

**OUR MISSION IS SIMPLE; SAVING LIVES,  
CREATING GREAT AUSTRALIANS AND  
BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES**



# 2023 - 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

DIXON PARK SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED  
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# NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc. will be held on **Sunday 25 August 2024**, from **10.00 am to 11.00 am** on the first floor of the Club House, Ocean Street, Merewether NSW 2291.

With reference to the DPSLSC Inc. Constitution (Dec 2016), only Active members, Reserve Active members, Long Service members, Life members and Award\* members have the right to present, to debate and to vote at the Annual General Meeting. (\* where granted

## AGENDA

-  Welcome, Apologies and Attendance (including Acknowledgement of Country)
-  Minute Silence for members that have passed during the season.
-  Confirmation of minutes for the previous AGM held AGM held Sunday 27 August 2023.
-  Presentation and adoption of the Annual Report for the 2023 -2024 season.
-  Presentation and adoption of the Auditors Report and Annual Financial Statements for the financial year ending 30th June 2024. Attendance by Joshua Comyns, KLM Accountants & Business Advisors.
-  Motion for Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc. to renew affiliation with Hunter Surf Life Saving and NSW Surf Life Saving.
-  **Special Motion:** The Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated adopts as its constitution on and from 25th August 2024 the document titled "Constitution, Date approved: (to be inserted), Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated (Registration No. TBC)
-  Election of Executive Committee for 2024 - 2025 season;
  - President
  - Director of Administration and Public Officer
  - Vice President and Club Liquor Licence Manager
  - Director of Finance
  - Director of Life Saving
  - Junior Activities Manager
  - Director of Education
  - Director of Surf Sports
-  Motion to appoint Auditors for 2024 - 2025 season.
-  Address by Henry Scruton (President HSLC)
-  General Business

## MEETING NOTES

- Renewal of memberships can be made prior to the AGM

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2023-2024 season has been a defining year for Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Inc., marked by unwavering dedication, significant achievements, and notable challenges. Our mission remains steadfast: to save lives, create great Australians, and build stronger communities through beach safety education and rescue operations. This report encapsulates our efforts, achievements, and challenges as we strive to fulfil our mission and vision of ensuring everyone can enjoy the beach safely, knowing that trained lifesavers are ready to respond to emergencies and promote water safety awareness.

## Lifesaving Efforts

### Volunteering and Patrols

Our surf lifesavers demonstrated exceptional commitment throughout the year, contributing over 3,100 hours of volunteering between the flags. This remarkable participation underscores the dedication and skill of our volunteers, who consistently put themselves on the line to ensure the safety of beachgoers. The Life Saving Team, led by Dean Rowe and Peter Eden, ensured that patrols functioned efficiently throughout the season. Our members also extended their services and skills to other clubs, supporting Birubi Surf Life Saving Club and Tea Gardens – Hawkes Nest during the busy summer period.

### Training and Education

We prioritise education and training, equipping numerous members with essential CPR, first aid, and surf rescue skills. Through comprehensive training programs, we empower volunteers and community members to act swiftly and effectively in emergency situations. We recognize the contributions of Stuart Barnett and Tom Newman for their leadership in this domain.



Congratulations to the major award winners:

Recipient	Award
Juan Ramuno	Athlete of the Year
Ross Burgess	Trainer of the Year
Stuart Barnett	Facilitator of the Year
Laura Barnett	Volunteer of the Year
Brad Noble & Jack Noble	Life Saver of the Year
Masters Boat Crew (Shane Barclay, Ian Kerr, Paul Hunt, Paul Murray and Peter Wilkinson)	Team of the Year

## Innovation and Research

Investment in research remains pivotal to our mission. This year, we focused on enhancing rescue procedures, modifying equipment to suit our environment, and improving operational efficiency. Our commitment to innovation ensures that we stay at the forefront of lifesaving practices. Ross Burgess continuously reviews operational procedures and equipment requirements to ensure safety and efficiency.

## Partnerships and Collaboration

Collaboration has been integral to our success. We strengthened partnerships with government agencies, corporate sponsors, and community organisations to expand our reach and enhance our impact. Significant contributions have been received via the Beach Safety Equipment Fund (BSEF), the Club Life Saving Equipment Grant (CLEG), Tim Crakanthorp, Member for Newcastle and Member of the Legislative Assembly, and the City of Newcastle. Our community partners include Port Waratah Coal Services, Shy Skin Beachwear, Sellers Quality Meats (SQM), Grill'd The Junction, Fortitude, and Sidetrack Coffee.

The Club recently secured a grant from the Surf Club Facility Program, which will facilitate the replacement of the doors and windows leading to the deck in the upstairs area. This infrastructure improvement is crucial for maintaining a safe and functional environment for our members and visitors.

## Challenges Faced

### Pandemic Impact

The ongoing pandemic posed significant challenges, affecting volunteer recruitment, training programs, and operational capacity. Despite these obstacles, our volunteers demonstrated resilience, adapting to new protocols to continue delivering lifesaving services. Nippers' participation and engagement continues to build, and we look forward to greater numbers in the upcoming season.

## Environmental Challenges

Extreme weather events and changing ocean conditions presented operational challenges. Our teams navigated unpredictable environments to ensure the safety of beachgoers and maintain effective rescue operations.

## Financial Constraints

Securing adequate funding remains a persistent challenge. We rely on donations, sponsorships, and grants to sustain our operations, invest in training, and maintain essential equipment. The “upstairs” section of the Club continues to provide significant support. Special thanks to Geoff Padgett for overseeing this area. Financial stability is crucial to our ability to expand programs and serve more communities effectively. The Club’s Director of Finance, Paul Murray has provided significant leadership in this area and has been assisted by Alison and Geoff Wooden.

## Recognition and Appreciation Leadership and Community impact

Geoff Padgett’s leadership and commitment to enhancing safety and saving lives through the Club’s initiatives have left an indelible mark on everyone involved. Under his guidance, long-term fundraising efforts have significantly bolstered our fundraising reserves, enabling us to secure critical funds necessary to maintain and upgrade the Club’s environment, provide essential resources to our dedicated members, and enhance beach safety measures for the entire community. Geoff’s strategic vision, tireless efforts in organizing events, coordinating employees, and fostering community support have made a profound difference in our ability to fulfill our mission.

Personally, I have been deeply impressed by his unwavering dedication and the countless hours he dedicated to ensuring the success of each fundraising initiative. His attention to detail, organisational prowess, and genuine passion for our cause are truly commendable. It’s clear that his efforts are driven not just by duty but by a heartfelt commitment to making a positive impact in our community.

## Executive Committee

Special thanks to the Executive Committee members: Geoff Padgett, Toni O’Donoghue, Paul Murray, Dean Rowe, Peter Eden, Tom Newman (mentored by Stuart Barnett), Joao Silveirinha, and Peter Wilkinson. Their leadership and dedication have been instrumental in driving the Club’s initiatives and achieving our goals. Our leadership team meets on a regular basis to deal with the many dimensions of surf life saving. Toni O’Donoghue’s, often unseen contributions are very significant in keeping the wheels of administration turning smoothly.

## Future Outlook

### Nippers and Youth Development

Nippers’ participation continues to grow under the Nipper management, led by Joao Silveirinha, and we are excited about the upcoming season. We aim to develop flexible patrolling regimes to increase participation in patrols and engage more volunteers in our lifesaving efforts.

### Surf Sports

The participation in a range of surf sports activities is increasing, thanks to the efforts of Peter Wilkinson and others, and we look forward to further developments in this area. Promoting surf sports not only enhances physical fitness but also fosters teamwork and community spirit among our members.

### Community Engagement

Dixon Park continues to work with the City of Newcastle to secure the spaces agreed upon for the transfer of the kiosk lease. The loss of this significant resource and the City of Newcastle’s annexation of the southern bay was recognized, with provisions put in place to compensate Dixon Park for the loss of valuable surf lifesaving areas. This delay is impacting the development of the Nippers program.



Our outreach efforts reached various community groups, including Making Meditation Mainstream and Talk 2 Me Bro, promoting water safety awareness and prevention strategies. These initiatives are crucial in fostering a culture of safety and responsibility at our beaches.

### **Conclusion**

The 2023-2024 season has been a year of resilience, achievement, and growth for Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club. Our dedicated volunteers, supported by strong partnerships and community engagement, have made significant strides in advancing our mission. As we continue to navigate challenges and seize opportunities, we remain steadfast in our commitment to saving lives, promoting beach safety, and building stronger, safer communities across Australia.

Thank you to our volunteers, supporters, partners, and stakeholders for their unwavering dedication and contributions to Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club. Together, we look forward to a future where everyone can enjoy the beach safely, knowing that Dixon Park is there to protect and serve.

**Peter Brown**  
**President**



# ADMINISTRATION REPORT

The 2023-2024 season saw the Club move into its 10th decade of maintaining beach safety, training new and existing members, engaging and educating the community and ensuring effective governance and administration.

As a surf life saving club and emergency service organisation, the support of our membership allowed all our patrol obligations to be achieved, with trained personnel attending the beach on all weekends and public holidays during the patrol season. As we move into our 10th decade of operations, it is hoped that the Club will maintain its close links to the community it serves and continue to grow in strength from both a financial and management perspective.

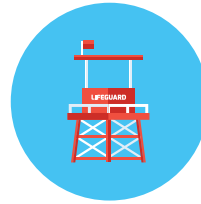
The highlight of the season's social calendar was the Club presentation night held in May which was well attended by members. This season saw the father/son duo of Brad and Jack Noble jointly awarded Lifesaver of the Year, while Laura Barnett was named the Volunteer of the Year. Patrol 1, led by Patrol Captain Peter Wilkinson, was awarded Patrol of the Year.

Patrolling members logged 3,186 patrol hours for the season, with 7 rescues performed, 74 applications of first aid provided and thousands of preventions undertaken. Our patrols were again extremely proactive on the beach therefore minimising the need for rescues.

## Season Statistics

Behind the scenes, numerous processes and activities were undertaken to ensure mandatory compliance obligations were fulfilled. Call-out team lists were maintained, equipment checked and repaired, member contact lists maintained, finances monitored, proficiencies completed, and member awards updated. Regular Branch meetings were also attended by Executive members as required.

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people at Dixon  
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**7**  
rescues



**6,553**  
preventative actions





The 2023-2024 season saw us partnering again with Reach Homeless Services to raise funds for those in our region affected by homelessness, drug and alcohol struggles, mental health issues, domestic violence, financial hardship or loneliness. Reach Homeless Services are a group of local volunteers working to support local people. 'Row for Reach' saw patrolling members, together with volunteers from Reach and Juice Plus (another local supporter) row marathons on rowing machines outside the Club. \$2,600 was raised for Dixon Park and the other partner organisations. Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club is looking to continue and expand the partnership with Reach Homeless Services to make better use of the resources at our disposal and increase the value and relevance of the Club in the broader community.

The Executive Committee of Dixon Park SLSC meets monthly to monitor operations, discuss issues within the club, report on finances and plan for future activities. Each Director reports on operations within their area of responsibility and raises concerns or issues that they believe require discussion. Strong governance supports all Executive activities, with structured processes and procedures in place to ensure transparency, consistency and compliance. A great deal of work has been undertaken in the financial arena to construct annual budgets as a means of monitoring expenditure in all operational units. Reporting against budgets makes all areas accountable and provides a clearer picture of specific areas of expenditure. It also allows for strategic financial planning over the longer term.

The Committee is continually seeking interested parties, especially younger Club members, to participate as members of the Executive team to ensure all member groups feel adequately represented. Member representation across all age demographics can only strengthen the many dimensions of the Club and allow us to better serve our members and the community.

### Deceased Members

To those Members who have suffered bereavements during the past year, we express our deepest sympathy. We especially remember Richard Townsend and Bob Mason who have passed away in recent months.

Richard was a member of the Championship winning IRB Team in the 1980's and 1990's.

Bob was a great swimmer who helped nurture a powerful Dixon Park Swimming Team in the 1970's.

Both are remembered for their efforts over the years in the development and continued success of the Club.

### Toni O'Donoghue Director Administration

#### Executive Meetings and participation from September 2023 to June 2024

Executive Group	Position	Attendance	Apology
Peter Brown	President	9	0
Geoff Padgett	Vice President	6	2
Paul Murray	Director of Finance	9	1
Dean Rowe Peter Eden	Directors of Lifesaving	5	2
Tom Newman	Director of Education	7	3
Peter Wilkinson	Director of Surf Sports	9	1
Toni O'Donoghue	Director of Administration	7	2
John Miller Joao Silveirinha* (*stood in for John Miller)	Director of Junior Activities	0 5	2

# FINANCE REPORT

**Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club (DPSLSC, the Club) executive committee has a duty to ensure that the financial affairs of the Club are managed responsibly. DPSLSC is an incorporated association and a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). The enclosed audited financial statements are prepared to comply with the requirements of ACNC.**

It is a **pleasing** result for the 2024 financial year, with the operating surplus being \$109,630 compared to \$71,168 for the previous 2023 financial year. Some points as explanation:

## **Income:**

- Higher than budgeted bar sales, hall hire and functions income.
- Higher than prior year grants and interest income.

## **Expenses:**

- Proportionate increase in bar and functions salaries compared to budget but similar expenditure to the 2023 financial year.
- Cost of insurance increased from the 2023 financial year by approximately 50%.

## **Balance Sheet:**

- The Club is holding \$700,000 in financial assets (term deposits).

It can be observed that a well-managed bar and functions component of the Club is essential to ongoing operating surpluses. Other opportunities to increase income include growing the membership and external sponsorships.

In carrying out its duty, during the 2024 financial year, the committee worked on enhancements to budget planning and reporting, strengthening financial controls and processes, enhancements to the fixed assets schedules and maximising investment returns.

The Club was a successful applicant in NSW Government Surf Club Facility Program 2023/24 (grant value approx. \$43,000) in partnership with the City of Newcastle (CN) to replace all the doors and windows on the eastern side balcony. The Club has been advised that (expected) additional cost over the grant value will be funded by CN. This is a much-needed project and great news, but the venue space is planned to be closed for construction from mid-March to mid-May 2025.

The committee has developed and approved a budget for the 2025 financial year which is more conservative than the 2024 financial year. This is due to an expected decrease in the number of functions, increasing operating costs (esp. bar staff wages) and the planned closure of the venue space as mentioned. The budget also includes a provision to upgrade the upstairs women's bathroom.

In summary, DPSLSC is in a strong financial position, has financial resilience and opportunity to direct funds towards developing and implementing a strategic plan.

Acknowledgement and thanks to Alison Wooden for her ongoing support and highly professional financial services to the club.

## **Geoff Padgett (outgoing Vice President)**

A major contributor to the current financial position of the club is Geoff Padgett (outgoing Vice President). Geoff has been an active member and key person on the Club governing group for decades. He has been pivotal in the running of the club, the facility upgrades (especially the major project in 2017-2019), and the accrued operating surpluses over many years through his oversight and management of the bar and functions, club operations and infrastructure. On behalf of all members, I offer our gratitude to Geoff.

## **Paul Murray**

**Director of Finance**



# LIFE SAVING REPORT

**Our surf club relies entirely on our dedicated patrolling members, whose commitment every weekend and public holiday during the season forms the backbone of our organisation. Their generosity in freely giving their time and expertise enables Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club to achieve the SLSA mission of “saving lives, creating great Australians, and building better communities.”**

Our patrol captains have once again demonstrated exemplary leadership and support for our patrolling members. Their dedication to managing lifesaving operations ensured that our beach was adequately covered every weekend, with the necessary number of skilled patrolling members present. For the 2023-2024 season, our Patrol Captains were:

- Patrol 1 Peter Wilkinson
- Patrol 2 Dean Rowe
- Patrol 3 Adrian Parker
- Patrol 4 Ross Burgess
- Patrol 5 Brad Noble
- Patrol 6 Earl Rennie
- Patrol 7 Mark Kirkpatrick
- Patrol 8 Scott Gibson/Kesley Kernes
- Patrol 9 John Humphries
- Patrol 10 Neil Caddis

The naming of Patrol of the Year is always a highlight of the end-of-season awards, and the 2023-2024 season was no exception. This year, the honour went to Patrol 1, led by Patrol Captain Peter Wilkinson. Despite being a small group, they bring an exceptional level of skill and experience to every patrol. Their dedication was evident in their enthusiasm, commitment to continuous improvement in fitness and skills, and the high level of preventive measures they implemented. Congratulations to Patrol 1 for their outstanding performance and well-deserved recognition.

### Volunteer of the Year: Laura Barnett

Laura Barnett earned the title of Volunteer of the Year for her exceptional dedication and leadership. Her enthusiasm, positive attitude, and tireless work training our junior members in Under 13's & Under 14's to become the next generation of lifesavers made a significant impact. Congratulations, Laura, for your outstanding contribution and well-deserved recognition.

### Patrol 1 - Patrol of the Year – Members

- Peter Wilkinson (PC)
- Peter Brown
- Mark Wright
- Gavin Stewart



## Lifesavers of the Year: Brad Noble and Jack Noble

Brad and Jack Noble were named Lifesavers of the Year for their unwavering commitment and service. Always volunteering for extra patrols, their dedication to safety and teamwork stood out. Their consistent effort and readiness to go above and beyond made them truly deserving of this honour. Congratulations, Brad and Jack, for your extraordinary dedication.

We would like to extend a special mention to the following members for their outstanding dedication and service. These individuals not only completed 100% of their patrol hours but also went above and beyond, contributing well over their rostered hours (exceeding 60 hours) Stuart Barnett, Ross Burgess, Neil Caddis, Peter Eden, Sam Murland, Tom Newman, Brad Noble, Adrian Parker, Earl Rennie & Dean Rowe. These members generously donated their time and expertise.

## Statistics

The patrol season at Dixon Park beach from 23rd September 2023 to 28th April 2024, saw an attendance of 65,258 people during patrol hours. Our patrolling members dedicated 3,186 hours to support and protect the community. They conducted 6,553 preventative actions, attended to 74 first aid incidents, and performed 7 surf rescues. Thanks to their tireless efforts the safety of beachgoers was maintained.

Hunter Branch conducted periodic patrol audits to assess compliance with standard operating procedures and identify areas needing improvement. These audits also allowed for regular reviews of the quality and consistency of our patrol services.

Our patrolling members should be extremely proud of their contribution to providing a safe and enjoyable coastal experience for both the local community and visitors. We look forward to their return for the 2024-2025 season.

**Dean Rowe, Peter Eden**

**Directors of Lifesaving**





# JUNIOR ACTIVITIES (NIPPERS) REPORT

**'Dixon Park SLSC is committed to safeguarding children and young people'**

**The 2023-2024 Nippers season was very successful, with larger numbers of Nippers able to regularly attend the Sunday sessions. The Club was able to maintain large numbers of U6s and U7s, having very consistent participation. The number of Nippers for the 2023-2024 season when compared to the previous season had a marginal increase from 138 to 141 Nippers.**

The 2023-2024 season was more favourable for water conditions than previous years, and for this reason water activities were a focus for the groups. Nippers spent more time in the water developing water skills. There was a significant increase in Age Managers to 33 which enabled a consistent participation of Age Managers across all Age Groups during all planned weekends.

The increase in skills and water abilities shown by the Nippers was a credit to the volunteer Age Managers who supervised the Children and patiently guided them through the activities every week. The assistance of all the Age Managers and parents who participated in games and activities on the beach, facilitated the running of the weekly nippers' sessions.

Our Christmas Party had a special participation of one of our Sponsors Shy Skin Australia and enabled a different level of participation and involvement from the parents and Santa.



The growth in water skills displayed was also due to the Nippers being willing to participate as a Team in ocean activities, many of them for the first time. The efforts of the group lifted each member of that group until they were able to accomplish activities, they never thought they could achieve when the year began. We received very positive feedback from the Water Safety Team regarding the Nippers participation, which opens the opportunity



of having a more structured approach to participate in Carnivals next season (2024-2025).

This year several of the older Nippers completed their Surf Rescue Certificates (SRC), an enormous achievement of which they should be duly proud. A big congratulations to Cooper Fahey, Alyse Webb, Caitlyn Hergenhan and Taylah Lowe on this achievement.

This also puts them well on their way to completing their Bronze Medallion should they wish to do so. They received their patrol uniforms at the Presentation Day and can start patrolling next season.

Several Nippers participated in a few Carnivals and put in a great effort. While there may not have been any wins, there were great times had and many memories to take away! The intention is to have a more structured approach next season to support these athletes.

Declan Byrnes was the recipient of the Dale Laverty Award.

Declan had an outstanding season at Dixon Park Nippers. At every session he showcased his mentoring, leadership, teamwork, and surf lifesaving skills, acting as a role-model for our younger nippers.

Even though this season was a memorable one for the U14 numbers, we forecast that next season we will have one of the biggest U14 Age Groups in many years, with more than 10 members doing their SRC. A big thanks to Stuart Barnett, Tom Newman, Laura Barnett and Ross Burgess, our Education and Training Team, for the ongoing support of our Nippers during the season.

A big thanks to our Sponsors for the 2023-2024 Season being Shy Skin Australia, Sellers Quality Meats, Side Track Coffee, Grill'd - The Junction and Fortitude - Live Work.

The Nippers Presentation hadn't been held in the upstairs Club room since the start of Covid and it was a perfect

opportunity to revive the event in this environment. Having a great involvement of Nippers and Parents in the Club room was memorable and well received by all members.

In summary, the 2023-2024 Nippers season was a memorable one. It was both a pleasure and a privilege for every Age Manager to be able to play a part in educating and mentoring the Nippers, helping them learn and grow both in the ocean and as individuals. All Age Managers look forward to many more Nippers seasons and hope that the Nippers of today will become the lifesavers and Age Managers of tomorrow, passing on their skills and helping to keep the beaches safe!

**John Silveirinha**  
**Junior Activities Co-ordinator**





# EDUCATION REPORT

The 2023-2024 season saw the continued rebuilding of Dixon Park’s Education Team that commenced in the previous season following the retirement and departure of trainers in preceding years. Our Education Team now consists of 6 Endorsed Trainers & 2 Probationary Trainers all of whom are experienced lifesavers possessing a wealth of knowledge to share with recent and future candidates. The team will continue to upskill throughout the next season. Expanding our qualifications will allow us to increase the awards we are able to deliver to new and existing members. We will also continue to seek eager new trainers to join the team.

Thankyou to all the training team members who contributed to this season. Their time, commitment and expertise were nothing short of incredible. These efforts are the core tenet that allow Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club to provide the vital service of keeping our community safe and saving lives on our part of the NSW coastline.

My grateful thanks go to Stuart Barnett, our most experienced and lead trainer. This season he not only mentored 3 Probationary Trainers, namely Ross Burgess, Laura Barnett and myself, to receive our Endorsed Trainer Certificates, but also mentored members at several other clubs within the Hunter Branch in various TAF qualifications. In addition to this, in his capacity as the club’s sole Assessor and Facilitator, he assessed numerous awards and facilitated multiple Central Venue Assessments (CVA’s) in the branch this season. I pass on my personal thanks to Stuart for his guidance & support across the season in my new role as Director of Education and for his many years of service on the Executive Committee making Dixon Park one of the best equipped clubs in the branch. Additionally, I congratulate Stuart on receiving the Hunter Branch ‘Facilitator of the Year’ for the 2023-2024 season at the recent Branch Awards of Excellence, in recognition of his significant contributions. We wish him well at the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence event.

I thank **Laura Barnett** for all her efforts this season, especially her incredible work overseeing the entirety of the Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) course, training our junior members in Under 13’s & Under 14’s to become the next generation of lifesavers. I congratulate Laura on receiving

the club’s ‘Volunteer of the Year’ Award for her significant contributions not only to education, but to overall club operations, and her recognition at the recent Hunter Branch Awards of Excellence.

I also thank **Ross Burgess** for his efforts this season. In addition to his role as the club’s Support Services Officer, he was a key figure in every facet of the Education Team’s activities, most notably overseeing the revitalisation of our IRB Training Program. The completion of a very successful IRB Crew Person course this season was a credit to Ross. I congratulate Ross on receiving the club’s ‘Trainer of the Year’ Award, and his recognition at the recent Hunter Branch Awards of Excellence.

Finally, I thank **Adrian Parker, Alan Gordon, João Silveirinha** and all those members who contributed to education over the course of the season.



## EDUCATION AWARDS

This season 582 new Awards, Units of Competency, Proficiency Certifications, Online Training Courses, & Qualifications were processed for Dixon Park associated members. This is an increase of more than 15% from the previous season, reflecting the success of our ongoing efforts to rebuild the Education Team.

## 2023/24 AWARD SUMMARY

### BRONZE MEDALLION

Scott Millar, Marg Wellham, Bryce Hardie, Michael Chatwin

### SRC & CPR CERTIFICATES

Cooper Fahey, Alyse Webb, Caitlyn Hergenhan, Taylah Lowe

### CPR CERTIFICATES

Ethan Schmidt, Leo Wasik

### IRB CREW PERSON CERTIFICATES

Maria Cordoba, Declan Fitzgerald, Tyron Mascini, Troy McClelland, Scott Millar, Natalia Pedraza, Juan Ramuno

### FIRST AID

Michael Beldzinski, Michael Chatwin, Bryce Hardie, Brad Noble, Jack Noble, Peter Brown, Marg Wellham, Bradley Newman, Peter Wilkinson

### ADVANCED RESUSCITATION TECHNIQUES (ART) CERTIFICATES

Laura Barnett, Peter Brown, Ross Burgess, Maria Cordoba, Peter Eden, Natasha McIntosh, Thomas Newman, Natalia Pedraza, Juan Ramuno, Earl Rennie

### SILVER MEDALLION AQUATIC RESCUE (SMAR)

Juan Ramuno

### SILVER MEDALLION PATROL CAPTAIN

Thomas Newman

### ENDORSED TRAINING OFFICER - BM & SRC

Ross Burgess, Laura Barnett, Thomas Newman

## Skills Maintenance/Proficiencies

The Education Team also oversaw the club's annual skills maintenance with Patrol, Award and Junior Activity proficiencies, being completed and processed prior to the end of the 2023 calendar year. This is a crucial part of the season, requiring a considerable time commitment on the part of the Education team, Patrol Captains, Nippers Committee and Age Managers. I thank all those involved in the process, particularly **João Silveirinha** and **Lachlan Pearse** with the Nippers.

### Season 2024-25

During the upcoming season the Education Team plans to run Bronze Medallion, SRC, First Aid, Advanced Resuscitation Techniques, IRB Crew Person & Silver Medallion IRB Driver courses internally. These courses will contribute to developing the skill sets of current members and assist with the club's broader efforts to increase patrolling members through active recruitment and encouraging past or non-patrolling members to re-engage.

Additionally, we will encourage members to participate in the wide array of courses the Hunter Branch delivers including the Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue, Silver Medallion Patrol Captain, UAV Operator, RWC (Jet Ski) Operator, ALBERT Advanced IRB Skills, and Training Officer. These courses all provide excellent opportunities to upskill.

### Club Education Team

Stuart Barnett (T,A,F,C,M); Laura Barnett (T); Ross Burgess (T); Thomas Newman (T); Adrian Parker (P,C); Cassandra Barnett (T,C); Mark Wright (P,C); Alan Gordon (T,A,M)

T = Endorsed Training Officer, A = Endorsed Assessor, F = Facilitator, P = Probationary Training Officer, C = Cert IV Training and Assessing, M= TAF Mentor

**Thomas Newman**

**Director of Education**





# SURF SPORTS REPORT

**The Masters continue to show the way for the Club in competition. On a cloudy, rain swept and windy day, a small contingent competed at the Branch Masters Championships at Stockton. The competitors performed well with Juan Romano again leading the way. Juan, Dean and Tim all had a crack at the State Masters. While they performed creditably, flying the Dixon Park Flag, the competition proved too strong.**

The Master's Boat crew (although again rowing for Nobby's) continued to have success. The crew (Shane Barclay, Ian Kerr, Paul Hunt, Paul Murray & Peter Wilkinson) competing in the 260's, were uncertain of their pending fortunes at the start of the season. They won all before them in 2023-2024 – the Hunter / Central Coast Boat Series, the Branch, the State and finally the Aussies. At the State Titles the crew cracked a great wave which unfortunately was not captured on film. Thirteen crews competed at the Aussies, and the crew dominated with the three round wins and a comfortable final victory.

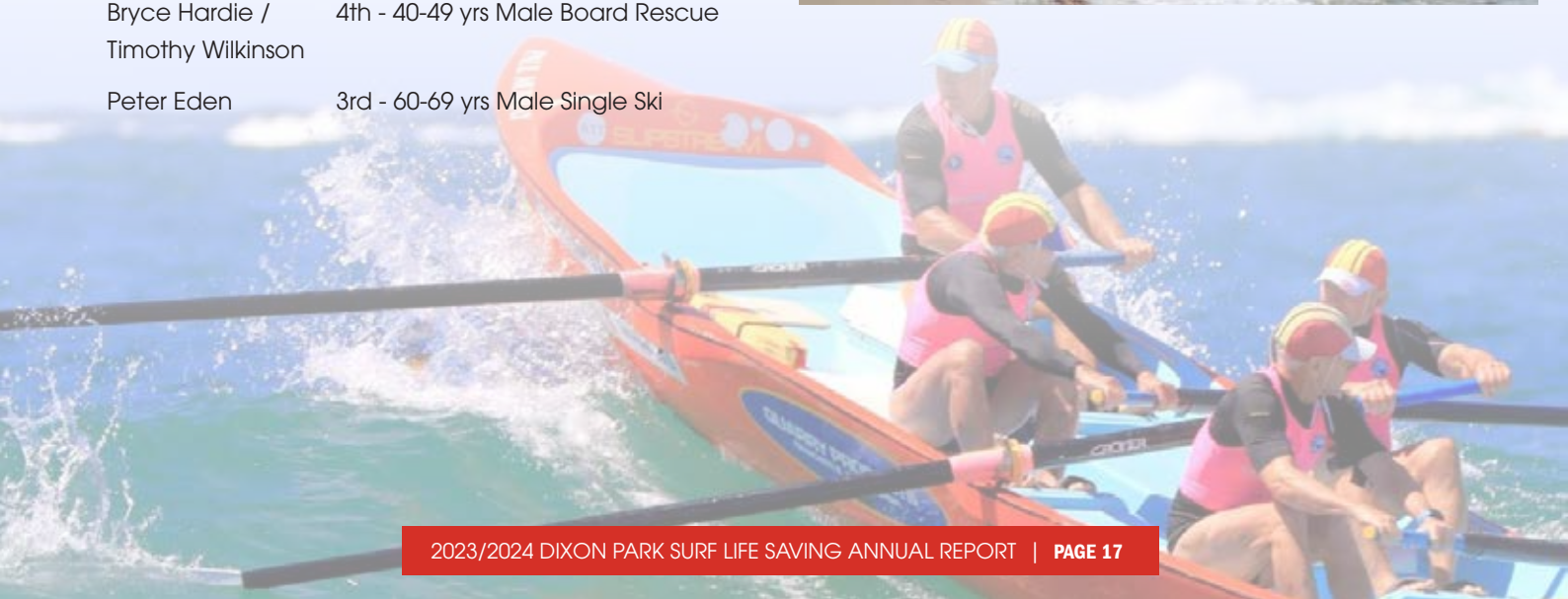
## Hunter Branch Results

Juan Ramuno	1st - 30-39 yrs Male 2Km Beach Run 1st - 30-39 yrs Male Beach Flags 1st - 30-39 yrs Male Beach Sprint
Bryce Hardie	1st - 30-39 yrs Male Surf Race
Dean Rowe	2nd - 40-49 yrs Male 2Km Beach Run 4th - 40-49 yrs Male Surf Race
Timothy Wilkinson	6th - 40-49 yrs Board Race 8th - 40-49 yrs Male Surf Race 3rd - 40-49 yrs Male Beach Flags
Bryce Hardie / Timothy Wilkinson	4th - 40-49 yrs Male Board Rescue
Peter Eden	3rd - 60-69 yrs Male Single Ski

Dixon Park hosted the Hunter Branch Championships again this season. A good surf and a pleasant sunny day helped make the carnival a great success and was enjoyed by all competitors. It required a small band of members to be on hand to set up for the carnival and then pack away the gear at the carnival finish. The IRB drivers and crew deserve special mention, as they are needed before during and after the carnival. Many thanks to Ross Burgess, Sam Murland, Allan Gordon, Joao Silveirinha, Shane Barclay and Troy McClelland for their work with the IRB. It is also important to recognise the contribution of the Branch officials who worked tirelessly throughout the day to ensure the carnival ran smoothly. Dixon Park was happy to host a get together for the officials and club members after the carnival.

Once again members are encouraged to use club facilities and equipment for their own personal fitness and health. The gym, club skis and boards can all be accessed by members.

**Peter Wilkinson**  
**Director of Surf Sports**





# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR 1ST JULY 2023 TO 30TH JUNE 2024

## Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

ABN: 36 248 962 500

### Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

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**Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc.**

ABN: 36 248 962 500

**Committee Report**

The members of the Committee submit the financial report of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

**1. General information**

**Committee members**

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Name	Position
Peter Brown	President
Geoff Padgett	Vice President
Toni O'Donoghue	Director of Administration
Paul Murray	Director of Finance
Peter Wilkinson	Director of Surf Sports
Thomas Newman	Director of Education
John Silveirinha	Director of Junior Activities
Dean Rowe, Peter Eden	Director of Lifesaving

**Principal activities**

The principal activities of the Association during the financial period was to provide for the conduct, encouragement, promotion and administration of surf lifesaving throughout Dixon Park Beach.



**Significant changes**

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

**Operating Results**

The Association's operating surplus for the year was \$109,630 (2023: \$71,168).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee:

Committee member: .....  
 Committee member: .....  
 Committee member: .....

Dated 9 August 2024



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**Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc.**  
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**Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 60-40 of The Australian Charities and Not For Profit Commission Act 2012 to the Committee of Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc.**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2024, 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.



Joshua Comyns  
 Partner  
 KLM Accountants


9 August 2025  
 Charlestown, NSW


## Responsible Entity Declaration

The members of the Committee of the Association declare that in the Association's opinion:

- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulations 2022*.

  
Committee Member

  
Committee Member

Date: 9 August 2024

## Statement of Financial Performance As at 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Bar sales	204,602	205,192
Clothing sales	10,615	7,455
Day hall hire income	31,642	19,002
Donations and sponsorships	4,997	800
Event services	-	573
Food sales	5,188	7,227
Fundraising events	1,159	2,386
Grants – acquittal	29,336	9,502
Grants – non acquittal	15,538	14,636
Hall hire and functions income	61,639	72,055
Interest income	27,849	3,398
Kitchen hire income	9,545	27,091
Memberships	35,810	26,773
Sundry Income	2,491	12,029
Supplier Commission income	-	455
<b>Total income</b>	<b>440,412</b>	<b>408,573</b>
<b>Cost of sales</b>		
Opening stock	32,013	37,374
Clothing & merchandise purchases	10,799	10,888
Event services costs	6,032	7,255
Fundraising costs	165	6,035
Purchases - Bar	80,212	80,496
Purchases - Food	5,465	4,514
Closing stock	(44,297)	(32,013)
<b>Total cost of sales</b>	<b>90,389</b>	<b>114,548</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Advertising & promotion	915	-
ATV running costs	962	458
Audit and accounting fees	5,732	5,360
Awards	-	789
Bank charges	1,896	3,014
Bookkeeping fees	13,043	9,460
Cleaning	13,693	17,733
Clubhouse supplies	4,060	2,225
Competition expenses	482	331

**Statement of Financial Performance**  
As at 30 June 2024

Depreciation	41,417	36,177
Employee amenities	94	-
Entertainment	-	455
Grant expenditure	10,816	2,648
Hunter Branch/ SLSA costs	3,230	3,520
Insurance	23,348	15,864
IRB Expenses	1,468	430
Light, power & heating	9,850	11,036
Liquor license	693	449
Long service leave – bar staff	1,075	-
Loss on scrapped assets	187	-
Motor vehicle expenses	226	268
Presentation and Club days	8,750	9,691
Printing, postage and stationery	306	813
Registrations	195	-
Rent	96	573
Repairs and maintenance	14,124	17,344
Subscriptions	1,814	360
Superannuation	7,889	7,751
Telephone & internet	2,508	1,760
Training courses and consumables	112	285
Wages and salaries – bar/functions	44,211	43,906
Wages and salaries - cleaning	1,720	-
Wages and salaries – event co-ordinator	25,481	30,156
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>240,393</b>	<b>222,857</b>
<b>Surplus before income taxes</b>	<b>109,630</b>	<b>71,168</b>
Income tax expense	-	-
<b>Surplus after income tax</b>	<b>109,630</b>	<b>71,168</b>
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>109,630</b>	<b>71,168</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Statement of Financial Position**  
As at 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	94,864	110,032
Trade and Other Receivables	9,312	1,050
Financial Assets	700,000	563,848
Other Assets	48,232	46,963
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>852,408</b>	<b>721,893</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Property, Plant & Equipment	623,165	643,777
Formation Expenses	38	38
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>623,203</b>	<b>643,815</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,475,611</b>	<b>1,365,708</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables	11,529	17,224
Provisions	6,000	-
Other Liabilities	27,832	28,941
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>45,361</b>	<b>46,165</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Provisions	1,075	-
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>46,436</b>	<b>46,165</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,429,175</b>	<b>1,319,543</b>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		
Retained surplus	1,429,175	1,319,545
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>1,429,175</b>	<b>1,319,545</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	Retained Surplus \$	Total \$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2023</b>	1,319,545	1,319,545
Surplus for the year	109,630	109,630
<b>Balance at 30 June 2024</b>	<u>1,429,175</u>	<u>1,429,175</u>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2023</b>	1,248,377	1,248,377
Surplus for the year	71,168	71,168
<b>Balance at 30 June 2023</b>	<u>1,319,544</u>	<u>1,319,545</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Receipts from customers	481,136	446,056
Payments to suppliers and employees	(367,009)	(339,048)
Interest received	27,849	3,398
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>141,976</u>	<u>110,406</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Reinvestment in financial assets	(136,152)	(262,069)
Payments for acquisition of plant and equipment	(20,992)	(29,036)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(157,144)</u>	<u>(291,105)</u>
<b>Net (decrease)/ increase in cash and cash equivalents held Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year</b>	<u>(15,168)</u> 110,032 94,864	<u>(180,699)</u> 290,731 110,032

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

The financial report covers Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc. as an individual entity. Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club is a Not-For-Profit entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The functional and presentation currency of Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc. is Australian dollars.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

### 1. Basis of Preparation

In the Committee's opinion, the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. This special purpose financial report has been prepared to satisfy the reporting requirements in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991* and the *Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission Act 2012*.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of *Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission Act 2012* and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows
- AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures
- AASB 1048 Interpretation of Standards
- AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures.

Material/significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

### 2. Material/Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

#### (b) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied in accordance with AASB 15 Revenue from contracts with customers and AASB 1058 income of not-for-profit entities.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

### Donations and Bequests

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received. As specified in the Act, unsolicited donations, members' donations and bequests are not treated as fundraising income when determining information required under the Act. They are treated as gifts under the legislation.

### Grant revenue

Grant revenue is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income when the entity obtains control of the grant, it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

When grant revenue is received whereby the entity incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

### Interest revenue

Interest is recognised using the effective interest method.

### Rendering of services

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised depending on whether the outcome of the services can be estimated reliably. If the outcome can be estimated reliably then the stage of completion of the services is used to determine the appropriate level of revenue to be recognised in the period.

If the outcome cannot be reliably estimated then revenue is recognised to the extent of expenses recognised that are recoverable.

### Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Association is entitled to it.

### (c) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed asset class	Depreciation rate
Plant & Equipment (Juniors & Seniors)	10% - 100%
Office Equipment	5% - 10%
Surf Sports, Boat & Gym Equipment	10% - 100%
ATV, IRB and Life Saving Equipment	20%
Leasehold Improvements	2.5%

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

**(d) Financial instruments**

**Financial assets**

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

The Association's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position.

Trade receivables comprise amounts due from the provision of services and are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less an allowance for any uncollectible amounts.

*Impairment of financial assets*

*Trade receivables*

Impairment of trade receivables have been determined using the simplified approach in AASB 9 which uses an estimation of lifetime expected credit losses.

The amount of the impairment is recorded in a separate allowance account with the loss being recognised in finance expense. Once the receivable is determined to be uncollectable then the gross carrying amount is written off against the associated allowance.

Where the Association renegotiates the terms of trade receivables due from certain customers, the new expected cash flows are discounted at the original effective interest rate and any resulting difference to the carrying value is recognised in profit or loss.

**Financial liabilities**

The financial liabilities of the Association comprise trade payables.

**(e) Impairment of non-financial assets**

At the end of each reporting period the Association determines whether there is evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where an indicator exists and regardless for indefinite life intangible assets and intangible assets not yet available for use, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated

**(f) Employee benefits**

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Cashflows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in profit or loss.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

**(g) Adoption of new and revised accounting standards**

The Association has adopted all standards which became effective for the first time at 30 June 2024, the adoption of these standards has not caused any material adjustments to the reported financial position, performance or cash flow of the Association.

**3 Critical accounting estimates, judgements and errors**

The Committee members evaluate estimates, judgements and errors incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Association.

**Key estimates - impairment of property, plant and equipment**

The Association assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluating conditions specific to the Association that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

**Key estimates –property, plant and equipment residual values and useful lives**

These assets are written down to their estimated residual value over their estimated residual value over their anticipated useful lives using the straight-line basis. Members of the Committee reviews residual values annually considering market conditions and disposal values.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<b>4. Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Cash at bank	92,757	107,732
Cash on hand	2,107	2,300
	<b>94,864</b>	<b>110,032</b>
<b>5. Trade &amp; other receivables</b>		
Other debtors	9,312	1,050
	<b>9,312</b>	<b>1,050</b>
<b>6. Financial Assets</b>		
Westpac Bank Term Deposits > 3 months	700,000	563,848
	<b>700,000</b>	<b>563,848</b>
<b>7. Other Assets</b>		
Stock on hand – at cost	44,297	32,012
Prepayments	3,935	14,951
	<b>48,232</b>	<b>46,963</b>



## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

### 8. Property, plant and equipment

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Leasehold Improvements		
At cost	571,809	571,809
Accumulated depreciation	(71,994)	(56,851)
Total Leasehold Improvements	<u>499,815</u>	<u>514,958</u>
Plant and Equipment - Seniors		
At cost	279,017	277,183
Accumulated depreciation	(225,907)	(227,801)
Total Plant and Equipment - Seniors	<u>53,110</u>	<u>49,382</u>
Plant and Equipment - Juniors		
At cost	39,861	44,770
Accumulated depreciation	(39,861)	(44,698)
Total Plant and Equipment - Juniors	<u>-</u>	<u>72</u>
Surf Sports, Boat and Gym Equipment - Seniors		
At cost	131,293	128,612
Accumulated depreciation	(108,019)	(99,847)
Total Surf Sports, Boat and Gym Equipment - Seniors	<u>23,274</u>	<u>28,765</u>
ATV and IRB Equipment		
At cost	88,411	88,411
Accumulated depreciation	(75,967)	(67,511)
Total ATV and IRB Equipment	<u>12,444</u>	<u>20,900</u>
Life Saving and Education Equip - Seniors		
At cost	27,247	27,247
Accumulated depreciation	(16,515)	(12,748)
Total Life Saving and Education Equip - Seniors	<u>10,732</u>	<u>14,499</u>
Office Furniture & Equipment		
At cost	26,509	16,440
Accumulated depreciation	(2,719)	(1,239)
Total Office Furniture & Equipment	<u>23,790</u>	<u>15,201</u>
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>623,165</u>	<u>643,777</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

### 9. Trade & other payables

Accounts payable	3,956	12,016
GST payable / (receivable)	2,695	(1,298)
PAYG withholdings payable	1,771	3,284
Superannuation payable	1,363	2,432
Other payables	1,744	790
	<u>11,529</u>	<u>17,224</u>

### 10. Provisions

CURRENT	6,000	-
Provision for staff bonus	<u>6,000</u>	-
NON-CURRENT		
Provision for Long Service Leave	1,075	-
	<u>1,075</u>	-

### 11. Other Liabilities

Bonds held in advance (Functions)	3,500	2,350
Unearned income	24,332	26,591
	<u>27,832</u>	<u>28,941</u>

### 12. Disclosures under the NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991

Fundraising appeals conducted by the Club during the year led to a number of donations. Net fundraising is applied to the operational expenses of the Club in its core lifesaving activities. Comparisons of certain monetary figures and percentages in accordance with the requirements of the NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 are set out below.

#### (i) Details of aggregate gross income and total expenses of Fundraising Appeals:

	2024	%	2023	%
	\$		\$	
Total Fundraising Income	3,898		2,389	
Less: Total Direct Costs of Fundraising	(402)	10.3	(6,035)	(252.6)
Net surplus / (Deficit) from Fundraising	<u>995</u>	<u>89.7</u>	<u>(3,646)</u>	<u>(152.6)</u>

#### (ii) Accounting Principles and method adopted in the Financial Statements:

The accounting principles and methods adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out in Note 1 of the notes to the financial statements.

#### (iii) Fundraising appeals conducted during the year:

During the year ended 30 June 2024, there was a presentation night tickets fundraising activity undertaken and Breakfast BBQ fundraising for Row For Reach (2023: presentation night tickets fundraising).

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

### 13. Contingencies

In the opinion of the members of the Committee, the Association did not have any contingent liabilities at 30 June 2024 (30 June 2023: None).

### 14. Related Parties Transactions

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

### 15. Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel of the Association are the members of the Committee.

All key management personnel and volunteers are not compensated.

### 16. Events Occurring After the Reporting Date

The financial report was authorised for issue on 25 August 2024 by the members of the Committee.

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

### 17. Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the Association is:  
Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc.  
15 Ocean Street  
Merewether NSW, 2291

## Charitable Fundraising Act Declaration

I, Peter Brown, President of Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc., declare that in my opinion that:

- (a) The financial statements give a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc. with respect to fundraising appeal activities for the financial year ended 30 June 2024;
- (b) The statement of financial position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs with respect to fundraising appeal activities as at 30 June 2024;
- (c) The provisions of the Charitable Fundraising (NSW) Act 1991 and Regulations and the conditions attached to the authority have been complied with for the financial year ended 30 June 2024;
- (d) The internal controls exercised by Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc. are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc. from any of its fundraising appeals; and
- (e) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable.

Dated 9 August 2024



Peter Brown (President)



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## Independent Audit Report to the members of Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

### Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report being a special purpose financial report, of Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc., which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the committee's declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Association is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, and *NSW Charitable Funding Act 1991* including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulations 2022*.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the committee members' financial reporting responsibilities under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, and *NSW Charitable Funding Act 1991*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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## Independent Audit Report to the members of Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

### Responsibilities of members of the Committee and Those Charged with Governance

The committee members of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991, and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee members' responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee members determine necessary to enable the preparation of a 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.

The Committee is responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

### 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 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 the 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 members of the Committee.

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- Conclude on the appropriateness of the members of the Committees 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 members of the Committee 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.



Joshua Comyns  
Partner  
KLM Accountants  
Registered Association Auditor No. 532802

Charlestown, NSW

Dated: 9 August 2024

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# MEMBERSHIP 2023 - 2024

## Life Members (Deceased)

N	Brown
Hugh	Clifford
Doug	Eades
Wally	Eather
Ray	Harman
W	Haynes
James	Johnson
Dale	Laverty
William	McIntosh
Harold	McLardy
Richard	McWhinney
Brett	Norris
J	O'Reilly
Jack	Owen
F	Parker
W	Parker
Reginald	Parkinson
T	Purdon
David	Ringland
J	Rourke
Doug	Sault
Kevin	Smith
Edward	Swain
John	Tongue
Peter	Woodward

## Life Members

Stuart	Barnett
Paul	Brady
Peter	Brown
Carl	Greer
Warren	Hinchcliffe
Bruce	MacDonald
Arthur	Mawkes
Paul	Murray
Peter	Norris
Toni	O'Donoghue
Trevor	Owen
Geoff	Padgett
Earl	Rennie
Kenneth	Screen
Jack	Tomlinson
Peter	Wilkinson

## Active Members (18 yrs and over)

Ashlee	Antcliff
Jon	Baker
Brett	Bancroft
Cassandra	Barnett
Laura	Barnett
Michael	Beldzinski
Jude	Biswas
Callan	Blanch
Chad	Bower
Ross	Burgess
Samuel	Burgess
Caitlin	Byrnes
David	Byrnes
Neil	Caddis
Michael	Chatwin
Maria	Cordoba
Alan	Cross
Peter	Eden
Reece	Faulkner
Aleksandr	Fitzgerald
Declan	Fitzgerald
Scott	Gibson
Bryce	Hardie
Chris	Harvey
Charles	Henshaw
John	Humphries
Kesley	Kernes
Amy	Kirkpatrick
Mark	Kirkpatrick
Troy	McClelland
Kate	McIntosh
Natasha	McIntosh
John	Miller
Scott	Miller
Samuel	Murland
Bradley	Newman
Thomas	Newman
Bradley	Noble
Jack	Noble
Adrian	Parker
Lachlan	Pearse
Natalia	Pedraza
Juan	Ramuno
Samuel	Rayfield
Robert	Reed

Brianna	Rope
Dean	Rowe
Alexandra	Ryba
Joao	Silveirinha
Blair	Speakman
Gavin	Stewart
Mark-Nicola	Vergot
Margaret	Wellham
Timothy	Wilkinson
Breeannan	Williams
Mark	Wright

## Long Service

Carl	Audley
Shane	Barclay
Matthew	Criss
Ian	Faulkner
Allan	Gordon
Marc	Henty
Paul	Hunt
Ian	Kerr
Kenneth	Nolan
Lisa	Wright

## Reserve Active

Adrian	Anderson
Tia	Brady
Harry	Daniel
Brian	Fisher
Darren	Pateman
Michael	Pearce





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