



2026
Soldiers Beach Surf Club
Committee Meeting

Attendees: Darcy Waller, Jennifer Falconer, Sarah Maughan, James Carroll, Jaydee Lourens, Suan Kan, Simon Falconer, Michael Rasmussen, Karen Ricketts, Dennis Ricketts, Jason Wegener, Anthony Axford, Mick Crowe, Simon Blakely

Apologies: Gail Rixom

Date: 16th August 2026

Meeting opened at: 10:10am

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: Mick Crowe
Second by: Jennifer Falconer
CARRIED : Y

Item 3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Item 4. President –Darcy Waller

- 1.Darcy welcomed the new committee members and thanked the outgoing committee for their time and efforts over the previous season.
- 2.Vacant positions were read out with the following positions filled from the floor.



***Director of Finance:**

Nominations - Sherrie Zammit

Moved by Anthony Axford

Second by Michael Rasmussen

CARRIED Y

***Director of Administration**

Nominations - Sarah Maughan

Moved by Simon Blakely

Second by Jennifer Falconer

CARRIED

***Junior club Captain**

Nominations - Jaydee Lourens

Moved by Mick Crowe

Second by Jennifer Falconer

CARRIED Y

OHS and Building Manager

Nominations - Kell Maxwell

Moved by Tony Axford

Second by Michael Rasmussen

CARRIED Y

All other positions remained vacant

Item 5. Director of Finance –

See attachments on email.

Current Financial Position

Gross Profit to date **21/08/26** \$48,677.52

LESS EXPENSES \$48,976.53

Net profit -\$299.01

Grants \$11,592.88 Note holding acc amount Working

Capital \$6,185.98 (Budgeted)

Age Receivables \$11,582.00 (Budgeted) Bendigo Sponsorship \$8,602 LESS

Age Payables \$18,100.66 ++ Note \$7,202.8 in dispute with Council.

Payment over 12 months for insurance \$10,704.3

Investment (Bendigo) \$135,000 12 months at 5.1% Mature 26 July

2027 Total unbudgeted Working cash \$500



As of the 21/08/26 Cash in Bank

Bendigo Event acc \$272.45 Star link and Zero Direct Debt
 Bendigo Grant Holding Acc. \$4,838.64 Monthly interest access account
 Bendigo Investment Acc. \$135,000 Interest on Maturity approx. \$7,000
 Greater Main account \$6,185.98 Budgeted
 Greater Investment (closed)
 Grant Account \$11,592.88 Budgeted

Total Cash \$157,889.95

Motion 1:

Move that the Attached Payments be approved as legitimate expense to the Club.
 Moved By: Second By: CARRIED Y/N

Other issues N o t e s

1. No Debt current, as all bills are paid when they fall due.
2. ++ The Club is in dispute regarding the last water from Council, normally it would be \$1,600, and however the bill came in at \$4, 634.24. Council has been informed that invoice will not be paid, council is investigating. Ongoing
3. The Club has reinvested \$4440 into the Bendigo savings Account
4. The Club has invested \$135,000 into a 12 month term deposit, starting from 26th July at 5.1%.

Compliance

5. Acquittal on the last Grant for the relocation of walk in fridge and new training room will be completed once the Club receives the Acquittal notices.
6. Insurance Declaration with SLSA and Marsh, and Public Liability due 28th August. Completed
7. Insurance for Business and Marine Transport, through Ausbrokers Central Coast will cost \$10,704.32 pa or \$1,249.37 per month. The Club has to have cashflow this and has to be paid the Monthly amount. Due 10th of each month.
8. ACNC report needs to be lodged ASP.
9. Bank new signatures need to be done ASP

10. *Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated Committee members' report 30 April 2026*

Events after the reporting period in May 2026.

Central Coast Council commenced various remediation works on the clubhouse, with the building inaccessible for both the Club and lessees until July 2026.

Further, Central Coast Council has advised the Committee that further remediation works will also occur from May 2027 in the 2028 financial year, with no final confirmation of the timeline for these works received as at the date of this report.

The Association has approved rental and lease related concessions to its lessees as a result of the disruption to trade which has occurred, with the estimated value of the concessions for the 2026 and 2027 years to be in excess of \$34,000. This has been reflected in the Budget as loss of income.

The Committee has also applied to Council for rental concessions in the 2027 year however no correspondence has been received from Council in this regard as at the date of this report.

No other matter of circumstance has arisen since 30 April 2026 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the incorporated association's operations, the results of those operations, or the incorporated association's state of affairs in future financial years.

11. Club Internet, Club phones.

- a) The Club has internet via Starlink which is not shared, the dish is located on the Caretakers balcony and is access via WIFI. Previously the internet was shared, with very sporadic connection, the Club covered that cost \$1,548 per ann.
 Starlink cost \$1,656 per ann unlimited,
- b) The Club has a Starlink Mini which will be in the tower, it has limited Data and access via DOL for Patrol Captains. StarLink Mini cost \$3.98 per month when in usage and limited, once you hit the limit it stops until next month.

Starlink is monitored via the Starlink App which the Caretaker has access.



c) The Clubs main phone number is a mobile number, this number has call forwarding to the Caretakers mobile and when on leave to the President. This phone is used in conjunction with our EPOS system "THE SQUARE". Cost to the Club is approx. \$398 per year. d) The Club over the past 4 years has a Business Land Line that Dunes has been using and paying for (cost \$1,056 per year).

The Committee acknowledges that:

1. The telephone number is currently registered in the name of Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc.
2. Dunes has requested that ownership of the telephone number be transferred into its name.
3. Upon completion of the transfer, Dunes will become solely responsible for all costs, charges, contractual obligations and liabilities associated with the service.
4. Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc. will have no further financial or contractual responsibility for the telephone service from the date the transfer is completed.

Item 6. Director of Administration – Sarah Maughan

Memberships and Transfers are being completed via electronic motion, weekly atm will be more frequent as season gets closer.

Item 7. Vice President – Simon Blakely

Can the Club participate in The Duke of Edinburgh - Jaydee will get numbers of how many Youth are interested.

Item 8. Director of Education – Michael Rasmussen

Michael will work with James to organise dates for Education

Item 9. Director of Life Saving – James Carroll

1. Priority clubs

Bronte SLSC to patrol 2 weekends. They will stay at Norah Head Holiday Park for 2 nights. Club to cover the cost of accommodation. James is working with State to help cover some of the expense.

Dee Why SLSC to patrol 4 ½ days. They will cover their own expenses.

- ##### **2. Patrol Rosters - James is currently working on patrols and rosters. There is also an opportunity for Youth Patrols and Pink Patrols this season.**

Item 10. Director of Surf Sports – Mick Crowe

Plan to get Nipper kids back in the water in September.



Item 11. Director of Youth Development Committee (Nippers)

Swim training will start on 21st September. Focus on proficiency
Nippers to start on 18th Oct.

Item 12. IRB Captain – Shawn Ford

Item 13. Board & Ski Captain –

Item 14. Boat Captain – Mick Crowe

2 Boat crews participating in “The Terrigal Grind” 19th September 2026
Boat borrowed from Terrigal.

Item 15. First Aid Officer –

Item 16. Junior Club Captain –

Item 17. Rookie co-ordinator – Jaydee Lourens

The New Zealand trip went well. Jaydee is grateful for all the club's support.

Item 18. Childsafe Report – Jennifer Falconer

Child safe Commitment Statement signed by Darcy Waller and Sarah Maughan.
See attachment.

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

MOTION:

To receive and adopt all reports.

Moved by: Simon Blakely

Second by: Jennifer Falconer

CARRIED Y



Item 18. General Business

1. Bunnings BBQ - James happy to facilitate BBQ. Current available date 16th January 2027. Tony will follow up and confirm dates.
 2. First Day of Nippers. Sunday 18th October 2026.
 3. Marketing for Memberships. Karen and Jennifer are happy to help out, and need some Youth/ Nippers to help as well. Karen will contact Lake Haven Shopping Centre or Bunnings.
 4. Need to arrange a Calendar of events for the 2026/27 season.
 5. Age Managers Meeting date to be determined? Kate Keys to arrange
 6. Raising of the Flags at Toowoona Bay Saturday 26th September. Jaydee lourens to organise nippers.
 7. Club apparel - Currently with Rampage WorkWear. Mick will follow up with other options.
 8. Soldiers asked to host a Carnival 10th October 2026. Under 12's - Masters.
- MOTION - If no Board Rider events on the same weekend we go ahead and host.
- Moved by Tony Axford
- Second by James Carroll
- All in Favour
- CARRIED Y
9. Suan Kan has offered to assist with any IT issues the club has with the website.
 10. Recycled bottles and can money raises approximately \$500 a year. Usually pays for the Nipper BBQ.
 11. The club needs to look for a new Complaints Handler and more MPIOs.



Handover to Committee from President Simon Falconer and Director of Finance Anthony Axford.

1. Compliance checklist. Strategic plan needs updating
2. The water bill has been disputed. The club will now pay an average of old bills at the same time of year. Will get a credit note.
3. Telstra bill. The club does not need a land line, as mobile phone is used. Telstra bill to be transferred to Brent at Dunes. Formal letter to transfer to Dunes.
4. Power bill - Transfer to Dunes. The club has Solar panels and battery.
5. Gas is in Dunes name
6. Pest inspections are quarterly
7. The Kraken runs on its own power.
8. Insurance - Two different types. Marsh- For Volunteers and Directors.

Australian Brokers - Building and contents.

9. Roof issues - Simon and Tony will manage.
10. Debit Card - Tony to hold until the new Director of Finance starts.
11. Greater Bank will need AGM minutes and a letter from Club President or Secretary to change signatures to accounts, new treasurer to be lead signature.

Bendigo bank.

Will need apps and passwords - President, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer and Secretary.

12. Starlink has been installed. The cost is debited from the debit card.
13. Stocktake needs to be attended.
14. Nipper Boards and Tents to be purchased with \$10,000 donated from The Ary. Simon will follow up.
15. Further assistance has been offered by Simon and Tony to the new office bearers until they get settled in.

Meeting closed: 10:55am

Darcy Waller
President

Sarah Maughan
Director of Administration

CHILD SAFE COMMITMENT STATEMENT

Our Club: Soldiers Beach SLSC.

- is committed to the safety and wellbeing of every child and young person who takes part in our activities, programs, events or services
- is committed to providing children and young people with a positive and nurturing experience
- will support families and the community to promote the healthy development and wellbeing of all children
- will strive to ensure that children and young people are protected from abuse and harm
- will work to create an environment in which children and young people are safe and feel safe at all times
- will listen to children and young people and address any concerns that they raise with us
- will support our members and the community to report any suspicion, or concern in relation to the mistreatment, or potential mistreatment, of a child or young person will challenge inappropriate behaviour of any of its members or members of the community
- will ensure all children and young people, no matter what cultural ethnicity, language, religion or disability, shall be able to participate in surf lifesaving in a fun and safe environment will appoint a Member Protection Information Officer, or equivalent, and ensure this person is trained on the obligations and responsibilities with respect to safeguarding children and young people
- will strive to ensure that persons in a position of authority do not harm, abuse or exploit children or young people who are involved within our club
- may not ask for consent to disclose information to police or an external child protection agency in the event we have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child or young person.

As part of our commitment to keeping children and young people safe, our club:

- is committed to supporting parents and carers to protect their children and young people
- will offer assistance that builds on a family's strengths and make up, is sensitive to their culture and religious beliefs and empowers them to meet the changing needs of their children and young people
- is committed to communicating honestly and opening with parents and carers about the wellbeing and safety of their children and young people
- will promote and distribute information to parents and carers about our child safe commitment to children and young people as part of an introduction to our club
- endeavours to be transparent in our decision-making, with parents and carers, as long as doing so does not compromise the safety of a child/young person or breach the SLSC Privacy Policy.

This commitment was approved and endorsed by our club on:

Club President

Club Secretary/Committee Member

Signature

Signature

Name

Name

Date

Date



Implementing the Child Safe Program: Responsibilities of Clubs

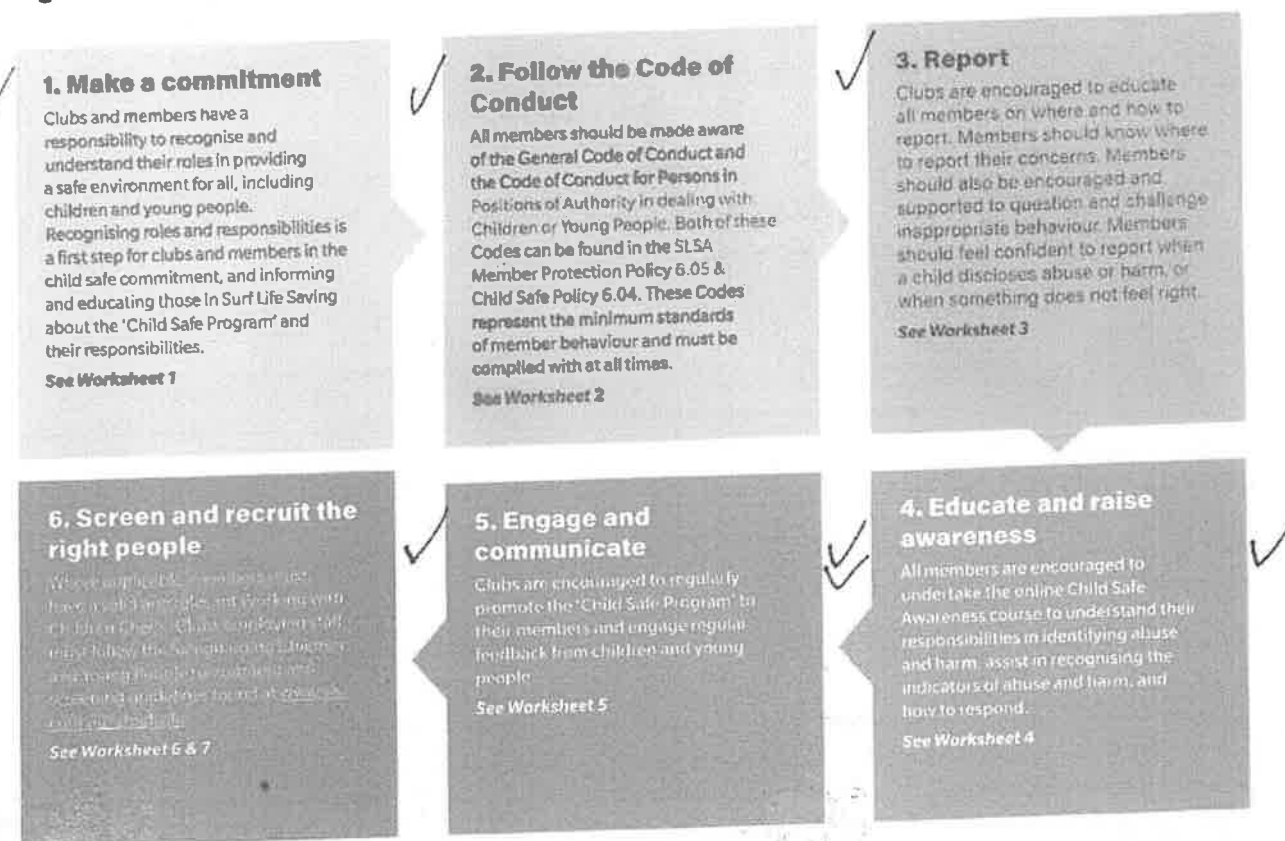
All clubs have a responsibility to create child-safe environments and minimise the risk of harm and/or abuse of children and young people. Everyone who participates in and/or contributes to a club has some responsibility to ensuring and maintaining safe environments for children and young people.

As part of our SLSA Child Safe Program, we have identified six key action areas for clubs to take responsibility to develop and/or refine strategies and initiatives as part of their approach to keeping children and young people safe.

We know, based on current research and evidence, clubs that implement the strategies we have identified in the Child Safe Program, are more likely to provide safer and more enjoyable environments for children and young people, compared with clubs that do not implement such strategies.

These six key areas are outlined in Figure 2 below. To assist SLS clubs in developing and/or refining their approach to keeping children and young people safe, this Handbook includes worksheets and resources to help guide you through the process. Each step indicates a corresponding worksheet to help you implement this step in your club.

Figure 2: Six key action areas for keeping children and young people safe



These Worksheets have been designed to highlight the importance of each step, provide an overview of the resources SLSA has developed to support each area, and to help you and your clubs think about how you can best implement strategies to create safe and inclusive environments for our children and young people – the next generation of SLS.

WORKSHEET 1: MAKE A COMMITMENT

Your Club's Commitment To Child Safe

We are asking our clubs to join us in making a commitment, specifically, a Commitment Statement for Keeping Children and Young People Safe.

Action Plan

- Identify a club committee member to take leadership for overseeing the implementation of the club's development refinement of approach to keeping children and young people safe
- Ensure 'Child Safe' is included on your club committee agenda
- Distribute Handbook, Worksheet 1, draft Commitment Statement to club committee with meeting papers for review
- Encourage discussion at your committee meeting and consider any implications for club practices
- Once Commitment Statement is approved/endorsed, follow up with communication to club.

Whats Next?

We encourage your club to think about ways to put your Commitment into practice.

- Some strategies include: Post the Commitment somewhere prominent on your club website
- Promote the Commitment in your club newsletter and/or via social media
- Continuously reflect on club practice to ensure the Commitment is adhered to at all times
- Schedule an annual review of the Commitment club committee to ensure practice is maintained and continuously improved.

Why Is A Commitment Statement Important?

In the protection of children from abuse and harm it is recommended that your club clearly and publicly makes a commitment to keeping children and young people safe. A Commitment Statement is an important first-step in:

- Providing a safe environment for all, including children and young people
- Taking an inclusive approach to all activities
- Educating and informing those within your club and the wider community about your club's child safe responsibilities.

We have included the SLSA Commitment Statement below as an example of the approach we have taken at the national level. This Commitment Statement now exists as an important component in our overall SLSA Member Protection Policy and Child Safe Policy.

Developing & Endorsing A Commitment Statement For Your Club

To help you with this important step, we have developed an editable Commitment Statement you can tailor for your club.

To get started on your child safe development/refinement journey, we encourage you to include 'Child Safe' as a standing item on your club committee agenda. It is a good idea to discuss approving and endorsing a Commitment Statement the first time this item is discussed at your meeting.





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CHARITY No. CFN/27021

Affiliated with Surf Life Saving Australia & Surf Life Saving Central Coast

SOLDIERS BEACH SLSC CHILDREN AND YOUTH RIGHTS

The RIGHT to voice an OPINION

- Which will be listened to respectfully and acknowledged

The RIGHT to ask QUESTIONS

- encouraged to participate in Surf Life Saving Activities and interact and ask questions

The RIGHT to be ACCEPTED

- Inclusion and acceptance of others regardless of culture and ability

The RIGHT to be SAFE

- aggressive behaviours towards or against any member is unacceptable
- that all due diligence has been taken to ensure their safety
- an environment of encouragement will be displayed at all times
- leaders to be trained and qualified
- parents to be available for their children during SLSC events

The RIGHT to LEARN

- Life skills will be taught in an appropriate for age style, by acknowledged members
- physical activities will be encouraged and conducted in a non-aggressive manner.



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SOLDIERS SLSC RIGHTS OF THE YOUNG PERSON contd

The RIGHT to a TIDY and SAFE ENVIRONMENT

- Instructions to be given at an age appropriate style**
- Safety issues to be explained for beach, Surf and Club amenities**

The RIGHT to be HAPPY while attending Surf Club events

- Leaders to ensure that kindness, caring, and a helping attitude will be displayed by all participants.**
- ensure that a young person is not forced to comply with training, water or beach activities, but rather with encouragement and care**
- remembering that not all young people experience things in the same manner**

*Adopted by the Executive/Committee after approval by
the 'Youth Committee' 23/24 Season*

*Jennifer Falconer
Child Safe Co-ordinator
Meeting 26/27 Season
16/8/26*