

SAWTELL SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB inc

► 94th Annual Report 2025 – 2026



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1. MISSION STATEMENT

WE ARE SAWTELL SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



**WE ARE A GOLD MEDAL
ACCREDITED CLUB.**



Our Club: a place to belong, grow and be safe

Sawtell SLSC is a charitable, community based, not-for-profit volunteer organisation. All key management personnel and volunteers are not compensated.

Sawtell SLSC is one of the 8 clubs within the North Coast Branch of Surf Life Saving NSW, the 129 clubs within Surf Life Saving New South Wales (SLSNSW) and the 313 clubs within Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA).

SLSA is the peak coastal water drowning prevention authority performing numerous rescues, preventative actions, and first aid treatments each year.

The goals of Sawtell SLSC include

- (a) prevent or minimise injury and/or loss of life from drowning by the study and practice of methods of lifesaving and first aid
- (b) provide efficient patrols for the protection and guidance of the public who use the area allocated to the Club's control by the local governing authorities
- (c) conduct, encourage and promote surf activities in its many aspects and assist the local governing authorities in providing and improving facilities for same
- (d) provide Nippers with an educational and practical experience in a wide range of subjects and skills within the beach environment
- (e) prepare Nippers for their eventual transition into active patrol involvement in the Club
- (f) manage funds derived from the fees and subscriptions of members, donations, grants, payments, subsidies and other such sources as may be approved by the Club
- (g) use and apply funds in promotion of the objectives of the Club

The Club is indebted to all those who support our Club

2. GOVERNANCE AND LIFE MEMBERS

Sawtell Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

Affiliated with the North Coast Branch of Surf Life Saving NSW

Patrons: Pat Conaghan, Gurmesh Singh, Terry de Carle

ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS FOR SEASON 2025-2026

COMMITTEE

Position	Name	Position	Name
President	Sean Golding / Tiffany Easman	Vice President	Tiffany Easman / Sheena McTackett
Club Captain	Shelley Lantry	Secretary	Adam Newman
Treasurer	Mark Sherrin / Ruth Philippo	Chief Training Officer	Sarah Tisdell
Junior Activities	Matt Herbert	Ordinary Member	Neil Robertson
		Ordinary Member	Peter Hirth

OTHER APPOINTED POSITIONS

Position	Name	Position	Name
Vice Club Captain	Sarah Tisdell	IRB Captain	Shane Golden
Competition Manager	Tiffany Easman	First Aid Officer	Dennis Meagher
Registrar	Lyn Hastings	Gear Steward	Tony Ensbey
Radio Officer	Steve Rayson	Member Protection Information Officer	Sarah Tisdell
WH&S Officer	Murray Vine	Child Safe Coordinator	Taron Preston
Complaints Manager	Sheena McTackett	Publicity Officer	Fiona Lane
Sponsorship	Naomi Little & Mandy Hart	Head Coach	Erin Powell

HONORARY POSITIONS

Position	Name	Position	Name
Medical	Dr Harriet Payle	Valuer	Pat Magann
Legal	Steve Green & Col Robson		

STATUTORY APPOINTMENTS

Position	Name	Position	Name
Auditor	Peter Irish	Public Officer	Bruce Coomber

LIFE MEMBERS

Allan (Nuggett) Hobbs+	Ossie Sawtell+	Alf Wood+	Jim Worland+
Bill Wood (Snr)+	Alan Scope+	Bill Singleton OAM+	Bok Rowe+
Mal Chaffey +	Roy Holloway+	David Jones+	Barry Burgess+
Pam Worland	Terry de Carle	Reg Wooderson	Barry Roby
Jim Howton	Steve Kelly	Brian Bayliss	Graham Gee+
Kevin Clancy #	Bruce Macphail	Ian Dellar #	Kerry Clancy OAM
Graeme King	Dennis Meagher	Bill Wachter	Peter Hirth #
Cheryl Lane #	Mick McGavigan	Stephen Rayson#	Neil Robertson #
Andrew Martin #	Greg Russell	Fiona Lane #	Genevieve Dellar
Kerry Bayliss	Scott Rayson #	Sheena McTackett #	

+ Denotes deceased.

Denotes a current patrolling member.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

On behalf of the Executive and General Committee I am pleased to present the 94th Annual Report for your consideration and adoption.

This Report documents the activities of Sawtell Surf Life Saving Club Inc for the 2025-26 Season and includes the Audited Financial Statements and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th April 2026.

This report is a snapshot of the year's activities. Please read the more in-depth reports and other information contained herein.

Committee

At the AGM on July 5, 2025 our President Sean Golding, Vice President Tiffany Easman, Secretary Adam Newman, Club Captain Shelley Lantry were returned to their positions.

No nominations were received for Chief Training Officer at the AGM. Thank you to Sarah Tisdell for taking up this role for the season.

The Committee welcomed two new Ordinary Members Peter Hirth and Neil Robertson. Their prior experience as office holders and Committee members has been a great resource. Peter and Neil are also a big part of the Friday afternoon grounds maintenance initiative which has been essential in keeping the Club surrounds and lawn in good condition.

Mark Sherrin nominated and was elected as Treasurer at the AGM. Thank you to Mark for stepping up for this demanding role. Mark stood down as Treasurer at the beginning of September 2025. Thankfully Ruth Philippo agreed to stand in as interim Treasurer for the remainder of the season. Ruth brings her previous experience as Treasurer to the role as well as essential MYOB skills and accounting knowledge. Finding a Treasurer with these skill sets for the upcoming 2026/27 season continues to be a challenge for the Committee.

At the Annual General Meeting for the Junior Activities Sub Committee held on 1st March 2026 Matt Herbert was returned as Chair. Thank you to Matt and all Juniors office holders and supporters for another positive and successful year.

Sadly on November 4th our President Sean Golding passed away. Sean was involved in Surf Lifesaving for over 20 years as a coach, parent and committee member. He brought a positive energy to the President's role with a sense of humor and fun. Sean was actively involved in reenergising the ski paddling at Sawtell helping to draw younger members to the Club. He gave his time willingly to ski training and assisting with the electrical upkeep of the Club facilities. He can be remembered for finally installing an outdoor electricity outlet to service events on the Club lawn. Always at the Kiosk in the morning available for a coffee and a chat he is missed by all.

Vice President Tiffany Easman stepped up as interim President with Sheena McTackett returning to the Committee as Vice President. We are very lucky to have capable and experienced members able to take on senior roles at short notice. Thank you to Tiff and Sheena for supporting the Club during this difficult transition.

My thanks go to those members taking up positions supporting the Committee.

New to these supporting roles are Shane Golden IRB Captain, and Taren Preston Child Safe Coordinator. Fiona Lane continues to support the Club in her new role as Publicity Officer, maintaining our web site and communication feed through the various platforms.

This year we also welcomed Naomi Little and Mandy Hart from our Juniors who have made a fantastic contribution in the shared role of Sponsorship Officer.

Thank you to those Members continuing in supporting roles ; Tiffany Easman Competition Manager, Tony Ensby Gear and Maintenance Officer, Erin Powell Head Coach, Dennis Meagher assisted by Neil Robson First Aid Officer, Steve Rayson Radio Officer, Sheena McTackett Complaints Manager, Sarah Tisdell Member Protection Information Officer.

As everyone should know our Club could not operate without the two Bruces. Thank you to Bruce Macphail for managing the venue bookings and assisting with award engraving and honour boards. Bruce Macphail also managed to run another successful Coffs Ocean Swims this year. I am very grateful to Bruce for sharing his knowledge as past Secretary. Bruce's useful reminders and prompts are a most welcome assistance in the operations of the Club. Bruce Coomber continues to act as our Public Officer while assisting with small cash transactions, donations and managing the Club House. Thank you Bruce and Bruce.

Patrols

The Club continues to look to engage more active patrolling members. Once again this year the club operated with only 10 patrol groups. It would be ideal if the Club could field 12 patrol groups to reduce the number and frequency of patrols. This season's LSA with shorter, full day patrols at the beginning and end of the season goes some way to reducing the number of days patrolling members have to commit. Thank you to all patrolling members for your commitment to beach safety.

	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026
Patrolling Members	124	136
Patrol Hours	4305	4605
100% Awards	54	68
Rescues	6	4
Preventative Actions	120	113

For more information see the Club Captain's report from Shelley Lantry.

Competition

Tiffany Easman accepted the role of Competition Manager in addition to her contribution as Vice President and acting President on the Committee. Thank you to all competitors for your dedication to training. Thank you to the coaches who spend countless hours with their competitors. Thank you to the Officials, Club Officers and all the volunteers behind the scenes that work to make the Carnivals a success.

For more information see the Competition Manager's Report from Tiffany Easman.

Nippers

Our junior members have had another successful season with 221 junior members. Many thanks to those who support their kids and the Club by undertaking necessary courses to enable them to operate as age managers and perform water safety. For more information see the report from our Junior Activities Committee President Matt Herbert. Thank you to the Junior Activities Committee for a successful season.

Finance

The Club remains in a strong financial position being:.

	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026
Annual Surplus/(Deficit)	\$21,343	\$31,233
Total Current Assets	\$388,289	\$392,946

For detailed information please read the Treasurer's Report from Ruth Philipppo and refer to the Financial Audit Documents included in this report.

Fund Raising

Our new Sponsorship Officers Naomi and Mandy have been active in continuing with standardising our sponsorship packages and identifying and contacting sponsors. They have also resurrected the Sawtell Pub raffles. In addition to the Sponsorship activities Naomi has successfully applied for two Sawtell RSL Club Grants securing funding for the new ski trailer and upgrading the IRB shed door to be motor operated with a swipe card access system. Congratulations and thank you to Naomi for this outstanding achievement.

Another successful Sawtell SLSC Charity Golf Day was held in July this season. Thank you to Peter Hirth for organising this initiative.

The Coffs Ocean Swims ran this year generating approximately \$14,800. Thank you to Bruce Macphail and all volunteers and participants on the day. The Coffs Ocean Swims continues to be a significant source of revenue for the Club. In addition to distributing donations to supporting clubs and organisations a portion of the funds generated by successive Ocean Swims will be put towards the purchase of a new patrol ute as our existing vehicle is now in need of replacement. The Club is very lucky to have this source of revenue to enable purchase of larger equipment items essential to our training and beach safety activities.

Facility booking fees are a significant source of revenue for the Club. Thanks to Bruce Macphail for managing bookings.

For a list of organisations and people sponsoring and providing donations to our Club see Section 4. of this annual report.

Community Service

The Club continues to run the Inclusive Nippers Program. Inclusive Nippers runs side-by-side with Nippers on a Sunday morning.

The Club works with the Sawtell Boardriders to support their competitions and the annual Barney Miller Surf Classic.

The Club is available to assist with community events when requested. A regular commitment is to assist the Sawtell RSL with the setup of the Anzac Day Service. Thank you to the volunteers who set up this year.

Clubhouse and Surrounds

A new 10 year licence agreement to occupy the land was signed between Coffs Harbour City Council and Sawtell SLSC Inc commencing on 1 April 2026. This licence agreement gives the Club certainty and security of tenure. Thank you to Coffs City Council for support in renewing the licence agreement.

The flat downstairs in the Clubhouse became vacant this season. Although the flat provides accommodation and a source of income the Committee resolved to not re-let the premises. Instead it is intended to convert the flat into a storage area. This is consistent with Stage 2 of our DA for redevelopment of the Club House and facilities. Storage space is at a premium at present with IRBs on trailers and an increase in the number of skis as a result of renewed interest in ski paddling plus the delivery of a RWC to be stored at Sawtell SLSC for the Call Out Team. The conversion of the flat to storage goes towards meeting this storage requirement. Initial engineering calculations and drawings have been generated with the intention to have Council approval, drawings and quotes in place for upcoming grant rounds.

The clubhouse auditorium and training room continue to be in demand. In conjunction with the Kiosk the auditorium helps to promote the grassed area in front of the Club as a very popular and well patronised community area.

Thank you to our members and community volunteers who help to maintain the gardens and lawn in support of this valuable community amenity.

The Club was successful in securing grant funding under the NSW Government Department of Sport Surf Club Facility Program 25/26 to install a new hot water system. The system uses energy efficient reclaim heat pumps supplied and installed by local business North Coast Power and Water and provides 1200 litres of hot water. Our early morning swimmers and training groups are now guaranteed a hot shower.

As mentioned above Naomi Little was successful in securing RSL Club Grant funding to motorise the IRB shed roller door and provide electrical swipe card access. This work will proceed in the 2026-27 season and will make accessing the IRB shed much easier without having to wrestle with a sand clogged and corroded padlock.

All three roller doors to the Nippers Shed, Patrol Storage Shed and Ski Storage Shed were replaced this season. This was an unexpected expense made necessary by the repeated failure and repair to the doors and motor drives. The doors are regularly exposed to salt sand and moisture which significantly reduces their operating life. The new doors are fitted with aluminium tracks which will hopefully improve their durability.

To address the beach erosion and beach access Coffs Council installed stairs to the Northern Access ramp allowing beach users to safely access the beach. Thank you to Coffs Council for this new infrastructure. The original lifeguard tower was also removed because of the beach erosion and Coffs Council has purchased and installed a new floating lifeguard tower. The new tower has power connected and is available for Sawtell SLSC patrols to access as well as for use by Council lifeguards. The access ramp on the Southern side is now open again thanks to remedial work moving sand and levelling by Coffs Council

Unfortunately beach access for patrol equipment such as the beach trailer, IRB trailer, ATV and Ute is still not fully functional as our concrete access ramp leads to the Northern side which is currently fitted with stairs. Moving equipment across the lawn in front of the Kiosk to access the Southern ramp may not be feasible. Operational procedures for the 2026-27 patrol season will have to address this access issue.

Sawtell SLSC and Coffs Council worked with Willy Weather to facilitate installation of a surf camera on the new lifeguard tower. This initiative provides vision of beach and surf conditions to Members and the public who take out a subscription to the Willy Weather app.

Thank you to the Kiosk staff and owners for continuing to build a successful and welcoming business. The Kiosk provides a focus and enhances the amenity of our Club grounds and facilities, showcasing our beautiful beach and catering for visitors and our local community.

Communication

Minutes of all meetings are available to members on request. Surf Lifesaving enables us to communicate to members via email through Surfguard which is still used for formal communications and when targeting Members directly.

The Club website is a source of information for members and the public. Private Facebook pages operate for Sawtell SLSC Patrol Swap and Sawtell Surf Life Saving Members. The Sawtell Surf Life Saving Club page is visible to the public and members. In addition to our website and Facebook pages regular newsletters have been produced. Thank you to Fiona Lane for maintaining our online presence.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted in any way during the season, you make Sawtell SLSC what it is today.

Vale

Sean Max Golding

12 November 1972 – 2025

Member • Coach • President 2022–2025 • NSW Coach of the Year 2019



Sawtell Surf Life Saving Club mourns the loss of Sean Max Golding, who passed away in 2025 after more than two decades of extraordinary service to surf lifesaving. Sean joined us having already established himself as a dedicated member at Coffs Harbour SLSC, and from his first days at Sawtell he became a valued member of our club.

As a ski and board coach, Sean made an outstanding contribution not only to the Club's competitive program but also to the culture and operations of Sawtell SLSC. He led athletes at Branch, State, and National carnivals, and his commitment to developing young members — technically, personally, and as a team — earned him the NSW Surf Life Saving Coach of the Year Award in 2019. Among his proudest coaching moments was guiding the Under-17 girls' team, including his daughter Alyssa, to gold in the ski relay and silver in the board relay.

Sean served as Club President from 2022 until his passing — a role he carried with the same understated dedication he brought to everything he did. Sean was a hard taskmaster but was the kind of leader who gave others the platform to succeed without ever needing the credit himself.

Off the water, Sean was the person everyone turned to — generous, practical, and always ready with a solution or a laugh. He brought that same commitment to everything he did, on and off the beach. He is survived by his children Jake, Lachlan, and Alyssa, and their mother Leigh. His loss is felt across our whole community, and his legacy will endure in every member he coached, mentored, and inspired.

"In every wave we catch, every race we run, and every paddle we take."

Rest easy, Sean.

4 SPONSOR'S RECOGNITION

Sawtell Surf Lifesaving Club provides a significant benefit to the community it serves. The funding and assistance received from the organisations below and our other supporters and donors funds the maintenance of Club facilities and enables the continuation of the high standard of lifesaving services that we are proud to provide.

Government

- Federal Government for the Beach Safety Equipment Funding which directed \$11,000 to every SLSC for the purchase of vital rescue equipment, first aid and medical supplies.
- Sawtell SLSC thanks Pat Conaghan MP, Federal Member For Cowper for his support and attendance to present National Medals to our Members..



- The NSW Government through the Emergency Services portfolio for ongoing funding of state-wide operations and programs which benefit clubs, members and the community.
- NSW Government Department of Sport for grant funding under the Surf Club Facility Program 25/26 to install a new hot water system.
- Sawtell SLSC thanks the Premier, The Hon Steve Kamper MP-Sports Minister, Gurmeh Singh MP Coffs harbour and the Office of Sport for their support to increase usage, safety and participation in Surf Life Saving through ongoing programs.



- Sawtell SLSC would also like to acknowledge the City of Coffs Harbour for their contribution towards administration costs through the 2025/26 Community Donations Program.

Through our affiliation with SLSA, SLSNSW and North Coast Branch



National



State



Your Local Club




Ingenia Holiday Parks



North Coast Branch



Club

Club Sponsors/Supporters

The Club has always relied on support from a range of organisations and the general public. The support, which comes in different forms, is invaluable to the club. Without this support we would not be able to provide our high level of aquatic safety that is recognised by both locals and visitors to our region. This support also greatly assists the Club in ensuring our junior membership, our future, is adequately resourced.



RITCHIES  **+ LIQUOR**



McGrath

Thank you to businesses and organisations:

The Kiosk Sawtell Beach

Sawtell Bowling Club

Sawtell RSL Club

The Armidale School

JAC Plumbing

Sawtell Motor Inn

BCU

Toormina Craft Group

Members are encouraged to support local businesses that support our club.

Thank you to individuals, and families:

Carol Lindsay, Peter Irish, Wendy Alexander, Hugh Goddard, Haynes Family, Sue Withers and Family, A. & M. Mattinson, J.M. Taylor, Lyndal Murphy, Scott Arbuthnot, P. Murphy

Coffs Coast Ocean Swims 2026



Thanks to both the assistance of the usual Club members, other North Coast Branch surf clubs, Marine Rescue and the weather gods, the 2026 Coffs Coast Ocean Swims was a great success with Sawtell SLSC being the main beneficiary both financially and in the eyes of those interested in the event.

The only hiccup in the 2026 event was the inability of The Armidale School – great supporters of the event over many years- to participate due to the closure of Waterfall Way which, whilst opening on the weekend of the event, left it too late for their planning

The support of Coffs Harbour City Council through their event funding program is essential if these events are to go ahead and for that support the Club is indebted.

Special thanks are due to the sponsors of the three swims on the day being Quality Hotels City Centre, Andersens Floor Coverings and John Mills/Coffs Harbour and Sawtell Swim Squads

The additional support from Stocks and Hogan, the Coffs Harbour Yacht Club, Promised Land Produce, Kennards Hire, the local media – both tv and print - shows that there are a range of others who see this event as great for both the local community and visitors alike

Not forgetting of course the following prepared to provide vouchers for random draw prizes and age group prizes for participants being Coffs Harbour CEX, Gowings Pacific Trader, The Kiosk – Sawtell Beach, Happy Frog – Coffs Harbour, Lime Mexican Sawtell, Sawtell RSL, Bunnings, Hub Cafes, Split Café and Espresso Bar – Sawtell, Jetty Beach House, McGrath Real Estate and Sawtell Hotel

It is this level of community support that encourages the Club to continue its long involvement with the Coffs Coast Ocean Swims.



McGrath





Thank you one and all for your support and commitment to the Sawtell Surf Lifesaving Club. Without your support it is questionable whether our Club could provide the level of service it currently does.

5. PRESIDENTS REPORT

It is with honour and sadness that I present the 2025-26 Sawtell SLSC Annual Report. The Club was deeply saddened by the unexpected passing of our President Sean Golding. Sean held many roles at Sawtell SLSC and we are grateful for his contributions to all aspects of the surf life saving movement. Sean was dedicated towards our mission statement, 'Our Club: A place to belong, grow and be safe', and my aim is to continue placing this statement at the core of Sawtell SLSC.

Patrol Statistics

The season was a strong one for Sawtell with 4,592 hours completed by our patrolling members which resulted in:

- 4 rescues
- 113 preventative actions
- 9 first aids

This season was without loss of life and our Club Captain Shelley Lantry is to be congratulated for her work in planning, communicating and motivating our 10 Patrol Teams including our Patrol Captains, Vice Captains, ART, IRB Drivers, IRB Crew, Bronze Medallion, SRC, Radio and First Aid award holders. These volunteers and the diverse roles they hold are essential for the safe patrolling of our beaches.



5. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Sawtell SLSC Committee

Thanks must go to all of Sawtell SLSC's Committee members, in particular those who took up new roles, and those who filled positions mid-season. In what was a difficult time we were able to continue the strategic and operational aspects of the Club.

Surf Sports

Sawtell SLSC had outstanding individual, team and Club results across all levels of competition, exemplifying the breadth and depth of competitors at Sawtell. Result highlights include:

- Saul Easman winning the inaugural Coolangatta Dash (1.25km run, 1km swim, 1km run)
- Sawtell SLSC winning the North Coast Branch Championships held at Sawtell
- Sawtell SLSC winning both Junior and Senior divisions of the March Past at Country Championships



- Sawtell SLSC finishing 9th at the Surf Life Saving Country Championships at South West Rocks
- Numerous Age and Open State Championships placings held at Swansea Belmont including:
 - Lachlan Herbert and Max Herbert 4th in U12 Board Rescue
 - Luke Doust, Lachlan Herbert and Max Herbert 6th in U12 Board Relay
 - Saul Easman and Isaac Ryan 4th in U17 Board Rescue
 - Saul Easman 5th in the U17 Male Surf Race
 - George Haynes and Isaac Ryan 6th in the U17 2 x 1km run.
- Two placings at the Australian Surf Life Saving Titles with Saul Easman placing 6th in both the U17 2km Ocean Swim and Surf Race.

5. PRESIDENTS REPORT

As part of Sawtell's training program, we were thrilled to have Joe Collins conduct a Surf Sports training session for our athletes. Joe provided great tips, inspiration and plenty of motivation for our future champions.



Another hugely successful Fast Fives carnival was organised and run by our Junior Activities Committee. Thank you all who contributed, both from across our Club and our Branch, for the contributions made to the smooth running of this event.

Awards

There were several Sawtell members who received prestigious awards during the season. Steve Rayson received his first clasp for 25 years of service, and Sheena McTackett, Leanne Stuart, Shane Golden and Peter Hirth were honored with their National Medals for 15 years of service. Kerry Clancy was also recognised for 30 years service as an Official.

Congratulations to Kaiden Doust and Charlie Little who were Sawtell's Junior Lifesaver of the Year nominees.

Ocean Swims

The 30th annual Coffs Coast Ocean Swims was hosted by Sawtell. Unfortunately, The Armidale School were unable to attend owing to road diversions on Waterfall Way. Nevertheless, it was a successful event and a great fundraiser for our Club. The event has now been listed on the Australian Tourism Date Warehouse, as well as the Ocean Swims website. This is a great partnership which allows us to showcase the capabilities of the Surf Life Saving movement.

Partnerships

Sawtell SLSC is proud of the collaboration and cooperation that occurs within our community. Acknowledgement goes to Coffs Harbour City Council for their valuable input and ongoing cooperation, in particular with the erosion and beach access issues we have faced. Thank you to our sponsor's ongoing support which makes it easier for our members to provide life saving services and North Coast Branch for their ongoing guidance and support.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Club continues to be in a strong financial position, with the audited financial statements confirming that Sawtell Surf Life Saving Club remains financially stable, well-resourced, and capable of meeting all foreseeable commitments.

Net assets increased over the year, reflecting solid activity, sound financial administration, and the ongoing support of our members, volunteers, sponsors, and community supporters.

The Club's financial position remains healthy. Cash reserves provide a strong liquidity base that supports day-to-day operations and future capital works and equipment planning. Property, equipment, and motor vehicles continue to represent significant value for the Club.

Depreciation has been applied consistently, and new equipment purchases have strengthened operational capability across patrol, training, and clubhouse functions.

Work-in-progress items reflect equipment ordered with deposits paid, but goods not yet received.

Liabilities remain modest, consisting mainly of prepaid grant monies for projects underway and key deposits. Overall, the financial position demonstrates appropriate reserves, and readiness for future needs.

The Club's financial performance shows a surplus for the year. This result reflects strong income streams including the generosity of financial donors who support the Club's operations. The surplus will assist in providing readily accessible funding for the imminent flat conversion and storage project now underway.

Membership income increased, namely within JASC, demonstrating continued community engagement and the value placed on the Club's services.

Fundraising was a standout area, with significantly higher returns from raffles, events, and community initiatives. Special thanks to the JASC team as their activities have not only provided significant revenue, but team building and club spirit.

Council contributions remain significant, acknowledging the Club's essential role in local surf lifesaving services. We thank Coffs Harbour City Council for their continued support.

Grants remain a vital component of the Club's financial structure, supporting major projects and essential patrol equipment purchases.

Ocean Swims again delivered a strong financial result, supported by sponsorship and the dedicated efforts of volunteers. The Club is grateful for all contributors, and the event's success highlights the Club's strong spirit, inter-club relationships, and community engagement. The revenue raised over the years contributed to donations to other volunteer organisations who assist in the event and this year will fund a new Patrol Ute for the club.

Expenditure increased in some operational areas. These increases align with improved service standards and the additional income received from auditorium hire and rent.

Auditorium hire remains consistent, despite some regular bookings dropping off this year. I would like to thank Bruce Macphail and Bruce Coomber and our community partners who support this important revenue stream as well as timely receipt and banking of monies received.

Repairs and maintenance remained steady, with investment in patrol equipment, boards, trailers, and IRB operations. Depreciation increased due to new capital purchases and updated schedules.

Overall expenditure remained well managed and aligned with operational needs.

Despite unexpected challenges throughout the year, the audited financial statements, along with the receipt of the SLS Compliance Grant, confirm that the Club's financial reporting complies with the Associations Incorporation Act, ACNC requirements, and the Charitable Fundraising Act.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

A focus on Internal controls needs to remain appropriate and effective to ensure the club meets all obligations relating to fundraising, grant and funds management, and financial reporting.

As many members will be aware, I am the third Treasurer (and a returning office bearer) to serve in office during this financial year. While every effort has been made to ensure consistency and accuracy across the full year of accounts, changes in office bearers can naturally result in some variations in administrative approach. These do not affect the Club's financial integrity or compliance, but they may prompt questions for some members. I am open to answer any questions raised.

I am currently serving in an acting capacity to support the Club and I want to acknowledge the strength of the team around me. A special thanks to Anthea Martin who held the Treasurer role for 6 years and has supported me transitioning back into the role.

As we continue to work on sustainable solutions and systems, we warmly encourage anyone interested in contributing to the Treasurer role, whether through coordination of grants, bookkeeping assistance, administrative support, or stepping into the governance position itself to reach out. You would be joining a collaborative, supportive team committed to the Club's long-term success.

The Club's financial strength is a direct result of the dedication of our volunteers, committee members, and supporters. I extend my sincere thanks to the Executive Team and to all members who contribute their time to patrol, training, fundraising, administration, and behind-the-scenes work. Your efforts ensure the Club continues to serve the Sawtell community with professionalism, safety, and pride.

Sawtell Surf Life Saving Club remains financially sound, well managed, and compliant with reporting requirements. The Club is well positioned to continue delivering essential lifesaving services, supporting member development, and planning for future improvements.

Ruth Philipppo

Acting Treasurer | Sawtell Surf Life Saving Club

Contact: treasurer@sawtellsurfclub.com.au



7. CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

Sawtell has concluded another successful patrol season, with members once again demonstrating a clear focus on beach safety and service to the local community and visitors to Sawtell Beach. Patrols commenced on 27 September 2025, coinciding with the start of the school holidays, and continued through to 27 April 2026. Over this period, **136** patrolling members collectively contributed **4605** hours of service, undertook **4** rescues, completed **113** preventative actions and responded to **9** first aid incidents.

Beach access remained a significant operational consideration throughout the year with the northern and southern ramps continuing to be affected by weather and coastal damage. The viewing platform was shortened twice over season due to unstable footings which continue to be exposed and eroded by the coastal conditions. Whilst metal temporary stairs have been installed on the northern access, the southern access remained inaccessible for the majority of the season. Whilst there continues to be no vehicle access to the beach from the Club, patrols once again had to use the southern boat ramp to access the beach placing additional pressure on patrols. Another season of patrolling under marquees, having our members exposed to weather conditions, and at times, limited beach access due to a combination of high tides and large swell. While this presented practical challenges, members responded with the resilience and commitment that characterise the commitment of our Club's patrolling members. The Sawtell spirit is well and truly alive and I thank every member for their commitment noting the lack of access adds additional time to your patrolling day.

Importantly, there were no drownings during patrol hours. This outcome reflects the vigilance of our patrolling members, the effectiveness of preventative actions and the willingness of teams to respond promptly as conditions changed. It is an achievement of which all patrolling members can be proud.

A major highlight this year was the installation of the new patrol tower, a long-awaited upgrade that has already delivered a noticeable improvement to patrol operations. The enhanced visibility, safer vantage point and improved surveillance options have strengthened our lifesaving capability and provided volunteers with a more reliable base from which to operate. This important addition will continue to support patrol effectiveness in future seasons.

SLSNSW once again provided the Club with opportunities to participate in grant funding, enabling the purchase of lifesaving and training equipment. The Club also received a Shark Bite Trauma Kit, which is now located on the outside wall of the patrol operations room.

As part of SLSNSW's ongoing commitment to emergency services, the Club gained access to an RWC (Rescue Water Craft) which is based at the Club. This provides members with the opportunity to undertake training in the operation of this important equipment.

SLSNSW also ensured Sawtell Beach was supported by UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle), or drone, services throughout the patrolling season.

We recognise and sincerely thank all 136 patrolling members for their contribution throughout the season. Whether members completed the full season, contributed for part of the year, or joined the Club as new members commencing their lifesaving journey, each contribution played an important role in keeping our community safe.

As a volunteer organisation, every hour of service is valued and appreciated.

This season, 68 members achieved 100% Patrol status, representing half of our patrolling membership. To attain this recognition, members must complete a minimum of 40 hours of rostered patrols or arrange substitutions without reducing patrol strength.

Congratulations to all members who achieved this milestone. We will also acknowledge the member with the highest patrol hours: Life Member Neil Robertson, who once again led this category with just over 94 hours. His continued service and commitment provide an enduring example of dedication to the Club and to patrolling.

7. CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

Thank you to the members who assisted neighbouring clubs within the Branch to meet their patrol obligations. This willingness to support others has long been part of Sawtell's culture and continues to strengthen the broader lifesaving community.

Sincere thanks are extended to everyone involved in delivering our Ocean Swims, from behind-the-scenes coordination through to water safety and beach support. Many members volunteered their time while also fulfilling patrol duties, and this contribution is greatly appreciated.

Funds raised through this initiative are invested back into the Club to support vital lifesaving equipment and the purchase of important assets.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Committee, Coaches, Trainers and Assessors, Life Members, and those who maintain our equipment, vehicles and IRBs. Your ongoing contribution is essential to the effective operation of the Club.

I also thank those who support me directly in my role as Club Captain. Your assistance, guidance and commitment are invaluable.

To every patrolling member, thank you for the reliability, adaptability and professionalism you have demonstrated throughout the season. Your collective efforts have enabled Sawtell to deliver another strong season of surf lifesaving and to continue providing an essential service to our community.

As we look ahead to the 2026/27 season, I am confident that the commitment, teamwork and pride shown by our members will continue to strengthen the Club and support the safety of all who visit Sawtell Beach.

Shelley Lantry

Club Captain

Sawtell SLSC

8. MAJOR CLUB AWARDS

Competition

THE PAM & JIM WORLAND SHIELD - FEMALE CLUB CHAMPION

Not awarded

PHILLIP BELLINGER MEMORIAL SHIELD – MALE CLUB CHAMPION

Isaac Ryan

REG GENTLE MEMORIAL SHIELD BEST COMPETITOR and SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Saul Easman

BEST CRAFT COMPETITOR

Isaac Ryan

GREG ROWKACZ MEMORIAL TROPHY - BEST MALE SKI PADDLER

William Mayberry

WAL EDMONDS MEMORIAL SHIELD – BEST TEAM MEMBER

Ben Lambert

CLUB CHAMPIONS

Under 15 Male Club Champion - Fletcher Bridgeman

Under 17 Male Club Champion - Saul Easman and Isaac Ryan

Under 19 Female Club Champion - Sari Bridgeman

30-39 Male Club Champion - Ben Lambert

40-49 Male Club Champion - Shaun Powell

40-49 Female Club Champion - Lucy Stackpool-Moore

60-69 Male Club Champion - Barry Walker

Open Male Champion - Isaac Ryan

Club

KENT PEARSON MEMORIAL SHIELD - BEST 1ST YEAR CADET

Archie Peters

BCU PERPETUAL SHIELD - BEST NEW MEMBER

Matt Robinson

GREG ROWKACZ MEMORIAL TROPHY

Angus Waugh

ALLAN SCOPE MEMORIAL ENCOURAGEMENT TROPHY

Lillian Dellar

BEST PATROL MEMBER

Amy Hannaford

BEST CRAFT COMPETITOR

Isaac Ryan

PRESIDENT'S AWARD - CLUB SPIRIT

Sarah Tisdell

BETTY HOBBS SHIELD - BEST FEMALE MEMBER

Erin Powell

ALLAN (NUGGET) HOBBS TROPHY – BEST MALE CLUB MEMBER

Carney Peters

BILL WOOD MEMORIAL TROPHY - Best Under 17 Member

George Haynes

DI CLARK MEMORIAL AWARD

Naomi Little & Mandy Hart

SABRINA TISDELL AWARD FOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Grace Furey

IAN DELLAR CREST OF THE WAVE - SURFING AWARD

Not awarded.

9. 100% PATROL AWARDS

Thank you and well done to the 68 patrol members who undertook all their rostered patrols or who arranged a swap with a member from another patrol so that patrol strength remained unaltered and who completed at least 40 hours.

100% Award Patrol Recipients

Patrol 1	Lyn Hastings, Ruth Philippo, Leanne Stuart, Chris Oakes, Amber Carle, Jenny Peisley, Kelly Denison
Patrol 2	Sarah Tisdell, Kim Henderson, Carly Mosti, Lorraine Hirth, Peter Hirth, Dale Churchland, Christopher McNeill, Kym Campton
Patrol 3	Matt Ryan, Tiffany Easman, George Haynes, Saul Easman, Isaac Ryan, David Hoy, Nicholas Murray, Sheena McTackett, Lucy Stackpool-Moore, Thane Easman
Patrol 4	David Eiler, Malcolm Hill, Adam Newman, Lillian Dellar, Julie-ann Willis, Ian Dellar
Patrol 5	Andrew Martin, Anthea Martin, Murray Vine, Kirsty West, Peter Van Schellebeck, Lily Bourne, Steve Cruwys
Patrol 6	Shauna Ellis, Scott Rayson, Fiona Lane, Tony Ensbey
Patrol 7	Neil Robertson, Shane Golden, Shelley Lantry, Renee Golden
Patrol 8	Stephen Rayson, Hugh Goddard, James Moss, Harry Waugh, Cheryl Lane, Ross Waugh
Patrol 9	Amy Hannaford, Barry Walker, Carney Peters, Archie Peters, Sari Bridgeman, Jessica Peters, Renata Bridgeman, Peter Bridgeman
Patrol 10	Pete Singleton, Gerard de Carle, Erin Powell, Shaun Powell, Gerard Klinkers, Russell Day, Matthew Robinson, Naomi Little

10. CHIEF TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT

This season has been an extremely busy one for the Education Team. With the introduction to Lifesaving CPR, we found our annual proficiency sessions being extended to 2 hours. We were also limited as to how many members we could have attending a proficiency at one time. I would like to thank each and everyone of our trainers for their perseverance, patience and flexibility whilst rolling out this new initiative.

June 2025, we had many members participate in training for their IRB Crew Certificate. This course consists of online and practical components which shows the level of commitment that our members go to in the off season to upskill themselves. We were fortunate to have 12 members achieve their IRB Crew Certificate.

August 2025, we had 9 members commit to online and practical training to achieve their IRB Driver Qualification. Just like the IRB Crew Course, this course is also run over numerous weekends. The commitment of both the candidates and the trainers is greatly appreciated and will certainly help strengthen our patrolling teams for the future.

October 2025 school holidays saw our trainers again run a Bronze Course in conjunction with the Manly Nippers Camp. This camp has been running for many years and it is great to see this tradition continuing. A huge thank you goes to our trainers who took time out of their busy lives to run and facilitate this course to ensure the candidates were ready to attain their Bronze Medallion.

November 2025 involved a week of intensive practical scenarios with students and staff from The Armidale School (TAS). There were 28 participants who battled less than ideal surf conditions but showed their grit and determination to achieve their Bronze Medallion. There was also 1 participant who achieved their Radio Operators Certificate. This TAS bronze Squad isn't a one-week training camp, there is an exceptional level of commitment from both TAS students/staff and Club Trainers throughout many months who take their time out to ensure that participants are immersed in a range of scenarios to ensure that they are ready to attain their Bronze Medallion.

December 2025 was a busy month with 3 members attaining their Bronze Medallion and 6 U/14 members being awarded their SRC (Surf Rescue Certificate). These 2 separate courses were run each Sunday along with a weeknight session. It is great to see the Juniors and Nipper parents obtaining these qualifications and become regular patrolling members.

Throughout the season we also had 4 members attain their First Aid Certificate, 5 members achieve their ART qualification, and 5 members get their Silver Medallion Patrol Captains award. With members continuing to upskill themselves allows our club to have more patrol teams and continually ensure that we are providing a safe beach for the community which essentially is the core purpose of Surf Life Saving.

Sarah Tisdell

11. JUNIOR ACTIVITIES SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

This year we welcomed 221 junior members, an increase of 40 members from 2024. This growth is not just a number — it reflects the trust families place in our club and the strength of our culture. Sawtell continues to be a place where children feel supported and families can connect.

The success of the program is built on the dedication of our Age Managers, who coordinated activities within their age groups to deliver a safe and engaging program. Their leadership and commitment ensured our junior members were supported to build skills, confidence, and friendships.

This season also demonstrated our commitment to development beyond the beach. The KaMana Workshop with Harriet Brown provided valuable education around female athlete health, performance mindset, and positive habits, while the training session with Joe Collins further supported learning and skill development across the program. These initiatives reflect our focus on supporting the whole child, not just athletic ability.

Sun safety remained a priority throughout the season, with the introduction of sun-safe hats for our U6 and U7 Nippers representing an important step forward in protecting our youngest members. I would also like to acknowledge the Sun Safe Committee, whose work resulted in numerous improvements and strategies that strengthened sun safety practices across the program.

A particularly meaningful highlight of the season was Rainbow Beach Day, which created space for important conversations and sent a clear message to our wider community that everyone is welcome at our club and on our beach. This day strongly reflected the values of Sawtell Junior SLSC and our commitment to inclusion, respect, and belonging.

The Sawtell Fast Fives Carnival was once again delivered successfully and showcased the strong organisation, teamwork, and community spirit that defines our club. Social connection remained a key part of the season, with Sawty Slippers continuing to be a much-loved Friday night event that brought families together in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

Our coaching program was another standout this year. Thank you to Erin, Todd, and Sarah, who facilitated coaching sessions for all skill levels. Throughout the season, the love, fun, and skill of board paddling was clear and became a highlight for many of our junior members. A special thank you also goes to Shaun, Andy, and Aaron, who volunteered their time to tow the trailer to each board training session, ensuring these sessions could run smoothly and consistently.

Fundraising remains essential to the sustainability of the program, and I sincerely thank everyone who volunteered their time selling raffle tickets at the Sawtell Pub on Saturday nights. A special mention must go to Naomi and Mandy, whose dedication and commitment to the organisation was outstanding and greatly appreciated.

We also acknowledge and thank all volunteers who gained new qualifications this season, including Water Safety, IRB, and Official accreditations. These qualifications are critical to the safe delivery of our program, and the willingness of our members to upskill reflects the strong culture of responsibility and teamwork within the club.

11. JUNIOR ACTIVITIES SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

The club was proudly represented by Kaidan Doust and Charlie Little, who were recognised as Junior Life Savers of the Year. They represented Sawtell with pride and truly did the club proud. Our competitors also represented the club at Branch, Country, and State competitions, achieving strong results while consistently demonstrating excellent sportsmanship — a reflection of the values we strive to instil in our junior members.

The Junior Nippers Program is sustained by the tireless efforts of our committee members, who volunteer countless hours behind the scenes to ensure the program operates successfully. I would like to personally thank:

Jul's and Andy Doust, Erin and Shaun Powell, Naomi Little, Mandy Hart, Amy Hannaford, Sarah Watson, Aaron Meeham, Mark and Rachel Haynes, Leanne Elkins, Mel Gibson, Ross Waugh, Tiff Easman, Taren Preston and Michele Jordan.

Your commitment, leadership, and generosity of time continue to make a lasting difference to our junior members and their families.

Looking Ahead

As we look to the future, the continued success of the program relies on shared responsibility and community involvement. To maintain a safe, high-quality program, we will need more qualified Water Safety, IRB, and Official members, and we strongly encourage parents and volunteers to consider gaining these qualifications.

We also welcome new committee members, bringing fresh ideas, energy, and perspectives to help shape the next chapter of the Sawtell Junior SLSC Nippers Program.

In closing, I would like to thank all parents, caregivers, volunteers, and supporters for another successful season. The Sawtell Junior SLSC Nippers Program continues to thrive because of the strength of its community and the shared commitment to developing confident, capable, and community-minded young surf lifesavers.

Matt Herbert

JAC Chairperson 25/26 season

12. REGISTRARS REPORT

There are 587 members at Sawtell Surf Club which is an increase of 63 members for the 2025/26 season. 287 female members and 300 male members. 24 members transferred into our club and 22 members transferred out of our club. Transfers out were mostly students or workers moving away for work. There was approximately 140 patrolling members.

No.	category	No. 2024/25	Nos. 2025/26
1	Active 18+	97	98
2	Active 15 - 18	48 *	52*
3	Award	3	4
4	Honorary	2	0
5	Cadets	19	20
6	Juniors	161	201
8	Active reserve	10	3
9	Life	3	26
10	Long Service	25	10
11	Associate	5	50
12	Nipper Parents	11	123
13	Leave Restricted	39	1
14	Past Active	100	0
15	General	1	0
16	Probationary	10	0
	Total	524	587

*= Includes TAS students.

Past Active, General and Probationary membership category has been replaced with Nipper Parent, absorbed into Associate membership or has been removed from the membership category within our club.

Lyn Hastings
Registrar.

13. COMPETITION MANAGER'S REPORT

Sawtell competitors had a very strong 2025-2026 season. We are extremely thankful to our coaches Todd Adamson and Erin Powell who have volunteered hours of their time each week to train, encourage and support Sawtell's surf sport athletes.

I would like to acknowledge the sudden passing of our ski Coach Sean Golding early in the season. It was a difficult time for all our ski competitors and paddlers. I would like to thank Mark Sutton and Bob Hunt who have brought our ski paddlers into their regular ski training group. From this several inter-club paddles have been arranged, and this has increased the camaraderie between the Clubs in our Branch.

Our senior competitors Saul Easman, Isaac Ryan and Archie Peters had an impressive start to the surf sport season. Travelling to Burleigh Heads for the Shaw and Partners World Ocean Series they competed with solid results. Archie made the finals for the Ironperson, Board and Swim, while Isaac and Saul made the finals for Ironperson (Saul 5th), Ski and Swim.

They then competed at the Forster Weekend of Surf in the Endurance Iron and individual events. Saul finished 4th in both the Iron and Swim, with Archie, Isaac and George all making the finals for each of their events. George, Isaac and Saul teamed up for the taplin relay finishing 4th, and the Board Relay finishing 5th.



Harrison Murphy and the boys and then competed in the Coolangatta Gold and Coolangatta Sprint, which are two of the most challenging surf sport events. George, Isaac and Saul then competed the following day in the inaugural Coolangatta Gold Dash (1.25km run, 1km swim and 1km run) with outstanding results. Saul was the overall winner and first U17 male, with Isaac coming 5th and George 7th in U17's.

Archie Peters also competed in the Coolangatta Youth Challenge coming a respectable 25th.

13. COMPETITION MANAGER'S REPORT



Sawtell SLSC was represented at numerous carnivals throughout the season, including:

- Interbranch Selection Carnival
- Woolgoolga Combined Branch Carnival
- World Ocean Series Bonny Hills
- Coffs Craft Challenge
- Interbranch
- World Ocean Series Manly Open
- Country Championships
- Branch Championships
- Shannon Eckstein Iron Classic
- Open State Championships
- Australian Surf Life Saving Championships

There were numerous placings at Country Championships, including gold in the Open March Past. Other notable placings for teams and individuals include:

Team Events

- Masters Mixed Sprint - 3rd
- Open Male Beach Relay - 2nd
- 17 Mixed Beach Relay - 2nd
- U15 Beach Relay - 4th
- U17 Ski Relay - 3rd
- U17 Board Relay - 5th
- U17 Board Rescue - 5th
- U17/U19 Beach Relay - 6th
- U19 Ski Relay - 4th
- U19 Male Board Relay - 6th
- U19 Male Board Rescue - 5th
- Open Male Board Relay - 6th

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- Open Make 2x1km Relay 3rd
- U27 Male Taplin Relay - 5th
- U19 Male Taplin - 5th

Individual Results

- Isaac Ryan - 6th (17's Flags)
- Jess Peters- 5th (17's Flags)
- Ben Lambert - 1st (Opens 2km and 30–39 2km), 3rd (30-39 Swim) and 4th (30–39 Sprints)
- Carney Peters - 5th (40–49 2km)
- Saul Easman - 1st Open Male Surf Race, 2nd U17 Male Surf Race and 2nd U17 Male Iron
- Angus Waugh - 6th U19 Male Ski

Competitors then travelled to Swansea Belmont for the Open State Championships, with Sawtell again achieving excellent results. It should be noted that all Sawtell senior competitors competed in a final event at these Championships. Highlights include:

U15 Swim – Archie Peters 11th

U17 Swim - Saul Easman 5th

U17 Iron - Saul Easman 10th

U17 Flags - George Haynes 11th

U17 Board Rescue - Saul Easman and Isaac Ryan 4th

2 x 1km Relay - George Haynes and Isaac Ryan - 6th

The final event for the season was the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships which were once again held at North Kirra. Sawtell had impressive results with Saul Easman earning points in both the 2km Ocean Swim and U17 Male Surf Race, coming 6th in each event. Archie Peters finished 8th in the U15 2km Ocean Swim.

I would like to once again thank our amazing coaches for sharing their expertise and supporting our athletes, parents for their time and encouragement, as well as all others who have given their time to support Sawtell SLSC.

Tiffany Easman

Sawtell SLSC Senior Competition Manager

14.

2025-2026 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SAWTELL SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED
ABN 43 320 356 044

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

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SAWTELL SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED
ABN: 43 320 356 044
COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

Your Committee Members submit the financial statements of the Sawtell Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 April 2026.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the entity during the financial year were:

- (a) to study and practice the methods of Surf Life Saving as taught by the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Ltd.
- (b) to minimise the loss of life from drowning by providing efficient life saving apparatus.
- (c) to promote demonstrations and arrange classes of instruction, and to further the best interests of surf bathing and Surf Life Saving.
- (d) to appoint patrols to render all possible aid to those in distress.
- (e) to promote and encourage an active Junior and Senior membership.
- (f) to organise and conduct carnivals and social functions for the benefit and assistance of the Club in the attainment of the above objectives.
- (g) to exercise the power to acquire, lease or hire or in any way deal with real or personal estate.
- (h) to carry on any other activity whatsoever calculated directly or indirectly to enhance or further the interests of the Club.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The surplus of the association for the financial year amounted to \$31,232.89
(2025 \$21,343.58 profit)

In the opinion of the committee, the financial report reflects fairly the operations for the year ended 30 April, 2026

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee Members:



Ruth Philippo
Treasurer



Adam Newman
Secretary

Dated: ..01...July...2026



ABN: 65 380 649 805

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
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	2026	2025
Income		
Café Rent	32,755.74	30,333.40
Clothing Sales	10,173.43	10,890.98
Club Functions	1,404.55	2,647.31
Council Contributions	16,558.71	11,277.21
Donations	13,014.04	23,191.00
Entry Fees/Prize Money	9,296.36	7,795.73
Fundraising	22,413.70	601.12
Grants Received	8,000.00	10,318.18
Grants Received - Funds Acquited	40,864.00	31,998.46
Hall Hire	22,269.15	22,422.75
Interest Received	8,829.78	5,858.08
Membership Fees	46,901.82	39,775.00
Ocean Swim Sponsorships	19,536.36	12,040.91
Ocean Swim Entry Fees	13,595.45	18,226.20
Rebates - Other	1,302.76	1,929.12
Rebates - Fuel	305.00	371.00
Rent Flat	5,721.15	10,400.00
Sponsorship	6,006.71	13,230.15
SLS Subsidies - Uniforms, Equipment etc	890.04	9,126.48
Sundry Income	1,497.73	180.86
Training & Development	95.45	2,068.18
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Total Income	\$281,431.93	\$264,682.12
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Expenditure		
Advertising & Promotion	35.67	-
Affiliation Fees/Capitations	10,242.23	9,023.74
Audit Fees	1,759.56	1,675.00
Awards & Certificates	7,848.41	4,090.24
Bad Debts	120.00	120.00
Bank Fees and Charges	798.47	951.61
Carnival entry/Expenses	6,345.00	7,839.47
Cleaning	11,588.33	5,935.59
Clothing/Uniform Purchases	10,834.45	9,252.41
Club Admin	2,204.05	955.80
Club Functions	6,894.29	4,327.58
Computer & Internet/Phone	1,444.80	1,436.83
Conference Expenses	437.22	-
Courses, Training & Development	3,438.60	2,711.02
Depreciation - Property plant and equip	71,955.00	65,140.00
Di Clark Memorial Award	-	1,000.00
Electricity	5,122.51	6,648.64
Equipment & Board Costs	5,256.85	7,215.33
Real Estate Agent Fees	493.26	923.74
Fundraising Expenses	5,232.57	220.91
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Balance c/fwd	152,051.27	129,467.91

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

	2026	2025
Balance b/fwd	152,051.27	129,467.91
Insurance	29,815.49	27,751.08
JASC Training & Development Camp	-	1,683.45
Licence fees - Clubhouse Ground	613.00	603.66
Ocean Swim Expenses	19,369.45	17,501.80
Other Consulting Fees	815.45	-
Patrol & Livesaving	4,525.99	5,550.09
Patrol Equipment	1,740.29	270.00
Printing, Postage & Stationary	1,067.75	1,100.47
Rates & Water	12,439.92	8,453.46
R & M - Clubhouse/Cafe/Grounds	12,924.43	12,730.22
R & M - Patrol Operations	11,554.27	8,645.97
Security Keys	181.82	190.00
Sponsorship Expenditure	832.00	1,326.77
Stock Write Off	480.00	-
Subscriptions	453.64	-
Sundry expenses	37.27	90.00
Travel	-	-
Waste & Trade Disposal	2,297.00	1,457.92
Total Expenditure	251,199.04	216,822.80
Operating Profit	30,232.89	47,859.32
Gain on Disposal of asset	1,000.00	1,606.36
Return of Unspent Grant Monies	-	(28,122.10)
Net Surplus/Deficit for year	\$31,232.89	\$21,343.58



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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 APRIL 2026

	2026	2025
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	90,372.50	108,358.62
Stock on hand (Clothing)	19,462.42	26,720.00
Investments - Term Deposits	229,093.08	216,394.11
BCU JASC Share Dividend	150.00	150.00
Juniors Cash on Hand	53,868.09	36,666.60
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	392,946.09	388,289.33
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NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Property - Clubhouse	1,585,586.67	1,585,586.67
Less Prov for Depr	(289,308.86)	(264,833.86)
Land & Improvements	68,405.74	68,405.74
Less Prov for Depr	(11,038.00)	(11,038.00)
Plant and Equipment	439,950.31	392,534.62
Less Prov for Depr	(345,199.58)	(321,478.58)
Motor Vehicle	107,561.38	89,473.20
Less Prov for Depr	(82,566.00)	(68,807.00)
Accruals	-	-
WIP/Prepaid Equipment	32,016.81	-
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TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	1,505,408.47	1,469,842.79
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TOTAL ASSETS	1,898,354.56	1,858,132.12
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LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Key Deposits	2,439.57	1,939.57
Lease Liabilities	-	-
GST Liabilities	(614.70)	898.38
Prepaid Grant Monies	38,572.60	22,603.57
Trade Crs and other payables	-	-
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TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	40,397.47	25,441.52
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	40,397.47	25,441.52
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NET ASSETS	\$1,857,957.09	\$1,832,690.60
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 APRIL 2026

	2026	2025
EQUITY		
Accumulated funds	1,832,690.60	1,811,347.02
Add (Deficit)/Surplus for the year	31,232.89	21,343.58
Adjustment Stock 2025	(5,966.40) *	-
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TOTAL EQUITY	\$1,857,957.09	\$1,832,690.60
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Stock on hand 2025 estimated
Actual stock valuation 2026

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

	2026	2025
Cash at Beginning of Year	145,025	232,706
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from customers and members	127,100	113,822
Receipts from Donations	13,015	23,191
Receipts from Fundraising/Functions	22,414	601
Rent Received	5,721	10,400
Sponsorships	25,543	25,270
Interest received	8,830	5,858
Grants Received	65,423	53,594
Other Income	13,386	31,946
Payments to suppliers	(179,244)	(151,683)
Net cash provided by operating activities	102,188	112,999
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Payments for plant and equipment	65,504	150,981
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment	(1,000)	(1,606)
Payment for investments		
Increase/(Decrease) in Term Deposits	12,699	104,000
Net cash used in investing activities	77,203	253,775
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	24,985	(140,776)
Return of unspent grant monies		28,122
Changes in Assets and Liabilities	(25,770)	24,973
	(25,770)	53,095
	(785)	(87,681)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(785)	(87,681)
Cash at the end of the financial year	\$144,240	\$145,025

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

The committee have determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in note I to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report -

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Sawtell Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated as at 30 April 2026 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Sawtell Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
3. The accounts give a true and fair view of all income and expenditure with respect to fundraising appeals.
4. The statement of financial position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals.
5. The provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW), the regulations under the Act and the conditions attached to the fundraising authority have been complied with by the association.
6. The internal controls exercised by the association are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the organisation from any of its fundraising appeals.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:


Ruth Philippo
Treasurer


Adam Newman
Secretary

Dated: 01 July... 2026

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Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009, the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and associated regulations. The Committee has determined that the incorporated entity is not a reporting entity.

The financial report covers Sawtell Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated as an individual entity. Sawtell Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated is an entity incorporated in New South Wales under the Associations Incorporation Act NSW 2009.

These are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared for the purpose of complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commissions Act 2012 and associated regulations. The Executive Committee have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members of Sawtell Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and interpretations and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

- AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows
- AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- AASB 120: Accounting for Govt Grants and disclosure of Govt assistance
- AASB 1048: Interpretation and Application of Standards
- AASB 1054: Australian Additional Disclosures as appropriate for non-for-profit oriented entities

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Income Tax

The committee consider that the association is exempt from income tax under Division 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act of 1997.

(b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position,

(c) Property, Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows.

Leasehold improvements.	2.5%
Plant & Equipment, Furniture & Fittings	7 - 40%

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the Association. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss.

(d) Investments and Other Financial Assets

Investments and other financial assets, other than investments in associates, are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs are included as part of the initial measurement, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Such assets are subsequently measured at either amortised cost or fair value depending on their classification. Classification is determined based on both the business model within which such assets are held and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset unless an accounting mismatch is being avoided.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows have expired or have been transferred and the Association has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. When there is no reasonable expectation of recovering part or all of a financial asset, it's carrying value is written off.

(d.1) Accounting estimates, judgements and errors

There are no appropriate disclosures about accounting estimates, judgements and errors that have been made by management in the preparation of the financial statements.

(d.2) Key management personnel compensation

All key management personnel and volunteers are not compensated
There are no related party transactions

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Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets not measured at amortised cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Typically, such financial assets will be either (i) held for trading, where they are acquired for the purpose of selling in the short term with an intention of making a profit, or a derivative, or (ii) designated as such upon initial recognition where permitted. Fair value movements are recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income include equity investments which the Association intends to hold for the foreseeable future and has irrevocably elected to classify them as such upon initial recognition.

Impairment of Financial Assets

The Association recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets which are either measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income. The measurement of the loss allowance depends upon the Association's assessment at the end of each reporting period as to whether the financial instruments credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, based on reasonable and supportable information that is available, without undue cost or effort to obtain.

Where there has not been a significant increase in exposure to credit risk since initial recognition, a 12 month expected credit loss allowance is estimated. This represents a portion of the asset's lifetime expected credit losses that is attributable to a default event that is possible within the next 12 months. Where a financial asset has become credit impaired or where it is determined that credit risk has increased significantly, the loss allowance is based on the asset's lifetime expected credit losses.

The amount of expected credit loss recognised is measured on the basis of the probability weighted present value of anticipated cash shortfalls over the life of the instrument discounted at the original effective interest rate.

For financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, the loss allowance is recognised in other comprehensive income with a corresponding expense through profit or loss. In all other cases, the loss allowance reduces the assets carrying value with a corresponding expense through profit or loss.

(e) Impairment of Non Financial Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Association assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. The assessment will include considering external sources of information and internal sources of information. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the assets carrying value of its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income. Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Association estimates the receivable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

(f) Revenue

The Association recognises revenue as follows:

Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Association is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the Association identifies the contract with a customer, identifies the performance obligations in the contract, determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money, allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered, and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

Variable consideration within the transaction price, if any, reflects concessions provided to the customer such as discounts, rebates and refunds, any potential bonuses receivable from the customer and any other contingent events. Such estimates are determined using either the expected value or most likely amount method. The measurement of variable consideration is subject to a constraining principle whereby revenue will only be recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur. The measurement constraint continues until the Uncertainty associated with the variable Consideration is subsequently resolved. Amounts received that are subject to the constraining principle are recognised as a refund liability.

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Sale of Goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point in time when the customer obtains control of the goods, which is generally at the time of delivery.

Donations

Donations are recognised at the time the pledge is made.

Grants

Grants - AASB 1058: Income of Not-for-Profit Entities

The Association receives a number of funding streams that do not contain sufficiently specific performance obligations. Where there are no sufficiently specific performance obligations present, the Association recognises revenue on receipt of funds in accordance with AASB 1058: Income of Not-for-Profit Entities.

Grants - Specific Capital Grants

Capital grant funding that is received for the acquisition or construction of a specific non financial asset is initially recognised as a liability. The Association recognises income in profit or loss as the entity satisfies its obligations to construct or acquire the specified non-financial asset in accordance with AASB 1058: Income of Not-for-Profit Entities.

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Rent

Rent revenue from Kiosk licence and permanent hall hire is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Lease incentives granted are recognised as part of the rental revenue. Contingent rentals are recognised as income in the period when earned.

Other Revenue

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

Volunteer services

The Association has elected not to recognise volunteer services as either revenue or other form of contribution received. As such, any related consumption or capitalisation of such resources received is also not recognised.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(g) Lessor Accounting

As a lessor, the Association classifies its leases as either operating or finance leases. A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset and classified as an operating lease if it does not.

(h) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

(i) Trade and Other Receivables

Trade and other receivables represent the funds owing at the end of the reporting period for goods and services provided by the association during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current asset with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the debt.

(j) Trade and Other Payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Association prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

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(K) Critical Accounting Judgements, Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

Revenue from Contracts with Customers

When recognising revenue in relation to the sale of goods to customers, the key performance obligation of the Association is considered to be the point of delivery of the goods to the customer, as this is deemed to be the time that the customer obtains control of the promised goods and therefore the benefits of unimpeded access.

Estimation of useful lives of assets

The Association determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

Impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets

The Association assesses impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the Association and to the particular asset that may lead to impairment. If an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. This involves fair value less costs of disposal or value-in-use calculations, which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions.

(L) Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(M) Changes in accounting policy, disclosures, standards and interpretations

New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations Adopted

The Association has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period. Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

The adoption of these Accounting Standards and Interpretations did not have any significant impact on the financial performance or position of the Association.

The following Accounting Standards and Interpretations are most relevant to the Association:

AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

The Association has adopted AASB 15 from 1 May 2019. The standard provides a single comprehensive model for revenue recognition. The core principle of the standard is that an entity shall recognise revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The standard introduced a new contract based revenue recognition model with a measurement approach that is based on an allocation of the transaction price. This is described further in the accounting policies below. Credit risk is presented separately as an expense rather than adjusted against revenue. Contracts with customers are presented in an entity's statement of financial position as a contract liability, a contract asset, or a receivable, depending on the relationship between the entity's performance and the customer's payment. Customer acquisition costs and costs to fulfil a contract can, subject to certain criteria, be capitalised as an asset and amortised over the contract period.

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AASB 16 Leases

The Association has adopted AASB 16 from 1 May 2019. The standard replaces AASB 117 Leases and for lessees eliminates the classifications of operating leases and finance leases. Except for short-term leases and leases of low value assets, right-of-use assets and corresponding lease liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial position. Straight-line operating lease expense recognition is replaced with a depreciation charge for the right-of-use assets (included in operating costs) and an interest expense on the recognised lease liabilities (included in finance costs). In the earlier periods of the lease, the expenses associated with the lease under AASB 16 will be higher when compared to lease expenses under AASB 117. However, EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation) results improve as the operating expense is now replaced by interest expense and depreciation in profit or loss. For classification within the statement of cash flows, the interest portion is disclosed in operating activities and the principal portion of the lease payments are separately disclosed in financing activities. For lessor accounting, the standard does not substantially change how a lessor accounts for leases.

When adopting AASB 16 from 1 May 2019, the Association has applied the following practical expedients.

- on transition, the weighted average incremental borrowing rate applied to lease liabilities was 5.08%
- accounting for leases with a remaining lease term of 12 months as at 1 May 2019 as short-term leases
- excluding any initial direct costs from the measurement of right-of-use assets
- using hindsight in determining the lease term when the contract contains options to extend or terminate the lease and
- not apply AASB 16 to contracts that were not previously identified as containing a lease.

AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-profit Entities

The Association has adopted AASB 1058 from 1 May 2019. The standard replaces AASB 1004 'Contributions' in respect to income recognition requirements for not-for-profit entities. The timing of income recognition under AASB 1058 is dependent upon whether the transaction gives rise to a liability or other performance obligation at the time of receipt. Income under the standard is recognised where, an asset is received in a transaction, such as by way of grant, bequest or donation, there has either been no consideration transferred, or the consideration paid is significantly less than the asset's fair value, and where the intention is to principally enable the entity to further its objectives. For transfers of financial assets to the entity which enable it to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset, the entity must recognise a liability amounting to the excess of the fair value of the transfer received over any related amounts recognised. Related amounts recognised may relate to contributions by owners, AASB 15 revenue or contract liability recognised, lease liabilities in accordance with AASB 16, financial instruments in accordance with AASB 9, or provisions in accordance with AASB 137.

The liability is brought to account as income over the period in which the entity satisfies its performance obligation. If the transaction does not enable the entity to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset to be controlled by the entity, then any excess of the initial carrying amount of the recognised asset over the related amounts is recognised as income immediately. Where the fair value of volunteer services received can be measured, a private sector not-for-profit entity can elect to recognise the value of those services as an asset where asset recognition criteria are met or otherwise recognise the value as an expense.

Impact of Adoption

AASB 15, AASB 16 and AASB 1058 have all been adopted using the modified retrospective approach and as such the comparatives have not been retated. The impact of adoption on opening retained profits as at 1 May 2019 was as follows.

	Carry amount 30 April 2019	Reclassification	Remeasurement	AASB 16 Carring amount at 1 May 2019
Leased Assets	2,725			2,725
Lease Liabilities	(2,725)			(2,725)
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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	2025	2026
Note 2: Revenue		
Revenue from contracts with customers		
Sale of goods	10,891	10,173
Memberships	39,775	46,902
Sponsorships	25,270	25,543
Fundraising	601	22,414
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Total revenue from contracts with customers	76,537	105,032
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Other revenue		
Donations	23,191	13,014
Grants	53,594	65,423
Interest received	5,858	8,830
Rent/Hall Hire	63,156	60,746
SLS Subsidies	9,126	890
Other Revenue	33,220	27,497
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Total other revenue	188,145	176,400
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Total revenue	\$264,682	\$281,432

Note 3: Other Income

Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, plant & equipment	1,606	1,000
Insurance recoveries	-	-
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Total other income	1,606	1,000
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Note 4: Expenses

The surplus includes the following specific expenses:

Carnival and entry fees	7,839	6,345
Clothing	9,252	10,834
Depreciation and amortisation		
- Property plant and equipment	65,140	71,955
Insurance	27,751	29,815
Repairs and maintenance	21,376	24,479

Note 5: Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash at bank	145,025	144,240
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Reconciliation to cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year
The above figures are reconciled to cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows as follows:

Balances as above	145,025	144,240
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Balance as per statement of cash flows	145,025	144,240
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

	2025	2026
Note 6: Trade and Other Receivables		
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	11,408	-
Note 7: Inventories		
Stock on hand	26,720	19,462
Note 8: Investments and other financial assets		
Term deposits	216,395	229,093
Note 9: Other Assets		
CURRENT		
Accrued income	-	-
Note 10: Property, Plant and Equipment		
Buildings	1,441,849	1,441,849
Building extension (at cost)	143,738	143,738
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(264,834)	(289,309)
	1,320,753	1,274,883
Plant and Equipment (at cost)	392,535	439,950
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(321,478)	(345,120)
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	71,057	94,830

(a) Movements in carrying amounts

	Buildings	Plant and Equipment	Total
Balance at the beginning of the year	1,320,753	71,057	1,391,810
Additions		47,416	47,416
Disposals			
Depreciation expense	(24,474)	(23,722)	(48,196)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	1,296,279	94,751	1,391,030

(b) An independent valuation of the buildings of the association was undertaken by Registered Valuer (retired), Patrick Magann in May 2020. The estimated valuation of the buildings of the association was estimated to be \$4,500,000.

(c) No impairment has been recognised in respect of plant and equipment.

(d) The association has the right to use land owned by Coffs Harbour City Council on which the association has constructed a club house. It is reasonable for the association to expect that this arrangement will continue for the foreseeable future.

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Note 11: Lease liabilities

CURRENT	
Lease liability	-

Total Current Lease liability	-

NON-CURRENT	
Lease liability	-

Total Non-Current Lease liability	-

Total Lease Liability	-

The association has a lease from the Coffs Coast State Park Trust for the land from which the surf club operates. With the exception of short-term leases and leases of low value underlying assets, each lease is reflected on the balance sheet as a right-of-use asset and a lease liability. Variable lease payments which do not depend on an index or a rate (such as lease payments based on a percentage of association sales) are excluded from the initial measurement of the lease liability and asset. The association classifies its right-of-use assets in a consistent manner to its property, plant and equipment.

The association has elected to measure right-of-use assets on initial recognition at cost rather than at fair value. The lease of the land from which the association operates is at significantly below market terms and conditions principally to enable the association to further its objectives. The land is leased from the Coffs Coast State Park Trust for \$518 per annum and has a term of 10 years expiring on 31 March 2026.

Note 12: Trade and Other Payables

CURRENT	-----
Trade payables	-

Note 13: Events after the end of the Reporting Period

No contracts with building companies have been signed as at the date of this report. No other matters or circumstances have arisen since the reporting date which significantly affected or may significantly the operations of the association, the results of the operation, or the state of affairs of the association in future financial years.

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	2025	2026
Note 14: Cash Flow Information		
(a) Reconciliation of cash		
Cash and cash equivalents	145,025	144,240
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(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with (deficit)/surplus from activities		
Surplus/(deficit) from ordinary activities	47,859	30,233
Non cash flows in surplus/(deficit) from ordinary activities:		
Depreciation	65,140	71,955
(Profit)/loss on sale of fixed assets	(1,606)	(1,000)
Changes in Assets and Liabilities;		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	(5,926)	-
Decrease/(increase) in inventories	2,594	7,258
Decrease/(increase) in accrued income	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in trade creditors	-	-
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Cash flows from operations	112,999	102,188
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(c) The association has no credit stand-by or financing facilities in place.

Note 15: Capital Commitments

As at 30 April 2026, the association had not engaged in any capital commitments.

Note 16: Events After the End of the Reporting Period

No contracts with building companies have been signed as at the date of this report. No other matters or circumstances have arisen since the reporting date which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the association, the results of the operation, or the state of affairs of the association in future financial years.

Note 17: Charitable Fundraising

The association holds an authority to conduct fundraising activities under the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991. The net surplus from fundraising was used to pay the clubs running costs, and to provide for future replacement of equipment.

Information and Declarations to be Furnished under the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991

Details of aggregate gross income and total expenses of fundraising appeals.

	2025	2026
Fundraising		
Fundraising income	601	22,414
Donations received	23,191	13,014
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Gross proceeds from fundraising	23,792	35,428
Cost of Fundraising Appeals		
Fundraising expense	221	5,233
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Total costs of fundraising	221	5,233
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Net surplus from fundraising appeals	23,571	30,195
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	2025		2026	
Note 18: Comparative Figures and Ratios				
a) Total cost of Fundraising				
Gross income from fundraising	23,792		35,428	
Net surplus from Fundraising	23,571	99.07%	30,195	85.23%
b) Total cost of services provided				
Total expenditure	216,823		251,199	
c) Total income received (excluding capital grants)	232,683		240,569	

Note 19: Economic Dependence

The ability of the association to continue as a going concern is dependent upon the continuation of the following matters:

- (a) The association is financially dependent upon support from council to occupy the premises for a value that is significantly below market rate.
- (b) The association is financially dependent upon voluntary labour provided by members to support the operations of the association.
- (c) The association is financially dependent upon continuing donations, support and fundraising from the community. Should the above matters be subject to an adverse change then there would be significant uncertainty as to whether the association would be able to continue as a going concern.

Note 20: Associations Details

The principal place of business of the association is:

Sawtell Surf Life Saving Club
Fourth Avenue
SAWTELL NSW 2452

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

	Accumulated Funds	Total
Balance at 1 May 2018	1,070,635	1,070,635
Surplus for year	184,705	184,705
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Balance at 30 April 2019	1,255,340	1,255,340
Surplus for year	382,973	382,973
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Balance at 30 April 2020	1,638,313	1,638,313
Surplus for year	38,096	38,096
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Balance at 30 April 2021	1,676,409	1,676,409
Deficit for year	(57,431)	(57,431)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Balance at 30 April 2022	\$1,618,978	\$1,618,978
Surplus for year	86,199	86,199
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Balance at 30 April 2023	\$1,705,177	\$1,705,177
Surplus for year	106,170	106,170
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Balance at 30 April 2024	\$1,811,347	\$1,811,347
Surplus for year	21,344	21,344
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Balance at 30 April 2025	\$1,832,691	\$1,832,691
Surplus for year	25,266	25,266
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Balance at 30 April 2026	\$1,857,957	\$1,857,957

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FINANCIAL DECLARATION FOR RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE

As per section 60.15 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits
Commission Regulations 2022

The Responsible People declare that in the Responsible People's opinion

- There are reasonable grounds to believe that Sawtell Surf Life Saving Club Inc is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable, and
- The financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2022

Signed in accordance subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2022

Ruth Philippo
Treasurer

Responsible People's declaration


Adam Newman
Secretary

Responsible People's declaration

Dated: 01 July 2026



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT/REVIEW
TO THE MEMBERS OF
SAWTELL SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED
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Qualified Opinion

I have audited/reviewed the financial report of Sawtell Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 April 2026, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and statement by members of the committee.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of my report, the accompanying financial report of the Association is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act NSW 2009 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Associations financial position as at 30 April 2026 and of its financial performance for the year then ended, and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and the Associations Incorporation Act NSW 2009 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013,

Basis for Opinion

Due to the nature of some transactions, it was not practicable for the association to establish effective accounting controls over all cash transactions prior to their receipt by the financial administrator. Accordingly, it was not possible in my examination to include audit procedures which would allow me to conclude that all cash transactions in respect of raffles, fundraising and donations have been received and recorded in the accounting records of the association.

I conducted my audit/review in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of my report. I am independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act NSW 2009 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia.

I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified opinion.

Emphasis of Matter—Basis of Accounting

I draw attention to Note I to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the committees financial reporting responsibilities under the Associations Incorporation Act NSW 2009 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013 and the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.



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Other Information

The committee is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Associations annual report for the year ended 30 April 2026, but does not include the financial report and my auditors report/review thereon.

My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The committee of the Association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the needs of the members and the Associations Incorporation Act NSW 2009, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee is responsible for assessing the ability of the Association to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and is considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, the auditor exercises professional judgement and maintains professional scepticism throughout the audit. The audit also:

- Identifies and assesses the risks of material, misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, designs and performs audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtains audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for the auditor's opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.



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- Obtains an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluates the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Concludes on the appropriateness of managements use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If the auditor concludes that a material uncertainty exists, the auditor is required to draw attention in the auditors report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the auditors opinion. The auditors conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditors report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluates the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. The auditor communicates with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that the auditor identifies during the audit.

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Dated 19 June, 2026



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The financial data presented in the Income & Expenditure Statement is in accordance with the books and records of the association which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in my statutory audit of the association for the financial year ended 30 April 2026. It will be appreciated that my statutory audit did not cover all details of the financial data. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on such financial data and I give no warranty of accuracy or reliability in respect of the data provided. I do not undertake responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person (other than Sawtell Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated) in respect of such data, including any errors of omissions therein however caused.

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Dated: 19 June 2026