

Minutes of the Pāpāmoa SLSC AGM For the meeting held on 27th July 2025

Meeting opened at 2.00pm

Present: Heidi Omundsen, Andrew Hitchfield, Jim Pearson, Mason Bollee, William White, Nicole Brown, Ailsa Cowdrey, Dave Cowdrey, Jo Miller, Micheal Leach, Karyn Leach, Matt Davoren, Mathew Bowling, Radleigh Cairns, Jamie Mardon, Stephanie Mardon, Emily Mardon, Clare Pearson, Steve Matthews, Jack Bullock, Ryan Hohneck, Debbie Gillbanks, Phil Gillbanks, Jamie Cabusao, Matthew Strange, Jenna Waite-Leonard, Niamh Clark, Marama Mateparae, Nikki Heatley, Sean Leach, Danielle Petricevich, Neil Walker, Celia Bowling, Sarah Metcalfe, Keith Miller, Owen Miller
Minute Taker - Rebecca Silvester

Apologies: Naomi Davoren, Robynne Cabusao, Matthew Billet, Sue Matthews, John Wooley

Last Year's Minutes

Acceptance of last year's AGM minutes to be true and correct.

Moved: Radleigh Cairns

Seconded: Phil Gillbanks

Carried forward: members

Welcome

Jim Pearson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He extended a warm welcome to the life members who were present.

2024-25 Financial Report Director of Finance - Mat Bowling

This year has been financially strong. The Club remains in a very healthy position, thanks to continued grant support and resilient sponsorship relationships, even in the face of wider economic challenges.

Key Highlights:

- Venue hire revenue performed exceptionally well and remains a vital income stream.
- We ended the year with a \$25,000 surplus, slightly below last year. However, a portion of reserves is being intentionally retained to support building maintenance, lifeguarding, and surf sports - a careful balancing act.
- Revenue has increased, as have costs, including payments into our Trust for facility upkeep. Ensuring we have funds available for necessary building work is critical.
- We continue to subsidise surf sports across all levels, from Juniors to Masters. Our goal is a highly engaged membership and careful investment in priority areas.
- The outlook for 2025–26 is strong. Surf Life Saving New Zealand continue to support our life guarding costs, along with some of our administrative costs. Wedding bookings are looking promising for the season ahead.

In summary, the financial outcome is pleasing. Thanks to stable sponsorships, strong venue hire performance, and prudent reserve management, the Club is poised to enter the next

season with confidence. Investments made this year in facilities, patrol operations, and surf sport development position us well for continued progress.

Acceptance of Financial Report as true and correct.

Moved: *Jim Pearson*

Carried forward: *members*

2024-25 Annual Report

Chairpersons Report

Board Chair – Jim Pearson

This year, Jim highlighted several important contributions and shared updates on behalf of the Board:

- **Gratitude to the team:** Jim extended heartfelt thanks to the office staff and to coaches Jack Bullock and Jake Cowdrey for their dedicated support, as well as to all fellow board members for their ongoing contributions.
- **Special acknowledgments:**
 - Matthew Billet, who is stepping down from the Board this year, was thanked for providing crucial legal advice.
 - Andrew Hitchfield was recognised as “an all-round great person” whose advice, perspective, and insight have been invaluable.
- **Appreciation for membership:** Jim expressed gratitude to all members who have contributed across a range of club activities and programmes.

Lifeguarding

Director of Lifeguarding – Marama Mateparae

The Club is in a very strong position thanks to everyone’s collective effort. A heartfelt thank you from Marama to all volunteers, whose commitment underpins our patrol capabilities and community impact. Pāpāmoa Surf Life Saving Club was honoured as *Patrol Club of the Year* at this year’s Eastern Region Awards, a recognition that speaks volumes about the number and quality of people involved in our lifeguard programme.

Surf Sports

Director of Surf Sports – Matt Davoren

A huge thank-you from Matt to the entire Surf Sports Committee, whose dedication and teamwork drove outstanding results throughout the season. Special recognition for coaches Jack Bullock and Jake Cowdrey, whose guidance helped athletes reach impressive performance levels in both beach and pool-based competitions. Across all disciplines - from pool rescue to beach events - there were standout highlights that reflect our club’s depth and commitment. Matt is excited about what lies ahead and is looking forward to an ambitious and competitive 2025–26 season.

Junior Surf

Director of Junior Surf – Danielle Petricevich

Danielle celebrates a fantastic season, noting strong membership across all age groups and a notable increase in parent involvement - making the club community truly vibrant and supportive. The programme continues to build strong relationships, and many children are choosing to stay involved year after year.

Season Highlights

- The **Junior Surf Disco** was a brilliant way to reconnect before the season officially started, setting a fun tone for the months ahead.
- At **Club Championships**, sportsmanship and competitive spirit shone through. We celebrated kids doing their best and supporting one another.
- **Twilight Session and Prizegiving** was awesome, with families and kids enjoying a festive wrap-up of the season.
- The **Pāpāmoa Carnival** (beach-only format) proved popular and enjoyed by everyone, though the shift from water events was a bit disappointing as it's a key club event. Special thanks went to those who adapted to change and helped prepare for the day.

Danielle extended heartfelt gratitude to all volunteers, emphasising that your support helps shape Junior Surf lifeguards of the future. She thanked the committee for their leadership and dedication across the season.

Acceptance of Annual Report as true and correct.

Moved: Mat Bowling

Carried forward: members

Election of Board and President

Six nominations for Board received:

Mathew Bowling

Matthew Davoren

Michael Leach

Marama Mateparea

Danielle Petricevich

Jenna Waite-Leonard

One nomination for President received:

Jim Pearson

No objections to these nominations so these were accepted as the Board members and President for the period 1/08/2025 - 31/07/2026.

General Business

Jim thanked all those involved for compiling the annual report again this year. Once again it is an excellent, highly professional summary of our year and what we do as an organisation, which is highly valuable for things like funding, grants, etc.

Remarks from President Andrew Hitchfield

Jim Pearson is stepping down from the Board this year. President Andrew Hitchfield began by publicly acknowledging Jim's departure as Chairperson and celebrating his significant years of service. Andrew reflected on Jim's path to leadership. Invited by Andrew to a Surf Rescue Base Trust meeting in 2014, Jim joined the Board that same year. In December 2021, he stepped in as Chair and guided the club through major phases of growth and decision-making.



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Together, Andrew and Jim have collaborated closely for 11 years, working side by side on everything from funding and governance to club expansion and community engagement.

“Thank you, Jim - for your leadership, steadfast commitment, and friendship. We’ve become good mates over the years, spending so much time together,” Andrew said.

Andrew highlighted how Jim’s leadership leaves both the Board and the Club in a strong position for the future.

Eastern Region Awards

Jim Pearson extended his congratulations to all nominating members and award recipients. With recognition across multiple categories, this is a remarkable celebration of both our individual achievers and collective club strength.

Meeting closed at 2.33pm