



BROOME SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land and oceans that we live and learn on together, the Yawuru people. We appreciate and respect their connection to Country, continuing culture and the importance of their spiritual connection with this beach and the community which we strive to serve and protect.

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## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Ngaji Gurrjin (Welcome). My name is Bec Famlonga, and it is with pride that I deliver the Broome Surf Life Saving Club (BSLSC) Annual Report after my second year of having the privilege of holding the position of BSLSC Chairperson and my third year on the BSLSC Board.

The year 2023 has been of great significance in our Club's history with the opening of our new clubhouse in July. Without access to our clubhouse again for the first half of the year, our 2023 season began with our AGM being held at the Roebuck Bay Hotel on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March. The 2023 AGM saw our Outgoing Directors Rob Aristei, Mark Pager, and Carrie Selten re-nominating to be successful in securing a further two-year term on the Board.

### **2023 BSLSC Board of Directors:**

- Rebecca Famlonga – Chairperson
- Di MacGregor – Director of Youth Development
- Carrie Selten – Director of Education
- Mark Pager – Director of Lifesaving
- Robert Aristei – Director of Building and Maintenance
- Natasha Aristei – Director of Finance (appointed)
- John Dayman – Director of Competition and Events (appointed)
- Chris Andrzejaczek – Director of House (resigned June 2023 due to employment with the Club)
- Emma Dearing – Director of Public Relations (replaced Chris)

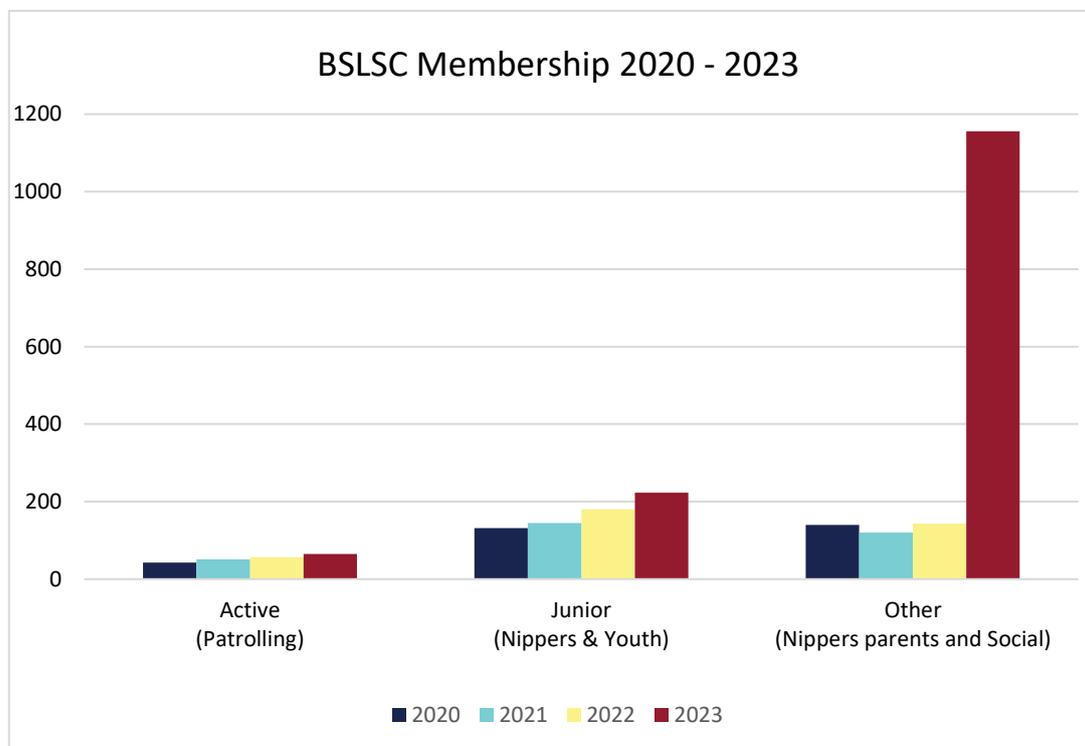
I extend my gratitude to Di MacGregor for her outstanding service to BSLSC, serving 3 years on the board as Director of Youth and our Nippers Co-ordinator (Junior Activities Officer), combined with being a dedicated patrol volunteer and Club member since 2019. More than 220 Nippers and Youth (Cadets) participated in our fun and inclusive Nippers program in 2023, thanks to Di's leadership. Di's tenure on the Board finishes this year and she is not renominating. Thank you, Di, and we hope to still see you around the Club in the future. Please see the Director of Youth Development Report for a comprehensive rundown of the season.

I would also like to thank our 2023 Committee Members: Pete Selten – our ever-faithful Boat Captain; Jo Fox - Social Coordinator; Ric Buist – Youth (Cadets) Officer; Jacklyn Adams – Member Protection Officer; Emma Dearing – Clothing Manager; Rob Aristei – Sponsorships Officer; John Dayman along with Dave Chambers – Gear/Ski/Board Officer; and a huge thank you to our Patrol Captains, Nippers Age Group Managers and water safety team.

As mentioned, our new clubhouse opened in July, and this important event has brought many challenges, but we have a lot to celebrate from 2023. Our season started successfully again without a clubhouse. Due to the commitment and extra effort of our volunteers, the patrols, Nippers / Youth, and Club competition began and ran smoothly. We saw our clubhouse open in time for our Sunset Challenge and all of our members, including Social Members, and the Broome community have been enjoying this incredible facility ever since.

Our Club management structure has grown significantly from a part-time Administrator to approximately two and a half full-time positions, including a Business Manager (Lauren Henderson), Operations Manager (Brett Tompkin), and Club Administrator (Waverley Coates). I would like to thank our Club Management team for working so hard to establish, maintain, and improve our Club for our members! In particular, we thank Lauren, who was our first full-time employee as our Club Manager and essentially did the work of 2.5 people before these roles were developed and extra people were employed to fill them! We really appreciate your professionalism, the high level of expertise you have brought to our Club, and the hard work and determination you showed in assisting to get the new building open while maintaining our beach operations.

Our 2023 membership numbers have skyrocketed with the opening of our new clubhouse, with social memberships being extremely popular.



*\*2023 membership statistics at 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023*

We continue to value our relationship with the Shire of Broome and acknowledge their contributions to our new building and look forward to the completion of the Cable Beach Foreshore Redevelopment further adding to the attraction of our amazing venue. We have also continued to work alongside the Shire-appointed Lifeguard services of Kevin Emery and his West Coast Water Safety (WCWS) team. Thank you, WCWS, for continuing to keep our beach safe, and we look forward to another year of patrolling with you!

The BSLSC Active Member volunteer beach patrols were again led by our Director of Lifesaving Mark Pager, with patrols getting underway on the first weekend of May and as mentioned, without access to our clubhouse gear shed. Managing and directing the season patrols is a demanding job and yet again this year many challenges were faced with the building redevelopment. Thank you for all your effort and commitment Mark over the season and congratulations on being a finalist at the SLSWA Awards of Excellence as Volunteer of the Year! Please see the Director of Lifesaving Report for all the patrol statistics and a breakdown of the season.

Education is an integral part of our core business of life saving, and this year our Director of Education Carrie Selten was able to use the training rooms in our new clubhouse for the first time to deliver important training courses! Carrie facilitated courses to maintain and upskill the proficiency of our Active Members and invested in our Club's future and succession by training new members, as well as delivering the Surf Rescue Certificate to the Broome Community. Once again, visiting member John Rhatigan assisted in the delivery of the Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate courses – a massive thank you to John, who continues to support our Club by sharing his extensive knowledge and expertise with us. Please see the Director of Education Report for a detailed description of the courses that were delivered during the season. Thank you, Carrie, for completing your third year in this role and again with exceptional efficiency and professionalism.

As mentioned, our new clubhouse was opened in time for 2023 BSLSC Sunset Carnival in July. We had 143 competitors from 12 clubs across WA. A very special thanks to our Director of Competition and Events John Dayman for leading this event, with support from Mark Pager, Rob Aristei, Carrie Selten, Di MacGregor, Emma Dearing, Chris Andrzejczek, Jo Fox, Lauren Henderson and Ric Buist who contributed to making this popular event such a success. We already have keen interest for our 2024 event! This year we also saw the return of regular Club competition and our weekly swims have continued to grow in strength. Thank you, John, for all of your hard work and enthusiasm. Please see the Director of Competition and Events Report for more details about the competitive season.

2023 also saw the opening of our new bar, which was recently named Ocean View Bar through a member-elected process. The bar and our function area are major sources of income for our Club, providing the revenue required to serve our members and continue our core business of life saving.

Here are some interesting function statistics courtesy of the amazing Lauren (taken 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023):

- BSLSC hosted 69 function, conference and training bookings (including Club training courses and social events).
- 42 businesses, community organisations and individuals chose the Club as their function venue.
- From the opening Sunset Carnival weekend to the Christmas closure period, the venue was utilised 43% of the time (77 days out of 178).
- \$51k revenue generated from venue hire fees.

As mentioned, this year saw the completion of our building project and with it came grant acquittals and numerous time-consuming financial tasks and reporting requirements. Thank you to our Director of Finance Tash Aristei for your mammoth contribution to our Club over the past three years during a

very busy period. For more detailed information on the Club's finances, please see the BSLSC Financial Report.

Chris Andrzejczek has been on the BSLSC Board of Directors since the beginning of the 2020 season. Chris stepped down from the Board in May to take on a full-time position in the Ocean View Bar. We would like to thank Chris for his commitment and dedication to the Club as a Board Member over the last three and half years. Chris was integral in increasing the patronage and popularity of our bar and continues to work tirelessly to serve our members and community. Chris' volunteerism also extended to holding the position of Green Patrol Captain and keeping our Nippers safe every Sunday by driving the IRB. We look forward to continuing to see you at our bar and on the beach!

Emma Dearing joined the Board as Director of Public Relations in June, with the Director of House position becoming somewhat unnecessary with the employment of a full-time Operations Manager. Emma was no stranger to us, having already volunteered as a Nippers Age Group Manager and Committee Member looking after clothing and our Facebook page. Emma has driven the Club rebranding process that we have undertaken this year including delivering some of our most popular merchandise ever. We have modernised our logo as part of this rebranding, and a huge thank you to Sam Noble from 89 Digital Street, our graphic designer and sponsor, who has been instrumental in this process.

Nobody was happier than one man when our new clubhouse finally opened... Rob Aristei!! A moment he thought might never come and one that was welcomed with open arms and many celebratory drinks! Although the doors are open and the bar, training rooms / function area are operating well, there is still much to consider and manage following the building completion and Rob continues to support this process and ensure the building will be an invaluable resource for all of our members now and many decades to come. Thank you, Rob, for your tireless work in driving the clubhouse development and beyond. We also thank Rob for his work in attracting and securing sponsorship for our Club. Please see the Director of Building and Maintenance Report for more information.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our 2023 sponsors, many of whom have stood beside us through what has been a difficult time to be a sponsor, and many who have come on board this year. Without our sponsors, we would not be able to continue to serve the Broome community as a volunteer community club. Please see the Sponsorship Report for a full list of our sponsors, and please continue to support the businesses that support us.

The active season was concluded with our end-of-season wind-up being held for the first time in our new clubhouse! A big thank you to our Directors and Committee Members for organising and co-ordinating this celebration and congratulations to all our award winners. The winners can be viewed in Under Competition and Events, BSLSC Award winners page 19.

2023 has brought with it much excitement as we completed our building redevelopment and opened our new clubhouse – a truly significant year in our Club's history. I thank the BSLSC community for

trusting me to take on this leadership role for the second year. The role has not been without challenges, but it has been incredibly rewarding and I encourage all of you to continue to or consider volunteering with our amazing Club. A special thank you to the Board of Directors and our Club Management team, who have supported me throughout the 2023 season. Thank you again to all BSLSC Directors, Committee Members, Life Members, Active Members, Cadets, Nippers, Parents and Social Members. I look forward to seeing you all continue to enjoy our amazing new clubhouse and our beautiful Cable Beach in 2024.

**Rebecca Famlonga**  
**2023 Chairperson**



## DIRECTOR OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT REPORT

2023 proved challenging as we started the Nippers season again without our clubhouse. Despite this, we had record enrolment numbers which was amazing. With not having access to our Club, it made running the program a little more difficult. Once again, I had great support from all the Directors and volunteers, especially with getting all the Nippers gear down to the beach.

Ric Buist was our Youth (cadets) Co-ordinator this year. Although only a small group, Ric did a fantastic job sharing his wealth of surf club knowledge. We also had some under 13s and 12s Nippers join his group. Ric spent a lot of the sessions focussing on education, and many of the group obtained their Surf Rescue Certificates as a result. The group was also encouraged to join in on the adult Club swims. A big thank you to Ric for taking on the challenge this year.

For a third consecutive year I took on the job of Nippers Co-ordinator with Steve Pratt assisting me with the position. Big thanks to Steve. Once again it was a very fulfilling season and I couldn't have done the job without the help of our volunteers.

A big thank you to Cam Wyllie and Chris Andrzejaczek who came down to the beach each week to help with the Nippers lessons. Cam's valuable knowledge assisted the Age Group Managers and Nippers with techniques and application with water activities, while Chris did a great job providing water safety in the IRB.

A big thank you to all the Age Group Managers, many who have stepped up for consecutive years and a couple of new parents who took on the younger groups and did a fantastic job. I also had a great parent support group who would arrive early to help set up the sessions and a core group of water safety volunteers – including some new members who completed their bronze medallion this year.

The Nippers Rescue Certificate (parents' water safety course) was offered early in the season. We only had four parents take up the challenge. Thank you to Mark for running the course. Let's hope we get a few more next season.

We had great numbers of Nippers to start the season but as most seasons go the numbers do drop off after the July school holidays.

Once again, we had a few Nippers compete in the Sunset Carnival. For the first time in 2023, the Sunset Carnival was a designated qualifying event for Nippers from Dampier and Broome SLSCs to progress to the State Nippers Championships. Unfortunately, I couldn't attend this year due to work commitments. I believe it was a great carnival and all the Nippers had a good time. It was a highlight of the weekend to be able to open the clubhouse in time for the Carnival, and I was able to attend the presentation night.

We held three championship days throughout the season. These gave the Nippers the opportunity to compete against each other as well as better their own efforts. Trophies were awarded to the overall winners and runner ups at the wind up. Jasper Barnett took out the Youth of the Year award not only for her performance in Nippers but also her records and achievements in the adults Club competition.

The wind up was held at BRAC again this year which was well received. We hired the floating Exmouth Dual Racer which the Nippers had a great time on. Cam was the biggest kid of all. A free sausage sizzle was on offer for everyone. Thank you to our BBQ Co-ordinators Merrin and Lucy and their partners John and Matt for cooking and preparing the sausage sizzle on the day and a big thanks to your team of helpers who assisted you throughout the second half of the season. Thank you to parents Luke and Lani from Funergy who offered free stick-on tattoos on the day. All Nippers were awarded with a certificate and participation medal, and trophies were awarded to those who excelled over the season. We had a great attendance and the day was definitely a hit with the Nippers.

I would like to thank the following sponsors for their specific contribution to our Nippers program:

- Woodside – Ongoing major supporting partner for Nippers program statewide.
- Woolworths Broome – Providing fresh fruit to the Nippers each week.
- Station Store – Supplying quality sausages at a discounted price for our sausage sizzles.
- Norbake Bakery – Supplying bread for the sausage sizzles.

Once again thanks to all the Nippers and their families for another great season. I thoroughly enjoyed being down on the beach with you all every Sunday. I will be stepping down as Nippers Co-ordinator but look forward to seeing you all on the beach again next season.

**Dianne MacGregor**  
**2023 Director of Youth, Nippers Coordinator**



## DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING REPORT

Wow, what an exciting year to finally open our new clubhouse and move into the new premises. And what a wild time that was, moving all our equipment out of storage into the gear shed to open on the weekend of the Sunset Carnival. What great teamwork and dedicated volunteer hours it took to achieve this feat. Thank you so much to all the people that supported us with this arduous task in this limited time frame. And thank you to Club sponsors Oilfield Transport Services for holding all our gear in their secure premises during the redevelopment.

A massive thankyou to our awesome training and education leaders Carrie Selten and John Rhatigan, for their fantastic efforts throughout this year. Without their expertise and efficiency, many education awards and requalifications would not be delivered, much to the detriment of our Club and the Broome community.

Our patrol statistics for 2023 indicated that we had more than 37,000 beach-going visitors at Cable Beach to serve and protect during our volunteer Sunday patrols from May to October. That is an increase of over a thousand visitors from 2022 to 2023!

All four patrols were guided with great proficiency by our Patrol Captains:

- Myles Kingsbury (Blue Patrol)
- Chris Andrzejaczek (Green Patrol)
- Mark Pager (Gold Patrol)
- Henry Pemberton (Red Patrol)

All patrol captains once again supported the Nipper and Cadet programs with water safety assistance and help to train our new Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate participants. Thank you, Patrol Captains, for your professionalism and high level of dedication toward keeping our beach safe in 2023.

Some other 2023 patrol statistics to consider (recorded digitally on our new iPad) include:

- 2,100 volunteer patrol hours served on the beach by 65 Active Members.
- 141 preventative actions affected.
- 1 beach closure due to crocodile emergency.
- 3 rescues were performed, all with positive outcomes!
- 175 minor first-aid actions were performed.
- 180 public relations interactions recorded.
- 15 minor marine stings.

The recording of these statistics is important as they are used in a number of ways for the benefit of SLSWA and surf clubs, such as:

- Coastal safety reports.
- Securing funding.
- Influence policy on coastal safety at local, state and national level.
- Proof of the iconic importance of surf lifesaving volunteering.
- Data support for clubs / awards.

- Future planning of training and resources.
- Supporting positive community relationships.
- Reinforcement of the iconic image of SLSWA / SLISA.

Other fantastic 2023 Club statistics include:

### 100% Patrol Attendance

Surf Life Saving WA : Misc WA Clubs : Broome					
Member ID	Last Name	First Name	Preferred Name	Rostered Hours	Patrolled Rostered Hours
4411739	Andrzejaczek	Christopher	Chris	48	48
6072144	Chambers	Dave		32	32
5958985	Kingsbury	Myles		48	51.5
4255528	Pager	Mark		59	62

### Patrol Group Hours

Surf Life Saving WA : Misc WA Clubs : Broome								
Team Name	Make-Up Hours	Penalty Hours	Rostered Hours	Substitute Hours	Trainee Hours	Volunteer Hours	Water Safety Hours	Total Hours
2023 BLUE	0	0	518.75	26.67	0	54.25	0	599.67
2023 GOLD	0	0	326	8	22	40	2	398
2023 GREEN	0	0	285.75	0	0	84.17	0	369.92
2023 RED	0	0	391.09	28	8	51	0	478.09
Sunset Carnival	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	51
Voluntary Patrol Water Safety Broome Triathlon	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	51
Water Safety Triathlon	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	21



Congratulations go to Blue Patrol who were awarded the Most Proficient Patrol for 2023, with a total of 599 volunteer hours served by the group's members. Myles Kingsbury led his bubbly and vibrant Blue Patrol very effectively throughout the season and was awarded our Best Patrol Person for 2023.



A massive thank you goes to Club sponsors Elite Automotive for their continuous support maintaining and servicing our patrol vehicles throughout the year. Without their diligence, our beach patrols may have been jeopardised with various maintenance issues needing urgent attention. Of course, the Elite team were straight onto it and had things resolved very promptly.

A big thank you also to John Dayman for his tireless efforts in keeping our competition equipment up to scratch. I felt like he was my right-hand man as he never had to be asked to do things, he just used his initiative and went ahead and did things that needed to be fixed.

Also, a big thank you go to the various Club members who put up their hand to help support community events on Cable Beach with water safety throughout the season. This is such an iconic gesture of support to other sporting clubs and is something we do with pride and honour.

Thank you to all our Active Members for your dedication and commitment to ensuring that more than 37,000 beachgoers returned safely home after their visits to Cable Beach this year. I would also like to thank the Board of Directors for their unwavering support of the Club, myself and the 2023 patrol season. Last but not least, thank you to our staff for their ongoing efforts to help guide the direction and establishment of our new Club premises.

**Mark Pager**  
**Director of Lifesaving 2023**



## DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION REPORT

The 2023 season started well with 11 new members signing up to complete their Bronze Medallion and 4 members for their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC). The group spent most Sunday mornings from May to June down the beach training and the odd Saturday completing the theory sessions.

Once again, we were unable to access the clubhouse and training rooms for the Bronze Medallion course, which made it a bit challenging but we managed. We delivered a few community SRC sessions in the new facility after it opened in July. We are excited to make full use of our wonderful training rooms next year.

Education delivered in 2023 included:

### Proficiency

- 49 members completed their Bronze and SRC proficiencies. We ran two proficiency days at the start of the season. We had a record 27 members turning up on the 1st weekend and then 8 the following weekend. Thanks to everyone that came along, it makes it a lot easier when we can complete these all together at the start of the season.
- 7 x Advanced Resuscitation Techniques
- 6 x IRB Drivers and Crew, 5 x IRB Crew
- 3 x RWC (jet ski)

### Full courses

- 11 New Bronze Medallion holders
- 4 Youth members completed the Surf Rescue Certificate
- 5 x IRB Drivers
- 9 x IRB Crew
- 1 x Advanced Resuscitation Techniques
- 4 x Pain Management
- 2 x Silver Medallion Patrol Captain award
- 4 x Nipper Rescue Certificate
- 48 Community Surf Rescue Certificates delivered (full course and requalification)

Thanks to all our BSLSC trainers and assessors. We have a depth of knowledge and skills in our Club amongst this group, who have dedicated many hours to training and assessing over the years. Special thanks to the following trainers and assessors in 2023:

- John Rhatigan & Carrie Selten – Trainers for the Bronze Medallion course & proficiencies.
- Ric Buist – Trained and assessed the IRB Drivers and Crew courses and the SRC for the Cadets.
- Berni Flint – Assessed the new Bronze Medallion group (Berni lives in Derby and travels to Broome for patrols and training and assessing)
- Mark Pager – Ran the Nipper Rescue Certificate and assisted in training the new Bronze Medallion group and Bronze proficiencies.

We also have trainers and assessors from Perth who cover courses that our team are unable to deliver. In 2023 this included:

- Dominic Cowdell – Delivered the Advanced Resuscitation, Pain Management, Silver Medallion Patrol Captain award and in-service for our trainers and assessors over one weekend in June.
- Garry and Meg Williams – Delivered the jet ski proficiency.

Listed below are the awards completed by our members in the 2023 Season:

<b>Bronze Medallion</b>	<b>Surf rescue Certificate</b>
Dave Chambers Aaron Jeffrey Kat O’Ryan Jennifer Robertson Adam Sinclair Jake Burk Tanika Kovchencko Jacklyn Adams Georgia Atkins Grey Mackay Melinda Fitts Bronze Requalification: 49	Kai Birch Emma Olejnik Olivia Russell Stirling Smith
<b>IRB Crew Certificates</b>	<b>IRB Drivers Certificates</b>
Liz Anderson Jake Burke Gracie Byass Dave Chambers Rhianna Harby Taneka Kovchenko Kat O’Ryan Adam Sinclair Mitchell Weeks <i>(plus 5 requalifications)</i>	Tom Oliver (Driver & Crew) Aaron Jeffrey (Driver & Crew) Bryn James (Driver & Crew) Myles Kingsbury (Driver) Steve Pratt (Driver) <i>(plus 6 requalifications)</i>
<b>Advanced Resuscitation Techniques</b>	<b>Silver Medallion Patrol Captain</b>
Charles Bell <i>(plus 7 requalifications)</i>	Myles Kingsbury Mark Pager
<b>Pain Management</b>	<b>Nipper Rescue Certificate</b>
Mark Pager Rob Aristei Berni Flint Myles Kingsbury	Jessica Bolton Jodie Buckle Stephanie Johnson Rhea Psereckis

**Carrie Selten**  
**2023 Director of Education**



## DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION AND EVENTS REPORT

The 2023 competition year started before our season did. Our Broome Heat women's rowing crew smashed the competition at the State Titles in Scarborough, winning two golds in the Country Champs and Open Reserve Women's, then the silver in the Masters 160+ category. Following that they went back down to Perth for the Aussies and were the only Masters crew in the Open Reserve Women's category out of a large field of hot competition. Great effort Broome Heat crew and Boat Captain Pete for the many hours of training put in.

During our patrolling season, Club swims were held each Sunday and attendance was great this year with over 40 members registering at least one swim and a regular group of 16-20 attending. Club Championships were run with iron, board and relay events held and even a 2km run in the end. I tried to give everyone a go at as much as we have to offer. Now that we have regular ski training happening, ski events will be added into next year's event schedule.

Special mention must go to Tom Oliver, Fabio, Ric and Jodie, our standout regulars, and Jasper Barnett showing huge potential as an 11-year-old swimming well above her age group! Big thanks to Rob, Ric and others for helping run the swims whilst I was away, and many others helping at the finish line as it was too big a field for me to manage on my own sometimes. Thank you to Chris and various crews for laying the swim buoys to mark the course throughout the season.

The 2023 Sunset Carnival on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July was a great success and our first event in our brand new clubhouse. Thanks to all the helpers from our Club and others. As always, we couldn't have done it without everyone pitching in. This year's Carnival was also the first that allowed Nippers from Broome and Dampier SLSCs to qualify for the State competition, and we had a number who qualified and under Cam's wing they have continued training.



The 2024 Sunset Carnival events schedule has been released. I am promoting it widely to attract more participants from south WA and all over Australia – if they can holiday at the right time and join in the Sunset Carnival, that would be great. I have had competitors from Hervey Bay SLSC (Qld) confirming they are coming and interest from Darwin, NSW, SA and Victorian clubs. I am contacting every club that pops up on social media and inviting their members to come to Broome in 2024.

Again this year, our volunteers successfully supported the Broome Tri Club's race events including their national Cable Beach Triathlon. Thanks to Chris, Ric, Jodie, Rob, Mark, Josh, Rhianna and any others who helped out with water safety, first aid and driving the IRB.

With young Dave's help maintaining our boards and ski's, our Club equipment is all useable and operable for training. Dave also installed foam padding on the overhead beams and side walls to stop damage to stored gear. I have almost finished touching up the fiberglass repairs with matching paint and clear coating, only 2 boards to go. Dave is moving back to SA, and we are sad to lose him. But hopefully another apprentice will raise their hand to assist. It has been great to see our Active Members taking the Club skis and boards out for regular training, we just need to keep on top of people looking after them and maintaining them in good condition.

Thanks to grants and sponsorships, we have acquired some new board stock. We have six new Nippers' Redback Kirra foam boards, thanks to Club sponsors SportsPower, and three new rescue boards for shorter youth or bigger Nippers, purchased under SLSA's Beach Safety Equipment Fund. Stoked for 2024 and ready to go!

To increase the number of BSLSC qualified officials, Sandy Clarke from SLSWA is running an online Core Officials Course (dates TBA). Rob Aristei also requalified in his Officials Qualification during the year.

All Club trophies and boards are now up to date with previous winners, and are on display in the clubhouse gym. We also have a new shield for the Club Encouragement Award. Congratulations to all our trophy winners in 2023:

- Kim Male Shield (800m swim) – Cam Wyllie
- Broome Plumbing & Gas Trophy (400m swim) – Fabio Armani
- Laurenson Shield (400m and 200m swim) – Fabio Armani
- Club Handicap Swims Male – Tom Oliver
- Club Handicap Swims Female – Jodie Lynch
- Club Champion Male Open – Tom Judd
- Club Champion Female Open – Ellen Smith
- Club Champion Female Junior – Jasper Barnett
- Jack Bray Memorial Shield (Sunset Carnival) – Daryl Griffin (Trigg SLSC)
- Club Person of the year – Ric Buist
- Club Encouragement Award – Tom Oliver

**John Dayman**

**2023 Director of Competitions and Events, Gear, Board & Ski Officer**



## DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT

The audited Financial Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 is attached for your perusal. This was prepared by Varis Klimaitis at VLK Accounting and audited by Simon Esler at Leticia Palmer.

### 2023 Financial Performance

The clubhouse opening in July (closed from January 2022) generated significant public interest, driving revenue from social memberships, bar sales and venue hire in the second half of the year. The Club generated a Net Profit of \$77k and net increase in Cash of \$31k. Unlike the 2022 Net Profit (\$2.3M), this reflects operating profit as it does not include any redevelopment grant revenue (\$2.4M in 2022).

Included in the net asset balance is the Club's \$4.2M contribution the clubhouse redevelopment (recognised as an Intangible Asset), which was funded through the following sources:

Grant Funding	
<i>Lotterywest</i>	<i>\$1,850k</i>
<i>Kimberley Development Commission</i>	<i>\$300k</i>
<i>Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries</i>	<i>\$275k</i>
BSLSC Cash Reserves	\$588k
Treasury Loan*	\$842k
Shire of Broome Cash Contribution	\$373k

The Treasury Loan is a 16-year loan from the WA State Government, which the Club was able to secure through the Shire of Broome. This carries a relatively low interest rate of 4.8%, payable biannually.

The loan was entered into by the Shire before the redevelopment project reached practical completion and total construction costs were known. The total loan principal is \$1M, of which \$842k was needed to fund project costs. The Club has retained the balance in cash and has invested \$150k in a 3-month term deposit maturing in March.

Including this term deposit, the Club finished the year with a strong cash balance of \$207k and net Working Capital of \$200k, which is sufficient to cover trading and beach operations in 2024. I believe the Going Concern basis is appropriate.

Additional notes regarding the Financial Statements (including key differences from 2022 to 2023) are detailed below.

### 2024 Budget:

The draft 2024 budget projects a reduction in revenue from social memberships, bar sales and venue hire compared to 2023, taking into consideration the disruption from the Cable Beach Foreshore Redevelopment. It is important to note that this impact is difficult to quantify. Conservatively, the

budget projects a small operating deficit which will be covered by cash reserves. Given the financial uncertainty, the Club is planning to hold several fundraising events and will continue to seek grant funding to assist with the costs of fitting out the gym, purchasing further education and patrol equipment and improving our beach activities.

### **Facility Redevelopment:**

The clubhouse is now fully operational, and all grant funding received for the facility redevelopment has been acquitted. The Club is negotiating a new lease agreement for the building and surrounding leased area with the Shire of Broome (the landlord).

I would like to mention the total volunteer contribution specifically during the building stage. This included over 1,400 hours equating to savings of over \$70K. The Club truly appreciates the awesome contributions of many members towards this amazing project, which has finally come to fruition.

Beyond the building project and designated beach activities, there were many more hours contributed by the current Board of Directors in getting the facility operational in a functional manner. This included the recruitment of Club Management and staff and establishing roles and responsibilities for this team. Additional processes and procedures have been developed with more work to come in this area. Our key new employees Lauren and Brett have had a big impact in getting the organisational structure and resources managed effectively in 2023.

Thank you to our outstanding volunteer Board led by our Chair Rebecca. It has been a challenging and productive year and I appreciate the passion and individual skills you all bring to the organisation and your support throughout the year.

### **Natasha Aristei**

#### **2023 Director of Finance**

#### Additional notes on the Financial Statements

##### Income:

- Bar Sales (2023: \$373k, 2022: \$8k), with average takings of \$62k per month (Jul to Dec)
- Clubhouse Hire (2023: \$50k, 2022: \$0), with a particularly busy pre-Christmas period (34 functions held in November and December)
- Memberships and Registrations (2023: \$73k, 2022: \$20k), reflecting a 730% increase in Social and General Members (2023: 1,192, 2022: 143)
- Training Income (2023: \$7k, 2022: \$3k) with the Community Surf Rescue Certificate delivered to 48 participants from 10 local schools and community organisations

##### Cost of Sales:

- Total Cost of Sales (2023: \$160k, 2022: \$8k) includes bar trading stock, merchandise purchases and sausage sizzle supplies. The increase from prior year reflects the commencement of bar trading.
- 2023 bar stock costs were 39% of bar sales revenue, indicating a 61% gross margin

#### Other Income:

- Reduction in Grant funding (2023: \$23k, 2022: \$2.5M) reflects the full acquittal of all facility grants following the clubhouse redevelopment completion.
- Significant Donation revenue (2023: \$32k, 2022: \$0.1k) reflects fundraising drive by Broome Heat rowing team (\$16k) and donation of net assets from former Broome Sailing Club (\$14k) upon their closure.
- Sponsorship revenue was consistent year to year (\$62k)
- Interest Income (2023: \$3k, 2022: \$0) was earned on Club funds held by the Shire of Broome between June and November. The funds were the net proceeds from the Treasury Loan after all building costs.

#### Expenses:

- *Note: Some expenses relate to goods or services provided free of charge under sponsorship arrangements. The offsetting sponsorship revenue is recorded in Other Income.*
- Increase in Accounting costs (2023: \$12k, 2022: \$5k) reflect timing of invoices, additional compliance requirements and appointment of new auditor (VLK Accounting no longer providing this service)
- Consultancy Fees (2023: \$11k, 2022: \$0) include legal advice regarding the lease agreement, commissioning of a WHS framework and graphic design services (provided free under sponsorship).
- Reduction in contractor costs (2023: \$6k, 2022: \$12k). Administration function was brought back in-house following appointment of Club Manager.
- Postage and Freight (2023: \$10k, 2022: \$0.1) includes haulage of bar trading stock from Perth. Increase from prior year therefore reflects the commencement of bar trading.
- Registration Fees (2023: \$33k, 2022: \$5k) are levied by SLSWA per signed-up Club member. Increase from prior year therefore reflects the significantly higher membership numbers.
- Subscriptions (2023: \$7k, 2022: \$2k) include bar point of sale system fees, commercial music licence and rostering software, all which relate to the bar operations and were not required in 2022.
- Bar Gratuities (2023: \$3k, 2022: \$0k) are the cost price of complimentary drinks provided to volunteers, service providers and bar staff, which can only be approved by the bar manager.
- Competition costs (2023: \$5k, 2022: \$0) relate to the Broome Heat's entry into state and national titles, directly funded through the team's fundraising efforts.
- Consumables (2023: \$3k, 2022: \$0) include bathroom papers and sundry supplies for the bar and functions. Increase from prior year therefore reflects the commencement of clubhouse operations.
- Sponsors Costs (2023: \$5k, 2022: \$0) include signage and the cost of sponsor's functions, neither of which were incurred in prior year.
- Social Function expenses (2023: \$3k, 2022: \$1k) include costs associated with members' social events and the season wind-up, which were larger events in 2023.
- Sunset Carnival Expenses (2023: \$8k, 2022: \$1k) were significant in 2023 due to the purchase of two years' supply of medallions, 50% of which was covered under sponsorship (previously 100%).
- Cleaning & Waste Disposal (2023: \$2k, 2022: \$0) includes purchase of cleaning supplies. Increase from prior year therefore reflects the commencement of clubhouse operations.
- Education and Patrol Equipment (combined 2023: \$6k, 2022: \$2k) includes items purchased under the SLSA Beach Safety Equipment Fund (\$10k provided annually)
- General Equipment Purchases (2023: \$19k, 2022: \$0.5k) include bar glassware, additional tables and chairs, shelving and other items required for the new clubhouse. Note individual items over \$1k are capitalised.
- Equipment Repairs & Maintenance (2023: \$9k, 2022: \$1k) included servicing of all trailers, boats and vehicles (provided free under sponsorship).
- Building Insurance (2023: \$19k, 2022: \$0) was not required during the redevelopment. The current premium price is reflective of the significant replacement cost and risk profile of the clubhouse.
- Staff Expenses (2023: \$222k, 2022: \$3k) reflect the recruitment of a full time Club Manager in March and full time Operations Manager in August, as well as casual bar staff from July.

## DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

This year marked a momentous occasion for the Club as we successfully completed the new Northwest Training Facility, our state-of-the-art surf life saving clubhouse, strategically positioned overlooking Cable Beach. This facility is equipped with two air-conditioned training rooms dedicated to surf education and training courses, in a spacious air-conditioned function area with panoramic views of Cable Beach, suitable for seminars, weddings, and community events.

The facility boasts additional features including the large veranda, a well-appointed members' bar, a kitchen facility, ablutions, change rooms and a gym catering to the fitness needs of our Active Members. This accomplishment reflects the culmination of a rigorous and enduring journey, contributing to the Club's newfound self-sustainability and a notable surge in membership.

The construction of our dedicated clubhouse was made possible through funding secured by the Club, including generous grants from Lotterywest, Kimberley Development Commission and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, cash contributions from the Shire of Broome and assistance from generous Club sponsors who were instrumental in the realisation of this project. The mammoth undertaking was project managed by the Shire and built by CWD Builders. We extend our sincere appreciation to all involved parties.

Despite our achievements, there remains ongoing work in progress, with the Shire actively redeveloping the Cable Beach foreshore throughout 2024. Upon completion of the first phase of this project, which will include a new access ramp and steps, lookout and footpath, we anticipate scheduling the grand opening of our new clubhouse.

Fine-tuning the clubhouse is a priority, and we are immensely grateful for the support of major sponsors including Galvins, who generously donated all plumbing fixtures and tapware, as well as Lion for their contribution to the bar fit out. We highly value their continued assistance and support.

The operational readiness of the Club was successfully demonstrated during the Sunset Carnival, where we had the opportunity to test the facility with visiting surf clubs and competitors from various locations. While we celebrate this achievement, there are still aspects to refine, including the gym fit-out, obtaining approvals to complete and utilise the kitchen facility and displaying memorabilia to infuse the space with the rich history of our Club.

The new clubhouse stands as a testament to the enduring future of surf life saving in Broome and is poised to become a dynamic hub of community activity for all to relish.

We extend our gratitude to everyone involved in this remarkable journey.

**Robert Aristei**  
**2023 Director of Building and Maintenance**



## OPERATIONS REPORT

I would like to start by acknowledging the huge effort from the previous and current Boards in establishing the great facility we now have. I would also like to acknowledge Chris Andrzejczek for his contributions to the successful reopening of the bar and function rooms, and Lauren Henderson for her huge effort in managing and maintaining all the policies, procedures and processes since the facility reopened; her support has been invaluable.

I have the privilege of overseeing the operation of the clubhouse, bar and facilities, which are a key component in supporting the efforts of the Club to provide surf life saving services to the community, which is incredibly valuable and worthwhile now and into the future. As a part of our relaunch, the bar facility needed a name to separate it from the surf life saving aspect of Club activities, to allow for separate advertising and promotion. The “Ocean View Bar” was decided upon and will now be promoted on social media accordingly. Please like and share our Facebook page with all your friends and followers (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555682971364>).

As Rebecca has stated in her report, we have had a huge uptake in social memberships, demonstrating the great level of support from the local and wider community of our venue. We completed our first six months of trading having approximately 70 different events utilising our function rooms, as well as lots of impromptu events hosted on the lawn area alongside our regular trade. This has been a huge financial support for us and is something we will continue to drive as we move forward.

Despite the challenges from the car park and road works, we were still able to facilitate every request made to the Club and host each event with loads of positive feedback provided for our efforts. As we reopen for 2024, we are seeking to build upon our initial success and expand our reach and opportunities to fill the event calendar to maximize our revenue. We are hoping to open for morning coffee sales around March and look to expanding our opening hours for the bar also from this time onward.

Regarding the kitchen, we have plans in place to meet the approval requirements of the Health Department and Shire of Broome to be able to serve and hopefully produce food for sale, but this will be a timely process, so details will follow throughout the year. Thankfully, we have been able to utilise the space as a caterer’s kitchen for several functions, with lots of positive feedback from the chefs and catering staff who used the space.

Our gym continues to be a focus area, with plans afoot to secure equipment to fit out the space as a fully functioning gym. More details will follow as things progress regarding this exciting process.

We will again have redevelopment works taking place alongside and across the front of the clubhouse for several months this year. We are working closely with the Shire to ensure that access and functionality remains in place for the facility throughout this time. We will remain open throughout this process and appreciate your continued support.

As always, our staff are the driving force behind making all this possible. I would like to acknowledge their efforts and contributions to making our first six months a success, and I look forward to their continued efforts throughout the new year. Should you know of anyone with their RSA who is looking for bar work, please send them my way to discuss employment opportunities!

**Brett Tompkin**  
**Operations Manager**



## SPONSORSHIP REPORT

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the sponsors who supported the Broome Surf Life Saving Club throughout this pivotal year of development.

Special recognition goes to our major sponsors:

- Galvins Plumbing Supplies: Our heartfelt appreciation to Mark and Dave Galvin for their generous support in providing the plumbing fixtures and tapware throughout the clubhouse.
- Lion: A sincere thank you for sponsoring the bar fit out. We particularly acknowledge the dedication of Tim Brooker, who has invested significant time in selecting suitable products and contributing to the layout of the cool room.
- Broome Plumbing & Gas: Thank you to David Aristei and Greg Ryder for supplying the industrial gas for the keg system, plumbing work in the clubhouse and discounted outdoor furniture and bar appliances. Your support has been invaluable.
- Cleanaway Broome: Geoff Woodley-Page and the Broome team, your assistance with waste removal from our new facility has been greatly appreciated.
- Totally Work Wear: Rod and Dee Giblett, your support in providing merchandise and supplying our new Club shirts has significantly enhanced our image this year.

We want to express our admiration for ALL our sponsors this season – your contributions have been truly remarkable. We look forward to collaborating with you again in the coming year. We trust that you enjoyed the sundowner events and the utilisation of our new clubhouse for your Christmas parties and functions as a token of our appreciation for your sponsorship.

Should you have any queries or require further information about the Club, please do not hesitate to contact us. We value your ongoing support and partnership. A full list of all Club sponsors is on the following page.

**Robert Aristei**  
BSLSC Sponsorship Officer



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