



SOLDIERS BEACH SLSC

68th Annual and Financial Report 2025 - 2026



2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT

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SOLDIERS BEACH SURF CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Minutes 6 July 2025

Attendees: Gail Rixom, Kell Maxwell, Darcy Waller, Jennifer Falconer, Benjamin Falconer, Simon Falconer, Annie Vandertouw, Liam Potter, Tony Axford, Paul Dessmann, Mick Crowe, Jennifer Downing, James Carroll, Suz Laurens, Melanie Ogle, Sergei Mikhalchenko, Evgenii Mikhalchenko, Jacqui Godier, Dmitrii Mikhalchenko, Matt Keys, Ellen Van Wessel.

Meeting declared open at 9.10am by Simon Falconer as President.

Welcome

All welcomed to 2025/26 SBSC AGM, all reminded to sign the attendance book.
Annie Vandertouw was asked to take minutes.
Meeting order as per agenda:

Item 1: Receive written apologies

Jaydee Lourens, Shawn Ford, Simon Blakely, Jackson Vandertouw.

Item 2: Adoption of 2024 AGM minutes

MOTION: *To adopt previous minutes from 2024.*

Moved by: Jennifer Falconer

Second: Darcy Waller

All in favour, CARRIED.

Item 3: Business arising from minutes:

No business arising from last year's minutes.

Item 4: Proposed Life Members:

Proposal for Darcy Waller for Life Membership. Darcy was asked to leave the meeting temporarily.

Tony Axford spoke on behalf of Darcy for his contribution to surf lifesaving and supported the application for Life Membership. Simon Falconer also spoke for Darcy on the work and time involved in the club. Jennifer Falconer also spoke to Darcy's commitment to the club and that he's just received his 30-year SLS membership.

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MOTION: To accept the Life Membership application for Darcy Waller.
16 votes Yes. President declared the vote carried.
Application for Life Membership - Moved by: David Harris
Application for Life Membership - Second by: Jennifer Falconer
All in favour, CARRIED.

Darcy was invited back into the room and Simon Falconer confirmed acceptance of his Life Membership from 2025/26 season onwards and congratulated Darcy on this achievement.

Item 5: Receive Annual Report:

The President presented the report. Annual Report is available on the website to download as well as Members Communication Forum page.

MOTION: *To accept the annual report as presented.*
Moved by: Tony Axford
Second by: Annie Vandertouw
All in favour, CARRIED.

Item 6: Annual Financial Statement Report:

Liam Potter delivered the audited financial report for the previous year.

Tony Axford met with Bendigo Bank on Friday and delivered our report to them. Bendigo are very happy with the outcome and would like to hold a board meeting here and meet members and would like to extend the sponsorship for another 3 years going forward.

MOTION: *To adopt the financial report.*
Moved by: Annie Vandertouw
Second: Darcy Waller
All in favour, CARRIED.

Item 7: Adopt a Returning Officer

MOTION: *To adopt Liam Potter as returning officer.*
Moved by: Simon Falconer
Second by: Annie Vandertouw
All in favour, CARRIED.

Simon handed over the meeting to Liam Potter as returning officer.

Item 8: Declare all positions vacant

All positions were declared vacant.

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Item 9: Election of Officers for 2025-2026 season

NOMINATIONS:

President – 1 x written nomination

1. Simon Falconer nominated by Anthony Axford, second by Darcy Waller and accepted. Simon Falconer was announced in the position of President.

Vice President – 1 x written nomination

1. Darcy Waller nominated by Simon Falconer, second by Anthony Axford and accepted. Darcy Waller was announced in the position of Vice President.

Director of Administration

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.
Position held over.

Director of Finance – 1 x written nomination

1. Gail Rixom nominated by Anthony Axford, second by Darcy Waller and accepted. Gail Rixom was announced in the position of Director of Finance.
Gail declared that she would withdraw the acceptance of her nomination.

Motion: To nominate Tony Axford for Director of Finance.

Moved by: Darcy Waller

Second by: Matt Keys

CARRIED.

Director of Lifesaving

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.

Simon Falconer nominated James Carroll for the position of Director of Lifesaving.

Moved by: Matt Keys

Second by: Jennifer Falconer

CARRIED.

Assistant Director of Lifesaving

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.
Position held over.

Director of Education

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.
Position held over.

Director of Surf Sports – 1 x written nomination

1. Michael Crowe nominated by Melanie Ogle, second by Aisha Crowe and accepted. Michael Crowe was announced in the position of Director of Surf Sports.

Director of Youth Development

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.
Position held over.

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Director of Sponsorship & Marketing

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.
Position held over.

Assistant Director of Administration

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.
Position held over.

Assistant Director of Finance

1. Anthony Axford nominated by Gail Rixom, second by Darcy Waller and accepted. Anthony Axford was announced in the position of Assistant Director of Finance. Tony withdrew his nomination for Assistant director of Finance as he has accepted the position of Director of Finance.

Tony Axford nominated Gail Rixom for Assistant Director of Finance.
Moved by: Jennifer Falconer
Second by: Matt Keys
CARRIED.

Assistant Director of Youth Activities

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.
Position held over.

Assistant Director of Surf Sports

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.
Position held over.

IRB Captain – 1 x written nomination

1. Shawn Ford nominated by Jackson Vandertouw second by Jennifer Downing and accepted.
Shawn Ford was announced in the position of IRB Captain.

Boat Captain – 1 x written nomination

1. Sergei Mikhailchenko nominated by Jackson Vandertouw, second by Anthea Vandertouw and accepted.
Sergei Mikhailchenko was announced in the position of Boat Captain.

Board & Ski Captain

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.
Position held over.

IRB Vice-Captain – 1 x written nomination

1. Jackson Vandertouw nominated by Sergei Mikhailchenko second by Anthea Vandertouw and accepted.
Jackson Vandertouw was announced in the position of IRB Vice-Captain.

OHS Officer

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.
Nomination for Kel Maxwell as well as Building Manager.

Building Manager

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.

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Position held over.

Nomination for Kel Maxwell for both OHS Officer and Building Manager by Anthea Vandertouw.

Moved by: Simon Falconer

Second by: Darcy Waller

CARRIED.

Junior Club Captain – 1 x written nomination

1. Evelyn Williamson nominated by Jaydee Lourens second by Mick Crowe and accepted.

Evelyn Williamson was announced in the position of Junior Club Captain.

Rookie Coordinator – 1 x written nomination

1. Jaydee Lourens nominated by Evelyn Williamson second by Mick Crowe and accepted.

Jaydee Lourens was announced in the position of Rookie Coordinator.

Publicity Officer

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.

Position held over.

Radio Officer

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.

Position held over.

First Aid Officer

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.

Position held over.

Gym Manager

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.

Simon Falconer nominated Paul Dessmann for Gym Manager.

Moved by: Evelyn Williamson

Second by: Ellen Van Wessel

Gear Steward

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor. Position held over.

Social Secretary

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor. Position held over.

Member Services Officer

Written nominations not received, a call for nominations from the floor.

Nomination for Gail Rixmon by Simon Falconer.

Moved by: Tony Axford

Second by: Jennifer Falconer

Registrar/Membership Officer – 1 x written nomination

1. Sarah Maughan nominated by Anthea Vandertouw, second by Jackson Vandertouw and accepted.

Sarah Maughan was announced in the position of Registrar.

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Liam Potter invited Simon Falconer to take his seat as incoming President.

APPOINTMENT OF POSITIONS

The following members were appointed to positions as follows:

Member Protection Information Officers (MPIO): Jennifer Falconer accepted the position again.
Simon Falconer nominated Kel Maxwell for MPIO (Currently finishing the course). Kel accepted the position.

Child Safe Co-ordinator: Jennifer Falconer accepted the position again.

Complaints Handler: Tony Axford accepted the position for the time being (currently only member who is qualified).

Item 10: Endorse Affiliation with SLSCC, SLSNSW & SLSA

MOTION: *To endorse affiliation with SLSCC, SLSNSW & SLSA.*

Moved by: Darcy Waller

Second by: Annie Vandertouw

All in favour, CARRIED.

Meeting closed: 9.43am

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Signature
Liam Potter
Returning Officer 2025 AGM

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Signature
Simon Falconer
President 2025-2026

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Signature
Annie Vandertouw
Minutes 2025 AGM

Appreciation

Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club would like to thank the generous support of our Sponsors, Supporters and the General Public, who have contributed to the club during the 2025-2026 season.

MAJOR CLUB SUPPORTERS

Community Bank

Wyong

 **Bendigo Bank**

halekulani
bowling club 



CLUB SPONSORS

 **LJ Hooker**
Budgewoi | Toukley

HERITAGE


NEW LEAF
PROJECTS



Link Legal
+ conveyancing



Dunes
by dish

Statistics



48,206
Visitors




1,152
Preventatives




15
First Aid



28
Rescues




22
times this season
Beach Closure




515
Total Members




4,738
Patrolling Hours




62
Patrolling
Members

President



The 2025/26 season has been one of change and growth.

For the 4th season in a row we have seen our membership grow with a total growth of 54% over 4yrs, a massive achievement in a short time. A lot of this growth has come from the extra community involvement we have participated in over the years: Toukley Markets, Norah Head Markets, ANZAC march, Social Media coverage, Clontarf and Burns Foundation, Local church groups and Merchant Mariners.

Our 5 patrolling teams, led by Director of Lifesaving James Carroll did a fantastic job covering over 4700hrs of volunteer patrols. With minimal crew and a lot of new members James managed to get a roster that suited most and was a workable roster. This season our teams rescued 23 people, performed over 1200 preventative actions and helped over 50 people with first aid treatments. This season 67 members received their membership fees back thanks to Bendigo Community Bank of Wyong for their support of our volunteers. New relationships were formed with members from Dee Why and Bronte as they helped patrol our beach this season for a few days.

On the Education front both James and Simon worked hard to get the most out of our members. We were able to obtain new awards that the club has never held: 12 RWC operators, 4 UAV operators and 18 NSA nipper safety assistant, as well as qualify members in Bronze, SRC, ART, IRBD, IRBC, First Aid and Patrol Captain. A big thanks to our Trainers Michael Rassmussen, Shawn Ford, Paul Dowdell (Shelley), Craig LeBroq (Shelley) Ramzy Fawnzy (Wamberal) and Leanne Longford (Lakes) for helping get all these

awards completed. We have also gained more developmental coaches this season to help with training next year.

The nipper program this season was a great success, managed differently to previous years we had a committee all working together to help make the decisions for a smooth program each week. The success of the season was complemented with the addition of our new swim program allowing all members to attend the pool on Mondays to work on fitness, practice for awards or learn some basic skills, thanks to the generosity of the Freemasons for covering the costs. Board training each week was led by Dmitri and his many water safety personal with an overwhelming amount of positive comments on how the training was run. A massive thankyou to all our water safety and age managers, without you our program would not run each week. I would like to announce that The Doylo Lifestyle group has come on-board as Junior Cap sponsors for next season and The Ary Toukley has come on-board to sponsor the Swim Program.

We had some luck with surf sports this season with up to 6 boat crews competing throughout the season in various competitions. We also had a small contingent of nippers compete at the Branch titles with some winning medals and even progressing to State titles. We once again played host to the Branch Lifesaving Championships with positive comments on how it was run again, we look forward to hosting some bigger carnivals in the future.

Over the past couple of seasons the committee has worked hard to build trust and

President



work on relationships to secure sponsorships and grants. I would like to thank our sponsors for the many years they have supported Soldiers Beach, without their ongoing support we would not be in the positive position we are in now: HS Express, Heritage Real Estate, Dunes by Dish, The Kraken Kiosk, Halekulani Bowling Club, LJ Hooker Budgewoi/Toukley, New Leaf Projects, Link Legal and Conveyancing, Bishop Collins Auditors, Freemasons Central Coast, The Doylo, Bendigo Community Bank Wyong and The Ary (new sponsor already signed for next season).

The club's financial stability is strong thanks again to the Director of Finance Tony Axford. His business management skills and eye to financial detail has brought us back to where we stand today. The club has worked hard to maintain a tight budget and is now working on our strategic plan for the next 5yrs.

Central Coast Council continues to do upgrades around the club with a new lift being installed at the start of the season, a complete new roof will be completed in the off season. We

have been told that the next major works will be window replacement upstairs.

The past 4 years as President has been an interesting journey, I have had ups and downs; I have learnt and grown as a person. I am happy with what I have achieved during my time as President. This would not have happened without the support of the entire committee, for the hours spent on the beach, in the office or at home making all this happen, you guys have made this season and the past 4yrs a huge success. Be proud of what we have achieved during this time together.

Finally, a big thankyou to the entire membership for your support in making this season successful, without you we are not a club. I look forward to working with and seeing all your faces return next season, hopefully making it bigger and better than this one.

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAMWORK!

SIMON FALCONER
PRESIDENT

Director of Finance

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our sponsors, members, and Committee for what has been an outstanding year.

I would particularly like to acknowledge our Club Bookkeeper, Emma Denniss, whose contribution over the past four years has been invaluable. Your dedication and attention to detail have made a significant difference, and I cannot thank you enough.

To our Club Auditors, Bishop Collins – especially Liam Potter – thank you for your guidance and support. Your advice in my first year helped uncover critical financial issues and set the Club on the right path. Beyond your professional role, your organisation has also generously supported the Club with \$8,000

over the past four years. Liam, your willingness to provide advice whenever needed has been greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank Ian Fulligar from Surf Life Saving Australia and Surf Life Saving NSW Legal Counsel for his advice and direction over the past four years.

Gail Rixom, thank you for your unwavering commitment – being there every Sunday and processing payments at all hours when required. Your support and willingness to assist with ideas has been invaluable.

Sarah Maughan, thank you for your assistance this year. Your work behind the scenes with administration has been exceptional, and it has been a pleasure working with you.

A special thank you to Kelly, our caretaker over the past four years. Your work liaising with Council on building maintenance and contractors has been critical. With over \$800,000 in completed works and a further \$90,000 in progress, your contribution has been significant. Beyond your day-to-day duties, you have consistently stepped in as the Club's on-the-ground support – work that often goes unseen by the membership.

The Committee has worked tirelessly as a team. By recognising and leveraging the diverse skill sets of its members, the Committee has successfully delivered on the Strategic Business Plan.

I would like to acknowledge Club President Simon Falconer. While we may not have always agreed over the past four years, we consistently



Director of Finance

returned to the shared goal of achieving the best outcomes for the Club.

A key principle I have strongly believed in is that no volunteer should have to pay for their time of service on the beach.



Through the Club's efforts, we have secured sponsorship from Bendigo Bank Wyong, contributing over \$14,000 to date. As a direct result, 120 volunteers have had their membership fees covered over the past two years. A further 12 months of sponsorship is secured.

The Club also worked closely with Surf Life Saving NSW on a targeted pre-season marketing campaign, delivering a 54% increase in membership.

Four years ago, the Club was operating with a

deficit of \$65,000 and was technically insolvent. Within the first year, all debts were cleared.

As at 21 April 2026, the Club has achieved a cash surplus of \$172,403, with \$145,000 allocated for investment. The Club must continue to budget towards a target of \$250,000 in investments.

KEY PRINCIPLES:

1. Shared Goals – Established through member workshops.
2. Planning – Strategic Plan and cash flow forecasting.
3. Consistency – Across Committee and membership.
4. Transparency – Open governance and communication.

I firmly believe that the fear of being wrong is greater than being proven wrong. Integrity remains the foundation of transparency.

TONY AXFORD
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE



Director of Lifesaving

The 2025/2026 season has been one of growth, resilience and strong community spirit at Soldiers Beach.

Throughout the season we saw our club continue to thrive through a strong focus on Nipper skills and safety, youth development, public safety, member participation and creating a positive club culture where everyone can contribute.

We continued to promote surf lifesaving as an inclusive environment where members can play valuable roles across patrols, surf sports, coaching, education, administration and leadership. Through this approach, we successfully strengthened skill development across a broad range of volunteer members while continuing to recruit and develop new lifesavers for the future.

This season Soldiers Beach operated with 5 patrol teams, supported by 61 active volunteer patrol members and additional roving patrol volunteers dedicated to protecting our community.

The season also presented challenges, particularly the requirement for members to fulfil an average of 88 patrol hours. Despite this, many members consistently went above and beyond club expectations, stepping in to cover patrol shortages and ensuring the beach remained safe throughout the season. Their dedication and commitment to public safety has been outstanding and is a true reflection of the culture within our club.

Recognising early pressure on patrol resources, we worked closely with neighbouring clubs and are incredibly grateful for the support provided by Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club and Bronte Surf Life Saving Club, who assisted with multiple patrol days over the peak summer period.

These partnerships provided valuable relief for our members and highlighted the strength



Dee Why Crew



Bronte Crew

Director of Lifesaving



of collaboration within the surf lifesaving community.

A major achievement this season was the successful rollout of a new RWC Operator course, which generated significant interest and resulted in 12 qualified members now rostered to patrol our beach. This has greatly strengthened our emergency response capability and enhanced public safety outcomes at Soldiers Beach.

We also welcomed and awarded new Bronze Medallion and SRC members throughout the season and look forward to supporting their continued growth and involvement in years to come.

Most importantly, this season has laid strong foundations for the future. With growing member engagement, continued development opportunities and a shared commitment to community safety, Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club is well positioned to continue building a strong, capable and connected lifesaving service for many seasons ahead.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

The success of our season would not have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers. On behalf of the club, thank you to every member who contributed their time, energy and commitment to keeping our beach and community safe.

TOP 10 FEMALE VOLUNTEERS

- ◆ Jennifer Falconer — 272 hours
- ◆ Lee Rogers — 189 hours
- ◆ Rachel Falconer — 98 hours
- ◆ Karen Ricketts — 92 hours
- ◆ Lucy Maughan — 88 hours



Bronte crew drinks

- ◆ Lilly Clack — 86 hours
- ◆ Ellen Van Wessel — 80 hours
- ◆ Jaydee Lourens — 80 hours
- ◆ Evelyn Williamson — 74 hours
- ◆ Tiarni Irvine — 70 hours

TOP 10 MALE VOLUNTEERS

- ◆ Simon Falconer — 133 hours
- ◆ Colin Trigg — 125 hours
- ◆ Sergei Mikhalchenko — 110 hours
- ◆ James Carroll — 89 hours
- ◆ Michael Crowe — 88 hours
- ◆ Dennis Ricketts — 87 hours
- ◆ Buddy Osman-Romera — 83 hours
- ◆ Jackson Vandertouw — 79 hours
- ◆ Matt Keys — 78 hours
- ◆ Paul Dessmann — 74 hours

Thank you again to all patrol members, trainers, assessors, water safety personnel, age managers, coaches, officials, administrators and volunteers who contributed throughout the season. Your dedication continues to make Soldiers Beach a safer place for our community and visitors alike.

JAMES CARROLL

DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING

Education Report

Season 2025/26 was a challenging one in the education department due to not having a Chief Training Officer for the year.

A massive shout out to James Carroll and Simon Falconer for taking on this challenging role along with their other high demanding portfolios. With some perseverance, good management and using contacts they were able to cover and complete awards across all sectors of Lifesaving.

This season we combined resources with nearby clubs to work with other trainers to complete the required training courses. We would like to thank the following for their help in training our members to a high standard in the following courses: Bronze, Advanced Resus Techniques, Surf Rescue Certificate, IRB Driver and IRB Crew.

Paul Dowdell Shelley Beach, Craig Le Broucq

Shelley Beach, Leeanne Longford The Lakes, Ramzy Fawnzy Wamberal.

We would also like to thank Michael Rassmussen for helping in these courses and regaining his qualifications to train in Bronze, ART, IRBD, IRBC.

Congratulations to Shawn Ford for gaining your IRB Assessors qualifications this season. Please see the list for awards gained this season.

RWC:

Mick Crowe, Shawn Ford, James Carroll, Simon Blakely, Colin Trigg, Paul Dessman, Simon Falconer, Sergei Mikhachenko, Dmitri Mikhachenko, Mic Glushankov, Jackson Vandertouw, Bryce Glanville



RWC Operators

Education Report



Bronze Medallion

BRONZE MEDALLION:

Rachel Falconer, Keanu Lourens, Tuiaulia Taula, Meagan Kay, Brendan Jenkinson, Monique Hawkins, Michael Nizik, Lilly Clack, Pavlo Dovgay, Karrin Hanlon, Suan Kan

ADVANCED RESUS TECHNIQUES (ART):

Matt Arrua, Caitlin Arrua, Mick Crowe, Shawn Ford, Blake King, Rachel Falconer, Keanu Lourens, Evgeni Mikhalchenko, Monique Hawkins, Tuiaulia Taula, Ellen Van Wessel

SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE:

August Keys, Elijah Meredith, Sophie Wade, Eiora St Mart, Jacob Jarrett, Ethan Trent, Ruby Panichelli

SILVER MEDALLION PATROL CAPTAINS:

Colin Trigg, James Carroll, Sergei Mikhalchenko

UAV (DRONE) PILOTS:

Colin Trigg, Kevin Curtis, Mic Glushankov, Jackson Blackshaw

IRB CREW:

Tiarni Irvine, Mic Nizik, Mic Glushankov, Lilly Clack, Pavlo Dovgay, Rachel Falconer

FIRST AID CERTIFICATES:

Matt Arrua, Caitlin Arrua, Mick Crowe, Pavlo Dovgay, Dmitri Mikhalchenko, Sergei Mikhalchenko, Mel Ogle, Dennis Ricketts, Karen Ricketts, Ellen Van Wessel, Darcy Waller, Evelyn Williamson, Neville Bunn, Paul Dessman.

Director of Surf Sports

It gives me great pleasure to present the Surf Sports report for the 2025-26 season.

The past season has shown encouraging growth within the club in the area of surf sport from more recent season. We have been working hard in the past 12 months to develop a strategy for the coming season with many members expressing interest in either competing or coaching roles. The past season alone we have seen many members either gain or begin training to become coaches across all areas of competition.

It was encouraging to see a small but enthusiastic team of nippers compete at the Central Coast Branch Championships with some extremely encouraging results. We already have plans in place to begin training for next season in preparation for the first carnivals in November 2026.

The biggest force in the club this season was our 6 surf boat crews who competed in all levels from the Central Coast Hunter boat series with our Under 23 Ladies crew taking out first place



overall, Branch Championships, ASRL open and State Championships.

A special mention to Sergei Mikhalchenko who over the past 2 seasons has not only become an accredited Development Coach but has also gained his S1 and S2 Sweeps accreditation.

We are looking forward to the 2026-27 season to grow the fitness and skill of our members through surf sports.

MICK CROWE

DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORTS.



Boat Captain



This season has seen the club have 5 crews compete over the season under 19s (Red Cheeks), under 23s ladies (Rohoho's), V Rockets (Reserve Men), under 19s girls (Micklins), and masters men (9 Volters).

All crews competed in the Central Coast Hunter Surf Boat Series which was held over 8 rounds with the final held at Terrigal.

Some pleasing results from all crews with Red Cheeks finishing 2nd, Rohoho's 2nd, V Rockets 1st, Micklins 4th and 9 Volters 3rd. The master's men, u19 male and 23 ladies also went up to the state championships at Swansea, unfortunately due to conditions, the masters were only to compete in one race. And both u19 male and 23 females enjoyed the competition of the other crews.

Our 2 sweeps, Michael Crow and I, have put in countless hours training all crews, towing boats to and from carnivals as well as maintaining gear. A big shout out to Michael Crow for all the work that he has put in over the season, and training up myself for S2 sweep. Most of this work goes unnoticed, with the boats and gear always ready to go for training and carnivals. Also, a special mention to Matt Nealle for all the work he has done also repairing and looking after our gear. Big thankyou to the club for allowing us to purchase a new set of oars and rowlocks.

We also saw the return of an old rower, Tiarni Irvine, who is interested in pursuing a role as a sweep at the surf club.



There were many highs this season with plenty of new rowers making their surf boat debut. Some great results at the local and state carnivals, great comradery, plenty of laughs and heaps of fun and banter under the tent at carnivals.

SERGEI MIKHALCHENKO
BOAT CAPTAIN

Childsafe Co-ordinator



A warm and Aussie "Good Day" to all the Soldiers Beach Club Members, from Jennifer Falconer the Childsafe Co-ordinator.

It is a pleasure to once again be reporting on the Child Safe Co ordinators role for the 2025-26 Season for the Annual Report.

It has been a very productive and enjoyable season for the Nippers and Youth of our club, even though the weather was not the most agreeable at times.

The role of Child Safe is becoming a more pivotal part of the management of our youth within Surf Life Saving. A very important, and necessary aspect that I have endorsed and worked towards.

Our Club has worked towards complying with the suggested criteria for keeping the young people safe and happy. Instigating the 6 key action areas for attaining a safe environment for our young members

I have kept up to date with current information by watching the relevant webinars and emailed information from Head Office Central Coast. Passing these onto the Committee as required. I have attended the Nipper program each week to speak with and support the young people their parents and the Age Managers.

The Code of Conduct was explained at the beginning of the season, as well as, where all the relevant and important information can be found, and should be viewed by the parents.

The Child Safe Commitment Statement was once again accepted for signature of the President and the Executive for the 2025-26 Season.

The document of the Soldiers Beach Children's Rights was also approved again this

season (accepted in the 2023 season by the youth committee).

Areas of concern were managed as per our previous seasons decisions which proved to be very successful for youth safety, and in accordance with the Central Coast official policies and procedures ...Toilet facilities, walking areas within the club craft room, use of the equipment, away sleepovers and visiting other surf clubs. A positive and agreeable attitude to these issues was evident by this year's Parents.

Information was given to parents and volunteers and young people on induction and during their time at the beach. In my role, connecting with the members and the young people where possible proved to be an enjoyable and rewarding time.

I found the young people this season were amazing. It was fabulous to see how these young Nippers improved, some excelling in their activities. Their confidence and knowledge was amazing by the end of the season. Gentle Encouragement rather than harsh words or pressure were promoted during competition and learning activities.

I have to acknowledge that some people young and old went above and beyond in their roles interacting with the Nippers and young people. Our success this season is owed to these people.

To all the Age Managers some were parents some young Soldiers Beach SRC and new BMs.

To our Patrol members and Water safety you

Chilsafe Co-ordinator



were "top notch" your mentoring and diligence with their safety is to be applauded.

To our volunteers who attended the Nipper Pool training you are to be applauded for your time and efforts...wow what a success, and all due to your efforts.

There are many behind the scenes who keep the club functioning. For my role some invaluable people at both the beach and the Pool made both a success. Mic for actually diving in and taking the Rookies in the pool, Sarah and her diligence to the paperwork...the Merediths who just got in and helped at the pool training without notice, completing computer inputs...and never to forget our stalwart Gail. Many hands make light work is surely true for me anyway.

To our trainers Tracey and Gemma thank you for a wonderful job done with the Littlies.

To the parents who helped you are very much appreciated. I would be remiss if I didn't name Kate as our driving force of nature. The kids loved it and thrived, thanks Kate.

I cannot forget the youth who gave up their

time to mentor and encourage these Nippers at Pool Training Lilly, Buddy, Elijah, Rachel, Lucy.

There is Lilly, a newer member, who has gained her BM and has been present on Patrols most weekends, and always very helpful to myself and others. I thank Jaydee and Evelyn for their activities with the youth, while keeping me "in the Loop" so that I was involved in regard to my role. There is Stefan, Evgeni, Jacob, and many many more that could be named, we are very fortunate at Soldiers Beach this Season. There is a great future awaiting for them, and at Soldiers Beach we will endeavor to help them achieve it.

As I said it has been a very enjoyable season, the reason is stated in the above.. The amazing people who have been members of Soldiers Beach this Season, especially the youth...you have made my role easier and enjoyable. Thank you... hoping to see you all in 2026-27. Have fun, keep safe in the off season.

JENNIFER FALCONER

CHILDSAFE CO-ORDINATOR

Awards



RWC CERTIFICATE

Mick Crowe	Paul Dessman	Mic Glushankov
Shawn Ford	Simon Falconer	Jackson Vandertouw
James Carroll	Sergei Mikhachenko	Bryce Glanville
Colin Trigg	Dmitri Mikhachenko	

SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE

August Keys	Sophie Wade	Jacob Jarrett
Elijah Meredith	Eliora StMart	Ethan Trent

BRONZE MEDALLION

Rachel Falconer	Keanu Lourens	Tuiaulia Taula
Meagan Kay	Brendan Jenkinson	Bryan Duncan
Kate Martin	Michael Nizik	Lilly Clack
Pavlo Dovgay	Karrin Hanlon	Suan Kan
Joshua Robertson	Simon McHale	

IRB CREW CERTIFICATE

Pavlo Dovgay	Rachel Falconer
Tiarni Irvine	Mick Nizik
Lilly Clack	Mic Glushankov

ADVANCED RESUSCITATION TECHNIQUES CERTIFICATE

Matt Arrua	Blake King	Monique Hawkins
Caitlin Arrua	Rachel Falconer	Tuiaulia Taula
Mick Crowe	Keanu Lourens	Ellen Van Wessel
Shawn Ford	Evgenii Mikhachenko	Lilly Clack

SILVER MEDALLION PATROL CAPTAIN

Colin Trigg	James Carroll	Sergei Mikhachenko
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Awards

UAV PILOTS

Colin Trigg	Mic Glushankov
Kevin Curtis	Jackson Blackshaw

FIRST AID AWARD CERTIFICATE

Matt Arrua	Sergei Mikhachenko	Neville Bunn	Jennifer Falconer
Caitlin Arrua	Mel Ogle	Paul Dessman	Lee Rogers
Mick Crowe	Rachel Falconer	Lilly Clack	Darcy Waller
Pavlo Dovgay	Dennis Ricketts	Keanu Lourens	Ellen Van Wessel
Dmitri Mikhachenko	Karen Ricketts	Tuiaulia Taula	

NATIONAL SERVICE MEDAL

Mick Crowe	Michael Rasmussen
Rodney Fox	Matthew Neale
Shana Doughney	

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Anthony Axford - 25 Year



Darcy Waller (L) presents National Medal to Michael Rasmussen



Darcy Waller (L) presents National Medal to Mick Crowe

Major Club Awards



Club Persons of the Year
James Carroll and Simon Falconer



Senior Patrol Person of the Year
Colin Trigg



Greg Martin Award
Tony Axford



Greg Irvine Award
Sergei Mikalchenko



Junior Club Person OTY
Jaydee Lourens



Club Champs



Female Pointscore



Male Pointscore

Major Club Awards



Junior Patrol Person OTY
Lilly Clack Rachel Falconer



Associate OTY
Sarah Maughan



U23 Boat Rower OTY
Aisha Crowe



Official OTY
Noel King



Stirrer OTY
Karen and Dennis Ricketts



Rookie OTY
Eliona St Mart



Top 10 Female Patrol Hours



Top 10 Male Patrol Hours

Carnival Results



CENTRAL COAST HUNTER BOAT SERIES

Masters Men, 9 Volters 2nd	Under 19 Male, Red Cheeks 3rd
Under 23 Female, Row Ho Ho's 1st	Reserve Female, Noisy Minors 3rd
Under 19 Female, Micklings 4th	Reserve Male, V-Rocket, 4th

CENTRAL COAST BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

200 Years Masters Men, 9 Volters 3rd	Under 19 Ladies, Micklings 4th
180 Years Masters Men, V-Rockets 1st	Under 19 Men, Red Cheeks 2nd
Under 23 Ladies, Row Ho Ho's 2nd	

ASRL OPEN

9 Volters, Heats

STATE BOATS

200 Masters Men Quarter Finals	Under 19 Mens Heats
Under 23 Ladies Heats	

MASTERS BRANCH

Michael Nizik, 40-44 Beach Flags 1st



Carnival Results

SLSCC JUNIOR BRANCH CHAMPS

U8

Oliver Green – competitor

U10

Lara Wealand – 3rd Flags, 4th Sprint

Harrison Green – semi finalist Board and Swim

U11

Ashton Meredith – finalist Swim and Iron Person

Charlie Wealand – 1km Run 11th, semi finalist Board

Eva Walker – 1km Run 9th, 7th Sprint

U12

Indie Stowar Wright – 1km Run 12th

Sadie Maughan – finalist Swim and Ironperson, semi finalist Board

Bailey Dunn – finalist Iron Person and Swim, semi finalist Board

Seth Dunn – finalist Iron Person and Swim, 1km Run 8th

U13

Stefan Mikhalchenko – 13th Ironman, 7th Flags, 5th Sprint

Jacob Hamon – quarter finalist Board

U14

Elijah Meredith – 8th Swim, 5th Ironman, State Representative



Members 2025-2026



LIFE MEMBERS

Ray Hill (Dec)	John Fallon (Dec)	John Edwards (Dec)	Kirrily Harvey
Barry Cook (Dec)	Jim Neath (Dec)	Robyn Smith	Michael Crowe
Stan Smith (Dec)	Peter Woodhouse	Brian Koppman	Shawn Ford
Kevin Booth (Dec)	George Barnes (Dec)	Craig Andrews	Gail Rixom
Bob Simms (Dec)	Mike Sawatske	Jennifer Downing	Darcy Waller
John Warren (Dec)	Bob Marsh	Melanie Ogle	
Richard Field (Dec)	Max Jones	Greg Irvine (Dec)	
Cliff Spong (Dec)	Glen Warren	Coral Raymond	

PATROLLING MEMBERS & HOURS PATROLLED

Cathlin Arrua – 66.5	Ian Glanville – 18.5	Sergei Mikhilchenko – 110
Matthew Arrua – 40	Mic Glushankov – 56	Janice Neve – 65.5
Roger Barron – 17	Monique Hawkins – 43	Cooper Nicholls – 58.5
Gemma Bellette – 46	Tiarni Irvine – 69.5	Michael Nizik – 7.5
Jackson Blackshaw – 72	Jacob Jarrett – 36.5	Buddy Osman-Romera – 82.5
Jasper Blakely – 45.5	Brendan Jenkinson – 27	Dale Peard – 56.5
Simon Blakely – 71.5	Roman Kan – 19	Michael Rasmussen – 103.67
Darren Brailey – 48.5	Suan Kan – 49	Craig Ray – 122.75
Neville Bunn – 35	Meagan Kay – 48.5	Dennis Ricketts – 86.75
James Carroll – 101	Alice Kayler – 5	Karen Ricketts – 91.25
Lilly Clack – 86	August Keys – 41.5	Joshua Robertson – 4
Aisha Crowe – 79	Matt Keys – 77.5	Lee Rogers – 189
Michael Crowe – 92	Blake King – 51.5	Abbie Spillane – 47.5
Kevin Curtis – 68	Cooper King – 75.5	Elora St Mart – 25.5
Lilly Curtis – 64	Emma Lamphee – 12.5	Ruby-Mae Tams – 16
Paul Dessmann – 82	Peter Lang – 25.5	Tuiaulia Taula – 65
Pavlo Dovgay – 59.5	Indianna Lourens – 27.5	Ethan Trent – 8
Jennifer Downing – 26	Jaydee Lourens – 85.5	Colin Trigg – 130.5
Jennifer Falconer – 271.5	Keanu Lourens – 65	Ellen Van Wessel – 80
Rachel Falconer – 121	Courtney Marshall – 60	Jackson Vandertouw – 78.17
Simon Falconer – 142	Lucy Maughan – 88	Justine Vaughan – 38.5
Shawn Ford – 15	Ethan McIntyre – 28.5	Sophie Wade – 16
Rodney Fox – 5	Elijah Meredith – 49	Darcy Waller – 3.25
Jodie Freeman – 64	Dmitrii Mikhilchenko – 63.25	Evelyn Williamson – 74
Bryce Glanville – 67.5	Evgenii Mikhilchenko – 61.5	

Members 2025-2026



ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Brooke Adams	Genevieve Doherty	Elisa Jones	Ben Meredith	Robbie Stephenson
Amanda Adamson	Tattika Dunn	Christian Kayler	Dmitry Mikhaylusov	Kaori Suzuki
Shanae Allan	Benjamin S. Falconer	Fiona Keating	Jason Monahan English	Kristy Taylor
Lucy Axford	Pauline Falconer	Chaise Keighran	Craig Murphy	Aine Thomas
Adam Ayoub	Kristie-Lee Faroe	Ruby Kelly	Michael Murphy	Brooke Tibbey
Margaret Ayoub	Beatrice Farrarons Kierulf	Jade Kendrick	Vanessa Newman	Tristan Timmer
Kristine Bailey	Shaye Fischer	Maddison Kent	Michelle O'Brien	Gary Tite
Daniel Bednarek	Matthew Fitzsimmons	Kate Keys	Michelle Osman	Amy Tomas
Celeste Beger	Jessica Forrester Carlow	Noel King	Sarah Osman	Salvador Tomas
Deborah Bell	Amy Giudice	Clinton Kirk	Bernie Pasfield	Paula Trent
Charlie Bhat	Georgy Giudice	Emma Kirkman	Cindy Pawlik	Lea Tupou
Liz Bhat	Jessica Glachan	Sheree Kroehnert	Rebecca Perry	Anthea Vandertouw
Brittany Birch	Jacqui Godier	Helge Krueger	Nakia Petrou	Steven Vandertouw
Tamika Borchard	Michael Gray	Leanne Krueger	Matthew Pring	Belinda Verne
Natalie Bradshaw	Daniel Green	Tanya Laity	Carissa Putland	Diane Walker
Clare Britt	Daniel Guest	Whitney Lee Lewes	Justine Rashleigh	Sandy Walker
Dawn Brown	Gabrielle Guy	Jessee Lee-groves	Christopher Reich	Aldine Ward
Jason Brown	Matt Guzik	Daniel Leith	Elizabeth Rennie	Glenn Watson
Tracy Brown	Emily Hammond	Matthew Lisle	Phill Risley	Jason Wegener
Vince Burke	Dominique Hamon	Andrew Lock	Kain Robertson	Christopher West
Matthew Byrnes	Emma Hancock	Simon Mackay	William Rogers	Emma Wildman
Sam Calvert	David Harris	Alexandria Martin	Katrina Rose	Karen Wilesmith
Mick Cardile	Kate Hewlett	Robert Mason	Laura Rowley	Katherine Wilkinson
Kassandra Carter	Kayte Hilder	Kimberley Masters	Michelle Royle	Paul Williams
Jarrad Mark Cashin	Virginia Hodgson	Sarah Maughan	Jason Rutherford	Nadia Wilson
Natalie Cassoni	Tracy Holcombe	Kellie Maxwell	Brad Ryan	Brendan Wirz
Serhii Chyzhyk	Brendan Hourigan	Caitlin Mcbrearty	Barry Ryan	Ashlee woods
Kelly Clancy	Brett Hulley	Mitchell McCullough	Damon-Leigh Salafia	Narelle Wright
Renee Coleman	Gavin Hurley	Travis McIntyre	Christopher Scivyer	Tingting Wu
Kevin Comber	Ryan Hutchison	Dealla McKenna	Brett Scott	Alexander Younger
Louise Copeland	Tanya Ilina	Kasey McKenzie	Elizabeth Seymour-Jones	Sherrie Zammit
Zoe Copeland	Annette Ireson	Eliza McNeilage	Sigourney Smith	Xuruo Zhao
Ben Curley	Craig Jackes	Liam McNeilage	Luke Smith	Nataliia Zhelizniakova
Emma Denniss	Matt Jarrett	Elyssa Meader	Summerlea Sonter	Anna Zuk
Leigh Devenport	Nicholas Johnston	Thomas Meikle	Matt Sonter	
Monique Dixon	Matt Johnston	Natalie Menzies	Jessica St Mart	

Events/Fundraising





Youth Development & Nippers



Youth Development Report



The 2025–2026 Soldiers Beach SLSC Nipper Season was an outstanding and highly successful year for the club. Key highlights included a significant increase in parent engagement, the establishment of a Junior Activities Committee (JAC), growth in participation across Nippers, swimming, and board training, as well as strong involvement in carnivals.

This season marked a shift in how the Nippers program was delivered. In the absence of a Junior Activities Coordinator, a Junior Activities Committee was formed to oversee operations. The JAC committee proved to be an effective and collaborative leadership model, comprised of subject matter experts across key areas: Kate Keys (Program Coordination and Communication), Simon Falconer (Water Safety and Risk Assessment), Matt Keys (Water Safety and Program Coordination), Sarah Maughan (Administration and Member Enquiries), Jennifer Falconer (Child Protection Officer and Swimming Coordinator), Gail Rixom (Uniforms and Swimming Administration), and Dmitrii Mikhilchenko (Board Training and Water Safety). Nipper Age Managers

were also integral members of the committee, contributing to weekly planning and program direction.

A total of 241 Nippers registered for the 2025–2026 season, representing the highest participation to date. This growth was supported by a strong cohort of Age Managers, with nearly all age groups having two leaders.

One of the standout programs this season was the weekly squad swimming sessions, held at Toukley Pool each Monday evening. Participation grew rapidly, with more than 80 swimmers attending each week, requiring use of the entire facility.

Younger or less confident swimmers utilised the hydrotherapy pool, while more advanced swimmers trained across all lanes of the 25-metre pool. Participants were grouped by ability, with structured programs focusing on endurance, fitness, breath control, and water safety awareness. Sincere thanks are extended to the swim coaches – Tracy and Gemma, Kate and Matt, Lilly and Michael, and Jim – as well as the dedicated in-water safety team: Elija, Buddy, Sadie, Lucy, Cat, and Kayte, whose ongoing commitment ensured a safe and supportive environment for all participants.

Board training sessions were conducted



Youth Development Report



JLOTY Representatives: Gus Keys and Eliora St Mart.

weekly on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons, depending on surf conditions. Led by Dmitrii Mikhilchenko, these sessions consistently attracted more than 30 participants. Due to their popularity and success, training was extended beyond the season into April. The program was strongly supported by parent volunteers who assisted with equipment transport, coordination, and pack-down. Feedback from both participants and families was overwhelmingly positive, with noticeable improvements in confidence and skill development.

This season also saw the introduction by Surf Life Saving NSW of the Nipper Safety Assistant (NSA) Award, aimed at the U6–U8 age groups. This initiative enables trained volunteers without a Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze Medallion



to assist with water safety under supervision. Soldiers Beach SLSC actively encouraged parent and Age Manager participation, resulting in 19 members successfully completing the NSA qualification. This significantly enhanced water safety capacity, allowing qualified personnel to focus on older age groups while ensuring younger members could participate safely. The initiative was highly successful and further strengthened parent involvement within the club.

Two days of fierce competition at branch carnival and our competition did SBSLSC proud. Huge thanks to Jacqui Godier for volunteering two days as an official and Gus Keys for water safety on Saturday.

The season concluded with the recognition of outstanding individual achievements. **The Nipper of the Year was awarded to August Keys, and the Nipperette of the Year to Eliora St Mart.**

Club Championships were scheduled for 30th of November, 18th January and 22 February.

KATE KEYS

JAC Co-ORDINATOR

Nipper Awards



NIPPER OF THE YEAR AND NIPPERETTE OF THE YEAR



August Keys and Eiora St Mart – Nipper and Nipperette of the Year with award sponsors from Wallarah Point Care Community.



UNDER 6 GIRLS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 6 BOYS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 7 GIRLS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 7 BOYS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 8 GIRLS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 8 BOYS CHAMPIONS

Nipper Awards



UNDER 9 GIRLS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 9 BOYS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 10 GIRLS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 10 BOYS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 11 GIRLS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 11 BOYS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 12 GIRLS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 12 BOYS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 13 GIRLS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 13 BOYS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 14 GIRLS CHAMPIONS



UNDER 14 BOYS CHAMPIONS

Nipper Awards



AGE CHAMPIONS			
Age Group	Gold	Silver	Bronze
u6 Female	Margot St Mart	Winter Putland	Lyanna Carlow
u6 Male	Cali Weeland	Colten Leith	Hugo Burke
u7 Female	Jasmine Murphy	Myah McCullough	Ivy Lisle
u7 Male	Zackery Ayoub	Connor Watson	Tai Mareikura
u8 Female	Sophia Ayoub & Azaliah St Mart	Tilly Hodgson	Guja Guzik
u8 Male	Ollie Green	Lauchie Tibbey	Major Anderson
u9 Female	Zoe Wons	Isla Sonter	Sophia Mikhachenko
u9 Male	Flynn Johnston	Finay Tite	Joshua Ayoub
u10 Female	Lara Wealand	Marlee Hanlon	Hannah Rutherford
u10 Male	Harrison Green	Koopar Obrien	Isacc St Mart
u11 Female	Eva Walker	Charlie Wealand	Bella Osman-Romera
u11 Male	Ashton Meredith	Flynn Jarret	Konrad Kayler
u12 Female	Sadie Maughn	Isla Leith	Jayde Griffin
u12 Male	Seth Dunn	Bailey Dunn	Hugh Preston-Carrol
u13 Female	Summer Nicholls	Myla Guest	Imogen Hawkins
u13 Male	Stefan Mikhachenko	Cameron Falconer	Torben Kayler
u14 Female	Eliora St Mart	Ruby Panichelli	Sophie Wade
u14 Male	Elijah Meredith	Jacob Jarrett	Ethan Trent

AGE MANAGERS AWARD	
U6 GIRLS – Margot St Mart	U6 BOYS – Colton Leith
U7 GIRLS – Ariella Kent	U7 BOYS – Aidan Johnston
U8 GIRLS – Havana Hourigan	U8 BOYS – Billy Price
U9 GIRLS – Gretta Rummens	U9 BOYS – Austin McPherson
U10 GIRLS – Regan Bailey	U10 BOYS – Harrison Green
U11 GIRLS – Lena Guzik	U11 BOYS – Angus Fitzimmons
U12 GIRLS – Isla Leith	U12 BOYS – Boaz St Mart
U13 GIRLS – Myla Guest	U13 BOYS – Torben Kayler
U14 GIRLS – Sophie Wade	U14 BOYS – Jacob Wegener

Age Managers/Water Safety

AGE MANAGERS

U6 – Jim Hewlett

U11 – Cat Arrua and Lily Curtis

U7 – Craig Murphy

U12 – Karen Ricketts and Lucy Maughan

U8 – Kate Keys & Kimberly Masters

U13 – Pauline Falconer

U9 – Kayte Hilder & Rachel Falconer

U14 – Matt Keys

U10 – Kevin Curtis and Sergei Mikhilchenko

WATER SAFETY

Thank you to everyone who helped with water safety including the U13 and U14 Youth and Rookies, patrolling members, life members and parents.



2025-26 Season Age Managers

Nipper Members 2025-2026



UNDER 6

Nixon Adams	Daisy Devenport	Rhys Jones	Levi Pinner	Cali Wealand
Jordan Brown	Ava Hamilton	Jack Kendrick	Winter Putland	Pippa Westwood-Symington
Hugo Burke	Cody Hammond	Oskar Krueger	Samuel Rowley	Lennox Younger
Lennox Byrnes	Audrey Hewlett	Colton Leith	Eliza Smith	Stanley Younger
Lyanna Carlow	Georgie Hodgson	Luka Martin Verne	Margot St Mart	
Serhii Chyzhyk	Talakai Hura	Audrey McGlinn	Hudson Tomas	
Fletcher Curley	Nell Hurley-Britt	Zander Monahan	Xavier Warner	

UNDER 7

Vaida Anderson	Margarita Kan	Arian Lloyd	Adeline Mckenna	Denzel Tupou
Zachary Ayoub	Aidan Kaslar	Ostin Lloyd	Jasmine Murphy	James Walker
Alexandra Bell	Ariella Kent	Magnus Mackay	Jack Pasfield	Connor Watson
Poppi Birch	Nina Kirk	Tai Mareikura	Lucas Perry-Roshier	Haley West
Rocco Faroe	Timofey Krylov	Declan Martin	Adelyn Rennie	Luka Wright
Ruben Hutchison	Alistair John Lee-groves	Nahla Martin Verne	Brodie Risley	
Aidan Johnston	Ivy Lisle	Myah McCullough	Freyja Sage Robertson	

UNDER 8

Parker Adams	Atticus Duncan	Tilly Hodgson	Aureya Masters-Lemire	Rosabella Scivyer
Major Anderson	Zahli Fisher	Havana Hourigan	Aubrey Mckenna	Azaliah St Mart
Sophia Ayoub	Elijah Glachan	Harvey Johnston	Riley McPherson	Tobias Thomas
Jack Brown	Aria Glushankov	Bruno Keys	Blake Meikle	Emily Tibbey
Lana Campbell	Odin Gray	Asher Kroehnert	Storm Murphy	Lachy Tibbey
Mackenzie Cardile	Oliver Green	Evie Kroehnert	Billy Price	Arianna Timmer
Matteo Cardile	Gaja Guzik	James Lee Lewes	Ollie Risley	Onix Tupou
Eloise Cashin	Jackson Hamilton	Zander Lisle	Laura Rogers	Charlie Woods
Eloise Vaila Cashin	Nate Hammond	Grace Lock	Ava Ryan	Arlie Wright
Tyson Coleman	Hudson Hanlon	Olivia Mason	Oisin Ryan	

UNDER 9

Joshua Ayoub	Flynn Johnston	Kody Macfarlane	Gretta Rummens	Finlay Tite
Willow Borchard	Roslyn Jones	Kora Martin Verne	Irina Shusharina	Melanie West
Fletcher Byrnes	Maksim Kan	Athena Maxemniuc	Damon Smith	Hendrix Wilesmith
Jude Hancock	Abigail Kendrick	Austin Mcpherson	Leonard Smith	Isabella Williams
Quinn Hilder	Kyran Laity	Laycee Meredith	Isla Sonter	Zoe Wons
Cohen Hutchison	Ryder Laity	Sophia Mikhhalchenko	Mimi Suzuki	
Roland Jackes	Sebastian Leith	Casey O'Donnell	Abel Thomas	

Nipper Members 2025-2026



UNDER 10

Regan Bailey	Arianna Hawkins	Josephine Pasfield	Anthony Timmer
Charlotte Bell	Madeiki Masters-Lemire	Mila Pawlik	Olivia Tomas
Violet Curtis	Chloe Mccallum	Harrison Pring	Ben Walker
Alannah Fitzsimmons	Archer McIntyre	Hannah Rutherford	Lara Wealand
Harrison Green	Savannah Newman	Isaac St Mart	Erik Wirz
Marlee Hanlon	Koopar O'Brien	Annabelle Stephenson	Grace Woodman

UNDER 11

Lila Arrua	Claire Griffin	Ashton Meredith	Lexie Wade
Riley Borchard	Lena Guzik	Brax O'Brien	Eva Walker
Conor Campbell	Hazel Hurley-Britt	Bella Osman-Romera	Charlie Wealand
Torah Cashin	Flynn Jarrett	Olivia Pring	Lukas Wons
Torah Elizabeth Cashin	Konrad Kayler	Rumi B Reich	Logan Zuk
Grace Devenport	Willow Macfarlane	Hannah Rogers	
Angus Fitzsimmons	Caleb Martin	Paityn Ryan	
Camilla Fitzsimmons	Jasper McCall	William Scott	

UNDER 12

Xavier Arrua	Seth Dunn	Sadie Maughan	Boaz St Mart
Storm Buzai	Frankie Fitzsimmons	Riley Panichelli	Connor Stephenson
Rhys Calvert	Jayde Griffin	Hugh Preston-Carroll	Indie Stowar Wright
James Carter	Felicity Guy	Maybry Rickard	Matthew Trent
Bailey Dunn	Isla Leith	Kaiton Schuch	

UNDER 13

William Curtis	Myla Guest	Castiel Lee-groves	Ruby-Mae Tams
Cameron Falconer	Jacob Hamon	Ethan McIntyre	Cody Tibbey
Makayla-Lee Faroe	Imogen Hawkins	Stefan Mikhachenko	
Noah Fulton	Torben Kayler	Summer Nicholls	

UNDER 14

Jacob Jarrett	Elijah Meredith	Eliora St Mart	Sophie Wade
August Keys	Ruby Panichelli	Ethan Trent	Jacob Wegener

Youth Report

The youth of the 2025-2026 season kept themselves busy within the club and SLSA. Many of our members achieved big accomplishments within the club and Central Coast/Hunter branch.

The participation of youth members has continued to increase, finding Soldiers' youth a part of all activities within the club. Our youth made up a majority of all competitors within the club, with a total of 10 members competing and receiving podium finishes. We have had 7 members take part in branch camps, with a special mention of Jaydee Lourens being

elected for the Life Saving Exchange program to New Zealand.

Our members had a great dedication to upskilling this season, with youth being in almost all courses from jetski licences to bronze medallions and almost everything in between, we commend them all on their efforts. We are consistently seeing these skills displayed and



Youth Report



refined in helping out with nippers and patrol activities. Our youth members have become strong patrolling members, and are becoming increasingly vital to the running of the club.

This season has formed even stronger bonds between youth members. A large number of members woke up early to come to the 'Swim and Breakfast' morning with the rookies, a great thank you to parents/ carers sacrificing their sleep in! The youth helped shape the fundraising events that gave back to the club, and earnt them their end of season camp.

The end of season camp this year went off with

a bang. We travelled to Old Bar/ Taree surf club for 2 nights, where many memories were made. The year of patrolling was celebrated with a day trip to the Manning river, where the youth spent the day on boats, fishing, swimming and enjoying the sun.

Seeing the youth group grow into the tight knit friendships that it has become, it instills us with optimism for the future of Soldiers Beach Surf Club. We cannot wait to continue seeing what our members can achieve!

EVELYN WILLIAMSON & JAYDEE LOURENS

Rookie Report



This season has been extremely successful in regards to our rookies. This year saw some major engagement from both our U13s and U14s at both a club and branch level, and we hope to see this engagement continue throughout their future lifesaving ambitions.

Our Rookies regularly helped out with bunnings and club BBQs, alongside water safety and other volunteering opportunities around the club. They have put through plenty of patrol hours since gaining their SRC, and they should be proud of their diligence to volunteer.

This season saw over 5 of our U14s head over to Lakes Beach to complete their SRC. I had the pleasure of accompanying them for 2 of their sessions and our club should be more than proud of the way they upheld themselves in adverse situations, and represented our club with pride. These kids worked well with their friends from Soldiers, along with the new friends they made at Lakes, where the kids helped each other through their course. This connection with Lakes Beach

was shown throughout the season at events such as Rookie Challenge, and I hope we can maintain these relationships with Lakes Beach in the future.

We saw large engagement this season as our rookies attended every single Branch event on offer to them. Stefan and Cameron led the way at the season's beginning, flying the Soldiers flag high during the raising of the flags. In October we saw Stefan, Will and Jacob attend the infamous rookie Disco. And then we had Ethan, Gus, Sophie, Stefan and Summer attend the rookie camp at Broken Bay, which saw them have lots of fun, while also gaining skills to help them in their lifesaving pathways. The final branch event was the rookie challenge, where the group (Elijah,



Rookie Report



Stefan, Cameron Will, Jacob, Sophie and Eliora), competed against the 15 other central coast clubs in a variety of surf sport and lifesaving activities. Proudly our kids came out with 6th out of the 15 clubs, as well as some friendships with other clubs along the way.

During this same time we had Gus and Eliora represent Soldiers for JLOTY, in which they competed against a male and female from each beach in the branch to become the Junior Lifesaver of the Year (JOLTY). This consisted of both these Rookies being tested in areas such as CPR, a written test, signals, and an interview that was conducted by a spokesman from Newcastle Permanent, the Director of Youth from branch and a lead facilitator from branch. Both Gus and Eliora completed all these trials to the best of their ability, and we are very proud of their efforts.



Overall this season has been very successful for our Rookies, and I am very proud of the young people that have succeeded us within our club. I hope these young men and women continue this strong path within lifesaving, and always know we are here for them when they need it. They have set a very strong example for the upcoming rookies and I hope they decide to continue at Soldiers.

AUTHOR'S NAME

ROOKIE CO-ORDINATOR

Around the Beach





FINANCIAL REPORT

2025-2026

Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated

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Annual Report - 30 April 2026

Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated

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

The committee members present their report, together with the financial statements, on the incorporated association for the year ended 30 April 2026.

Committee members

The following persons were committee members of the incorporated association during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Simon Falconer
Anthony Axford
Darcy Waller (Appointed July 2025)
James Carroll (Appointed July 2025)
Gail Rixon (Appointed July 2025)
Michael Crowe (Appointed July 2025)
Shawn Ford (Appointed July 2025)
Sergei Mikhilchenko (Appointed July 2025)
Annie Vandertouw (Resigned July 2025)

Principal activities

During the financial year the principal continuing activities of the incorporated association consisted of:

- Providing a safe beach and aquatic environment for our local community; and
- Providing beach and water safety education and training.

Operating Result

The surplus for the incorporated association for the year amounted to \$37,150 (2025: \$87,897).

Significant Changes

There were no significant changes in the nature of the activities during the financial year.

Events after the reporting period

In May 2026, Central Coast Council commenced various remediation works on the Clubhouse. As a result, the building is inaccessible to both the Club and Service Agreement holders until July 2026. In June 2026, Central Coast Council advised the Committee that further remediation works will also occur from May 2027 in the 2028 financial year. At the date of this report, the Committee has not received confirmation of the timeline for these additional works.

In June 2026, the Association approved rental and service agreement-related concessions to its Service Agreement holders as a result of the disruption to trade arising from the remediation works outlined above. The estimated value of the concessions for the 2027 year is anticipated to be approximately \$17,000. The Committee has also applied to Central Coast Council for rental concessions in the 2027 year. At the date of this report, no response has been received from Council in relation to this application.

No other matter or 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.

On behalf of the committee members



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S DECLARATION
TO THE MEMBERS OF SOLDIERS BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC**

We hereby declare that to the best of our knowledge and belief during the year ended 30 April 2026, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SOLDIERS BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC

Qualified Auditor's Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc ('the Association') which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 April 2026, statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the committee members' declaration.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter as described in the Basis for Qualified Auditor's Opinion paragraph, the financial report of Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc is in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 April 2026 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022*.

Basis for Qualified Auditor's Opinion

During the year, the Association undertook income and expenditure transactions in cash relating to various events and surf club related activities. As is common for not-for-profit organisations, it is not practical to establish and maintain an effective system of internal control over monies received and expended until their initial entry in the accounting records. As a result, the evidence supporting income and expenditure is limited to the extent that it had been receipted, recorded, banked and verified to supporting documentation.

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 Association in accordance with the auditor independence 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.

Emphasis of Matter

The financial report of Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 2 to the financial report.



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Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The Responsible Entities are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's annual report for the year ended 30 April 2026, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly 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 this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Other Matter – Charitable Fundraising Act 1991

We also report that:

- (i) the financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year;
- (ii) the accounting and associated records have been properly kept during the year in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the Regulations;
- (iii) money received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year has been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the Regulations; and
- (iv) at the date of this report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the consolidated entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Responsibilities of the Committee Members for the Financial Report

The committee members of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 2 to the financial report and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and for such internal control as the committee members 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 committee members are responsible for assessing the Association'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 committee members either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities 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 Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee members.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee members' 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 Association'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 Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- 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 the committee members 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.

We also provide the committee members with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

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Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated
Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
For the year ended 30 April 2026

	Note	2026 \$	2025 \$
Revenue	4	279,525	326,958
Other income	5	9,788	31,910
Expenses			
Audit, accounting and consulting fees		(15,466)	(16,933)
Cost of goods sold		(3,760)	(2,241)
Capitation and insurances expense		(11,903)	(19,846)
Repairs and maintenance expense		(16,156)	(26,585)
Utilities expense		(58,882)	(74,512)
Club events, functions, carnivals and equipment expense		(45,248)	(39,085)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	17	(80,003)	(66,400)
Administration expenses		(7,432)	(5,910)
Motor vehicle expenses		(1,015)	(3,950)
Other expenses		(5,860)	(8,737)
Finance costs	17	(6,438)	(6,772)
Surplus for the year	16	37,150	87,897
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>37,150</u>	<u>87,897</u>

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated
Statement of financial position
As at 30 April 2026

	Note	2026 \$	2025 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	175,023	38,228
Trade and other receivables	7	-	29,434
Financial assets	8	-	90,149
Other	9	5,936	2,031
Total current assets		<u>180,959</u>	<u>159,842</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	467,089	434,616
Right-of-use assets	11	67,450	78,388
Total non-current assets		<u>534,539</u>	<u>513,004</u>
Total assets		<u>715,498</u>	<u>672,846</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12	11,168	15,709
Lease liabilities	13	11,820	10,855
Other liabilities	14	15,825	-
Total current liabilities		<u>38,813</u>	<u>26,564</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	15	77,908	84,655
Total non-current liabilities		<u>77,908</u>	<u>84,655</u>
Total liabilities		<u>116,721</u>	<u>111,219</u>
Net assets		<u>598,777</u>	<u>561,627</u>
Equity			
Retained surpluses	16	<u>598,777</u>	<u>561,627</u>
Total equity		<u>598,777</u>	<u>561,627</u>

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated
Statement of changes in equity
For the year ended 30 April 2026

	Retained surpluses \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 May 2024	473,730	473,730
Surplus for the year	87,897	87,897
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>87,897</u>	<u>87,897</u>
Balance at 30 April 2025	<u>561,627</u>	<u>561,627</u>
	Retained surpluses \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 May 2025	561,627	561,627
Surplus for the year	37,150	37,150
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>37,150</u>	<u>37,150</u>
Balance at 30 April 2026	<u>598,777</u>	<u>598,777</u>

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated
Statement of cash flows
For the year ended 30 April 2026

	Note	2026 \$	2025 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		256,176	286,084
Payments to suppliers (inclusive of GST)		<u>(201,738)</u>	<u>(229,209)</u>
		54,438	56,875
Interest received		4,528	3,440
Grants revenue received		101,437	75,683
Interest and other finance costs paid		<u>(1,076)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash from operating activities	19	<u>159,327</u>	<u>135,998</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for investments		-	(90,149)
Payments for property, plant and equipment	10	(101,538)	(91,357)
Proceeds from disposal of investments		<u>90,149</u>	<u>65,017</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(11,389)</u>	<u>(116,489)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowings		<u>(11,143)</u>	<u>(10,984)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(11,143)</u>	<u>(10,984)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		136,795	8,525
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		<u>38,228</u>	<u>29,703</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	6	<u><u>175,023</u></u>	<u><u>38,228</u></u>

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated
Notes to the financial statements
30 April 2026

Note 1. General information

The financial statements cover Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated as an individual entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated's functional and presentation currency.

Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated is a not-for-profit incorporated association, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business are 101 Norah Head Drive, Norah Head NSW 2263.

A description of the nature of the incorporated association's operations and its principal activities are included in the committee members' report, which is not part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 17 July 2026.

Note 2. Material accounting policy information

The accounting policies that are material to the incorporated association are set out below. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year, unless otherwise stated.

New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The incorporated association has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

Basis of preparation

In the committee members' opinion, the incorporated association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements.

These are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and associated regulations. The committee members have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members of Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements', AASB 107 'Statement of Cash Flows', AASB 108 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors', AASB 1048 'Interpretation of Standards' and AASB 1054 'Australian Additional Disclosures', as appropriate for not-for profit oriented entities.

Historical cost convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for, where applicable, the revaluation of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, investment properties, certain classes of property, plant and equipment and derivative financial instruments.

Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the incorporated association's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 3.

Note 2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Revenue recognition

The incorporated association recognises revenue as follows:

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.

Sale of goods

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.

Grants (Reciprocal and Non-Reciprocal) and donations

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt. For reciprocal grants, revenue is recognised at the completion of the performance obligation attached to the funding.

Membership fees

Revenue from membership fees is recognised at the time of receipt.

Rendering of services

Revenue from a contract to provide services is recognised over time as the services are rendered based on either a fixed price or an hourly rate.

Interest

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.

Rent, recoveries and other revenue

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

Income tax

As the incorporated association is a charitable institution in terms of subsection 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.

Current and non-current classification

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is classified as current when: it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the incorporated association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period; or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when: it is either expected to be settled in the incorporated association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period; or there is no right at the end of the reporting period to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Note 2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Trade and other receivables

Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any allowance for expected credit losses.

Inventories

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

The Association reviewed all inventories and items on hand and concluded that such items are consumable in nature and are expensed when acquired.

Investments and other financial assets

Investments and other financial assets are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs are included as part of the initial measurement, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Such assets are subsequently measured at either amortised cost or fair value depending on their classification. Classification is determined based on both the business model within which such assets are held and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset unless an accounting mismatch is being avoided.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows have expired or have been transferred and the incorporated association has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. When there is no reasonable expectation of recovering part or all of a financial asset, its carrying value is written off.

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income include equity investments which the incorporated association intends to hold for the foreseeable future and has irrevocably elected to classify them as such upon initial recognition.

Impairment of financial assets

The incorporated association recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets which are either measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income. The measurement of the loss allowance depends upon the incorporated association's assessment at the end of each reporting period as to whether the financial instrument's credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, based on reasonable and supportable information that is available, without undue cost or effort to obtain.

Where there has not been a significant increase in exposure to credit risk since initial recognition, a 12-month expected credit loss allowance is estimated. This represents a portion of the asset's lifetime expected credit losses that is attributable to a default event that is possible within the next 12 months. Where a financial asset has become credit impaired or where it is determined that credit risk has increased significantly, the loss allowance is based on the asset's lifetime expected credit losses. The amount of expected credit loss recognised is measured on the basis of the probability weighted present value of anticipated cash shortfalls over the life of the instrument discounted at the original effective interest rate.

For financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, the loss allowance is recognised in other comprehensive income with a corresponding expense through profit or loss. In all other cases, the loss allowance reduces the asset's carrying value with a corresponding expense through profit or loss.

Property, plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows:

Leasehold improvements	3-10 years
Plant and equipment	3-7 years

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the assets, whichever is shorter.

Note 2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the incorporated association. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss.

Right-of-use assets

A right-of-use asset is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for, as applicable, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date net of any lease incentives received, any initial direct costs incurred, and, except where included in the cost of inventories, an estimate of costs expected to be incurred for dismantling and removing the underlying asset, and restoring the site or asset.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the asset, whichever is the shorter. Where the incorporated association expects to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the depreciation is over its estimated useful life. Right-of-use assets are subject to impairment or adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

The incorporated association has elected not to recognise a right-of-use asset and corresponding lease liability for short-term leases with terms of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets. Lease payments on these assets are expensed to profit or loss as incurred.

Impairment of non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value-in-use. The value-in-use is the present value of the estimated future cash flows relating to the asset using a pre-tax discount rate specific to the asset or cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Assets that do not have independent cash flows are grouped together to form a cash-generating unit.

Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the incorporated association prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

Lease liabilities

A lease liability is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the term of the lease, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the incorporated association's incremental borrowing rate. Lease payments comprise of fixed payments less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees, exercise price of a purchase option when the exercise of the option is reasonably certain to occur, and any anticipated termination penalties. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Lease liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The carrying amounts are remeasured if there is a change in the following: future lease payments arising from a change in an index or a rate used; residual guarantee; lease term; certainty of a purchase option and termination penalties. When a lease liability is remeasured, an adjustment is made to the corresponding right-of-use asset, or to profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset is fully written down.

Fair value measurement

When an asset or liability, financial or non-financial, is measured at fair value for recognition or disclosure purposes, the fair value is based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date; and assumes that the transaction will take place either: in the principal market; or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market.

Note 2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Fair value is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming they act in their economic best interests. For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement is based on its highest and best use. Valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, are used, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

Goods and Services Tax ('GST') and other similar taxes

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the tax authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority is included in other receivables or other 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 tax authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority.

Comparative figures

Where required comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes to presentation for the current financial year.

Note 3. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

Allowance for expected credit losses

The allowance for expected credit losses assessment requires a degree of estimation and judgement. It is based on the lifetime expected credit loss, grouped based on days overdue, and makes assumptions to allocate an overall expected credit loss rate for each group. These assumptions include recent sales experience and historical collection rates.

Estimation of useful lives of assets

The incorporated association 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.

Central Coast Council Lease

The incorporated association leases the land and buildings from Central Coast Council. The current lease is due to expire in June 2032.

Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated
Notes to the financial statements
30 April 2026

Note 4. Revenue

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
<i>Revenue</i>		
Sale of clothing and equipment	325	518
Membership and carnival fees received	22,143	23,805
	<u>22,468</u>	<u>24,323</u>
<i>Other revenue</i>		
Rent received	76,953	75,332
Outgoings recovered	54,783	77,807
Fundraising and events revenue	7,474	7,775
Donations and sponsorships received	32,235	66,038
Grants received	85,612	75,683
	<u>257,057</u>	<u>302,635</u>
Revenue	<u><u>279,525</u></u>	<u><u>326,958</u></u>

Note 5. Other income

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Insurance recoveries	5,260	28,470
Interest received	4,528	3,440
Other income	<u><u>9,788</u></u>	<u><u>31,910</u></u>

Note 6. Current assets - cash and cash equivalents

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and on hand	<u><u>175,023</u></u>	<u><u>38,228</u></u>

Note 7. Current assets - trade and other receivables

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Other receivables	-	27,470
BAS receivable	-	1,964
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>29,434</u></u>

Note 8. Current assets - financial assets

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Term deposits	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>90,149</u></u>

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Note 9. Current assets - other

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Prepayments	5,936	2,031

Note 10. Non-current assets - property, plant and equipment

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Surf club improvements - at cost	343,029	311,529
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(124,703)	(113,882)
	<u>218,326</u>	<u>197,647</u>
Plant and equipment - at cost	453,286	399,072
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(230,908)	(175,304)
	<u>222,378</u>	<u>223,768</u>
Motor vehicles - at cost	18,481	18,481
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(7,921)	(5,280)
	<u>10,560</u>	<u>13,201</u>
Work in progress	15,825	-
	<u>467,089</u>	<u>434,616</u>

Reconciliations

Reconciliations of the written down values at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below:

	Work in progress \$	Surf club improvements \$	Plant and equipment \$	Motor vehicles \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 May 2024	-	207,286	175,594	15,841	398,721
Additions	-	-	91,357	-	91,357
Depreciation expense	-	(9,640)	(43,182)	(2,640)	(55,462)
Balance at 30 April 2025	-	197,646	223,769	13,201	434,616
Additions	15,825	31,500	54,213	-	101,538
Depreciation expense	-	(10,820)	(55,604)	(2,641)	(69,065)
Balance at 30 April 2026	<u>15,825</u>	<u>218,326</u>	<u>222,378</u>	<u>10,560</u>	<u>467,089</u>

Note 11. Non-current assets - right-of-use assets

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Land and Buildings - right-of-use	109,379	109,379
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(41,929)	(30,991)
	<u>67,450</u>	<u>78,388</u>

The incorporated association leases the surf club building from Central Coast Council. A new lease commenced from June 2022 and expires in June 2032. Previously, the incorporated association applied the short-term and low value exemptions as per AASB 16 *Leases* in regard to the lease.

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Note 12. Current liabilities - trade and other payables

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Trade payables	10,586	15,709
BAS payable	582	-
	<u>11,168</u>	<u>15,709</u>

Note 13. Current liabilities - lease liabilities

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Lease liability - Surf club	<u>11,820</u>	<u>10,855</u>

Note 14. Current liabilities - other liabilities

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Grants received in advance	<u>15,825</u>	<u>-</u>

Note 15. Non-current liabilities - lease liabilities

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Lease liability - Surf club	<u>77,908</u>	<u>84,655</u>

Note 16. Equity - retained surpluses

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Retained surpluses at the beginning of the financial year	561,627	473,730
Surplus for the year	<u>37,150</u>	<u>87,897</u>
Retained surpluses at the end of the financial year	<u>598,777</u>	<u>561,627</u>

Note 17. Depreciation and finance costs

	2026 \$	2025 \$
<i>Depreciation and amortisation expense</i>		
Property, Plant and Equipment	69,065	55,462
Right of Use Assets	<u>10,938</u>	<u>10,938</u>
	<u>80,003</u>	<u>66,400</u>

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Note 17. Depreciation and finance costs (continued)

	2026	2025
<i>Finance costs</i>		
Interest expense	1,076	981
Lease Liability - Interest expense	5,362	5,791
	<u>6,438</u>	<u>6,772</u>

Note 18. Events after the reporting period

In May 2026, Central Coast Council commenced various remediation works on the Clubhouse. As a result, the building is inaccessible to both the Club and Service Agreement holders until July 2026. In June 2026, Central Coast Council advised the Committee that further remediation works will also occur from May 2027 in the 2028 financial year. At the date of this report, the Committee has not received confirmation of the timeline for these additional works.

In June 2026, the Association approved rental and service agreement-related concessions to its Service Agreement holders as a result of the disruption to trade arising from the remediation works outlined above. The estimated value of the concessions for the 2027 year is anticipated to be approximately \$17,000. The Committee has also applied to Central Coast Council for rental concessions in the 2027 year. At the date of this report, no response has been received from Council in relation to this application.

No other matter or 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.

Note 19. Reconciliation of surplus to net cash from operating activities

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Surplus for the year	37,150	87,897
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation expense	80,003	66,400
Interest and other finance costs	5,361	5,791
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	29,434	(22,279)
Decrease/(increase) in prepayments	(3,905)	256
Decrease in trade and other payables	(4,541)	(2,067)
Increase in other liabilities	15,825	-
Net cash from operating activities	<u>159,327</u>	<u>135,998</u>

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Committee members' declaration
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In the committee members' opinion:

- the incorporated association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. Accordingly, as described in note 2 to the financial statements, the attached special purpose financial statements have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and associated regulations;
- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Accounting Standards as described in note 2 to the financial statements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the incorporated association's financial position as at 30 April 2026 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the incorporated association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the committee members



Simon Falconer
President



Anthony Axford
Treasurer

17 July 2026

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