



ACROSS THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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NEWSLETTER

A LOOK INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- **Patrols Commenced**
Saturday 7 October the first patrol of the season was delivered, with a special guest.
- **Shaw and Partners**
Major partner Shaw and Partners continues relationship for another season!
- **Bar Operations**
Bar sales increase and some profits made.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Since my last 'Across the President's Desk' it has been a quiet winter. Winter did however see some of our members compete in the State and National Pool Championships - congratulations to all.

Welcome to the new season 2023/24. Let the fun begin.

Our AGM was held on 28th August 2023. The meeting was delayed for thirty minutes until we reached our quorum. Welcome to all our new committee members (these are listed below). Thank you to all the outgoing committee members who have served us well. I would also like to welcome our newest Life Member - **Damian Thompson** who was voted in at the AGM.

Our new Secretary, Mike Carter will upload minutes of the AGM and all Management meetings to the SLISA Members Portal.

I would like to welcome all those members that have volunteered for a position on our various committees this season, and also to the Age Group Managers and their helpers.

Without people like yourselves it would be difficult to run a Club the size of ours.

All areas are now well into their pre-season with great numbers braving the cold throughout winter. Water areas are also back to training at the beach.

It has been recently announced that Grange SLSC won the overall Club Championship for the 2022/23 surf season. Congratulations to all the Juniors, Seniors and Masters involved.

Reminding all members, that it's time to renew and pay your membership for the coming season. We have noted that a few people have completed the renew option but forgot to pay. Payment can be made through the Members portal via credit card after you complete your renewal.

JUNIOR OFFICE BEARERS 2023/24

Chairperson	Phil Kightley
Secretary	Damon Toivonen
Treasurer	Heather Thompson
Registrar	Christine MacLaren
Chief Instructor	Aaron Tuckfield
Gear Stewards	Scott Jenkin & Matt Pitman
Re-saleable Officer	Sarah McRae
Competition Officer	Emma Nicholas
Parent Representative (Male)	Kriston Chrisakis
Parent Representative (Female)	Sarah Gates
Social Convenor/Publicity	Ashlee Murphy

SENIOR OFFICE BEARERS 2023/24

President	Ralph Bock
Deputy President	Glen Scott
Secretary	Mike Carter
Treasurer	Heather Thompson
Club Captain	Caroline Kearney
Vice-Captain	Nic Meiers
Junior Chair	Phil Kightley
Registrar	Christine MacLaren
Chief Instructor	Hannah Darling
Junior Chief Instructor	Aaron Tuckfield
Competition Officer	Geri Kearney
Boat Captain	Craig Hornibrook
Board Captain	Michael Ralph
Ski Captain	Daniel Ryan

Swim Captain	Ben Edmonds
Beach Captain	Paul Channon
Lifesaving Captain	Volunteer Required
Re-saleable Officer	Sarah McRae
Race Secretary	Leah Hoendervanger
U17 Coordinator	John Jenner
U15 Coordinator	Tim Riley
Gym Officer	Michael Tuckfield
Radio Officer	Maria Pedicini
First Aid Officer	Michael Tuckfield
Gear Stewards	Rod Daniels & Andy Welch
Touring Team Manager	Ian Kilpatrick
Vehicle Officer	Michael Ralph

COMMITTEES & OTHER POSITIONS 2023/24

Life Member	Heather Thompson Robert Thompson Aaron Tuckfield Geri Kearney Brian Simpson
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Building Committee	Glen Scott Robert Thompson Craig Nicholson Craig Hornibrook Damian Thompson
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Legal Advisor	David Swain
Constitution Committee	Peter Bacciarelli Ralph Bock
Revenue Committee	Heather Thompson David James Simon James Nadine Hewson

Medical Officers	Dr James Smyth Dr Jessica James
Disciplinary Committee	Glen Scott Phil Kightley 1 Life Member - TBC Jason James Rod Daniels

SHAW AND PARTNERS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our major partner Shaw and Partners. After three years, this wonderful relationship will continue this season.

We thank once again **Earl Evans** and **Allan Zion** (co-CEOs of Shaw and Partners) for their ongoing support and generosity. It is also important to acknowledge the tireless work of **Fraser MacLeod** with our Shaw and Partners relationship.

The renewal of our partnership with Shaw and Partners will see Grange SLSC receive new Race One surfcraft this season. We will have new Nipper Boards, Racing Malibus, Surf Skis and Paddles. This is all through the \$40,000 worth of equipment Shaw and Partners have provided.

Thank you, Shaw and Partners, Race One and Fraser MacLeod.

Quoting our Club Captain, Caroline Kearney

"We are so grateful for Shaw and Partners continued support. Supplying new Race One surfcraft for the season ahead will make a huge impact for all members as we defend our Junior State Champions title and look to add a couple more for the Seniors and Masters! Go Grange!!"



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (LIFESAVING)

Our Training & Development of members continues to happen.

Huge thanks to **Hannah Darling** for the work and commitment towards managing the T & D for proficiencies, SRC's, new Bronzies and returning Bronze members as well as all other awards.

Many thanks to all our Trainers who volunteer their time to train and conduct the annual proficiencies and to train members for various awards.

Programs coming up include:

- SRC Course – 11th and 12th October
- SRC to Bronze Course 21st and 22nd October
- Returning Bronze Course 4th November
- State Bronze assessment Sunday 19th November (location TBC)
- Full Bronze course starting 1st November

STORAGE UNIT

Our off site Storage facility, on Fort Street, Grange Reserve, to coexist with Grange Royals Hockey Club, is progressing well.

With an approximate cost of between \$100k to \$120k, we will need to acquire grants from local, State and Federal governments. Hopefully opportunities may arise within both Clubs [Surf and Hockey] for any contacts for funding, sponsorship and expertise etc.

We have lodged a grant application with OARS for 50% funding but this would still mean we have to fund approximately \$60,000. The pavers mentioned below will help contribute to this if we can sell them all.

FUNDRAISING

We are continually looking for various ways to find income for the Club. This income, in addition to running the Club helps us procure new plant and equipment. Some of the equipment we are looking at replacing include:

- Bar Fridges (x2) \$4,000 each - *We are looking for sponsors for these where your name will be displayed on the unit/s*
- Kitchen Dishwasher \$8,000
- Board Trailer \$18,000
- Training Room blinds \$3,000
- New 4WD Patrol Vehicle \$TBC

Congratulations to the boat area for being forthright and over the past 18 months organising and running Bunnings BBQ's to help raise funds for their area.

The Board area is also raising money for their much needed Board Trailer by providing water cover for the Triathlons at West Lakes.

Pavers

As you know, we are continually faced with financial restraints to continue to grow our clubs facilities and equipment. We now have council approval for the proposed off-site storage building however this will cost in excess of \$120,000.

As a part of our fund raising we have put together an initiative where members, sponsors, businesses and other contributors can purchase a personally worded paver to be placed on the beach side of the club house replacing approximately current 190 pavers. There will be 40 unique double pavers in a separate prominent position at \$750 and 150 single pavers at \$175 in three areas. A display of each example will be in the club later in October along with order forms.

The fundraiser will commence soon with the target of raising \$50,000. We propose that a paver laying member event will take place in early 2024.

We hope you will be able to contribute and have you or your family be a significant and identifiable contributor to Grange SLSC. Keep an eye out on our socials for further details.

Drakes Stores

If you already shop at Drakes make sure you download the app and once done in your settings for Community Dollars, select Grange Surf Life Saving Club as we receive a small % of your purchases returned to us. Scan at each shop and we get dollars!!!



Entertainment Book

Save yourself some money on various outings and purchases and again for everyone that purchases a single or multiple state option the club receives funding. A WIN, WIN for all.

Support us today and help us reach our fundraising goals

<https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/161n502>



Izuzu Ute Australia

Isuzu Ute Australia is proud to support SLSA's mission and commitment to keeping our beaches safe. As a thank you to Surf Life Saving Members, Isuzu Ute Australia are proud to offer exclusive discount pricing across the Isuzu D-MAX and MU-X range.

Plus, with every vehicle purchased by a Grange member, Isuzu Ute Australia will donate \$500 to Grange Surf Life Saving Club. Thank you to both **Bronwynn Kemp** and **Shane Gleeson** for getting the club \$500 each.



NEW SPONSORS AND PARTNERSHIPS

On behalf of the Management and the general membership, I would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to the following companies and individuals for their generous support of Grange Surf Life Saving Club. It is through the generosity of great organisations, businesses and individuals such that the lifesaving skills and competition programs for our members can be realised.

ExxonMobil Australia

ExxonMobil's assistance with the purchase of our Can-Am Defender HD9 XU Side by Side Vehicle (SSV) will help Grange Surf Life Saving Club members provide an essential and highly visible voluntary patrol service along six kilometres of one of Adelaide's most beautiful and busiest stretches of beach – from Henley Beach to Tennyson.

ATEC

Thanks to **Ryan McMurtrie**, we have secured a monetary sponsorship from ATEC.

ATEC provides skills training, apprenticeship and recruitment services for businesses, existing workers, jobseekers, apprentices, school students and school leavers.

Website: <https://atec.asn.au/>

ACDelco

Website: <https://www.acdelcoservice.com.au/all-makes-and-models-service/>

Buddy Denison

Buddy has recently donated over \$1,000 worth of red wine to the club for sale over the bar.

The Grant Family

Through their businesses Seaton Swim, Largs Bay Swim & Fulham Funerals our Club has benefited immensely. We appreciate the renewing of support the **Grant Family** is providing to the Club.

Seaton Swim Centre

The Seaton Swim Centre, a landmark Swim School has been an integral part of the Western Suburbs and the wider community for over 40 years.

The Seaton Swim Centre's pool is indoor and heated to 32 degrees Celsius all year round.

It is 25 metres in length with 5 lanes.

Seaton Swim Centre offers swim lessons for babies, children and adults as well as aquarobics, swim for fit and public lap swimming.

Website: <https://www.seatonswimcentre.com.au/>

Largs Bay Swim Centre

Largs Bay Swim Centre is located on Victoria Road, Largs Bay. They pride themselves on your child's development. No matter what the season, even if it's too cold or windy outside, Largs Bay Swim Centre specialise in teaching children to swim in the 25 metre heated swimming pool in an indoor heated environment all year round.

Website: <http://www.largsbayswimcentre.com.au/>

Fulham Funerals

Fulham Funerals is a family-owned and operated business that has been serving South Australians for more than 30 years. Our experience combined with our attention to detail in making all necessary arrangements means you can pay special tribute to your loved one. Regardless of culture or faith, these tributes permit you to grieve, love, laugh and begin to live again.

Website: <https://fulhamfunerals.com.au/>

ExxonMobil



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City of Charles Sturt

We recently received a ward allowance from Council with which we have purchased two new surf rescue boards for the new patrolling season.

State & Federal Governments

Many thanks to the following:

- Commonwealth Government and the BSEF Grant which will also allow us some funds to buy lifesaving equipment including the new ATV.
- The Office of Recreation and Sport have also provided us funding for two new Nipper Boards.

It is so great to see all these organisations and individuals supporting the Club as we have some major expenses looming. We are constantly looking for grants or opportunities to increase funding.

If anyone knows a person or business that would be interested in supporting the Club please reach out so we can provide them with information.

BAR OPERATIONS

The good news is that the bar has got through the slow off season period and is now looking forward to the busy summer season. We even made a profit in these slow times, which is great.

Looking at the bar sales figures, there has been several good months, including September where we were up 87% on the sales in September 2022. Also in July our bar sales beat the July 2022 figures. Thanks to **Martin Grace** for his assistance in the smooth running of the bar and his financial systems in place.

Unfortunately, our overall financial year to date bar sales are below what our point of sales system is saying we sold for the same time last year, but it is early days. A huge positive is the amazing volunteer help from our members, which means a profit due to not having to pay staff wages. This help is especially from **Sean Bock** and his bar staff team, and Glen Scott and his functions team.

Marketing, signage on the front of the Club, and word of mouth has helped make the general public aware we are open. It is great to regularly see new faces over the winter months having a meal and drink. We hope this will continue and grow over the summer period, and then year on year. Please make them feel welcome in our club when you see them. Remember the bar is open on Sunday afternoons from 2 – 5pm for a quiet drink with family or friends.



There is still a long way to go to get the bar income, and venue hire income, up to a level to significantly assist with the Club's large operational costs each year, so we are far from being out of the woods. We all need to continually assist in generating income for the club so we can turn our financial situation around, because it's not a good situation when we spend more money than we bring in. For example, it would be great if we had one or more groups help organise a few fundraising shows throughout the year. **Aaron (Tuckers) Tuckfield** has done a great job with Mug Punters, and set a great example of what can be done by just one person, but we really need a few more big fundraising events throughout the year.

BAR OPERATIONS

Glen Scott has been doing an amazing job of managing our functions. We have been able to secure some corporate functions on weekdays as well as functions in the evenings. Glen lives a long way from the club so we are looking to get a team of volunteers that can assist with opening for functions or showing people our venue. If you can help can you please contact Ralph or Glen to arrange a group of people that have the time to help out.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

- South Coast boat series begins on the 7th October
- Patrols start today Saturday 7th October
- Senior River camp on the 13th - 15th October
 - Some of you may recall the successful camp at Kingston-on-Murray a couple of years ago. Due to the floods this venue has not reopened. The new location for this season will be the COBDOGLA Station Caravan Park. This camp is for all Open, U19, U17, U15, U14 and Masters members. Parents welcome. Accommodation is varied that includes: The Dirt option or the Cabin option or a powered site. To show your interest refer to the Club Facebook page for full details. Our Board Captain, Michael Ralph is seeking expressions of interest for the camp.
- Kozii enduro on West Lakes 22nd October
- Board Riding State Championships 28th and 29th October
- Juniors start on the beach on Saturday 21st October
- Junior Camp 27th & 28th October at Aldinga
- Tiny Tots start on 4th November
- Junior Carnival at Grange on Sunday 17th December

Ouzo Odyssey - presented by the Samian Association of South Australia

Sunday 15th October 1pm-6.30pm

This is an exciting event coming up that we think you'll absolutely love. We'd like to invite you to the Samian Ouzo Odyssey event, an exclusive gathering that promises to be an unforgettable experience. Come join us for a day filled with Greek culture, delicious drinks, and great company.

Highlights include:

Guided Ouzo tastings by local Ouzo distiller Nicholas Ikonomos of Adelaide Distillery

Four Ouzos tastings included in ticket price (two of these Ouzos are unavailable in Australia)

A mouthwatering meat and seafood lunch prepared by the renowned Ikonic Kitchen

Live Greek music by "Laika Paithia" to set the perfect ambiance for a delightful day by the beach

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to savour the amazing flavours of premium Ouzo, enjoy a delightful meal, and immerse yourself in the vibrant sounds of Greek music. It's an experience you won't want to miss! Secure your spot now by booking your tickets at: trybooking.com/CLBVC

PATROLS

Yesterday we saw Minister for Emergency Services Joe Szakscs MP visit our first patrol.

It was good for Joe to feel the Grange sand between his toes (a long time since he was a Nipper at Grange). He was delighted to see such a large group of members patrolling the first day of what could be a very warm season.



Nic Meiers has sent out all the patrol rosters for this season, if by chance you have not seen yours, please contact Nic to ensure you know which dates you are rostered.

See you in the surf.

Ralph Bock – President – 0410 433 424

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