



CLIFTON BEACH SLSC

**Annual Report
2025 - 2026**

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Founded in 1963, Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club is proud to be the southernmost surf life saving club in Australia. Nestled on the stunning shores of Tasmania, we are a passionate, volunteer-driven organisation affiliated with Surf Life Saving Tasmania.

Our mission is rooted in saving lives, creating safer beaches, and building a stronger community. We are committed to the safeguarding of children and young people, ensuring that every member of our club feels safe, supported, and empowered.

As an integral part of Tasmania's emergency response network, we proudly patrol our beaches, respond to coastal emergencies, and promote water safety through our lifesaving services, surf sports, and Nippers programs.

Whether it's training the next generation of lifesavers or competing in surf sports, we are united by our dedication to service, safety, and community spirit.



SECRETARY'S DECLARATION

Dear Members, Supporters and Friends of Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this year's Annual Report and to reflect on another successful season for our Club. Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club continues to be strengthened by the dedication, generosity and community spirit of its members, and this report provides an opportunity to acknowledge the many contributions that have made the year such a positive one.

On behalf of the Club, I extend my sincere thanks to every member who has given their time and energy throughout the season. Whether on patrol, supporting training and awards, assisting with nippers, competing, fundraising, maintaining our facilities, helping behind the scenes or contributing to the welcoming spirit of the Club, your efforts are deeply valued. Our success is built on the commitment of volunteers who continue to serve both our Club and the wider community with pride.

This year has again demonstrated the strength of Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club as a place of service, learning, friendship and shared purpose. The achievements recorded across lifesaving, junior activities, training, competition and community engagement reflect not only individual effort, but the teamwork and support that define our Club.

I also acknowledge the ongoing support of our families, sponsors, partners, Life Members, committee members and supporters, whose contributions allow us to continue delivering important surf lifesaving services and opportunities for our members. Your encouragement and assistance are essential to the continued success of Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

As we look ahead, we do so with confidence and gratitude. Thank you to everyone who has played a part in another successful year. I commend this Annual Report to you and look forward to seeing Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club continue to grow, support its members and serve our community in the season ahead.

With appreciation

Katie Groom

Secretary



LIFE MEMBERS

- Doug. R. Plaister AO, MBE (dec)
- Leith Harper (dec)
- Noel Harper
- John Whitehouse
- David Pitchford
- Stephen Gray (dec)
- Wayne Gough (dec)
- David Taylor
- Simon Kay
- Graeme van Galen
- Shayne Clark
- Bernard (Barney) Reardon (dec)
- Malcolm (Merv) O'Brien
- Peter Williams
- Denise Kelly
- Ronald Kelly
- Mark Godfrey (dec)
- Craig Sly
- Iain Whyte
- David Lancaster
- Scott Parnham
- Craig Rogerson



CLUB PATRON

Julie Collins MP

Clifton Beach SLSC would like to thank Julie Collins MP for her generous support of our club in her role as patron.



OUR TEAM

Management Committee

President

Matthew Clingeffer

Club Captain

Simon Pilkington

Secretary

Katie Groom

Treasurer

Scott Cason

Committee Member

Juanita Schofield

Committee Member

Gabe Gossage

Youth Captains - Lily Blundell and Finn Pilkington

We would like to thank all our Club Officers for their leadership and team work throughout the year:

Membership Officer

Juanita Schofield

Member Protection Information Officers

Megan, Juanita, Katie & Nicole

Transitions Officer

Vanessa Copeland

Communications Officer

Clare Houston

Newsletter Editor

Denise Kelly

Clubhouse Bookings Officer

Meisha Austin

Uniform Coordinator

Mel McKinlay

Canteen Manager

Michael Fisher

Bar Manager

Mick Cooper

Patrol Officer

Mary Clingeffer

Senior Coach

Courtney Beswick

Senior Team Manager

Graeme Van Galen

Nipper Coordinators

Clare Houston & Kate Pilkington

Boat Captain

Anthony Chapman

Craft Captain

James Fullarton

Power Craft Captain

Dan Reardon

Water Safety Officer

Pete Williams

Senior Logistics Manager

Oliver Beswick

First Aid Officers

Gemma Wright & Jill Doyle

Training Officer

Nathan Williamson



CBSLSC is committed to the safety of all its members and the community both on the beach and off. Along with Surf Lifesaving Tasmania we are committed to embedding a child safe culture following the national principles for child safe organisations. In the past year, Clifton Beach has continued to implement the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework and continue to prioritise the safety, wellbeing, and inclusion of all children.

Policy & Training

The Clubs Commitment to Safeguarding Children and Young People can be viewed on the website. We are in line with SLST policy to have all adult club members hold a working with vulnerable people registration and a good proportion of adults having completed the child safe awareness. Several club members have completed MPIO training. SLST have established a Child Safety Community of Practice that Clifton Beach has attended regularly. Child safety practices are discussed with all those volunteering with nippers and those who patrol.

Member Protection Information Officers

MPIO's are the first point of call, acting as an impartial guide, for anyone with an issue or concern related to anything to do with the club including any issues of concern around safeguarding children. Current club MPIO's include Meegan Clingeffer, Katie Groom, Bronwyn Holmes, Nicole Davey and Juanita Schofield.

Child Participation and Voice

A feedback/suggestions box is available to all club members. The tell someone initiative posters are displayed around the club. Junior club captains are chosen at the beginning of each season and they and other older nippers are encouraged to expand their leadership skills, helping influence the club and support younger members.

Juanita Schofield

Child Safety Officer



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2025/2026 season was once again a very enjoyable, rewarding and productive year for the club and our members.

Importantly we continued to retain and grow our club membership, promote and encourage our young members, which is vital to ensuring the club thrives into the future, is able to provide vital lifesaving services, and offer a community club where people can connect, create memories and engage in a safe environment.

As a surf lifesaving club, the patrol season was a great success thanks to our incredible volunteer patrolling members. Our patrol teams provided outstanding service and support to the community visiting Clifton Beach throughout the summer months along with our emergency response team volunteers who are on call all year round. I would like to thank all our patrolling members for your professionalism, diligence and skill when patrolling and making such an incredible commitment of time and effort for our club and to keep the community safe.

A big thank you to our members who assisted in our lifesaving department to support our patrol teams and continue to build our members skills and awards for the future. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Simon Pilkington (Lifesaving Manager), Nathan Williamson (Training Manager), Mary Clingeffer (Patrol Officer), Jill Doyle and Gemma Wright (First Aid officer) and Dan Reardon (Power craft captain), Pete Williams (Water Safety officer) for their hard work in this vital area.

There have been many highlights throughout the year across all areas at the club. Our Nippers program continues to thrive thanks to the terrific work of our coordinators Clare Houston and Kate Pilkington and the great support from parents and members in the program. Thanks Kate and Clare for your hard work driving such a brilliant Nippers program!

It was terrific to see the amazing numbers of competitors in our surf sports teams. I would like to thank Head Coach Courtney Beswick and all our coaches, officials and team members for their commitment over the season. Also, I would like to acknowledge our athletes who competed with great pride and respect when representing the club at statewide carnivals and interstate competition. The "team first" approach with surf sports at Clifton Beach SLSC is unique and also applies to all areas at our club. The success of winning the Junior and Senior State Titles was a reflection of this approach and hard work from our teams and was a sensational achievement!

In addition to a successful season on the beach, as a club we continued to engage our members and the community with a number of terrific events. These included regular fortnightly Friday night food vans as well as major community events such as "Dark Clifton" and the "Live and Local" music event. The club also hosted the Clifton "Swim the Cliff" event, Women in Power craft weekend, Kamala female education workshop, and supported community events such as the Sandy Bay Regatta and Triathlon South amongst others. I sincerely thank all our members who have assisted throughout the season with these initiatives which are so important when building relationships.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The club committee completed a Strategic and Corporate plan 2 seasons ago which is detailed on the club's website. These plans are a roadmap to assist with guiding the club over the short, medium and long term. Pleasingly as a club we have achieved a number of these important objectives. We have included a mapping table of our club activities against our corporate and strategic plans within this Annual Report. I would like to thank our committee members for their hard work throughout the year to assist our club and members. Your commitment of time and effort is greatly appreciated.

As the annual financial report details, the club is in a solid financial position. This has been an important focus of the committee to ensure the club is financially ready to complete our club house development and safeguard the clubs financial future.

It has been an incredibly productive 12 months in relation to our clubhouse development project. It is fantastic to be able to advise our members that we are now in a position for the development to take place due to major funding being obtained. This includes the Federal Government grant of \$980,000 and also recently confirmed, an additional \$550,000 from Clarence City Council to enable us to complete the total project. This project will see the club room area upstairs be extended across our existing deck and also a new entrance, extension to our canteen area, a new rear staircase, along with other internal and external upgrades. This upgrade will provide huge benefits for our club members and will assist with maintaining and securing our clubhouse infrastructure for the long term. I would like to thank the Federal Government and also the Clarence City Council for this incredible support of our club.

I would like to thank all our members who took on roles within the club this season, your commitment and effort is greatly appreciated and is what makes our club such a great place to be. Your contribution has a big impact spreading the load, and as we know, it is always more enjoyable when you get involved.

I would like to thank our club sponsors for their ongoing support, Jackson Hobart Isuzu Ute (JMC), Rogerson and Birch Surveyors, Allturf Tasmania, Ride Bellerive, Harbour Financial Planning, Miena Village, Nest Property, Westbar Properties, BV Electrical, Swimkamp, Rapid Water Cartage, Kings Towbars and Trailers, Oomph Coffee and M & J's Butcher on Clarence. I would also like to thank Surf Life Saving Tasmania, Clarence City Council, Tasmanian Government and Federal Government for their ongoing support which is vital to the club's operations and long term future.

In conclusion, thank you to all out members for your contribution, care and enthusiasm which drives our club and makes it such a special place for us to enjoy together and create life long friendships and memories. Looking forward to an exciting 12 months ahead!

Matt Clingeffer

President



CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The 2025–26 season saw the club field eight patrol teams, supported by a 12-member reserve group and an Emergency Response Team of 15. More than 100 members contributed 2,804.75 patrol hours across the season, providing a consistent and reliable lifesaving presence at Clifton Beach. Across these patrols, members delivered first aid, undertook preventative actions, and responded to incidents both during and outside of scheduled patrol hours, reinforcing the club's role in keeping the beach safe beyond the flags.

A highlight of the season was hosting both the Junior and Senior state carnivals at Clifton Beach. These events required coordinated delivery across patrol, water safety and first aid functions, with members managing incidents while maintaining active preventative coverage throughout. The execution of these events demonstrated the club's capacity to manage large-scale operations while maintaining a strong focus on safety and service delivery.

Members also supported a range of community and sporting events across the season, including Triathlon South, Swim the Cliff, the Sandy Bay Regatta, the MONA Nude Solstice Swim and Surf Safari. These deployments extend the club's impact beyond routine patrol activity and reinforce its role as a trusted provider of water safety services across the broader community. Increased participation from younger members in paid weekday patrols over the summer period was another positive, contributing to workforce capability while providing opportunities for development and experience.

The club maintained a strong focus on training and operational capability throughout the season, delivering Surf Rescue Certificate, Bronze Medallion, IRB Crew and IRB Driver programs. All active patrolling members completed required proficiency assessments, ensuring qualifications remained current and operational standards were maintained. This ongoing investment in training supports a capable and deployable lifesaving workforce, with members equipped to respond across a range of conditions.

Targeted investment in equipment and resources was also a feature of the season. New Thundercat IRBs and two Tohatsu outboard motors were acquired, with an additional IRB and motor on order. Further upgrades included life jackets, offshore kits, CAG jackets and rescue boards, strengthening both safety and operational capability. A new nipper trailer was also delivered, improving the transport and management of equipment for junior and senior programs. These upgrades ensure members are supported by reliable and fit-for-purpose resources across all areas of activity.

The season again highlighted the breadth of contribution required to deliver a functioning and effective club. Patrol operations, training delivery, event support and equipment management are all underpinned by member effort, supported by a wide range of roles that are often less visible but equally important. The club acknowledges all patrolling members, Patrol Captains and the many volunteers whose efforts, visible and unseen, make a safe beach possible.

Simon Pilkington

Club Captain



Activity Alignment to Strategic and Corporate Intent

Activity / Achievement	Strategic Plan Alignment	Corporate Plan Alignment	Outcome / Impact
Delivered a comprehensive seasonal training program across the club, including Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC), Bronze Medallion, IRB Crew and IRB Driver awards, alongside full proficiency renewals for all active patrolling members to ensure currency and operational readiness.	Priority 1 Lifesaving – Training & Education; maintaining competencies and developing capability across members.	Supports operational readiness, volunteer capability and risk controls identified within corporate objectives and risk settings.	The club continued to invest heavily in member capability, delivering core awards and maintaining proficiency across all patrol members, ensuring a competent, confident and deployable lifesaving workforce.
Significant investment into lifesaving capability through acquisition of new Thundercat IRBs, two new Tohatsu outboard motors, additional IRB and motor on order, as well as replacement life jackets, offshore kits, CAG jackets and rescue boards.	Priority 1 Lifesaving and Priority 4 Infrastructure & Resources – maintaining and renewing critical lifesaving equipment and fleet capability.	Direct alignment to Objective 4 Powercraft and Equipment Renewal Program.	The club continued its fleet and equipment renewal program, strengthening frontline response capability and ensuring members are supported by reliable, modern and fit-for-purpose lifesaving equipment.
Completed procurement and delivery of a fit-for-purpose Nipper trailer to support the transport of junior and senior surf sports equipment across training and competition environments.	Priority 4 Infrastructure & Resources and Priority 5 Surf Sports – providing resources that support participation, safety and program growth.	Direct alignment to Objective 5 Fit for Purpose Nipper Trailer.	Investment in junior program infrastructure continues to support the growth of surf sports and ensures safe and efficient transport of equipment for club activities.
Delivered and supported a range of community events including Dark Clifton, Live and Local, and the Sandy Bay Regatta, strengthening the club's role as a community hub and point of engagement.	Priority 2 Culture & Community – delivering events, building identity and strengthening connections with the broader community.	Direct alignment to Objective 6 Community Engagement and Fundraising Through Social Events.	Through a suite of well-attended community events, the club reinforced its presence within the local community, building connection, visibility and ongoing support.
Provided community safety support across multiple external events including first aid and defibrillator coverage at Cremorne Bowls Club, as well as water safety services for triathlon series events, ocean swims and the Winter Solstice swim.	Priority 1 Lifesaving and Priority 2 Culture & Community – extending services beyond patrol hours and supporting community safety outcomes.	Supports broader corporate intent around community engagement and operational delivery.	The club extended its safety footprint beyond the flags, providing trusted support across a range of community and sporting events and reinforcing its value as a volunteer emergency service.
Progressed major clubhouse redevelopment program, including securing \$980K in federal funding, a further \$550K funding through Clarence City Council, and development of additional plans and design for broadening project scope considering additional funding received.	Priority 4 Infrastructure & Resources and Priority 3 Governance & Sustainability – strategic infrastructure planning, funding and delivery.	Direct alignment to Objectives 1 and 2 relating to clubhouse funding and development, with linkage to Objective 3 through council engagement.	Significant progress was made toward the long-term redevelopment of the clubhouse, positioning the club to deliver a modern, functional facility aligned to future operational needs and community expectations.
Undertook targeted infrastructure upgrades including installation of a new hard stand at the club entrance and replacement of the main roller door to improve operational access and functionality.	Priority 4 Infrastructure & Resources – maintaining and improving club facilities to support operations.	Supports Objective 2 relating to infrastructure upgrades and repairs.	Targeted infrastructure improvements have enhanced day-to-day operations, improving access, usability and the overall functionality of the clubhouse.
Delivered inclusion-focused initiatives including a Women in Powercraft development weekend and participation in the Rainbow Beaches LGBTQI+ event, supporting broader access and engagement.	Priority 2 Culture & Community – fostering an inclusive and welcoming club culture.	Supports community engagement and participation objectives.	The club continues to strengthen an inclusive culture by actively creating opportunities for participation and engagement across all parts of the community.
Actively participated in consultation processes associated with the Clifton Beach Master Plan, ensuring club interests and operational considerations are represented in future planning.	Priority 3 Governance & Sustainability – environmental stewardship and stakeholder engagement.	Direct alignment to Objective 3 and council partnership elements.	Engagement in broader precinct planning ensures the club remains well positioned within the future direction of Clifton Beach development.
Maintained full compliance across governance and safeguarding requirements, including 100% completion of child safety training, full uptake of Working with Vulnerable People registrations, successful patrol inspections, and delivery against patrolling agreement obligations.	Priority 3 Governance & Sustainability and Priority 1 Lifesaving – compliance, assurance and delivery of a trusted service.	Supports corporate risk management, compliance and operational assurance requirements.	Strong compliance outcomes provide assurance that the club continues to meet its legislative, organisational and operational obligations across all areas of delivery.



LIFE MEMBERS PERPETUAL TROPHY - Best Junior Activities Member

Winner: Finn Pilkington

This award recognizes a junior member who participates in all aspects of the club in lifesaving, surf sports, and club activities. This award was founded by former and current life members.

LEITH HARPER MEMORIAL TROPHY - Best Under 15 Club Member

Winner: Charlie Gregg

Leith Harper was present at the first public gathering to discuss forming a surf club at Clifton Beach in March 1963. He was elected to the first committee in May of that year. He remained on the Committee as Senior Vice president for many years. A stalwart of the club he was elected to Life Membership in 1975. He remained actively involved with the club until his passing in 2016. Amongst many achievements, Leith was responsible for the choice of the Club colours and the introduction of our great supporter Michael Johns to the club.

WAYNE GOUGH MEMORIAL TROPHY - Best 17 Club Member

Winner: Isabeela Gregg and Charlie Doyle

Wayne was the club captain between 1974-1977, was made Life Member in 1985, he was a committed lifesaver.

BEN E LOVELOCK PERPETUAL TROPHY -Best under 19 Club Member

Winners: Amelia Groom

The Ben Lovelock Perpetual Trophy is awarded to an under 19 club member who goes above and beyond in all aspects of the club and makes a valuable contribution to the Clifton Beach SLSC community.

LM PITCHFORD MEMORIAL TROPHY - Best Patrolling Member

Winner: Nathan Williamson

This trophy was first awarded in season 1969-70 in memory of Louis McComb Pitchford. Louis was the father of a past president and Life Member of the club. Louis Pitchford was a great supporter of the club in the mid 1960's.

LINDSAY DAVEY PERPETUAL TROPHY - Club Captains Award

Winner : Pete Williams

Lindsay was the owner of the Freemasons Hotel. He supported the club in a number of ways such as providing free accommodation for visiting teams and donating supplies for club functions.

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Winners: Tara Kelly

This award is presented each season by the current Club President. First presented in 1997-98 season and donated by former presidents John Whitehouse, David Pitchford, Stephen Gray, and Barney Reardon.

FOUNDATION MEMBERS TROPHY - Best Club Member

Winner: Nathan Williamson



LIFESAVING REPORT

It's been another fantastic season of patrolling at Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club! This season, our club proudly operated with 8 patrol teams, supported by a reserve team of 12 members and an Emergency Response Team of 15 dedicated members.

Across the season, our patrol teams made up of more than 100 committed members, contributed an incredible 2,804.75 patrol hours to help keep our beaches and community safe. That is an outstanding achievement and a true reflection of the dedication within our club!

Throughout these patrol hours, our members responded to 28 first aid incidents, carried out 40 preventative actions, supported 8 public relations activities, and assisted with rescues during unpatrolled hours.

One of the major highlights of the season was hosting both the Junior and Senior Statewide events here at our home club, Clifton. Across the event, our patrol, water safety, and first aid teams managed 10 reported incidents while also maintaining constant preventative actions throughout the day.

Our patrol members also played an important role in supporting many other community and sporting events throughout the season, including Triathlon South events, the Clifton Swim the Cliff event, the Sandy Bay Regatta, the MONA Nude Solstice Swim, and Surf Safari. It has also been fantastic to see many of our younger members stepping up and excelling through paid casual patrol work during weekdays at our beach during summer.

I would like to thank every member who patrolled this season. Our club simply would not operate without your time, effort, and ongoing commitment. Whether you completed one patrol or one hundred hours, every contribution has helped make our beach safer for the community.

I would also like to recognise some of our outstanding patrol members this season:

- Max Hodge with 38 patrol hours
- Jill Doyle with 44 patrol hours
- Charlie Doyle with 47 patrol hours
- Nathan Williamson - 55 patrol hours

Another huge thank you to all members – your efforts have made a real difference.

Mary Clingeleffer

Patrol Officer



LIFESAVING AWARDS

The club is extremely proud of all those members who worked hard this season to improve their qualifications, to ensure the safety of all who use our beach.

Surf Rescue Certificate:

- Indie Volant
- Madison Van den Enden
- Lily Blundell
- Lincoln Davey
- Halle de Boer
- Alby Evans
- Larissa Goyen
- Camilla Jacobs
- Evie Lovell
- Lily McDermott
- Kira Parker
- Zoey Penney
- Finn Pilkington

Bronze Medallion:

- Dave Roberts
- Noah Bailery
- Millie Beach
- Charlie Blundell
- Nigel Blundell
- Ewen Davey
- Nina Parker
- Tessa Volant
- Anna Kingshott
- Cordelia Davey
- Victoria Whelan
- Paul Williams
- Kahawai Benson

Training Officer Bronze Medallion:

- Simon Pilkington

Advanced Resuscitation Certificate:

- Jarred Nielsen
- Anna Clingleffer
- Adrian Van Loon
- Paul Williams

IRB Crew Certificate:

- Max Hodge
- Isabella Gregg
- Cordelia Davey
- Kahawai Benson
- Paul Williams
- Riley O'Connor
- Charlotte Beach
- Nicole Davey
- Jill Doyle
- Laura Fullarton

Silver Medallion Patrol Captain:

- Oenone Schofield
- Jarred Nielsen
- Angus O'Grady
- Meisha Austin
- Oliver Evans

Silver Medallion IRB Driver:

- Oenone Schofield
- Rita Schofield

SERVICE AWARDS

10 Year Patrol Service Award

Oliver Bodak
Matthew Clingleffer

15 Year Patrol Service Award

Meisha Austin

20 Year Patrol Service Award

Craig Rogerson



The 2025–2026 Nippers season at Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club has been nothing short of outstanding. From the first session through to the final weeks, our Nippers program has continued to grow in strength, spirit, and community impact.

Strong Participation and Engagement

This season we averaged over 90 Nippers at each Sunday session, a fantastic reflection of the strong interest and enthusiasm within our club. The beach was regularly filled with energy, laughter, and determination as children across all age groups built their skills, confidence, and friendships.

In addition to our Sunday sessions, board training sessions were well attended and played a key role in developing surf skills, fitness, and ocean confidence. It has been incredibly rewarding to see so many Nippers challenge themselves and improve across both beach and water disciplines.

Training and Development

Throughout the season, our training program remained consistent and engaging. Nippers demonstrated resilience and a willingness to learn, supporting one another while striving to improve.

The culture within the program has been one of encouragement, inclusivity, and steady development, ensuring every child felt supported regardless of ability level.

Competition Highlights

Our Nippers represented Clifton Beach with pride across several carnivals this season.

- Clifton Carnival provided challenging surf conditions, testing the capability and confidence of all competitors. Our Nippers rose to the occasion, showing determination, adaptability, and strong team spirit.
- At the Burnie State Championships, our team delivered exceptional performances across all events. Their commitment throughout the season culminated in an outstanding achievement – Clifton Beach crowned State Champions.

This success is a testament not only to individual effort but to the collective strength of our entire club.

Pathways and Progression

A significant highlight of the season was seeing 14 of our Under 14 Nippers successfully achieve their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC). These young members have now transitioned into active patrolling members and have also contributed as water safety for Nippers sessions and club events.

We would also like to congratulate our Nippers who were part of the SLST Pathways Development Program, members of the Tasmanian SLST Team and athletes who competed interstate at the 2026 Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships in Kirra.



Community and Volunteer Support

The success of the Nippers program would not be possible without the unwavering support of our club community.

We extend our sincere thanks to:

- Age Managers, who dedicate countless hours planning and delivering engaging weekly sessions
- Water Safety Volunteers, who ensure the safety and confidence of every child in the water
- Officials, who support competitions and uphold the standards of surf lifesaving
- Parent Volunteers and Carers, who assist with setup, pack down, and create a welcoming and supportive environment
- CBSLSC Committee who continually support our Nipper Program and initiatives

Your contributions are deeply appreciated.

Fundraising

We would like to thank the community for their generous donations and support of fundraising events during the season. Our under 14 members have raised over \$1800 this season to be spent on new equipment.

Looking Ahead

As we close another successful season, the future of Clifton Beach Nippers looks incredibly bright. With strong participation numbers, developing talent, and a supportive club culture, we are well positioned to continue building on this momentum.

To our graduating U14s – congratulations and best wishes as you move into the next stage of your surf lifesaving journey. We know you will continue to represent Clifton Beach with pride.

For all returning families, we look forward to seeing you again next season – and perhaps at some off-season training or pool sessions in the meantime.

Clare Houston and Kate Pilkington

Nipper Co-Ordinators



I'm pleased to present this report summarizing our previous and highly successful surf season inclusive of coaching activities, athlete progress, and key highlights from the past year. I have had the privilege to undertake the role as the Senior Coach for Clifton Beach SLSC senior team for the 4th consecutive year.

Season Overview

This season was a strong one for our senior competitors, marked by growth in both individual and team performances across all surf sports disciplines. We had many senior athletes across a variety of age groups from under 14 up to masters actively training and competing, with representation at local, state, and national competitions. Training attendance remained consistent, and our coaching team successfully delivered a balanced program across board, swimming, ironperson and ski disciplines, with a strong emphasis on teamwork, connection, skill development and team unity across both individual and team events.

Athlete Development

Several senior athletes achieved personal bests this season, and a number qualified for higher-level competitions. Clifton Beach had 2 x representatives in the youth (U14/15) Interstates Championship team of Lincoln Davey and Finn Pilkington, as well as 4 representatives in the SLSA Interstates Championships Team including Charlotte Beach, Nathalie Elischer, Charlie Doyle and Joe Evans. Congratulations to these athletes for the honour of representing Tasmania.

For the 4th consecutive year, Clifton Beach finished on top of the point score at the Senior State Championships which was a representation of our depth across multiple age groups and events to win with a total of 861 points at the completion of the 2-day event. A huge strength of our team is their willingness and ability to put the 'team first' and partake in many different team events across the weekend. Highlight performances came from:

- Joe Evans and Oenone Schofield – 2nd place in Open Men's and Women's Beach Flags
- Joe Evans – 1st place in Open Men's Beach Sprint
- Open Women – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Double Ski
- U17 Male Double Ski – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placings
- Kuz Benson – 1st place in U17 Male Ski Race
- Open Women Ironperson – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd (Cate, Rita, Oenone)
- Open Male Ironperson – 1st Charlie Doyle
- U17 Ironwoman – 1st place Anna Clingeffer
- Team achievement – Overall Point Score winners and Handicap Shield recipients

We had a strong team of 33 athletes attending the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships at North Kirra Beach with some strong results across the beach. Our biggest success story for the trip was Rita Schofield making it into the final of the Under 19 women's single ski, what a huge achievement and testament to all of her hard work.



SURF SPORTS REPORT

Additional Aussies Highlights include:

- Charlotte & Rita - U19 Women's Double Ski Final
- Cate & Courtney - Open Women's Double Ski Final
- Warwick Lovell- 8th, 40-44 Male Board Race
- Meisha Austin - 14th, 50-54 Female Single Ski
- Wazza & Nicko - 5th, 40-44 Male Double Ski
- Charlotte Beach, Rita Schofield & Anna Clingeffer - 13th, U19 Female Single Ski Relay
- Joe Farrell, Kuz Benson & Charlie Doyle - 16th, U17 Male Single Ski Relay Final

A team as large as ours, has found carnivals both locally and interstate a breeze due to the recent purchase of our senior team trailer (previous financial year). This isn't made possible without the significant contribution by JMC with vehicle supply, but also a big thank you to a number of sponsors for the kind donations and contributions: Kings Towbars and Trailers, Osteopic, Peter and Mal Jones, All Turf Tasmania and Harbour Financial Planning.

Looking Ahead

In the upcoming season, we aim to:

- Strengthen the transition of top juniors into senior ranks.
- Build our surf skills program, particularly board and ski negotiations in heavy conditions.
- Develop a clearer pathway for athletes targeting elite competition.
- Continue fostering a positive, inclusive culture that supports performance and participation alike.

A sincere thank you to:

- The assistant coaches and mentors who helped deliver sessions. The success of our program is not possible without your assistance.
- The parents and families for their unwavering support.
- The committee for backing our training initiatives and ensuring resources were available.
- Officials for giving up their time at carnivals to allow us to be able to compete.
- Most importantly, our senior athletes - your dedication, sportsmanship, and leadership set the tone for the club.

I look forward to another strong season with the team and thank you again for the opportunity to contribute to such a proud and passionate club.

Courtney Beswick

Senior Coach



Matt Bevilacqua Perpetual Trophy
Most Improved Junior in Competition

Kirra Parker

Meaghan Edwards Memorial Trophy
Best Junior in Competition

Charlie Gregg

Strawberry Fields Inc. Trophy
Best U/15 in Competition

Finn Pilkington

Simon Kay Perpetual Trophy
Best U/17 in Competition

Anna Clingeleffer and Kawai Benson

NW Mills Perpetual Trophy
Best U/19 in Competition

Rita Schofield

Noel Harper & Norm Mills Perpetual Trophy
Best Senior in Competition

Cate Clingeleffer

Golden Paddle/Wave Award

Rita Schofield

Senior Coach's Award
Donated by Craig Sly

Isabella Gregg

John "Bugsy" Howard Memorial Trophy
Best Beach Competitor

Joe Evans

Boaties Award

Tony O'Grady

Offical of the Year Award

Vansessa Copeland

Masters Award

Meisha Austin



The Clifton Beach Boaties season has been one of progress, adventure and culture building. A successful winter season culminated in Clifton coming first and second in the Surf Safari mens section, the first time ever we have held the top two places.

Upwards of 20 rowers joined in over the winter, and it was good to see the program gain in popularity within our established membership and with others joining the club to access the boats.

Winter also saw our inaugural adventure weekend, with a crew heading to Great Lake to row in the pristine waters of the Central Highlands. The weather turned it on, with clear sunny skies and a backdrop of recent snow activity turning the event into a spectacular and fun experience.

The summer season culminated in Clifton winning Gold in the Reserves event, our first summer gold in a number of years. It establishes the club as a clear force in the sport in Tasmania, with bigger and better things ahead.

Our Boatie of the Year was awarded to Tony O'Grady, a deserving winner not just for his rowing prowess, but for the hours spent behind the scenes maintaining the boats, towing and being a reliable base to build our program around. Congratulations Tony!

Anthony Chapman





I would firstly like to thank the committee for recognising the importance of officiating within our club by introducing the Official of the Year Award at this season's presentation ceremony. It is wonderful to see the dedication and contribution of our officials acknowledged.

As part of Surf Life Saving competition requirements, clubs must provide one official for every ten athletes competing at carnivals. Without parents and volunteers stepping forward to officiate, our athletes simply would not be able to compete. I am extremely grateful to all the parents and volunteers who generously gave their time throughout the season to support our athletes and our club.

For me, officiating is about giving back to the athletes and supporting the sport that gives so much to our community. Surf Life Saving is unique in that athletes are required to complete community service to be eligible to compete at State Championships. This highlights that Surf Life Saving is far more than just a sport – it teaches teamwork, responsibility, community involvement, and valuable lifesaving skills that can make a real difference both on and off the beach.

Congratulations to Bella Copeland on completing her official training, and to Charlie Gregg and Pippa Copeland for completing the online module for Youth Official accreditation. It is wonderful to see members continuing to develop their skills and contribute to the future of officiating within our club.

Thank you again to everyone who assisted with officiating this season. Your support is greatly appreciated and essential to the success of our club at competitions.

JUNIORS

Craig Penny
Jenna Ziebell
Cassie Gregg
Amanda Skelly
Nina Parker
Victoria Whelan
Justine Shaw
Phil Evans
Emily Whelan

SENIORS

Simon Bailey
Julie Kay
Simon Kay
Anthea Bishop
Shona Fullerton
Bronwyn Holmes
Juanita Schofield
Craig Rogerson
Tina O'Connor

Vanessa Copeland

Officials Co-Ordinator



This season saw a strong focus on building capability across our club, with a clear emphasis on collaboration, development, and member engagement. A standout achievement was the integration of Lifesaving CPR training across Clifton Beach, the Integration of the 6 new key objectives has better prepared our members to respond to CPR events on our beach and in our community.

Clifton Beach also worked together to deliver a joint Bronze course with Carlton Park, supporting the next generation of patrolling members and reinforcing the importance of consistent, high-quality training opportunities between our clubs.

More recently, we hosted a successful Southern IRB course, with more than Clifton Beach 10 participants starting or completing either an IRB Crew or IRB Driver certificate, which was a fantastic result for our rescue readiness.

We also ran a centralised requalification day for members, which was very well received and proved to be a great success. Through the season, we also saw a strong uptake in qualifications, with new awards earned by patrolling members including 5 Advanced Resuscitation Techniques certificates, 14 Bronze Medallions, 17 First Aid certificates, 6 IRB Crew certificates, 2 IRB Driver certificates, 5 Patrol Captain qualifications, and 16 Surf Rescue Certificates.

Looking ahead, we will continue to build on this momentum by delivering regular proficiency sessions and training opportunities throughout the season. Our goal is to make training more accessible, more frequent, and more engaging for all members, while continuing to develop the skills needed to support both patrol operations and future growth.

Nathan Williamson

Training Officer



The 2025/26 season was a vibrant year for the Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club, filled with music, community connection, celebration, and sustainable fundraising.

A summer highlight, our Live & Local Music afternoon brought the community together for a relaxed session of Tasmanian talent, good food, and great company. The Lads from Powderkeg did a great job. Families, members, and locals gathered at the clubhouse to enjoy live performances in a laid-back beachside setting. This event continues to grow as a signature part of our summer social calendar.

Winter warmed up with the return of Dark Clifton – our atmospheric mid-year gathering inspired by Tasmania's winter arts culture. Fire pits, music, and a glowing community vibe made this a standout night. It's one of the most unique events on the club calendar and a favourite for members and locals alike.

Our Clubs celebration of the year! The 2025/26 Awards Night recognised the incredible efforts of our patrol teams, athletes, volunteers, and supporters. With a full house at the Clarence Cricket Club, it was a night of gratitude, laughter, and dancing. Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening special.

Throughout the season, the club continued its involvement in the Recycle Rewards container refund program. Members and the wider community donated their 10-cent containers to support the club's operations and youth programs. This ongoing initiative not only raises valuable funds but also supports a cleaner, greener community. We are happy to report we reached our fundraising goal of \$500, not a bad start but this is an ongoing program so keep donating.

From music nights to winter gatherings, from awards celebrations to sustainable fundraising, this season's social and community events showcased the heart of our club – connection, inclusion, and community spirit. We're grateful to every volunteer, performer, supporter, and family who helped make these events possible.

Tara Kelly

Events Co-ordinator

MEMBERSHIP

Summary of Clifton Beach SLSC membership details:

Age category	Male	Female	non-binary	Total
Polar bears	20	29		49
Under 8	15	13		28
Under 9	18	7		25
Under 10	11	9		20
Under 11	8	9		17
Under 12	7	6		13
Under 13	5	6		11
Under 14	8	11		19
Under 15	5	4		9
Total	97	94		191

Category	Male	Female	non-binary	Total
Under 17	8	8		16
18+ (active)	45	30		75
Associate	58	105		163
Life member	11	2		13
Total	122	145		267
Overall total	219	239		458

The club membership has had an increase of 8 members from 450 members in 2024/25 to 458 members in 2025/26.

Juanita Schofield

Membership Officer

SPONSORSHIP

Clifton Beach SLSC would like to thank the following sponsors for their continued and ongoing support:



- Westbar Properties
- Nest Property
- BV Electrical
- Rapid Water Cartage
- Surf Lifesaving Tasmania
- Clarence City Council



FINANCIAL

Scott Cason

CLIFTON BEACH
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.
Audited Financial Statements For The
Year Ended 30 April 2026

CLIFTON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

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Profit and Loss

Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc
For the year ended 30 April 2026

	2026	2025
Trading Income		
Annual Dinner Awards Night Income	4,045.36	3,896.18
Aussies Income	140.91	6,627.24
Bar Income	35,260.17	17,012.29
Canteen Income	20,826.94	25,820.32
Clothing and Uniform Income	9,810.80	18,639.49
Club House Hire Income	2,127.27	1,222.72
Competition Entry Fees Income	0.00	(934.10)
Competition Hosting Fees Income	636.36	1,531.82
Dark Clifton Income	14,502.23	12,851.69
Membership Fees Income	40,927.31	37,863.60
Old Equipment Sales Income	2,727.27	1,363.64
Other CBSLSC Events	3,017.92	0.00
Raffle Income	0.00	2,611.56
SLST Events Income	1,454.41	1,671.78
Summer at Clifton Event Income	0.00	0.00
Water Safety Income	1,272.73	1,272.73
Total Trading Income	136,749.68	131,450.96
Cost of Sales		
Annual Dinner Awards Night Cost of Sales	4,500.00	272.73
Bar Cost of Sales	13,630.52	5,386.85
Canteen Cost of Sales	12,508.24	11,364.09
Clothing and Uniform Cost of S	16,874.70	15,315.50
Dark Clifton Cost of Sales	7,072.13	5,921.37
Fundraising	0.00	0.00
Other CBSLSC Events Cost of Sales	2,706.71	0.00
SLST Functions Cost of Sales	2,050.00	954.55
Summer at Clifton Cost of Sales	0.00	0.00
Training Cost of Sales	0.00	127.27
Total Cost of Sales	59,342.30	39,342.36
Gross Profit	77,407.38	92,108.60
Other Income		
Bank Interest Income	510.97	362.94
Donations Income	3,675.18	17,139.55
Fundraising Income	3,177.24	204.55
Grants Income	34,538.85	24,300.00
Insurance Pay Outs Income	0.00	14,448.18
Merchant Fee Reimbursement	107.94	134.81
Sponsorship Income	21,367.47	25,381.68
Transport Competition Gear Income	4,034.07	2,236.36
Total Other Income	67,411.72	84,208.07

Profit and Loss

Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc
For the year ended 30 April 2026

	2026	2025
Administration Expense	2,420.30	2,168.50
AGM Expense	45.27	38.01
Annual Dinner Awards Night Expenses	1,548.18	6,262.32
Aussies Expense	3,425.78	7,710.33
Bank Charges Expense	0.00	0.00
Bar Expense	1,721.31	659.37
Canteen Expense	315.80	808.43
Capitation and Affiliation Expense	3,475.24	3,325.26
Carnival Hosting Expense	0.00	2,879.21
Catering Expenses	2,439.17	1,662.22
Cleaning Expense	5,595.55	5,127.52
Club House Extensions and Reno	3,806.34	102.56
Clubhouse Items Expense	10,548.33	1,919.48
Clubhouse Repairs and Maintenance Expens	1,632.80	7,339.41
Competition Entry Fees Expense	8,378.93	5,602.80
Dark Clifton Expense	1,997.72	1,207.59
Depreciation	40,009.78	35,990.73
Electricity Expense	3,387.17	2,389.65
Fuel Expense	709.85	1,037.36
ICT Hardware Expense	1,553.35	299.09
Insurance Expense	20,261.36	12,789.85
Interstate Competition Expenses	0.00	0.00
IRB Expense	4,804.14	8,801.80
Junior Activity Fees Expense	1,660.00	1,738.00
Lease Expense	99.35	96.91
Merchant Fees Expense	296.86	299.85
Nippers Program Expense	2,087.86	1,631.79
Other CBSLSC Events Expenses	3,043.58	0.00
Patrol/Life Saving Expense	2,148.60	2,543.99
Postage Expense	15.45	149.09
Rates Expense	1,382.70	1,361.05
Sponsorship Expense	409.08	0.00
Stripe Fees (no GST)	113.84	138.70
Sundry Expenses	0.00	0.00
Surf Board Expense	509.00	82.45
Surf Boat Expense	163.11	5,880.39
Surf Craft Expense	602.00	3,295.31
Telephone, Internet and Websit	1,812.49	1,717.76
Trailers Expense	2,392.91	1,790.05
Training Expense	81.82	45.46
Transport Competition Gear Expense	128.35	2,129.18
Trophies and Engraving	954.55	808.63
Vehicles and Tractor Expense	340.14	354.91
	575.00	510.00
WaterExpense		
Total Operating Expenses	136,893.06	132,695.01
Net Surplus	7,926.04	43,621.66

Balance Sheet

Clifton Beach SurfLife Saving Club Inc
As at 30 April 2026

	30 Apr 2026	30 Apr 2025
Assets		
Bank		
Everyday Business Account	14,626.55	8,237.32
Future Expenses	24,860.23	32,324.63
Online Saver Account	68,651.43	54,998.45
Surf Sports	4,306.83	2,726.27
Total Bank	112,445.04	98,286.67
Current Assets		
Bar Float	800.00	800.00
Canteen Float	600.00	600.00
TradeDebtors	6,615.50	4,439.15
Total Current Assets	8,015.50	5,839.15
Fixed Assets		
Club House Building&Land	1,184,592.77	1,184,592.77
Less Accm Depn	(503,803.41)	(463,793.63)
Radio Network	8,504.35	8,504.35
Sundry Equipment	161,931.92	153,731.92
Surf RescueEquipment	132,959.19	109,113.74
Total Fixed Assets	984,184.82	992,149.15
Total Assets	1,104,645.36	1,096,274.97
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
GST	(658.72)	(1,280.34)
TradeCreditors	0.00	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	(658.72)	(1,280.34)
Total Liabilities	(658.72)	(1,280.34)
Net Assets	1,105,304.08	1,097,555.31
Equity		
Current YearEarnings	7,926.04	43,621.66
Retained Earnings	1,097,378.04	1,053,933.65
Total Equity	1,105,304.08	1,097,555.31

Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club
Notes to and Forming Part of the Accounts
For the Year Ended 30 April 2026

Note 1: Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the association is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on special purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the Office Holders has determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements have been prepared on a accrual basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes, Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financials statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

Significant Accounting Polices:

a) Property, Plant & Equipment

Plant&equipment are included at cost or, where indicated, at independent or owners valuation. All items of plant & equipment are depreciated over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

CLIFTON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC

Statement by Members of the Committee

The Committee has 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 1 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 the Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc. 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 Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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



President

Date: 27/05/2026



Treasurer

Date:

CLIFTON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

For the year ended 30 April 2026

Club President	Matthew Clingleffer
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Club Captain	Simon Pilkington
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Treasurer	Scott Cason
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Secretary	Katie Groom
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Committee Members	Gabe Gossage Juanita Schofield Tara Kelly
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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
TO CLIFTON BEACH SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INC.**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 April 2026 there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Australian Charities And Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Michael Ian Derbyshire
Director

Date: 29 May 2026

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS
OF CLIFTON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.****Opinion**

We have audited the special purpose financial report of Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc. (the Entity), which comprises the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 April 2026, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended and notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc. has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 April 2026, and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for Opinion

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc. to maintain an effective system of internal control over fundraising and cash receipts until their initial entry into the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to fundraising and cash receipts was limited to the amounts recorded.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with 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 our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The special purpose financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Governance for the Financial Report**Those Charged with**

The Committee of the registered entity is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a 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 registered entities ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee either intends to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are 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 auditor's report that includes our 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 are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.



Michael Ian Derbyshire
Director

29 May 2026