

# Branch Council Meeting

ILLAWARRA  
NEW SOUTH WALES



<b>Meeting:</b> Branch Council Meeting	<b>Date:</b> 30 May, 2017
<b>Venue:</b> SurfHouse 64 Smith St, WOLLONGONG NSW 2500	<b>Start Time:</b> 07:28 pm <b>Finish Time:</b> 08:58 pm

## MINUTES

Val Zanotto to act as chairperson for this meeting

*Moved: Anthony O'Donoghue Seconded: Anthony Chapman Carried*

### 1. ATTENDEES

President	
Deputy President	--
Director of Education	Matthew Theris
Director of Finance	Karla Erven
Director of Surf Sports	--
Director of Member Services	Maria Caldwell
Director of Life Saving	Jayson Norris
President's Advisor	--
Executive Officer	--
Wollongong City	Dave Forst
Coledale	Anthony O'Donoghue
North Wollongong	Manuel Schuldt
Coalcliff	Leo Stevens
Corrimal	Karla Erven
Bulli	Keith Caldwell (Life Member)
Bellambi	Craig St George
Woonona	Stacey Paddon
Scarborough/Wombarra	--
Windang	Kaye Norris
Port Kembla	David Erskine
Sandon Point	--
Fairy Meadow	Anthony Chapman
Helensburgh/Stanwell Park	Steven McDonald
Towradgi	Graham Lancaster
Thirroul	--
Austinmer	Jeffrey Burrows

### 2. APOLOGIES

Peter Evert, Deputy President  
Craig Kershaw, Bellambi SLSC  
Bindi Adams, Scarborough/Wombarra SLSC  
Greg Johnston, Corrimal SLSC  
Dave Meredith, North Wollongong SLSC  
Matt Quince, Windang SLSC  
Amy Vella, Executive Officer

### 3. VISITORS

David Murray, President SLSNSW  
Adam Weir, Acting CEO SLSNSW  
Ian Fullagar, General Counsel SLSNSW  
David Denton, Life Member  
Don McAllister, Life Member  
David Briggs, Vice President Towradgi  
Michael Banach, Secretary Towradgi  
Michael Idstein, Austinmer Member

### 4. PROXIES

Karla Erven, Corrimal SLSC  
Manuel Schuldt, North Wollongong SLSC  
Kaye Norris, Windang SLSC  
Craig St George, Bellambi SLSC

Graham Lancaster, Towradgi SLSC

## 5. MINUTE TAKER

Teaniel Mifsud, Administration Assistant

## 6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Val Zanotto, Member & Patron of Towradgi SLSC

## 7. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF 27 APRIL 2017

*Graham Lancaster Towradgi stated his opposition to previous minutes*

*Presidents voted to approve previous minutes apart from Section 12 which dealt with Towradgi*

*Moved: Anthony O'Donoghue                      Seconded: Leo Stevens                      Carried*

## 8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BRANCH COUNCIL MEETING

Section 12 of previous minutes to be carried over due to being opposed by Towradgi

## 9. CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE & PORTFOLIO MINUTES of 23 May 2017

*Moved: Kaye Norris                      Seconded: Anthony O'Donoghue                      Carried*

## 10. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

### Life Saving

See Executive Meeting Minutes 23 May, 2017 – as per Executive Minutes

Report concerning combine conference coming regarding Lifesaving. Changes regarding patrol logs coming.

### Member Services

See Executive Meeting Minutes 23 May, 2017 – as per Executive Minutes

Gary Chapman congratulated clubs on the amount of nominations for the Branch AOE.

### Finance

See Executive Meeting Minutes 23 May, 2017 – as per Executive Minutes

Club capulation fees. Some clubs have paid, some still need to be paid. Lifesaving agreement coming out.

Balance Sheet and P&L April 2017

*Moved: Tony Chapman                      Seconded: Stacey Paddon                      Carried*

### Education

See Executive Meeting Minutes 23 May, 2017 – as per Executive Minutes

### Surf Sports

See Executive Meeting Minutes 23 May, 2017 – as per Executive Minutes

Combined conference report coming regarding Surf Sports. Inter branch championships could be coming to Illawarra Branch.

### Deputy President:

See Executive Meeting Minutes 23 May, 2017 – as per Executive Minutes

### Executive Officer:

See Executive Meeting Minutes 23 May, 2017 – as per Executive Minutes

## 11. CLUB REPORTS

### Austinmer:

- Public amenities and change rooms as well as the Surf Club fenced off due to roof repairs
- SLSC Social on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 3pm -7pm. Any members welcome. RSVP by 17<sup>th</sup> June

### Bellambi:

- Presentation held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May
- Patrolling hours for members above 80 -90 hours
- Returf out the front of Surf Club
- Canteen ongoing
- Lease agreement ongoing

### Bulli:

- Club Presentation on this Saturday
- 2<sup>nd</sup> site inspection on Wednesday for Club

### Coalcliff:

- AOE nominations
- Clash with AOE and Club presentation night
- Pool works underway with at Coalcliff pool
- Limitations to access particularly
- Bombie Bar investigating off site fundraising events

### Coledale:

- Presentation Night 20<sup>th</sup> May

- Public amenities underway
- Roof repair ongoing

**Corrimal:**

- Club reopen
- Storage container broken in to over the weekend.

**Fairy Meadow:**

- Presentation night held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May
- Roof repairs to happened over winter not sure of date

**Helensburgh-Stanwell Park:**

- IRB course just finished
- Sean Hendry meet with Club in regards to sustainability.
- New Constitution being put together.

**North Wollongong:**

- Presentation night held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May
- Lease agreement ongoing

**Port Kembla:**

- Ceiling has been replaced
- Presentation cancelled due to lack of number

**Towradgi:**

- Presentation night held on 6<sup>th</sup> of May
- Grant money \$5000 awarded to club
- 3 month suspension given to member through judiciary process.
- Club lease submitted

**Windang:**

- RWC awards ongoing
- 24<sup>th</sup> June presentation night
- Lease agreement ongoing

**Wollongong City:**

- Presentation night Saturday night
- Club repairs and improvements happening over off season

**Woonona:**

- Presentation night 24<sup>th</sup> June
- IRB team can't attend AOE due to State Championship

**12. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Adam Weir (SLSNSW ACTING CEO): Update of statistics for the season just under 5000 rescues, 120000 preventative actions. 13SURF use increasing. Use of SOC increasing. 33 drownings decreased from previous year. Coastal Report release September. Strategic plan for the next 5 years being created currently. Engagement across entire SLSNSW. Review of constitution underway. Modernizing of constitution. Customer support system established on the SLSNSW website. Focus grievances process and club leases [clubleases@slssupport.com.au](mailto:clubleases@slssupport.com.au). Media and rebrand underway to move away from last year. More active in the media.
- David Murray (SLSNSW President): Thanking Val for voting for him. Struggle to move on from the events of last year. NSW is 100% on top of these events. Ongoing meetings with multiple NSW government politicians. Main aim to look after members and volunteers on the beach. SLSA board meeting was positive for members. Looking to have SRC changes. IRBC to be reincorporated into BM optional component. PRL for pervious award holders. Membership changes; community hours to be counted as competition hours. Probationary BM holders to be allowed to compete. Strategic Report: 10000 members complete survey concerning SLSNSW. Branch presidents control direction of SLSNSW. Lease agreements with local councils are frustrating for SLSNSW, as they contribute 50% of finances towards these buildings. Local councils need to value SLS contribution. Model needs to take pressure of local volunteers, ability to lease to external services if needed.
- Keith Caldwell to David Murray: IRBC into BM being optional is a good thing.
- Craig St George to David Murray: complaints concerning training and assessing within NSW. Differences

from branch to branch. David Murray: Clarity across the board needed.

- Port Kembla to David Murray: Lack of discussion. Disagreement over meeting with David. David open to meeting.
- Kaye Norris: Issue of Saturday patrols. Not warranted for many clubs in the Illawarra to patrol on Saturday with Council lifeguards also on duty. David Murray: Full policy needs to be created and addressed before anything can happen in regards to these patrols, issue concerns government funding. Saturday patrols can't change until this is addressed.
- David Murray: Strategic plan is vital for the continuation of SLS. \$34 million for volunteer hours every year. More outside the flags than inside the flags is the approach that needs to be taken.
- Jayson Norris: Saturday patrols discussed at combined conference. NSW DOL willing to discuss the issue.
- Member services Maria Caldwell: 1 contact from each club to address all issues that are ongoing. [memberservices@slsillawarra.com.au](mailto:memberservices@slsillawarra.com.au)
- Education Matthew Theris: Changes to policy systems to the VET system for the assessor's certificate. Assessor and trainer's course to be held and IRBC and IRB Drivers courses to be held. Cert 4 will no longer be after September. Number of members that do not hold their public safety component, needs to be updated before Dec 31<sup>st</sup> this year. Automatic upgrade from CPR module to Provide First Aid module (free of charge). Only 4 trainers and assessors required to professional development. New community education box received from SLSNSW for all clubs to use. To be kept at branch.
- Summary of Position in regards to Towradgi read out by Matthew Theris. No comment was to be made throughout this.
- David Denton: vacancy of vice president issue, addressed.
- Keith Caldwell: General discussion about Still Water Championships, if there was any interest from Illawarra clubs. Bulli has expressed interest.

### **13. NEXT MEETING:**

27 June, 2017 at 7:15pm