Golden Paradise Beach Surf Lifesaving Club Inc.

Annual General Meeting Minutes

13 September 2026 11.00am at the Golden Beach community Centre, and via Zoom Videoconference

Attendees:

Aaron Dodd (committee)
Ben Fitchett (committee)
Julie Armstrong (committee)
Sylvia Arends (member)
Alan Bayne (member)
Glenn Brooks (member)
Elaine Withers
Chris DiSantedieda (member)
Evia Soronaivalu (member)
Luke Robinson (committee)
Chantel Drew (committee)
Bronwen Rowlands (committee)
Peter Pardy (member)
Brian Tracey
Elisa Brooks (member)
Fred Bugeja (member)
Sussan Frame (member)
Jodi Vuat (member)

1. **1.00pm** Meeting Commenced

2. **Acknowledgment of Country by Aaron Dodd (Secretary & Treasurer)**

   We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, sea and waterways on which we operate, the Tatungalung people of the GunaiKurnai Nation, and pay our respects to their elders – past, present and emerging.

3. **Achievements over the last year by Chantel Drew (President)**

   Good morning everyone, and thank you all for coming along to our AGM today. It's been a really exciting 12 months for the Golden Paradise Beach Surf Lifesaving Club, and I'd like to take a moment to reflect on what we've achieved and where we're heading.

   One of the biggest positives for our club has been our growth in membership. It's fantastic to see more people becoming involved, supporting the club and helping us build a strong future for Golden Paradise Beach. Our members are what make this club, and we really appreciate everyone who has given their time, energy and support.

   We've also been working on ways to raise funds for the club, including selling our drink cooler merchandise. Every bit of fundraising helps us continue to develop the club and provide the equipment and opportunities our members need.

   Another exciting opportunity has been our Coastal Care Grant, which will allow us to get involved in important work such as cleaning up the sand dunes and removing rubbish from our coastline. Looking after our beach and surrounding environment is something

that is really important to us. If this is something you would like to be involved in, please let us know — we'd love to have members and the wider community come along and help.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Chris Fox for everything he has done for the Surf Club over the past 12 months. Chris has played an important role in helping our club grow and move forward, and we are very grateful for all of his time, effort and support. Chris, we wish you all the very best for the future and thank you again for everything you have contributed to the club.

Looking ahead, we are also working towards affiliation with Life Saving Victoria. This is an exciting step for our club and something that will open up further opportunities for our members and help us continue to develop as an organisation.

We are also continuing to work with Wellington Shire as we look towards securing a new location for the organisation. In the meantime, we are currently looking for a decent caravan that we can set up as a first aid room. If anyone knows of one that may be suitable, please get in touch with us. This would be a huge help to the club.

There is certainly plenty happening, and while we still have plenty of work ahead of us, I think we can be proud of how far the club has come. Our goal is to continue growing, supporting our members, looking after our beach and community, and building a strong and sustainable Surf Lifesaving Club for the future. I'd like to thank every member, volunteer, supporter, family member and community member who has contributed over the past year. Whether you've helped at an event, attended training, assisted with fundraising, supported our projects or simply encouraged the club — it all makes a difference. I'm really looking forward to seeing what we can achieve together over the next 12 months. Thank you everyone for your support, and I look forward to another great year for Golden Paradise Beach Surf Lifesaving Club.

4. **Finances by Aaron Dodd (Secretary & Treasurer)**

   This is just a summary, If any member require a look at the detailed books, please don't hesitate to ask.

   The club currently has an operating surplus of $13,082.

   Revenue mix is as follows;

   18% Memberships
   78% Corporate sponsorships, grants and donations
   4% Merchandise sales

   We would also like to take this moment to formally recognise and thank our sponsors;

Golden Beach Real Estate
Locum People
Tubby's Timber & Tree Service
Education is Key
Engaged Facility Management

For a club not quite a year-old, this is an excellent result. We should also note though, that the old SLSC has done us a favour in the short-term by not transferring the land to us. This means we have had very few outgoings. That has assisted us to deliver the surplus mentioned above. Our only significant expense has been our public liability and indemnity insurance.

5. As per our constitution, all committee positions have been declared vacant.

   Nominations for the committee are as follows;

   Chantel Drew
   Aaron Dodd
   Ben Fitchett
   Julie Armstrong
   Luke Robinson
   Patricia McIntosh
   Bronwen Rowlands
   Sylvia Arends
   Alan Bayne

   A vote was held by show of hands. All nine were elected unopposed. Congratulations to all!

6. **Other Business**

   A lively discussion was held largely about the clubrooms and location. It was noted that other locations, notably on the beach side of Shoreline Drive are in the very early stage of discussions with Parks Victoria. It was noted that a beach side position would be superior to the old club's location, so if one could be achieved it would be an excellent result. There is no guarantee on this of course, so all options remain open.

7. **12.30pm Meeting close followed by casual BBQ.**