members, volunteers, and the young people who have volunteered their time to mentor and support the younger Nippers.

I believe that we as a club have maintained a safe environment for our youth to flourish and learn Life Skills, coupled with healthy competition.

Once again I thank you all for your support to me in this role.

See you all next season.

## Item 19. Caretaker Report/OHS/Special Projects – Kell Maxwell

Here is the report for April:

Council have replaced the old exterior lights on Surfclub with new LED lights, all except 4, ones that face the carpark, will be sending an email to Cassie (council), if they will be needed.

Security Cameras will be installed this coming Tues 28/4, also the Surfclub Internet (Star link), will be back up and hopefully running.

Internet cables will be installed in new Training Room too.

Tony has purchased a new Smart TV, ready for the Training room.

Monthly Fire check has been done Fri, also new fire exit light replaced in Sunset Room, plus sensor as well.

Disabled toilet up in Dunes has been fixed, new Toilet Cistern Inlet Valve has been installed, big thanks to Michael Rasmussen for his help and showing me how to replace it.

Maritime Union Annual Surf Competition was held here last Fri 19/4, a great day for the men and women, even had surfers from WA and South Australia, Ryan from Maritime Union Newcastle was very thankful and appreciative of use of SBSLSC BBQ, tables and help setting up.

Easter Sunday Dawn Church Service went well, weather wasn't helpful, but still over 75 people attended, thanks to the Kraken for opening early for the attendees too.

Last day Fri for Council Lifeguards for the season, big thanks to Pete and Jack for being here.

### **MOTION:**

To receive and adopt all reports.

Moved by: Darcy Waller

Second by: Jaydee Lourens

CARRIED Y

### **Item 18. General Business**

1. Bunnings BBQ- still need to look for organiser and dates. Tony Axford
2. Look into executive and committee roles for coming season and future? Darcy Waller.
3. Youth to take the IRB trailer for weekend away.
4. Girls' bathroom downstairs needs another sanitary bin. Tony/Kell
5. Look into using a club logo for modernisation of some groups (possible light house or similar). This is not to change the CLUB LOGO but to work with groups. Keep Club Logo for official business, sponsorship etc. Mick Crowe and Tony to work on this Legal issues. Register logos including IRB and future ones.

Meeting is happy to move forward on this for this years presentation.

6. Capability results are in, Soldiers was the highest winner in these results, due to committee and club going out.
7. Trophies: need to update, find and purchase new ones for the future, get some quotes for committee consideration. Mick Crowe and Gail Rixom.
8. Presentation 9<sup>th</sup> help required to set up. From approx. 2pm....earlier the better.

Meeting closed: 1012



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Simon Falconer  
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Anthony Axford'.

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Tony Axford  
Public Officer