



The Annual General Meeting of the Secret Harbour Surf Lifesaving Club was held on Friday 24th July 2026 at the Secret Harbour SLSC Club rooms.

The meeting commenced at 6:30pm. This meeting was audio recorded

Minutes taken by: Karen Walker

ATTENDED:

Board of Management

Samuel Maurice	President
Mark Cossey	Vice President
Adam Hoes	Club Captain
Mitchell Shackles	Director of Lifesaving
Cameron Schmid	Director of Surf sports
Shawn Fuerste	Director of Youth
Ashleigh Reid	Director of Education

Life Members: Carolyn Wilson, Digby Wilson, Ross Onions, Ron Wade, Kim Wade, Rick Lowe, Stephen Ford, Megan Williams, Garry Williams

Long Service Members: Daniel Andrew, Sarah Lowe, Brendan Privilege, Mark Thomas, Joseph Ford

Members: James Alsop, Aiden John Ayoub, Gary Brickley, Lorne Buchan, Zoe Buchan, Anne Marie Dullaghan, Rhett Gibbons, Jessica Goddard, Ruby-Rose Goddard, Lewis Harrison, Amy Hilbers, Joshua Hurry, Timothy Hurry, Finn Johnson, Paul Johnson, Stig Kalande, Shona King-Goddard, Carolina Landon, Karri Leigh, Jordan Morton, Alan Robinson, Rebecca Schmid, Graham Shackles, Jessica Tonkin, Sarah Wilson,

Non-Members: Dean Bradley

Presenter: Ward & Ilsley Club Accountant: Brad Dean

Guests: City of Rockingham Mayor Lorna Buchan

APOLOGIES: David Andrew, Oliver John Ayoub, Robyn Bevan, Billy Bevan, Toby Carus, Mikaela Cook, Graeme Cook, Tristan Fuller, Neil Gannon, Shane Godfrey, Max Hannah, Samantha Lowe, Alannah Maurice, Fran Meadley, Matthew Osborne, Liam Privilege, Lorraine Rule, Derry Smith, Grant Stirling, Shelley Sturgeon, Anthony Sutherland, Peter Traeger, Lucia Turrell, Patrick Walsh.

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Minutes

1.0 Meeting Opening and Apologies

The Club President declared the meeting open and requested that all phones be turned off during the proceedings; and that the meeting will be audio recorded by the Meeting Secretary

The Club President welcomed and thanked the City of Rockingham Mayor Lorna Buchan, life members, long service members, active members, out-going directors, volunteers and all other club members for attending the meeting. The President advised of apologies as per Attendance sheets.

Special mention was made to 2 Life Members of SHSLSC, firstly Carolyn Wilson who was awarded Life Membership of SLSWA at their recent Awards night. Awarded to Carolyn in recognition of her outstanding contribution to surf lifesaving over many years. Secondly Max Hannah who was recognised in the King's Birthday Honours and awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his service to the community. Both are remarkable achievements and on behalf of our Club, congratulations!

2.0 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes for the 2024/2025 Meeting were put forward for approval:

Accepted:	Digby Wilson
Seconded:	Ross Onions
Result:	AGM membership voted in approval of the 2024/2025 Season AGM Minutes, with no issues

3.0 Business Arising from Previous AGM Minutes

nil

4.0 Presentation of 2025/2026 Season Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements

4.1 Overview of Audit and Financial Statements presented by the Club Accountant Mr Brad Dean (Ward & Ilsley)

The club posted a surplus with a substantial increase, the main drivers of the improved revenue coming from activities such as Bar / Function Venue hire and Fundraising. Hall Hire has also increased over the season. Preventative Maintenance has increased but that is more of an investment rather than a negative.

The Club engaged Auditors Francis Anne Jones to complete the 2025/2026 Audit and the returned Audit report was positive and uncompromised. Congratulations to Sam and the Board for a great season and well done to Karen and Kim for their work during the season and through the audit process.

Acceptance of the Annual and Financial Reports

In absence of the Director of Finance and Administration the Club Accountant Mr Brad Dean asked the Membership if there were any questions or concerns with the 2025/2026 audited Financial Report and Annual Report.

Result: Nil questions or concerns raised by the AGM membership present on the 2025/2026 audited Financial and Annual Report.

5.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On behalf of the Board of Management, the Club President sincerely thanked all volunteers, the Board of Management and 2025/2026 Committee holders for their hard work over the previous season; and declared the BoM positions below vacant and open. The Club President then invited all nominees to speak prior to election.

BoM Positions for a period of 2 years with Nominees:

Vice President -Mark Cossey / Brendan Privilege – both candidates gave speeches to introduce themselves

Mark Cossey – speech summary

Thank you everyone for being here tonight. For those that may not know me, I've been a member of the Club since Rhett was 5, so a long time. I've been doing the VP role as an appointed Director for the past 2 years and it's been a significant learning curve. Thank you to our Club Administrator Karen for showing me the ropes and how things run. If I am to be elected I'd like to continue working with the Office and focus on increasing sponsorship and also member retention.

We have some fantastic members at this club, the Bar opening has been amazing and the work by our Functions Coordinator Kim and the social committee has been terrific. The sundowners are continuing and increasing the family atmosphere and community feel. I'd like our members to experience more and have more opportunities available to them. I hope to continue the VP role for the Club.

Brendan Privilege – speech summary

To those that may not know me I've served previously as the President, the Vice President and Director of Surf Sports. I've watched many nippers become lifesavers and care deeply about this club. One story stood out to me in this year's Annual Report, last year we lost 40 lifesavers and over the past 3 years our patrolling hours and 18 – 25year old age group has reduced significantly. These are not just numbers, these are patrolling members.

There is a theme running through the club - everyone cares about this club so we should ask ourselves why good people are walking away from the club. Membership retention isn't just a member issue, it's a lifesaving issue and ultimately a sustainability issue. Imagine what this club will look like if this trend continues. Fewer patrols, inability to do abalone, water safety events which all reduces income and will put pressure on the volunteers that remain.

Retaining members and recruiting members should be our no. 1 priority. The good news is I've seen this club thrive before. Our potential has not changed, our focus has changed. I've nominated because I believe my experience can help strengthen the Boards focus on the challenges that matter the most, retaining members and recruiting members, developing future leaders and creating a culture that people want to belong in.

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My focus has always been about members. Our club is at a crossroads, yet the future of this club could be fantastic.

Director of Lifesaving - Mitchell Shackles

Mitchell Shackles – speech summary

I have been with SHSLSC from U6 nippers and all the way through. Yes, Brendan is right, we are decreasing in members but we have been working in the background to improve that. With the increasing financial pressures across our community, memberships for all organisations have decreased.

There are definitely areas of improvement within our club and I hope to continue working on them

BoM Positions for a period of 2 years with No Nominees:

Director of Youth

Director of PR & Sponsorship

Director of Social

BoM Positions for a period of 1 years with No Nominees:

Director of Finance and Admin

35% of Voting Membership were present at AGM

21 Postal Votes were received by the 24th of July 2026

4 Postal Votes were outstanding by 6.30pm on the 24th of July 2026

ELECTION RESULTS

Vice President: Mark Cossey

Director of Lifesaving: Mitchell Shackles

Result: **The AGM membership accepted all appointments with no objections**

6.0 Life Memberships announcements

No Life memberships were granted at the 2025-2026 AGM.

7.0 Special Business

1 motion was received by the Board of Management in the nomination process;

That for carnivals hosted by Secret Harbour SLSC, held at Secret Harbour beach, the Board of Management, implement and record a policy or practice that is communicated to all Club members by the end of August 2026, that Club surf sport athletes do not pay an entry fee for carnivals that are hosted by the Secret Harbour SLSC and held at Secret Harbour beach.

If carried, this motion can only be reversed or amended through a special resolution at a general meeting, or special general meeting of the Club.

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Motion by: B Privilege Seconded by: P Walsh

Result: **The membership voted in favour**

Action: President advised that the wording of the 2nd paragraph of the Motion currently being reviewed by Clubs WA. The membership will be updated with the Clubs WA findings when received.

8.0 **General Business:**

Ron Wade – Building Committee Chair

In 2023 the members voted for a member space and agreed to semi enclose half the area; which would make the Sundeck area more usable for members. Former VP Stu Reeves picked it up and started organising concept drawings, engineering specifications and final drawings for the project. We were also lucky enough to receive great sponsorship from Paul Papalia MLA.

I became involved just before Xmas under Sam's request as the project had stalled. We have been working with the Council, finalised the waterproof membrane and submitted multiple lessor consents. We have done everything the Council requested and are now waiting on Lessor Consent approval.

We have tried multiple times to communicate with the Council on a regular basis but unfortunately we have nothing to report. Hopefully we will have something in the next month or two. Any questions?

Digby W – do you have a specific contact at the CoR? Ron W – yes we do have the one point of contact and have limited engagement to just come from Sam and myself from the club.

Garry W – can we display some concept drawings in the members area, I haven't seen them for a few years? Sam M yes we can and will do that.

Ron W – I'd like to note that the quotes received to get the project done are really good, we have the money to enclose the Sundeck and also replace the pergola / shad sails with an automated system. These alterations will not cost the City of Rockingham a cent.

Paul J – to build on Garry's question I feel we have lost sight of what we are doing and why we are doing it. What is the business plan behind it, how is it going to be used? This is a great opportunity to give back to members and help retain members. Ron W – was always designated as a community space. The proposal is to create a dedicated member space. It is very hard to put down exactly what is happening without approvals. There is no point giving false hope to members.

Anne Marie D – is it just for members? Mark C – Yes Mitchell S – Available for anytime of the day for members to use. Graham S – How long do we have the monies for? Sam M – Labor has given us an extension and the Council is aware of this. It is currently out of our control and with the Council. Oliver A – will the whole sundeck be fully shut off to the members? Mark C – no the member area is always open for members. Rebecca S – when we all voted on it in 2023 we discussed all of this and agreed. We discussed functionality and also how we were still able to make revenue. I do agree it would be good to see the concept plans again Digby W – thank you Ron for your efforts and picking up the ball there and obviously well supported by Sam – all the best.

Vice President Mark Cossey – Presentation of National Medal

VP Mark Cossey presented the SLSWA National Medal to Club Captain Adam Hoes

SLSWA Affiliation Appointment Notice for Season 26/27

The Board agreed our delegate is Club President Sam Maurice.

President Sam Maurice – Closing Speech

Before we conclude I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful office staff for everything they do behind the scenes throughout the season. Your hard work, dedication and countless hours you put into the club are greatly appreciated.

Finally thank you to everyone for attending tonight and for your continued support of Secret Harbour Surf Life Saving Club.

The 2026 AGM was declared closed by President Sam Maurice

MEETING CLOSED: 7.30 pm

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