

Branch Council Meeting

ILLAWARRA
NEW SOUTH WALES



Meeting: Branch Council Meeting	Date: 23 February 2016
Venue: Surf House, 64 Smith Street, Wollongong	Start Time: 7.15 pm Finish Time: 8.30 pm

MINUTES

1. ATTENDEES

President	Val Zanotto
Deputy President	Peter Evert
Director of Education	--
Director of Finance	Maria Caldwell
Director of Surf Sports	Keith Caldwell
Director of Member Services	--
Director of Life Saving	Anthony Turner
President's Advisor	Bill Seay
Office Manager	Maria Sewell
Wollongong City	David Forst
Coledale	Anthony O'Donoghue
North Wollongong	--
Coalcliff	Grant Smith
Corrimal	--
Bulli	Keith Caldwell
Bellambi	--
Woonona	Stacey Paddon
Scarborough/Wombarra	Bindi Adams
Windang	Matt Quince
Port Kembla	Bill Seay
Sandon Point	--
Fairy Meadow	Tony Chapman
Helensburgh/Stanwell Park	Steven McDonald
Towradgi	Don Allan
Thirroul	Anthony Turner
Austinmer	Michael Idstein

2. APOLOGIES

Joanne Massey, SLSI Director of Education
Craig Kershaw, Bellambi
Jeff Body, Thirroul
Adriana Gervaise, Towradgi
David Erskine, Port Kembla

3. VISITORS

Nil

4. PROXIES

Bill Seay, Port Kembla
Anthony Turner, Thirroul
Don Allan, Towradgi

5. MINUTE TAKER

Maria Sewell, Office Manager

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None declared

7. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes of Branch Council Meeting held 19 January 2016 accepted as a true and accurate record.
Moved: Grant Smith *Seconded: Anthony O'Donoghue* *Carried*

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BRANCH COUNCIL MEETING

Date in item 12 incorrect.

9. CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE & PORTFOLIO MINUTES

Executive and Portfolios Minutes of 19 January 2016 confirmed as tabled.

Moved: Steve McDonald

Seconded: Grant Smith

Carried

10. CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE & PORTFOLIO MINUTES

Executive and Portfolios Minutes of 16 February 2016 confirmed as tabled.

General Business item re Riding the Wave to read Bellambi, Woonona, Bulli, Towradgi & Coledale.

Moved: Matt Quince

Seconded: Stacey Paddon

Carried

11. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Life Saving

- Congratulations to Bulli SLSC winning National Rescue of the Month
- Shark Summit – Parliament House, Sydney 4 April 2016 – Anthony Turner/Peter Evert invited to attend.
- Duty Officer vehicle serviced at Warrawong Nissan
- Drowning at Puckey's Reserve 9 February 2016 after 1800 hrs. Unpatrolled location – Lifeguards, Duty Officer involved in CPR. Critical Incident forms forwarded to SLSNSW.
- Patrol audits going well – nil issues.
- Four (4) SLSI members attended Spinal Management training at Berkeley with NSWSES, Police Rescue and NSW Ambulance Se4rvice. Involved land base and water base activities.
- Coalcliff– training wall to commence at beach. Club carpark, reserve fenced off during construction work.
- Emergency beacon for Corrimal. Testing of unit and radios to continue this week. Hopefully operational next week. Will follow up with Corrimal Club Captain.
- Emailed Andy Kent, Lifesaving Manager SLSNSW requesting meeting with SLSI, SLSNSW staff, SLSNSW Exec and representatives from Corrimal SLSC and Port Kembla SLSC regarding date, stats, photos collected over 5 Saturdays – call out system.
- SLSI Support Operations – training with NSW Water Police off Windang recently. Two (2) RWC used for water based activities.
- Congratulations to Keehan Reilly & Jorja Williams both from Helensburgh-Stanwell Park, winners of 2015-2016 Male & Female Junior Lifesaver of the Year.
- High profile and use of SLSI Support Operations – RWC at local carnivals and patrols. Thanks to the crews for contained assistance.
- Support Operations Update: Craig Zulian – maintenance for RWC fleet
Stuart Massey – training officer for RWC
Rachel Dixon – rostering crews for patrols/carnivals

Each RWC base to have 2 TWC co-ordinators

Each RWC to have a fuel card for each RWC base

Update of equipment current and further equipment needed – asked Risk Response Rescue for quote

Moved: Grant Smith

Seconded: Tony Chapman

Carried

Surf Sports

- Surf Sports Development Program – going good with regular numbers being around the 20-25 mark each Monday (Wollongong City) & Wednesday (Bulli)
- Recent carnivals held; SLSI Junior Development Carnival 30 January Sandon Point SLSC – went well with numbers 414 (72 of those from other branches attended), Warilla Bowls Boat Series Carnival's Early December at Wollongong City SLSC & late January Bulli SLSC (68 crews)...next boat carnival is Warilla Bowl Series 19 March at Warilla & ASRL 19/20/21 February at Shellharbour
- Blue Scope WIN Community Branch Championships 13/14 February Towradgi SLSC – overall numbers being Juniors 375, Seniors 154 & Boats 137. Great weather the 2 days. Senior day unfortunately blue bottles spoiled the last 1 hour of carnival & events cancelled. Results being tabled & will be published/sent out to clubs ASAP.
- Note: 2015 numbers Juniors 454 Seniors 165 Boats 222 Junior Development 291
- Big thank you to all the clubs over this busy period of carnivals with their support in supplying the required water safety & officials, generally good. To our leading officials in the areas, a massive thank-you for taking on these roles. Thanks to SLSI Support Services (Anthony Turner) for the RWC's availability at these carnivals, 3 RWC's at the Junior Branch Championships was great
- Scrutineering of craft prior to the major championships – happened on the Friday evening at Towradgi SLSC prior to Branch Championships. Massive thanks to John Meehan, Larry Jennett & Dave Denton for assisting with the scrutineering □ Junior State Championships – restricted qualifying events for Junior Age Championships (Board Rescue & Iron-person), names & clubs being entered into the carnival entry system by SLSI (Maria Caldwell). Clubs have been contacted & names obtained.
- Senior State Championships – restricted qualifying events (Life-Saver Relay). BULLI SLSC 2 teams.
- Windang are keen to run the Board Riding Championships – DOSS will send an official request and work through possibly dates prior to the State Board Riding Championships
- Next Surf Sports meeting is Thursday 17 March 6.30pm Surf House

Moved: Anthony O'Donoghue

Seconded: Matt Quince

Carried

11. DIRECTORS' REPORTS cont.

Finance

Balance Sheet and P&L report as at 31 January 2016 tabled.

Moved: Stacey Paddon

Seconded: Matt Quince

Carried

Education

As per Executive Minutes

Deputy President

9 February 2016 WCC SLSI Liaison meeting.

- **Capital Works:**

Bulli – Clubhouse refurbishment on schedule for April 16 commencement. Observation room is priority for completion prior to next season.

Austinmer – Project is in jeopardy of DA expiry...can SLSI assist club with applications for funding? TBC.

Woonona Tower – New tower expected to be installed by 30th June 16.

North Wgong – Concepts for core lifesaving functions of refurbishment completed, construction drawings in progress, QS then to be completed to understand budget cost for refurbishment versus new.

- **Maintenance:**

No issues.

- **Dune Management Strategy:**

Fairy Meadow & Corrimal: Discussions with clubs to commence Jan16....complete work by end June 16.

Towradgi – Re-Profiling works were necessary recently due to severe weather and subsequent beach changes.

- **General Business:**

Surf Club Licences: Discussion on recent announcement from Minister for Lands and Water re 20 year minimum leases. Some work still to do between WCC and NSW Govt before leases are available to clubs.

Coalcliff: Interim sandbag wall to be constructed in next 4 weeks. Longer term planning for a sea wall is being considered.

Waste bins: Clubs can enter in a maintenance contract with Redmond's if they require small red top 120L waste bins.

- **Next Wollongong City Council SLSI Liaison Meeting** – to be held 22 March 2016 at 8.45am.

Club Sustainability Indicator Reports

SLSI executive meeting cw SLSNSW held to discuss 2014/15 data.

Pilot programme with 3 clubs to be reviewed this year.

Next season- 2015/16 season data which will be available July 16 is to be used as an agenda topic for discussion at a SLSI Club conference, suggested for September 2016.

Suggestion for Criteria for Life Membership of Surf Life Saving Illawarra_(As provided by current SLSI Life Membership committee)

For a member to be considered for Life Membership of Surf Life Saving Illawarra there must be specific service to the functional operation of the Illawarra Branch with distinguished voluntary service to Surf Life Saving Illawarra over a period of at least 20 years and for this service to be considered as distinguished it must be sustained and a conspicuous contribution.

Suggested guidelines:-

- * It is the responsibility of the clubs or those submitting a life membership nomination to ensure the information is thorough, comprehensive and specific.
- * The nomination should be endorsed at club level.
- * When a nomination is received by the Branch it should **not** be included as correspondence and should be referred directly to the Branch President and **no one else**.
- * The elected/nominated Life Membership Committee may consider the nomination incomplete and send it back to the nominees
- * Sustained service to an individual surf club is usually rewarded by Life Membership of that particular surf club and not automatic Life Membership of Illawarra.
- * With the number of elected positions at Illawarra Branch reduced, due to re-structures, it is now somewhat harder to accumulate a sustained and conspicuous contribution.
- * Duties that are of direct assistance to Illawarra's functional operation should be included in a Life Membership nomination i.e.; Assessor, Scrutineer, Duty Officer (call outs etc).
- * Dual service should only be considered if the extra duties are outside the responsibilities of the portfolio e.g.; Director of Life Saving also being the Carnival Referee or the Director of Surf Sports taking on a role say with the Rookie Program.

Moved: Bindi Adams

Seconded: Stacey Paddon

Carried

13. CLUB REPORTS.

Port Kembla

- Good to see competition going on within the Club.

Towradgi

- Riding the Wave on Sunday went well – about 12-15 children.
- BM & SRC going on at the moment.

Austinmer

- Audit last Sunday, working through template.
- Ian Foreman looking after DA. Nothing done about grants at this stage.

Scarborough-Wombarra

- Beer tasting event went very well, about 160 people, raised over \$4,000.
- Looking at a meeting with Keith to see what they can do at the Club.
- Extra one onboard. Tom? Going to be Club Captain and a Doctor doing first aid. Still have 5 positions to fill.

Fairy Meadow

- Couple of meetings with Council re dune works, to be carried out in June, before EOFY.
- 5 new BM members
- Uni Club held "O" Week. 6 people asked to join Club.
- Waiting to hear from State as to the State carnival.

Wollongong City

- Just finished Youth Exchange with sister Club, Port Elliott, who sent 4 representatives to WC and a couple of mentors. Spent 4 days here and then 2 of our members went to Port Elliott. Plan to do it again next year, well received.
- Problems with new leak in ladies showers and another leak coming from the public disabled toilet into the function room.
- Hosting the Wollongong Triathlon 5 & 6 March. Thank you to Thirroul and Towradgi who offered to help on the Sunday.
- One bronze crew going through.

Windang

- Few activities with rookies. Kaye Norris did an excellent job putting together a race which involved board, swim and run.
- Dr Rip visiting this Sunday and doing a presentation for the nippers.

Coledale

- Reapplied for camping license, have contacted Ryan Park, has been going on for a couple of years, may have to see solicitors, see how it goes in the next couple of weeks.
- Did well at Branch Championships.
- Riding the Wave had 6 but only 2 turned up, about 15 rookies helped.
- BM & SRCs finished up.
- Rookies going to Jamberoo and Wet'n'Wild on Sunday.

Coalcliff

- Carried out audit on Sunday, learnt every beach and patrol is difference and respect the friendship.
- Craig Zulian had the 5 jet skis go from Coalcliff to Wattamolla last Saturday for training and then returned for a barbeque. Everybody learnt something and had a good day.
- Council doing something with the sand.
- IRB & BM training going good.

Woonona

- Patrols going well.
- Riding the Wave in conjunction with Bellambi – 10 attendees
- One member attending Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop
- Rookies going to Wet'n'Wild

14. CLUB REPORTS cont.

Helensburgh-Stanwell Park

- Drowning on beach this morning, person reasonably well known member of the community – community in shock.
- Sunday afternoon, had call re missing hang glider. The location given was different to the actual whereabouts of the person. Having a meeting with two hang gliding clubs to try and build a map of where they think things are so as to be more accurate. Missing hang glider walked out safe. Grant Smith advised he had maps supplied to him by Jason Foye and he would share a copy.
- Ocean Challenge Swim on 3 April 2016.
- Very happy with their two members taking out the JLOTY award.
- Hamilton Reilly attending 2016 Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop.

Bulli

- Patrols going good.
- Attending National Rescue presentation on 3 March.
- Education running BM & BBM
- Last weekend 25 kids went to Wet'n'Wild
- Riding the Wave – 12 kids registered, 9 turned up
- Branch Championships 110 kids competed – numbers down.
- 29 going to State and 14 Masters & Seniors.
- Surfs Sports Education, 8pm at Bulli
- Few crews competed at ASRL
- Fun Run this weekend
- Motor Neurone Walk this March.
- Sportsman's Lunch, 1 April

Thirroul

- Patrols going well, concentrating on entering data.
- SRC on the weekend.
- Good turn up for Branch Championships. Team prepared for State and Aussies.
- Sending members to World Titles.
- Working on new By-Laws to Constitution
- Lyons Club supporting them for Thirroul Seaside Festival.
- Congratulations to everyone on the patrol audits.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

SLSI Director of Member Services

James Naughtin has resigned due to study and work commitments. In the meantime Gary Chapman is happy to fill in on an interim basis until elections in May. Resolution to accept Gary Chapman moved.

Moved: Steven McDonald

Seconded: David Forst

Carried

Surf Club Races in Illawarra

Wait and see what happens re Council merge

Administration Assistant Position

If Clubs have someone interested ask them to contact Campbell Page who will put forward their recommendations.

Proposal to State

Proposal sent to State regarding a Regional Manager position to be based here but looking after the 3 Branches. Board to consider it next Monday at their Strategy Day.

Surf Sports Review

Teleconference tomorrow afternoon. Keith Caldwell to come in on the teleconference. Concern regarding 25 patrol hours required prior to competing. There's a possibility that it may be removed. Feedback will go back to SLISA.

12. NEXT MEETING

29 March 2016 at 7.15pm