



Minutes

Annual General Meeting of Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

Sunday 15 July 2018, 2pm, Club House, 1a Pacific Avenue, Tamarama

Attendees: Tom Bodger, Lance Brooks, Brad Charters, Jack Collins, Ruari Dowdney, Richard Hamilton, Sue Jackson, Mark Larmour, Holly Love, Liam McDermott, David Murphy, Tim Murray, Robert Page, Eloise Pietsch, Matteo Salval, Aryan Shahabi-Sirjani, Marilee Tamasy, Joanne Miller, Andrew Nicholson, Paul Cooper, Kenneth Eastment, John Hall, David Jex, John Proctor, Richard Sheldon, Guy Waddell, Rob Wormleaton, Warwick Clout, John Lackey, Denis Paterson, Adrian Lim, Ronan MacSweeney, Charlie Pavlou (SLSS Director of Member Services)

Apologies: Danny Adams, Clive Owens, Bill Shires, Phil Hogan, Peter Davis, Mieka White, Troy Longworth, Rob Faulkes, Dan Zifir, Paul Murphy, John Bell, Greg Bell, Frank Smith, Robert Hodgson, Jon Hancock, Bruce Bouchard, Alan Sheldon

1 Acknowledgement of Country

2 Welcome by the President.

The President opened the meeting at 2.05 pm

3 Attendance and Guests

As noted in this document

4 Apologies

As noted in this document

5 Lifesavers' Prayer

Read

6 Minutes of the 111th Annual General Meeting held on 16 July 2017

Add Paul Cooper and Liam McDermott as attendees of the 2017 AGM

Noted request from Paul Cooper at that meeting that new members be gazetted on the club website as per the rules. Noted that this has been happening during the season past.

Motion to accept the minutes of the 111th AGM

Proposed: Holly Love, Seconded Ellie Pietsch. Carried

7 Adoption of the 112th Annual Report

Comments from the floor

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President: Bill Shires, president@tamaramaslsc.org Secretary: Sarah Roberts, secretary@tamaramaslsc.org

Paul Cooper. Congratulations to club re re-commencement of Holly Days and Migrant Water Safety program. Noted SLSS award received for Migrant program. Request record of attendance at MC meetings of Management Team. Tim noted that this could be done for 2018-19 but also noted a very high level of attendance by MC this season past. Noted corrections to Annual report - typographical errors **Santo** Losurdo and **Ron** Buist

Steve Bell. No lives lost noted.

Dick Sheldon. Urging all members to continue their skills development at every opportunity so that they are ready to do rescues when required.

Paul Cooper. Noted discussion re whether training could be conducted at Tamarama for Bronze trainees. Ellie replied that this was a point of ongoing discussion with Branch and State.

Tim noted the huge amount of work put into producing the Annual Report for 2017-18 by our own Jo Miller. The quality of the report is extremely high and the club very grateful. Well done and thanks Jo!

Motion to adopt the 112th Annual Report

Proposed: Marilee Tamasy, Seconded Aryan Shahabi-Sirjani. Carried

8 Adoption of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 April 2017 and appointment of Auditor for the Financial Statements for the year ending 30 April 2018.

Tim noted that only DRAFT financials were ready for the AGM and stated that the tight time frames in the rules were an issue in terms of finalising accounts. An SGM would be needed to be called to approve.

A question was asked in regard to the Annual Report vs Bank Balance and the difference. Explained that the difference was pledges vs actual deposits.

Question asked re the clear separation of Building Accounts vs operational accounts. Discussion ensued. A request was made that this be made clear in the audited accounts ie a separate set of accounts relating to the building fund vs club operations. Tim Murray agreed to take the request on notice noting that we were a single corporate entity and this may require a single set of financials. Steve Bell undertook to provide an example of exactly what he meant by referring to the St George Junior Rugby League Club as an example.

As proposed by Sue Jackson last year, a new Auditor is proposed for the 2018-19 season, Tom Nolan. Tom spoke to the team re his credentials and the importance of the Audit role. Tom accepted by the meeting as the new Auditor for the 2018-19 season.

9 Reports of Club Officers

All reports taken as read with the exception of Troy Longworth's which is repeated below and was read by Guy Waddell.

My apologies for not being here today at the AGM, I'm so proud of the Club's efforts last season and would encourage that all members read the Annual Report to find out about the Club's many achievements.

I would like to highlight a few things the Club has achieved in the last season.

We still haven't lost our primary focus of keeping people safe at Tamarama with over 140 rescues and over 4,500 patrol hours with no lives lost.

I am personally proud to have introduced the Migrant Beach Safety Days to Tamarama, which has just recently won a Sydney Branch Award for Community Education. Thank you to Andrew Farley and Jo Massey, for helping to develop the program with me and congratulations to Michelle Cowan, David Murphy, Sophie Taylor and Ellie Pietsch for taking the program to the next level, recently seeing 120 migrants through the program in one day.

The Kirsty Boden Scholarships are off to a great start with Alex Jang being our first scholar. He has already proven to be an outstanding asset to the Club, representing the Club in local and national media and putting in the hours on patrol. I hope for many more scholars like Alex in the coming season.

Congratulations to our new President, Tim Murray on a stellar first year. I take full credit for spotting his talent. Thanks to Mark Larmour for stepping and filling the gap by picking up where the last Treasurer left off halfway through the season.

Thanks to all the Committee who are an amazing and talented group of people. I would especially like to thank our Club Captain, Danny who is stepping down this year for his many hours of dedication to keeping our patrols on the beach. Thank you also to Alice and Ellie for their tireless dedication to training our new members and keeping our Club running smoothly.

Congratulations to Guy Waddell for another great year for Nippers. Guy is the glue of the Club and he will be missed greatly when he takes a well deserved break from the Management Committee.

My proudest moment this season was being part of the team that secured more than \$1million dollars from the Waverley Council for our important Building Renovation Project. Thank you to Andrew Farley for his dedication and tenacity for helping to secure this grant and many other pledges to the project. I eagerly anticipate the commencement of the new building renovations of our Club that I can see becoming an important education and training centre for the community. If you haven't already so, I encourage all of you to donate what you can afford to help make this dream a reality.

I fully endorse Matteo for the position of Deputy President. Matteo has been an effective member of the Building Committee has been a highly dedicated Patrol Captain and will be a great addition to the MC.

I wish that I could continue on as your Deputy President myself but as most of you know I am undergoing treatment for Cancer. My treatment is going well and I hope to be back to the beach next year. Thank you for all your good wishes, Please keep sending my positive thoughts and prayers.

Have a great next season.

10 Election of Club Officers

The committee stood down and Henry Hourihan took control of the meeting, confirming Tim Murray as President, there being no other people standing.

10.1 The Club President; Tim Murray

10.2 The Deputy Club President; Matteo Salval there being no other people standing

10.3 The Club Captain; Dan Zifier there being no other people standing

10.4 The Secretary; Aryan Shahabi-Sirjani there being no other people standing

10.5 The Treasurer; No nominations. Robert Foulkes has since nominated. Proposed Mark Larmour, Seconded Sue Jackson. Carried

10.6 The Chief Instructor; Marilee Tamasy there being no other people standing

10.7 The Junior Activity Director Jon Hancock there being no other people standing

11 Presentation of Long Service Awards (John Lackey 25 Years, Ian Hopkins / Denis Patterson / Phil Serjeant 40 Years)

Awards of Long Service awards made for those attending with remainder to be dispatched by post.

In addition, several Life Saving Education awards were presented.

12 As per Tamarama SLSC Rule 8.3 (8.3.1.1) confirm Life Membership for Chris Cooper, Greg Bell & Steve Bell, having attained the requirement for Life Membership

Awards of Life Member ties and pins made for those attending with remainder to be dispatched by post.

13 Discussion and Vote on Indigenous Strategy

Sue Jackson spoke to the Indigenous strategy as amended (below).

Motion to adopt. Proposed Sue Jackson, Seconded Brad Charters.

<i>Tamarama</i>	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Learning</i>	<i>Strategy</i>
<i>Tamarama SLSC supports the Uluru Statement from the Heart and with the advice and support of local indigenous communities, we aim to foster the same culture of mutual respect and acknowledgement through our Learning Strategy that is called for in the Statement.</i>			

The Tamarama Indigenous Learning Strategy accepts our role as learners in this engagement. It acknowledges the Indigenous people whose land we gather and patrol on and it acknowledges the richness to be gained from thousands of years of knowledge about our coastline. In so accepting this, we take one definitive step toward being a better community and better lifesavers.

We are seeking to increase enrollments to at least 20 Indigenous children participating in Nippers and we aim to have Indigenous SRC and bronze medallion holders on patrol. We would welcome Indigenous members becoming Nipper age managers or taking on other management roles in the club.

We will work with our local Indigenous community to develop Indigenous learning units of study for Nippers incorporating local language, culture and knowledge with an emphasis on the sea and beach. Our club will pilot the program and then we will look to working with SLS NSW and SLSA to have a similar program incorporated into other clubs in the local area, the state and nationally over time.

Background

In May 2017 a Constitutional Referendum Council of Indigenous leaders came together over three days and drafted the "Uluru Statement from the Heart". To bring action to that statement, the Council also established a truth and justice commission, the Makaratta Commission. "Makaratta" is a Yolgnu word for treaty.

Uluru Statement from the Heart:

We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart:

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs. This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from 'time immemorial', and according to science more than 60,000 years ago.

This sovereignty is a spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land, or 'mother nature', and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty. It has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown.

How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for sixty millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last two hundred years?

With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood.

Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future.

These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. This is the torment of our powerlessness.

We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their

culture will be a gift to their country.

We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: the coming together after a struggle. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination.

We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.

In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.

14 Other Matters

Charlie Pavlou from SLS Sydney briefly addressed the meeting, congratulating the club on a great year, noting that the club represented SLS in many aspects, notably the key pillar of inclusion.

Paul Cooper noted the following - the passing of past member Daryl Eastlake and his contribution to Tamarama. Commented on the Marriage Equality vote, suggesting that in his opinion the club was in contravention of rule 52 of the Association that states clubs should not engage in sectarian, religious or political matters. Queried alignment of club Objects / Objectives / Vision / Strategy and that if these were not aligned then the rules be amended accordingly. Made a point of order in regard to fees being paid post 31 October and that members in doing so would need to re-apply for membership - Tim Murray noted that this was an area of focus for 2018-19.

Guy Waddell requested members sign up to assist with Support roles to assist members of the MC in carrying out their duties

Dick Sheldon suggested that having Active members on the Judiciary made it a "Kangaroo Court" on the basis that it was impossible for justice to be served unless the Judiciary were (a) removed from the club operations (b) had 15 years or more membership. Not accepted at the meeting and noted that the rules were being observed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3.18 pm