



Subiaco Primary School Parents and Citizens Association

Annual General Meeting

Pool Committee Report - Term 1 2023 – 27 February 2023

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1. Overview

It's been a pleasure to see so many families and community members enjoy the pool over the 2022/2023 season. Attendees have come from many different areas, not just Subiaco including West Leederville Primary, Rosalie Primary, Jolimont Primary, John XXIII College and Perth College. In addition, we've had attendance by local Subiaco Cub Scouts and community members with no school affiliation whatsoever.

I am grateful to Subiaco Primary School, Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia Inc, the City of Subiaco, volunteer parents, Commercial Aquatics (Education Department's contractor) and all our pass holders for supporting it.

2. Pool Season

The pool season opened on Friday 25 November 2022 and is scheduled to close on Sunday 12 March 2023.

3. Pool activity

The below table shows the number of passes sold in the 2022/2023 season (as at 13 February 2023) compared to earlier seasons:

2023/2022	2022/2021	2021/2020
153 family passes	162 family passes	154 family passes
40 ten visit passes	75 ten visit passes	72 ten visit passes.

My view is that the reduction in sales of passes this season is reflective of:

- (i) a cooler summer as we did not have any days over 40 degrees Celsius, and
- (ii) Covid-19 restrictions lifting which resulted in more people being away over the summer holidays.

The volume of pool parties/private events was incredible. It was booked out every weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of the season apart from a few dates. We also had some bookings on weekdays over

the holidays. 70 hours of parties were booked (at \$110 per hour) at 30 private events. Total revenue was \$7,700 minus Royal Lifesaving lifeguard costs.

The pool also hosted school swimming lessons, grading races, fun days and swimming carnivals.

The pool was operational every day of the season. Despite ongoing issues with leaf debris in the foot valves, we did not have any major mechanical or dosing failures which was a relief.

This season, the City of Subiaco requested a grant of 5 pool passes to share with vulnerable or low income families in the Subiaco area. It was a pleasure to meet some of the recipients of these passes, including residents of Wandana Flats.

4. Funding and costs

We were extremely fortunate to receive a significant amount of funding from the City of Subiaco - \$5000.

Additional grant opportunities were explored via The Grants Hub and Grant Connect but unfortunately the pool did not fit any of the requirements. It is worthwhile continuing to check these databases on a yearly basis in case new grants arise.

We have continued to reduce operating costs this season by having parent volunteers attend the pool twice a week to conduct testing and operational maintenance instead of Royal Lifesaving. This has worked very well and I am hoping we can continue this arrangement in the 2023/24 season.

5. Pool Support

We have had an active group of Subiaco Primary staff and parents regularly attend the pool for technical care and garden maintenance.

The team from SPS (Vince and the admin staff) are highly valued for their time and assistance. In particular Vince has been fantastic carting bucket loads of leaves and debris away every week. He has also arranged, and undertaken maintenance works around the pool such as rectification of the damaged paving.

Shan Carberry, Uniform Shop Coordinator, has been a valued partner. Her assistance with sales and Shopify is highly appreciated. She is always so efficient, responsive and supportive.

I also want to formally thank and recognise the important contribution from the following parent volunteers:

- Lindsay Dodd
- Cait Tonkin
- Julia Lockett
- Rob Hall
- Alex Hill
- Michael Rowe

Last but not least, I am very grateful to Royal Lifesaving, in particular Ali Harding, Warren Goodwin and the wonderful lifeguards and operations staff for their ongoing work. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated, caring, knowledgeable and fun team supporting our pool. We could not operate without them and their contribution is invaluable.

6. Trespassers and vandalism

Unfortunately, the pool was subject to trespassing and vandalism prior to the 2022/2023 pool season. Thankfully, the police became actively involved following one night of rampage that resulted in property damage and arson. As of 13 February 2023, we had only one incident of trespassing at the

pool during the season. This was in marked contrast to the 2021/2022 season when vandalism occurred almost every weekend of the summer holidays and the period leading up to it.

Subiaco Primary has lodged an insurance claim for a damaged pool blanket following three incidents of vandalism and damage (two in the previous season and one this season). The blanket is ripped in multiple places because of vandals jumping on it. This is documented by CCTV footage and photographic evidence.

7. Future management of the pool

I have thoroughly enjoyed helping to manage the pool over the last four seasons. It is a beautiful place to spend time and rewarding to see so many families and community members enjoying it.

I hope a replacement person or persons is readily found and they enjoy this role as much as I have. I will ensure a detailed handover takes place and all relevant documentation is supplied.