



MANLY LIFE SAVING CLUB

99th Annual Report and Financial Statements

2009 - 2010



We are Manly Life Saving Club

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Aim:

Manly Life Saving Club aims to ensure Manly Beach is a safe place to swim; to prevent the loss of life and to develop and educate our youth.

Goals:

- To study, practice, demonstrate and promote methods of life saving.
- To patrol surf bathing areas solely, or in conjunction with other Surf Life Saving Clubs and/or Local Government Lifeguards.
- To minimise the loss of life from drowning by providing and maintaining efficient life saving equipment.
- To educate members and the community in beach, aquatic safety, the environment and promote skills and knowledge in beach and surf recreation.
- To provide facilities for enjoyable education and development of our youth, with additional emphasis on the Junior Activities section of the Club as a key part of our community service.
- To provide a safe and caring environment for all members and visitors and a place where they can meet in good fellowship.
- To provide access for disadvantaged and disabled groups to the services, facilities and educational programs of our Club.
- To promote competition to enhance the goals of the Club and in order to foster sportsmanship and values which will in turn promote harmony within the Club and its relationship with the community
- To encourage our members to obtain training, education and coaching qualifications/accreditation to enable them to provide training programs needed to help other Club members and members of the community.
- To subscribe to or otherwise aid benevolent, cooperative, charitable, national or other institutions or objects which in the opinion of the Club Committee have moral or other claims to support or aid from the Club.
- To encourage public, corporate and government sponsorship and support of our Club and surf life saving in general and to recognize that support whenever and wherever possible.
- To use all available resources to raise funds for the ongoing operation and future development of the Club and its community service.
- To promote the history of lifesaving and surfing and educate members of the club and the public through the Australian Surf Museum.

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC DAY was again well attended this year, organised by Col John Platt. A guest at our ceremony was Rev Fr Middleton SJ, Principal of St Aloysius College. He later wrote in his weekly newsletter the following about the service.

“On Anzac Day I had the privilege of participating in an Anzac Service at the Manly Life Saving Club. As the trumpet sounded out the Last Post over that iconic beach, it was striking to see people on the beach and along the beachfront come to a halt and observe the silence in memory of those who had fallen in war...

Those first Anzacs were an all-volunteer force and, unique amongst the combatant forces in the First World

War, Australia was to remain the only fully volunteer force.

Historically, volunteering has played an important role in Australian life. From volunteer rural fire services to surf life saving, and across a myriad of sporting and other associations, volunteers have played a key role in Australian society. ... Over the last 20 years or so the rate of volunteering in society appears to be on the decline, with many bodies facing ageing memberships. It is an issue that goes to the future direction of the Australian community. There are encouraging signs, however that such a decline has been arrested and that the young are leading the way. The numbers involved at surf lifesaving clubs, such as Manly, is one sign of health.”

ONE YEAR ON

In March 2009, a number of our members were involved in the successful resuscitation of Lukas, a young tourist from Poland. We are delighted to advise that Gary Auer, one of our members who was first on the scene, received this touching email from Lukas.

Today is one year from the time you saved my life. I cannot express in words my gratitude. I have not written because it was really hard for me to survive. I did not want to come back but I felt that I should. I do not know how to express this gratitude for you. A great pleasure for me was getting to know you and other people who helped me then.

Although our meeting was not long that will always remain in my memory. How are you? Like summer in Australia, in Poland, the winter comes to an end and I'm looking forward to spring because it's really cool:) ...

My entire family greets you warmly. Greeting from me to all the people from the club ... I greet you cordially.

Lukas.



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WHERE HAS NAOMI BEEN?

We recently received the following email

Naomi Flood has just paid a visit to Geraldton SLSC and spent a weekend working with our board paddlers and aspiring surf ski competitors. She was generous with her time and made an enormous impression on all over here lucky enough to come in contact with her.

We are one of the remotest clubs in Aust so it was especially appreciated her making such a long trip.

Congratulations on having such an outstanding member.

*Regards
Joe Knight-Smith
Head Coach GSLSC
Life Member SLSWA*



Naomi.