

Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club



Annual Report 2016-2017



Highlights

NO LIVES LOST
32

RESCUES



378

PREVENTATIVE
ACTIONS



88

FIRST AID
TREATMENTS



144

NEW
AWARDS



435

NIPPERS



278

ACTIVE MEMBERS

NEW CONSTITUTION

NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

6495

VOLUNTEER

HOURS ON PATROL



1

NEW IRB

1153

MEMBERS

435

JUNIOR ACTIVE MEMBERS

35

ACTIVE MEMBERS (15-18)

185

ACTIVE MEMBERS (OVER 18)

24

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

5

AWARD MEMBERS

58

CADET MEMBERS

322

GENERAL MEMBERS

48

LONG SERVICE MEMBERS

4

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

5

LEAVE / RESTRICTED MEMBERS

9

RESERVE ACTIVE MEMBERS

22

LIFE MEMBERS

1

HONORARY MEMBER

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92ND ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 2016-2017

To be presented to the members at the 92nd Annual General Meeting, to be held at
Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club on 30 July 2017

Scorecard

Avalon Beach SLSC Club Sustainability Scoring 2015/16

ADMIN	Annual Compliance	Compliant?	Yes
	Committee Turn Over Rate	Below State Average? (18.5%)	0%
PARTICIPATION	Membership Trends	Positive total membership trend?	Minus 69
		Positive Active membership trend?	Minus 28
	Retention Trends	Total is above State Average? (63%)	64%
		Active is above State Average? (72%)	78%
	Membership Conversion	General/Associate conversation above State Average? (3.5%)	1.5%
	Age Manager Ratios	Compliant with 1:20 ratio?	Yes
EDUCATION	Officials vs 18+ Members	Compliant with ratio?	Yes
	IRB Trainer/Facilitator to Active Proficient Bronze Members:	State Average Ratio? (1:44)	1:49
	IRB Assessor/Facilitator to Active Proficient Bronze Members:	State Average? (1:59)	1:65
	Total IRB TAFs to Active Proficient Bronze Members:	Total is above State Average? (1:40)	1:39
	ART Trainer/Facilitator to Active Proficient Bronze Members:	Total is above State Average? (1:54)	1:49
	ART Assessor/Facilitator to Active Proficient Bronze Members:	Total is above State Average? (1:62)	1:98
	Total ART TAFs to Active Proficient Bronze Members:	Total is above State Average? (1:50)	1:49
	% of active Trainers, Assessors & Facilitators	Total is above State Average? (76%)	60%
	% difference in proficient Bronze holders (compared to last season)	Total is above State Average? (80%)	82%
	% difference in proficient IRB Crew holders (compared to last season)	Total is above State Average? (119%)	111%
	% difference in proficient IRB Driver holders (compared to last season)	Total is above State Average? (87%)	86%
	% difference in proficient ART holders (compared to last season)	Total is above State Average? (89%)	79%
	% difference in proficient SM BBM holders (compared to last season)	Total is above State Average? (83%)	71%
	% difference in proficient First Aid holders (compared to last season)	Total is above State Average? (74%)	87%
	Capability in relation to Bronze need	Total is above State Average? (323%)	436%
	Capability in relation to ART need	Total is above State Average? (309%)	447%
	Capability in relation to IRB Crew need	Total is above State Average? (337%)	333%
	Capability in relation to IRB Driver need	Total is above State Average? (177%)	167%
	Capability in relation to SM BBM need	Total is above State Average? (269%)	253%
	Capability in relation to First Aid need	Total is above State Average? (248%)	560%
LIFESAVING	Active Membership		282
	Contributing Members	More than the Club's Active Membership numbers?	258
	Patrol Hours Completed		6931
	Average of rostered hours (start of season)	Actual hours of contributing members is above rostered average?	30.17
	Average hours per contributing member		26.86
	Average hours per member	Greater than 40 hours per member?	24.58

Overview

Mission

To save lives, create great Australians and build a better community.

Values – Who We Are

- Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) is the largest volunteer organisations in the world. SLSA is the peak coastal water safety drowning prevention and rescue authority, performing thousands of rescues, preventative actions and first aid treatments every year.
- Our primary role is to save lives at the beach and undertake preventative actions by providing water safety and lifesaving services.
- Avalon Beach SLSC is part of the 21 clubs within Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Branch, the 129 clubs within Surf Life Saving New South Wales and 313 clubs within Surf Life Saving Australia with a total of approximately 169,000 members.
- Since Avalon Beach SLSC was established in 1925, surf lifesavers have patrolled Avalon Beach on weekends and public holidays each season (between September and April) wearing the internationally recognised and highly visible bright red and yellow uniforms.
- Avalon Beach SLSC is a charitable, community based, not-for-profit volunteer organisation.
- We deliver an array of lifesaving, education, surf sports and member activities including social, community and surf sports events.
- We stand for life. We protect life. We promote life. We save life.
- Our movement prides itself on providing members with a sense of belonging, education, skills and the opportunity to give back to the community. We welcome Australians of all backgrounds, beliefs and ages.

Our Purpose

- Avalon Beach SLSC exists to save lives and we are committed to prevent drownings at Avalon Beach and wherever our members operate.
- Avalon Beach is one of the most dangerous beaches in the Sydney region.
- Avalon Beach SLSC averages 58 rescues per year. We are proud of our history of no loss of life between the flags. In 2015, volunteer lifesavers in NSW completed almost 6000 rescues, saving at least 320 lives.
- We undertake rescues and preventative actions, perform first aid and educate the community about water safety.

Strategic Priorities

- Our strategic priorities are:
- LIFESAVING
 - CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
 - ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATION
 - GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL SECURITY
 - YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
 - NIPPERS
 - SURF SPORTS
 - EDUCATION
 - CLUB HOUSE

For more information refer to the Avalon Beach SLSC Strategic Plan 2021.

Board of Management



President
RICHARD COLE



Deputy President
PETER CARTER



Deputy President
JEFF NESBITT



Director of Administration
LEANNE AUSTIN



Director of Finance
BERNADETTE MCKAY



Director of Life Saving
(Club Captain)
MELISSA HALL



Deputy Director of
Life Saving
ANDREW CROW



Director of Education
(Chief Training Officer)
LOUISE LINDOP



Deputy Director of
Education
TERRY BARBER



Public Officer
KEVIN VEALE



IRB Captain
ALAN MORAN



Director of Surf Sports
NICK SAMPSON



Surf Boat Captain
MATT MAYALL



Director of Junior Activities
PIM JOHN VAN GESTEL



Junior Captain
MIKE STANLEY-JONES



Event Manager
VOLKER KLEMM

Office Bearers

Club Officers

Publicity Officer
Registrar
Marketing & Sponsorship
Second Delegate to the Branch
Board Captain
Ski Captain
Swim Captain/Handicapper
Radio Officer
Gear Steward
First Aid Officer
Beach Vehicle Officer
Building Officer
Caretakers
Social Secretary
IRB Competition Manager
Beach Captain
Masters Captain
Competition Manager

Ocean Swim Organiser
Member Protection Officer

Roger Sayers
Carmen Meehan
Richard Cole
Wilson Gamble
Thomas Curnow
Patrick Quinlan
Tim Hixson
Kevin Veale
Thomas Curnow
Warwick Wilcoxson
Terry Barber
Robert Hopton / Richard Cole
Jean Harper / Xanthe Friend
Christine Hopton OAM
Terry Barber
Nick Sampson
Chris McGuckin
Chris McGuckin
Roland Luke
Volker Klemm
Leanne Austin

Junior Activities Committee

Director of Junior Activities
Deputy Director of Junior Activities
Deputy Director of Junior Activities
JAC Secretary
JAC Treasurer
JAC Registrar
JAC Competition Manager
JAC Point Score Officer
JAC Water Proficiency Officer
JAC Communications
JAC Canteen Officer
JAC Social Secretary Emma Lynch
Marketing & Sponsorship

JAC Surf Education Officer
JAC Gear Steward
JAC Water Safety Officer

JAC Clothing Officer
JAC Member Protection Officer

Pim John van Gestel
Mike Stanley-Jones
Matthew Brennan
Stephanie Stoddard
Jo Stewart
Shellie Vincent
Dave Roberts
Pim John van Gestel
Matthew Brennan
Gem Lehman
Brian Wetherall

Pim John van Gestel /
Michael Casey
Tom Richardson
Martin Schaut
Pim John van Gestel /
Mike Stanley-Jones
Emma Lynch
Nicky Brennan

Life Members and Service Honours

Awards Committee

Michael Byrnes OAM
Bruce Muston
Warren Young OAM
Bob Head
Roger Sayers
Richard Cole
Melissa Hall

Patrons

Hon Bronwyn Bishop
John Brogden AM



Statistics

MEMBERSHIP										
Category	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17
Active 18+ M	79	79	97	106	112	108	127	134	128	127
Active 18+ F	41	42	42	44	46	43	60	57	53	58
Active 15-18 M	0	11	17	26	31	37	20	33	39	19
Active 15-18 F	0	14	15	18	19	26	13	9	27	16
Reserve Active M	19	21	20	18	14	11	9	10	6	7
Reserve Active F	2	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2
Award Member M	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	1	2
Award Member F	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	3
Cadets M	2	8	5	3	4	6	14	33	9	18
Cadets F	12	17	10	8	6	2	18	27	15	40
Junior Active M	194	148	155	199	197	204	212	204	208	209
Junior Active F	193	154	154	191	183	184	195	250	230	226
General M	50	86	81	98	82	88	88	183	164	154
General F	67	71	70	96	90	75	77	198	188	168
Long Service M	30	32	29	26	26	26	24	25	29	41
Long Service F	1	1	3	3	2	4	2	2	3	7
Associate M	11	11	13	13	7	15	13	20	22	21
Associate F	2	3	5	4	0	1	5	9	3	3
Life Member M	22	22	21	21	20	19	18	20	21	21
Life Member F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Probationary M	21	1	7	1	1	0	2	0	1	3
Probationary F	10	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Honorary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Leave / Restricted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
TOTAL	756	725	748	878	841	850	899	1218	1153	1153

AWARDS										
Category	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17
ARTC	23	5	8	6	3	1	16	15	7	17
Bronze Medallion	25	32	50	40	3	47	38	47	53	40
Defib Certificate	21	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gold Medallion	1	5	1	1	3	1	3	1	1	1
IRB Crew	13	3	5	8	0	8	7	2	8	11
Senior First Aid Cert	0	8	1	15	26	8	37	22	16	24
Silver Med AEC	9	2	9	5	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
Silver Med Acquatic Rescue	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Silver Med BBM	18	8	0	14	17	0	6	5	2	8
Silver Med IRB Driver	1	3	0	4	6	1	0	6	2	2
Spinal Management	22	1	30	9	11	6	8	6	3	0
Surf Rescue Cert (CPR)	12	14	16	30	16	35	44	36	42	39
Other	0	16	9	31	6	17	10	7	11	2
TOTAL	145	113	129	163	91	124	171	148	145	144

RESCUES										
Category	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17
Without Gear	5	5	1	3	0	1	0	9	3	1
Rescue Tube	6	1	1	4	6	6	9	4	21	0
Rescue Board	25	3	15	22	38	20	18	35	38	27
IRB	15	5	9	5	11	4	12	6	18	4
Other	0	1	0	1	4	2	0	2	0	0
TOTAL RESCUES	51	15	26	35	59	33	39	56	80	32
Resuscitation Cases	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Preventative Actions	1065	658	1032	1491	951	738	556	621	453	378
First Aid	113	85	90	193	40	139	40	42	102	88
TOTAL	1229	758	1148	1721	1050	910	635	719	635	498

Results Highlights

2016 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – THE NETHERLANDS

Gold
U23 Men's Surf Boat – The Pinkies – Andrew Bright, Nick Sampson, Matt Mayall, Tom Curnow, Nathan Wellings (sweep)
180 years Women's Surf Boat Race – The Antiques - Kerry McEwan, Kate Munro, Beverley Tilbury, Donna Wishart, Rick Millar (sweep)

4th
Open Men's Surf Boat – The Pinkies – Andrew Bright, Nick Sampson, Matt Mayall, Tom Curnow, Nathan Wellings (sweep)
Open Women's Surf Boat Race – The Antiques - Kerry McEwan, Kate Munro, Beverley Tilbury, Donna Wishart, Rick Millar (sweep)

2017 WORLD MASTERS – AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

Gold
180 yrs min Female Surf Boat – The Antiques – Amelia Butler, Kate Munro, Beverley Tilbury, Donna Wishart, Rick Millar (sweep)

2017 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, GOLD COAST, QLD

Silver
180 yrs min Male Surf Boat – The Knobs - Adam Schofield, Daryl Johnson, Peter Carter, Shaun Wolthers, Nathan Wellings (sweep)

Bronze
180 yrs min Female Surf Boat - The Antiques – Amelia Butler, Kate Munro, Beverley Tilbury, Donna Wishart, Rick Millar (sweep)

AUSTRALIAN SURF ROWERS LEAGUE, SHELLHARBOUR, NSW

Gold
180 yrs min Female Surf Boat - Avalon Beach Antiques – Amelia Butler, Kate Munro, Beverley Tilbury, Donna Wishart, Rick Millar (sweep)

Silver
Masters 160 Female Surf Boat – DBs Mel Akehurst, Amanda Dale, Stephanie Stoddard, Shannon Fletcher, Rick Millar (Sweep)

2017 Best of the Best Surf Boat Challenge Results

Silver
U23 Men's Surf Boat – The Pinkies Nick Sampson, Matt Mayall, Peter Ashcroft, Scott Poole, Nathan Wellings (sweep)

2017 NSW CHAMPIONSHIPS, SWANSEA, NSW

Silver
U23 Men's Surf Boat – The Pinkies Nick Sampson, Matt Mayall, Peter Ashcroft, Scott Poole, Nathan Wellings (sweep)
U13 Beach Relay – Tyella Toll, Samantha Casey, Nina McGuffog, Tegan Scott

Bronze

180 years Women's Surf Boat – The Antiques – Amelia Butler, Kate Munro, Beverley Tilbury, Donna Wishart, Rick Millar (sweep)
U23 Women's Surf Boat – The Avocados – Amelia Barber, Ellie DiBiagio, Lauren Petersen, Chloe Scott
U11 Flags – Ava Roberts
U11 1km Run – Jasmine Robinson
U11 Board Rescue - Josh Kerr, Kai Calleja

2016 NSW BOARD RIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS – SOLDIERS BEACH, NSW

Gold
Over 40 Female short board – Moana Roberts

Silver
Over 40 long board – Moana Roberts
U13 short board – Arch Whiteman

Bronze
U13 short board – Van Whiteman
U13 short board – Tiya Collins

SLSSNB BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS, NSW

Gold
65-69 years Ironman – Bob Richardson
65-69 years Ski – Alan Channells
60-64 years Board – Chris McGuckin
65-69 years Board – Bob Richardson
170 years Board Relay – Darren Warrener / Chris McGuckin / Bob Richardson
40-44 years Tube Rescue – Ashley Brown
50-54 years Tube Rescue – Darren Warrener
40-44 years Board Rescue – Darren Warrener / Ashley Brown
60-64 years Board Rescue – Chris McGuckin / Bob Richardson

U11 1km run – Jasmine Robinson
U11 Beach relay – Ava Roberts, Jasmine Robinson, Claudia Vincent, Ruby Keating
U13 Beach relay – Tegan Scott, Nina McGuffog, Sammy Casey, Tyella Toll
160 years Men's Surf Boat – The Nows – Stephane Verhaeghe, Andrew Hall, Drew Gabb, Ashley Cardiff, Jean Harper (sweep)
180 years Women's Surf Boat Race – The Antiques – Amelia Butler, Kate Munro, Beverley Tilbury, Donna Wishart, Rick Millar (sweep)

Silver
40-44 years Swim – Ashley Brown
50-54 years Swim – Darren Warrener
60-64 Tube Rescue – Chris McGuckin
U11 Sprint – Ava Roberts
U12 1km run – Oscar Lane
U13 Sprint - Tegan Scott

U11 Board relay - Jasmine Robinson, Ava Roberts, Claudia Vincent
160 Female Surf Boat – The DBs Mel Akehurst, Amanda Dale, Stephanie Stoddard, Shannon Fletcher, Rick Millar (Sweep)

Bronze

U10 Beach relay - Lucy Johns, Marlena Letts, Evie Waters, Isla Evans
U11 Flags – Ava Roberts
U12 Relay – Rosie Brennan, Lucy Bell, Emily Waters, Ruby Stanley-Jones
U13 Flags – Nina McGuffog
U14 Sprint – Thomas Kerr
U9 Board relay – Hamish Nosworthy, Ben Kerr, Josh Leigh
U11 Board rescue –Jasmine Robinson, Ava Roberts

U23 Women's Surf Boat – The Avocados – Amelia Barber, Ellie DiBiagio, Lauren Petersen, Chloe Scott

200 Male Surf Boat – The Clowns – Mark Wood, Craig Goozee, Brent Williams, Brendan Paine, Hector Heathcote

SYDNEY NORTHERN BEACHES SURF BOATS – BRANCH POINT SCORE

Gold
U23 Men's Surf Boat – The Pinkies – Nick Sampson, Matt Mayall, Peter Ashcroft, Scott Poole , Nathan Wellings (sweep)

Bronze
U23 Women's Surf Boat – The Avocados Amelia Barber, Ellie DiBiagio, Lauren Petersen, Chloe Scott

180 years Women's Surf Boat Race – The Antiques – Amelia Butler, Kate Munro, Beverley Tilbury, Donna Wishart, Rick Millar (sweep)

NSW IRB CHAMPIONSHIPS POINTSCORE

Gold
Rookie Mass Rescue – Todd Barber, Zach Dale, Patients

EAST COAST MASTERS

Gold
150 years Taplin - Ashley Brown / Ross Bidscope / Chris McGuckin
170years Board Relay - Grant Salmon / Chris McGuckin / Bob Richardson
60-64 years Board - Chris McGuckin
65-69 years Board - Bob Richardson
65-69 years Tube - Bob Richardson
40-44 years Board Rescue - Grant Salmon / Ashley Brown
60-64 years Board Rescue - Bob Richardson / Chris McGuckin
60-64 years Iron Man - Chris McGuckin

Silver
Ski Relay - Ross Bidscope / Pat Quinlan/ Bob Richardson
40-44 years Board - Ashley Brown
60-64 Tube - Chris McGuckin
65-69 years Iron Man - Bob Richardson

Bronze
150 years Board Relay - Ross Bidscope / Pat Quinlan / Ashley Brown
60-64 years Ski - Chris McGuckin

65-69 years Ski - Bob Richardson
40-44 years Tube - Ashley Brown
40-44 years Swim - Ashley Brown

Reports

President's Report



On Saturday, 26th November last year in the early afternoon a member of Patrol 4 noticed three young girls caught in the rip at North Avalon. The surf was powerful, with large sets coming through, and breaking on a relatively shallow bank. The patrol member called in the rescue, and together with another member grabbed rescue boards and paddled into the rip. In the meantime the Patrol Captain launched the IRB, which expertly negotiated the heavy surf and sped to the northern rip. The first board paddler picked up 2 of the panicking girls, and the second board paddler picked up the third, securing them just away from the rocks amongst the rough and tricky breaking waves. The IRB arrived within moments, loaded the three girls on board and headed out to sea away from the impact zone. The patrol signalled a safe passage to shore and the IRB safely negotiated the incoming waves and delivered the girls to shore, rattled but unharmed.

On Wednesday May 3rd this year a member of our Club was working on a construction site at Palm Beach when members of the public alerted the construction workers that a man in his 70's had fallen from the path at the southern end of the beach onto the rocks and injured himself badly. The Club member, who was a Patrol Captain and had completed his Senior First Aid, instructed fellow workers to call an ambulance, grabbed the site first aid kit and went to the assistance of the injured man, who was bleeding profusely from the head. Together with fellow workers and members of the public, they moved the man to a safe position, and stemmed the blood flow. When paramedics arrived, the member assisted them to administer oxygen, apply a neck brace and a defibrillator before the patient was loaded into the ambulance. The patient was moved to North Palm Beach to a waiting

helicopter for transport to hospital.

These are just two brief accounts of the numerous rescues that have been undertaken by active members of Avalon Beach SLSC this year. While the Club encompasses such a varied range of activities and programs, it is very important that we always remember and remain focussed on our core values and mission.

To save lives, create great Australians and build a better community.

This year, we had 278 amazing active volunteers keeping our beach safe. There were no lives lost and our patrols made 32 rescues, 87 first aid treatments, 360 preventative measures and spent a combined 6,495 hours patrolling our beach. The number of rescues required was significantly down on the 80 rescues made in the 2015/16 season, which is a great outcome.

This year was a year of many milestones, but one of the most remarkable was that reached by Life Member Ken Davidson, who achieved his 70 Year Long Service Award. Ken joined the Club in November 1946, and was awarded his Bronze Medallion in 1947. His father Thomas was a former President of the Surf Club. Ken was a board specialist and won the board event at many carnivals. His toothpick board is hanging in the Hall of Champions in our Clubhouse. He was treasurer of the Club for 14 years and has outlasted 4 clubhouses. Ken has completed many rescues over the years but he says his most memorable rescue was when he saved a father with his two young daughters caught in the rip at South Avalon. This rescue was carried out with the belt and reel.

Ken was awarded life membership of the Club in 1963. Ken turned 89 last year and we honour his remarkable achievement and dedication over a lifetime.

Unfortunately this year we were also rocked by tragedy with the death of one of our young members, Nick Pinheiro. Nick was a much loved student at Barrenjoey High School, an active patrolling member and member of our Surf Boat rowing team. Nick's death had a devastating impact on his friends and family, our community and Club. We will continue to do what we can to support all those who knew Nick, and work with others in our community to help prevent suicide. It was great to see the number of entrants from Avalon Beach in the recent Lifeline Surf Classic fundraiser.

One of the most significant achievements of the Board of Management in the past year is the adoption of the Avalon Beach SLSC Strategic Plan 2021, a plan that will shape the future of the Club over the next 5 years and beyond. This plan addresses all aspects of the Club, from Lifesaving to Nippers, Administration to Surf Sports, Education to Governance and Finance. The plan outlines goals, strategies and performance indicators to provide a framework for the continuing improvement of our Club across all portfolios. We hope that every member will assist in the implementation of this plan. We know that we are already the best Club in the country, but there is always some room for improvement!

SLNSW's Club Sustainability provides a snapshot of Club statistics taken from SurfGuard. While we generally performed well across most areas, the main aspects



where we did not perform particularly well for the 2015-16 season were: a slight decline in membership, a poor conversion rate from Nippers to Cadets and General to Active Members, and the number of active proficient members attaining major awards – Bronze Medallion (BM), IRB Driver, Advanced Resuscitation Technique and Basic Beach Management. 41% of contributing active members also completed less than 20 patrol hours. We recognise that these are areas in which we must improve, and we have already made inroads in the current season.

This year we again ran a series of wonderful and successful community events, commencing with the Lion Island Challenge on October 8th 2016. Under the management of Race Director Volker Klemm, more than 50 helpers from Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club conducted a smoothly run event despite the southerly

coming through and providing some challenging conditions. There were 174 entrants, up from 154 the previous year.

Carols at the Beach was again a wonderful community night, with perfect weather, wonderful music from our new choir Jubilation and great food and fireworks. It seemed like the whole Club turned out to help on the night for what has become a landmark event in our calendar. The Surf Swim held on January 15th 2017 was extremely successful with 650 entrants and a great turn out by volunteer helpers. On April 9th this year we successfully held our inaugural Around the Bends Swim from Newport to Avalon Beach. 155 swimmers completed the 2.5km course in perfect conditions. Congratulations to Event Manager Volker Klemm who was responsible for conceptualising and organising yet another tremendously successful event.

What an incredible start to the season, with the Pinkies and Antiques Surf Boat Teams both bringing home Gold World Championship medals from the Netherlands. Both crews not only won their own divisions, they both came 4th in the Open divisions.

In many ways it was the year of the Boaties, with the team expanding to take a remarkable 11 crews to State and Aussies. There were great results across the board including 2 medals at a shortened Aussies. Congratulations to our Boat Captain Matt Mayall, our sweeps and coaches Rick Millar, Nathan Wellings and Jean Harper, and to all the teams for providing inspiration to the whole Club.

Our Nippers excelled this year with huge teams going to Branch and State and significant improvement in the water events in particular. It is great to see more and more Nippers competing in carnivals and so many progressing through to finals (60% of the State team!). This is a direct result of the work of our amazing coaches. We also performed spectacularly at the Branch and State Surfing titles.

Our small but enthusiastic and talented Masters team had a good year with excellent results at the East Coast Masters, Branch and Freshwater carnivals, but medals proved elusive at the Aussies this year.

In January our Under 15 Age Group conducted a tour to New Zealand, taking part in carnivals and a fantastic 10 days of team building, life lessons and out of your comfort zone experiences. Congratulations to Age Manager Brian Wetherall for giving these kids the experience of a lifetime.

In another first for the Club, Mike Stanley-Jones trained a group of Bronze Medallion candidates in Singapore as part of a Singapore Nippers program. Jeff Nesbitt then flew over to assess the candidates, who are now fully qualified Age Managers and members of Avalon Beach SLSC. Further training is planned and our commitment will be ongoing in Singapore.

The gaining of new education awards and remaining proficient in them is vital to our rescue capabilities. This year we trained 40 new Bronze Medallion candidates, 39 SRCs, 24 Senior First Aid certificates, 1 Advanced First Aid, 1 Gold Medallion, 17 Advanced Resuscitation Techniques, 8 Basic Beach Management, 2 new IRB Drivers and 11 IRB Crew. Louise Lindop achieved her Gold Medallion assessors certificate, as well as overseeing all the 144 awards and

proficiencies. Thank you to all our dedicated trainers for the huge amount of time and effort put into this extremely important aspect of our Club.

This year there have been some wonderful social events at the Club, including Nipper sleepovers, Presentation Night, various dinner and drink events as well as the regular Friday and Sunday afternoon sessions at the bar. We have had a live music program featuring amazing local talent which makes the first Sunday afternoon of each month something special. A massive thank you to Nick Sampson, Matt Mayall, Nathan Wellings, Pete Carter and all the boaties for managing the bar.

The Board of Management has been working frantically to keep the Club running, and has a long list of achievements over the past year, including:

- completion of the Strategic Plan,
- development of Club By-Laws,
- a sustainable financial position,
- Choose Your Patrol initiative,
- Singapore Nippers initiative,
- Dropbox data storage and management implementation across all portfolios,
- building upgrades including a new external door to the board store, the trophy cabinet, a new projector for the Club Room, blinds to the Club Room and Meeting Room, new hose reels to the patrol store and racks for the patrol signs,
- a new externally mounted defibrillator,
- equipment upgrades including ordering a patrol trailer and new IRB, 2 new IRB

motors, new spinal board, 4 new rescue boards, 6 new rescue tubes, new set of Surf Boat oars,

- 30 new boards for Nippers and SRCs.

While most of the Board of Management members have elected to continue in their roles, there will be some changes to the composition of the Board next year. Pim John van Gestel will be standing down as President of Nippers after 2 years in the role. Pim has introduced a new level of professionalism to the role and our Nippers program has flourished under his leadership. We look forward to Dave Roberts taking over from Pim next year. Mel Hall and Andrew Crow have been a formidable team as Club and Vice Club Captains, managing our patrols and lifesaving operations for the past two years. Thank you so much to both of them for their dedication and commitment in their often challenging roles.

After an incredible eight years in the role, Louise Lindop is standing down as Chief Instructor. Louise has been outstanding at her job, and has tirelessly, patiently and expertly taught, managed, administered and assessed our education programs including SRC, Bronze, ARTC, First Aid, BBM, spinal and many other courses, as well as conducting the enormous task of keeping all our active members proficient every year. Thankfully Louise will be continuing to provide her experience and expertise by remaining on the BoM in a new role. Every member of our Club, and many from clubs across the Northern Beaches owe

Louise a huge debt of gratitude for her vast contribution to surf lifesaving.

Thank you once again to all our sponsors who have supported us throughout the year. They are listed throughout this report, but a special thank you to LJ Hooker Avalon Beach, Col Crawford Hyundai and Avalon Beach RSL. Welcome on board to Telstra – the Telstra Shop at Warringah Mall this year who provided invaluable support to our Carols at the Beach event. We couldn't be the Club that we are without the support from our sponsors, so please support them by using their services if you have the opportunity.

Congratulations to all our award winners this year and in particular to our outstanding Norman Cook Club Member of the Year, Volker Klemm. I was honoured to award President's awards this year to three of our most dedicated and hard-working Patrol Captains: Brian Wetherall, Adam Clerke and Alan Mahn. All three go above and beyond their leadership of patrol teams at our beach.

Thank you once again to all those who have given me such assistance and support over the past year: to my wife Cilla, to all of the BoM members and officers, and to Leanne Austin who continues to be exceptional in her role as both administrator and Director of Administration. I look forward to seeing you on the beach and around the Club next season.

Richard Cole | **President**



The Alans – Alan Mahn, Jason Dale, Jeff Nesbitt, Alan Moran



Brian Wetherall



Andrew Crow and Adam Clerke

Club Captain's Report

What a wonderful season 2016-2017 has been. Looking back over the year, we as a Club have had our highs and lows, but as always we pulled together as the amazing community we are and came out the other side stronger and more committed to providing an invaluable service.

This season we had a number of existing members step up in the patrolling ranks to take on roles as Patrol Captain and Vice Captain. Their willingness to take on these positions is very much appreciated. There were also many members who took on the challenge of expanding their skills and gaining new awards.

As always it was wonderful to see our experienced members passing on their skills to the next generation, whether it was training, assessing, mentoring on patrol or fronting up on Sunday mornings to impart their knowledge to the Nippers.

As we all know occasionally things go wrong – the ATV breaks down (more than occasionally), the IRB doesn't start

or something mysteriously goes missing. However I can happily say all of our members have a can do attitude and unfailingly manage to find a solution and get the job done.

So, as another season comes to an end, I would like to thank all of our hardworking members who gave up their time to help keep our beach safe for everyone. Naturally it didn't come without its challenges,

however with no lives lost during patrol hours, we can close off the season knowing we all did a fantastic job.

I have enjoyed my time as Club Captain and wish Pete Carter and Melinda Akehurst all the best as they take on the role for the upcoming season.

Have a safe and relaxing winter and see you all next year.

Melissa Hall | Club Captain



Mel Hall and Amelia Barber - Caves Beach Carnival 2017



Amelia Barber, Todd Barber and Mel Hall

Chief Training Officer's Report

Congratulations to our education team on another successful season.

A common theme over recent years and again one of the highlights of the season was the achievements of our U14 squad. 39 qualified Surf Rescue Certificate life savers were sent onto our beach and into our community in December. Their dedicated age managers, Darren Cutrie, Lucas Molloy, and Greig Schuettrumpf supported by Frances Schuettrumpf did an amazing job and our kids were absolutely shining on assessment day – no exaggeration.

We had solid numbers in our bronze squads with 40 members completing their Bronze Medallion this season. A small squad of 6 completed pre-Christmas with the majority going through in the new year. Thanks to all our bronze trainers, Mike Stanley-Jones, Michael King, Steve Broderick, Rick Mitchell, Michael Thomas, Terry Barber and Jeff Nesbitt.

A first for our Club and another Mike

Stanley-Jones initiative was the training of 10 off-shore members in Singapore. Mike travelled with his son Cobby in January to train the group from Singapore Nippers and Jeff Nesbitt followed on to assess in March. Belle Poelmann from Bilgola SLSC and I will be heading over to run the next squad in August. Congratulations to Mike for 'making it happen' once again.

The IRB team, Alan Moran, Terry Barber and Steve Broderick worked hard all season training up 2 new drivers and 11 new crew. We're always looking for new drivers and crew, so if you're keen to get in the boat, let us know.

If you'd like to join the education team we'd love to have you - choose an award you'd like to train and we'll get you started in the coming season.

I'm stepping down from my role as Chief Training Officer this season but remaining on the education team and the Board of Management. It's been a pleasure and an honour to lead the education team at Avalon Beach for the past 8 years. Thanks

to Steve Broderick who'll be taking on the role for the 17/18 season. I'll be with you all the way.

Thanks as always to our Club President Richard Cole, Administrator Leanne Austin and the Board of Management for their ongoing support of the education team.

Louise Lindop | Chief Training Officer



Louise Lindop receiving The Steve Parkes Award for Education and Training



Administrator’s Report

Writing this contribution for the annual report provides a great opportunity to reflect on the year that has been. If I had to sum up the 2016/17 season in one word it would be “documentation”!

Last year, a small Committee comprising Richard Cole, Pim John van Gestel, Kevin Veale, Louise Lindop, Mel Hall and I reviewed and prepared a new Club Constitution (modelled on SLSNSW’s template), which was adopted at the 2016 AGM. It was a pleasure working with such a committed team who despite the long hours, tedious detail and robust debate that is required when preparing such a significant document all kept their sense of humour and commitment to the task foremost. As the Annual Report goes to print, the Club is now focussing on rewriting our By-Laws and position descriptions - more on this next year.

Instigated and driven by Club President, Richard Cole, the Club’s first Strategic Plan has now been developed which will guide the Board of Management’s decision making and priorities over the next five years and beyond. It was a great opportunity for the management team to really examine what was important within their area of responsibility, how our portfolios link together and the role the Club plays within the community. As well as being a great read, the Strategic Plan contains clearly

defined and measurable goals which will be reported in future annual reports.

We have also been focussing on the integrity of information contained in Surfguard, especially Members’ joining date as some of these fields were missing from original Club records. A thorough review of historical annual reports, Award records held at SLSA, and a committed LMSHAC committee led by Richard Cole has now resulted in a more accurate Membership database. Members due for Long Service Awards can now be extracted easily from Surfguard and all members’ commitment and dedication to the Club can now be duly recognised. To acknowledge and celebrate their significant tenure and contribution to surf lifesaving, the Club invited long service award recipients to an inaugural Long Service Award luncheon preceding the AGM.

We began the season with a goal to improve our membership renewals on time and what an improvement! In October 2015, 46.11% of members had joined/renewed their membership. By the same period last year, 88.91% had joined/renewed. A number of factors contributed to this result; membership renewal opening from 1 August, introduction of early bird membership fees for senior Club members (this had been very successful in Nippers for some time), registration assistance days, member familiarisation of the Portal

and the creation of family groups, as well as the active promotion of membership renewal requirements via newsletters, social media and the website. Thank you to our dedicated Registrars, Carmen Meehan and Shellie Vincent and their helpers for their commitment to helping us achieve this goal.

I am very proud to report that last year, Avalon Beach SLSC received its first SLSSNB Award for ‘Most Outstanding Club for Administration’ shared with Newport, North Curl Curl and Freshwater. Administrative tasks are performed by so many committed volunteers at our Club from our Registrars, Treasurers, Secretaries, 2nd delegate to Branch, Publicity Officer, Social Coordinators, Public Officer, Carnival Entry Coordinators, right through to our Committees and Board of Management. Thank you to each and every administration volunteer – a true team effort achieved this result and this Award is a reflection of all of their efforts and commitment throughout the last season.

During an extended overseas family holiday, the Administrator role was undertaken by Christine Hopton. Chris did a fabulous job and is now assisting this role in an ongoing capacity.

We are now in what is known as the “off-season” and while the Club is quieter, for a Club Administrator and Venue Hire

co-ordinator, it is business as usual. The phone continues to ring, the invoices get paid, the emails responded to and the venue hire enquiries and bookings continue to roll in. It is also a time to pick up those projects that have been put on the back burner during patrol season, review Club processes and discover new ways of doing things.

On this theme, I had the pleasure of recently hosting the inaugural SLSSNB Clubs Administrator’s Meeting attended by Administrators from Palm Beach, Whale Beach, Bilgola Beach, South Curl Curl, Freshwater and Queenscliff Surf Lifesaving Clubs. It was a great opportunity to share ideas about how we each manage the day to day admin of our Club, discuss challenges our Clubs may be experiencing, and explore ways we have overcome those challenges. We all agreed it was a worthwhile discussion and plan to meet quarterly as well as keep the lines of communication open between our Clubs and any others amongst the Northern Beaches SLS Clubs that wish to join us.

Venue Hire

Total utilisation of the event spaces is up 62.5% with 117 bookings this year (1 May 2016 - 30 April 2017). Within that, private hires have increased by 79% with a commensurate increase in Club revenue as a result.

Weddings saw a particular increase over the year, with receptions held at the Club increasing from 5 to 17 over the same period last year. This is important because although they represent only 15% of all hires for the year, wedding related bookings are amongst the highest earning revenue streams. The burgeoning in bridal bookings may be attributed to the venue exposure generated by the TV show “Married at First Sight” which filmed a wedding reception in the Club Room, the successful wedding open day showcase organised by the restaurant’s newly appointed full-time event manager, and some stylish marketing material now available to hirers of the Club Room. Whatever the cause, wedding bookings skyrocketed and after a quick glance at forward bookings, wedding hire is continuing on an upward trajectory.

But it’s not all about functions, celebrations and revenue. The Clubhouse is regularly used for member training, Club management meetings, information sessions, Club social events and sleepovers. North Avalon Surfing Association (NASA) utilise our facilities for their local monthly surf competitions and our regular community hirers provide a diverse range of activities including yoga, pilates, dance and fitness which are available for all members of the public to attend.

This season, we extended our community

reach beyond our core business of surf lifesaving and implemented some new community minded policies including an open door policy enabling everyone in our community impacted by storms and long term power outages to access a hot shower, complimentary venue hire to our local schools and sporting groups for a fundraising event. We ended the financial year in collaboration with Avalon Surfing Mums to host an “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea” which raised over \$1700 for the Cancer Council.

Behind the scenes, there is a great team that keep our functions and venue so well run and once again a special thank you to Nick Sampson and all of the boaties for ensuring our hirers have a great function, Johnny Harper, Xanthe Friend, Ben Ballinger, Cobby Stanley-Jones and Zach Dale for keeping the venue tidy and spotless and Col Campbell for taking care of the minor repairs required to address inevitable wear and tear on our Club facilities.

Lastly, I’d like to thank all of the Club members who make this Club the special, family oriented Club that it is and such an enjoyable place to work.

Leanne Austin | Club Administrator



Building Report

The third year of living and operating in the building has seen quite a number of maintenance issues being undertaken with some capital expenditures being made along with some adjustments to suit the operations of the Surf Club. I have to say again this year that the response from members in keeping the Club rooms and sheds clean and organised has been fantastic, in particular Johnny Harper and Xanthe Friend, Alan Moran and Terry Barber for ensuring that the interiors and the sheds have been kept cleaned and ready to go, Col Campbell for his maintenance work around the building and especially in the change rooms and the boaties for the electrical and AV works. To all, thank you for continuing to make our Clubhouse such a resounding success.

Comments about the building from both Club members and the public still remains overwhelmingly positive, demonstrating that the completed project fits the Club's needs and the public's expectations.

The following items have either needed attention or have been delivered:

- The maintenance list since last January shows there have been 106 items that have needed to be fixed, repaired or replaced. Another major water leak, this time from a tap in the Male Toilets, saw the floor warp and buckle again. Col worked his magic here again, replacing the badly warped boards. There are still some 10 items that are outstanding which are waiting for more funding.
- The Club Lounge has been enormously

popular, with the boaties working the bar on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons in addition to the functions that have been held, all of which has contributed significantly to the Club's finances.

- Blinds were installed in the Club Room, with 50% of the money coming from a grant from the State Government. Many thanks to Nathan Wellings for connecting the wiring, a great job.
- The office has provided our highly capable Director of Administration, Leanne Austin, a great environment to ensure that the Club's business is managed and that the necessary reports for branch and NSW are all completed in a timely manner. Leanne is also responsible for the hiring of the Club Lounge and she continually receives very positive feedback from all hirers regarding the quality of the space.
- The Meeting Room has seen a number of hires, with the expectation that this will rise in the coming year.
- The caretakers, Johnny and Xanthe continue to manage, clean and look after the Club in an exemplary manner. It is not unusual for the maintenance spreadsheet to have up to 10 items a month that must be dealt with.
- The IRB / Board shed, the boat shed and the patrol shed have all stood the test of two full seasons in the new building. The only improvement being pegs to the Patrol Shed and hose reels.
- The male and female Change Rooms have had benches installed beside the basins, along with a drying rail for

wetsuits, all of which has been acclaimed as a great success by those who use them. Thank you again to Col Campbell. A new addition to the Hall of Fame is the trophy cabinet, it needs a few more trophies in it to make it look totally complete, so I urge all to contribute their expertise in winning more trophies.

This year has been more about settling into the existing premises, minimising expenditure on the building and directing the funds towards surf craft, which includes purchases of boards, an IRB, two new engines and a patrol trailer.

The relationship with our neighbour, TWG seems to be working well with very few disputes. They are still endeavouring to increase their hiring rate of the Club Room. I understand that it has picked up compared to last year.

The Club continues to play host to some fantastic functions and fund-raising events, including our Swim and Carols at the Beach where some 5,000 people turned up, all handled with aplomb and some very hard work from the Members.

In the coming year we will see further additions and improvements to the Clubhouse.

The building is accommodating all of the functions that were briefed and built for. It is fantastic to see it being used, enjoyed and treated with respect. Thank you all for your contributions throughout the year.

Robert Hopton | **Building Officer**

Publicity Report

Another great year with plenty of topics to publicise the Club's good works and successes to the community.

Publicising the Club's activities is essential to inform the public about the highly commendable community service provided by its volunteers. Good publicity about the Club attracts new members and sponsors, and also generates local community support by showing that the Club is performing a worthwhile community service.

This year's publicity included:

- Nick Samson treating a rock fall victim while working at Palm Beach
- The Club's Youth Program New Zealand Tour
- The Club's State IRB Results
- Our World Champion Surfboat crews
- 25th Anniversary of the Avalon Beach Surf Swim
- The inaugural Around the Bends Swim from Newport to Avalon Beach
- Carols at the Beach

- The Lion Island Challenge
- Proposed plaques for the introduction of Malibus and development of the IRB
- The Biggest Morning Tea event held at the Club
- The training and assessing of Bronze holders for the Singapore Nippers Program

Fortunately there were no dramatic rescues to publicise via media outlets. The vigilance of our volunteers in carrying out preventative actions, conducting less dramatic rescues and first aid treatment, and for closing the beach on days of dangerous surf was largely responsible for this. These are no less important than dramatic rescues and are publicised elsewhere in this annual report.

Stories about the Club were in or on Pittwateronlinenews.com, the Manly Daily (including a front page story), Pittwater Life, ABC 702 radio, Realsurf.com, Peninsula News, the Sun Herald and also circulated via Facebook.

As always, many stories are sent out to

publications, print and online, but some may not see the light of day. What gets published depends on factors such as the media outlet's own publication deadlines, how recent the 'news' item is, and the newsworthiness of the story as judged by individual media outlets. Sometimes media outlets may decide not to run a story that seems good from the Club's point of view, because they may have for instance already run other surf lifesaving stories that week. We can only do our best.

To give it our best chance, news must be conveyed to the Publicity Officer as soon as possible. Committee members, Patrol Captains and Club members: please let the Publicity Officer know of any news concerning surf safety, rescues, significant preventative actions, competition results, training and general public interest stories. Thanks.

Roger Sayers | **Life Member / Publicity Officer**

Life Members and Service Honours Awards Committee

A review of the records of several Club members who were considered due for Association long service awards has been undertaken. From this review an application for those who were found eligible has been lodged for the appropriate long service award. Of note is the award lodged for Ken Davidson for seventy (70) years service, a remarkable achievement.

A thank you to the Executive on behalf of all life members for the lunch held before last year's AGM.

Congratulations to all for another successful season.

Michael Byrnes OAM | **LMSHA Committee**



Don Imison



Roger Sayers



Caretaker's Report

Club activities as well as venue hire are powering. The community hub that is Avalon Beach SLSC is all systems go, all year round, more so now than ever before. It doesn't look like slowing down in the near future either.

The cleaning and maintenance needs for the Club are growing steadily. We look upon our caretaking role as the second job that we needed to have. It does have its demands and at times it can get a bit out of control. Without the efforts of Ben Ballinger and Cobby Stanley-Jones, we might not have made it this far. We have added Zach Dale to our cleaning work force and along with the others, he is doing a great job. Thanks boys you're killing it. Special mention also to Leanne Austin for helping while we are away. Without her coordination and the boy's efforts, our much needed respite would not be possible.

In the harsh environment of sand, saltwater and high winds, it is amazing how well the Clubhouse has stood up over the last 3 years. This is not without the considerable efforts of a number of people: Rob Hopton, Col Campbell, Terry Barber, Alan Moran and Warwick Willcoxson are just some of the many people who keep the Club in good working order. Rob has dealt with the many challenges left by the

builders and ongoing ones posed by the elements in a methodical and visionary manner. Terry and Alan are always sorting out problems downstairs, while Warwick among other things is keeping our locks from seizing up. Col is fighting the environmental affront to the Club at the coalface. Love your work. None of these guys are scared to get their hands dirty. Thanks fellas.

The restaurant is also powering away. We have built positive relationships with all restaurant staff and this is an ongoing process. The turnover of staff is higher than you might expect. Our name remembering skills are tested regularly.

Despite the odd hiccup, we feel we have developed a good routine that works around most schedules. Our regular cleaning schedule is as follows:

- Monday – external and internal entire Club regular weekly clean
- Thursday – windows and Club Room ready for handover to TWG (restaurant managers)
- Weekends – pre and post function cleaning
- Other days – all other cleaning and maintenance as required

We are always keen to improve what we do, and therefore welcome any feedback. If there is anything regarding cleaning or

maintenance that has been overlooked we would encourage all members to let us know so we can take action. We consider ourselves to be very approachable and would look upon any feedback as a favour to us. Thank you in advance.

Vandalism is a constant threat to the Club. Graffiti is removed as quickly as possible in order to deter the small-minded turkeys that do it. Our thinking is that they will not bother with the stresses of getting caught if it is only visible for half a day. If you do see any, please let us know ASAP.

Being here in the Clubhouse more than most, we are in a position to notice much of the hard work carried out by many Club members. The list is long but volunteers like Nick Sampson, Nathan Wellings and Rick Miller are always down here sorting things out for the bar. Boaties, you need to look after these guys. Thanks.

Xanthe and I are really proud of what we have been able to achieve so far as caretakers. We strive to keep the Club and its members' best interests in mind with our work and are determined to continue doing a good job. It's been a great year. Thank you.

Johnny Harper and Xanthe Friend |
Caretakers

Gym Report

Another inspiring year in the "Box" (that's CrossFit speak for gym).

Our sense of community has grown stronger again. The camaraderie between Surf Club competitors and regular gym goers has been a highlight with sweeps Nathan Wellings and Pete Carter working overtime not only on their own crews but supporting me and my coaches.

Competitively we were right on the money with the training and timing of our younger crews this past season. They conditioned perfectly to both place at State Championships and were poised to strike at Aussies but thanks to some inclement weather and the decisions / planning by Surf Lifesaving Australia, our guys never got to compete.

Closer to home many of our members climbed and conquered their own mountains. We get great feedback from our patrolling members, especially with how

different their day is on patrol. With far more active lifestyles since starting CrossFit, we know we're putting stronger, far more capable lifesavers on our beaches. We look forward to incorporating more fitness into our patrolling members next season.

Last year we had 32 people compete in the Worldwide CrossFit Games. This year 45 of our athletes gave it their best with some amazing results. Most importantly these guys learnt what they are capable of pushing themselves through.

Our CrossFit Kids program has gone completely bananas with over 50 kids in training. Again the feedback from parents is awesome and the kids love the community they are creating.

CrossFit Avalon Beach sponsored athletes

- Mens U23 – The Pinkies
BRANCH: 1st
STATE: 2nd
AUSSIES: Cancelled
- Girls U23 – The Avocados

- BRANCH: 3rd
STATE: 3rd
AUSSIES: Cancelled
 - Avalon Red aka The Rock Stars Masters 180+
BRANCH: DNC
STATE: DNC
AUSSIES: 2nd
 - The Clowns Masters 200+
BRANCH: 3rd
STATE: 4th
AUSSIES: Semi-finalists
- Congratulations to The Alans (Masters Men 200+), The DBs (Masters Women 160+), The Nows (Masters Men 160+), The Wingnuts (Juniors) and The Redskins (Juniors) whom all tasted competitive racing for their first time, and The Mighty Ducks.
- We look forward to the year ahead!

Brent Williams and Maree Yong |
Gym Managers

Presentation Night and Club Awards



Boatie of the Year - Ashley Cardiff



Cadet of the Year - Lachlan Mills



Junior Member of the Year - Connor Johnson



Alan Moran and Terry Barber



Max Watt Competitors of the Year - The Avocados



Adam Clerke, Alan Mahn and Brian Wetherall



New Bronzies



The Norman Cook Award for the Most Outstanding Club Member of the Year - Voller Klemm



Patrol Captain of the Year - Nick Sampson



Patrol Member of the Year - Terry Barber



Warren Mitchell IRB Award - Peter Akehurst



Nick Sampson and Peter Ashcroft, Ocean Beach Carnival, 2017

IRB Captain's Report

This year we again covered many events including our own Lion Island Challenge, Ocean Swim and the brand new Around the Bends Swim. We also provided water safety for The Big Swim, Newport and Bilgola's swims and Branch, State and National Carnivals. I hesitate to name all those who support the Club by volunteering because I'm always going to miss someone's name, but it's good to see that it's now shared equally between the IRB race team and a group of non-racers, who regularly crop up.

We were once more supported by Avalon RSL with the donation of a motor. This contribution by our local club cannot be over stated. Their willingness to help us gives us a huge advantage when it comes to keeping our gear fresh. The Club bought

an additional motor again this year and it's doing wonders in providing us with reliable engines. It's refreshing to have them start easily after being transported on their sides, or straight out of the shed.

Proficiencies this year were like most years, a bit all over the place. While I can take the blame for a lot of that this year, it would help if you try to get to a proficiency outside of your patrol if you're not going to be around. That said, a great job was done by Andy Crow, Terry Barber, Alan Mahn and Nick Sampson in getting everyone through.

Slightly better than last year we have eleven new crew members: Dave Roberts, Steve Frost, Danika King, Doug Bryden, Elijah Thomson, Jack Nesbitt, Josh Baczkowski, Julia Cole, Matt Robinson,

Steve Riley and Tom Colley, well done. We also have two new drivers, Blake Taggart and Steve Broderick. Blake races with us and Steve's gone on to do his trainers award, so thanks to both.

There is currently a new batch of crew and drivers in training. Hopefully next year I can take up even more space in my report so please get in touch if you're interested. There is someone down the beach most Saturday and Sunday mornings so if you want to get in a boat let me know. Whether you're interested in racing, would like to help with training or just want to get some time on the water, you'd be most welcome. Of course, if you want to gain your award that's possibly even more welcome!

Alan Moran | IRB Captain



Event Reports



Lion Island Challenge

This year marked the 11th time that Avalon Beach SLSC held this great Ocean Ski Race. This year the race was part of the Ocean Series together with other paddles from Bondi to Watsons Bay, the Cronulla Bay Runner and the Seacliff Challenge at Bulli.

The course is either a 14km course starting in Pittwater, around the Barrenjoey Headland, up and down Palm Beach, around Lion Island and back into Pittwater, or an 8km course around Lion Island.

With lovely weather on the day, the atmosphere was great, everyone was upbeat and we had 170 paddlers braving the course.

Sasa Vujanovic won the single event in 1:08.59, before Wayne Dunbar and Tommy Woodriff. First female over the line was Freya Alston, followed by Montannah Murray and Jacqueline Green. In his first race after being the race director for 10 years, Brett Greenwood together with Stuart Innes won the doubles section.

Thank you to more than 50 volunteers who made the running of the event as smooth as possible and who made sure we had everyone safely back before the early arrival of the predicted southerly change.

Thank you to all our sponsors for your support and great prizes.

Johnson Bros Mitre 10 Avalon Beach
Vajda
Naish
WindsurfnSnow Watersports
Altitude Training Sydney
Rhino Rack
Vaikobi
Carbonology Sport Australia

Australian Paddle Sports
Harvey Norman
Jonah's Boutique Hotel
The Avalon on the Beach
Penguin Graphics

Volker Klemm | **Event Manager**



Ross Bloore and Col Campbell



Doug Crane Classic

The 14th running of the Doug Crane Classic was held in ideal conditions. Twenty-eight of the Club's best swimmers took part and there was a lot of interest in young Lachlan Warrener and how he would swim after being pipped last year.

A year older and wiser Lachlan didn't disappoint. He won the race but not without a fight from four times winner Scott Ridley.

Scott went out hard and took a strong lead only to be overtaken near the last buoy. Both Lachlan and Scott came through the Avalon Beach Nipper program. Third place was Ashley Brown with a solid swim.

The women's event was taken out by Sally Colley, the 2016 Sunday Swim Champ. Sally was a clear winner from two Nipper mums Janet Gomes and Alisha Ferris.

Life Member Roger Sayers started the race and Life Members Don Imison and Roland Luke presented prizes. A big thank you to Joan Crane who wasn't able to attend but made a generous donation to the Club in support of this event.

Tim Hixson | Swim Captain



Carols at the Beach

Our biggest community event of the year went ahead at the beginning of December. Hundreds of families turned up again to enjoy the atmosphere, the food and entertainment. This year we were treated to a performance by the most amazing choir, Jubilation, who made time in their busy schedule to sing for us. We were entertained with traditional Christmas carols and a trip around the world of great music.

Olaf the snowman joined Frozen Anna and Elsa and other movie characters and made many children happy.

Our food fair was again a gourmet smorgasbord with something for everyone. From Aussie barbecue, Argentinian steaks, Japanese tempura and Mexican nachos to Dutch pancakes, everything was on offer. Santa got mobbed again as soon as he arrived in the fire engine and he delivered his Christmas message with good humour.

The lovely evening came to an end with an enormous fireworks display lighting up the sky above Avalon Beach.

An enormous amount of effort goes into the preparation of this event, hundreds of volunteer hours and significant financial

support from our sponsors, but it's all worth it when you see how much everyone enjoys the night.

Many thanks to volunteers and supporters and especially our sponsors – LJ Hooker Avalon, Col Crawford Hyundai, Telstra – Telstra Store Warringah Mall, Johnson Brothers – Mitre 10, Avalon Palm Beach Business Chamber and Northern Beaches Council.

Volker Klemm | Event Manager



25th Annual Avalon Beach Surf Swim

The 2017 Avalon Beach Surf Swim held on 15th January was a huge success. Our swim was again part of the Pittwater Ocean Swim Series, together with Bilgola, Newport, Mona Vale and Whale Beach SLSC.

A lovely sunny day and no competing swims on the calendar brought approximately 650 swimmers to our beach tackling the 1km and 1.5km courses. A lovely atmosphere and good music greeted

the competitors.

All our volunteers were out in force, assisting the swimmers to start the race in an orderly fashion. Joshua Attard crossed the line first in a time of 16.21 and Maddie Spencer was the first female in 18.08.

The arrival of a large school of bluebottles kept our water safety and first aid teams busy. They did a tremendous job looking after our swimmers and keeping them comfortable.

Thank you once again to the many volunteers and sponsors of the event: Secure Parking, DMC Industries, Avalon Beach RSL, Woolworths Avalon Beach, Vounteer Photography and Pittwater Online News

Volker Klemm | **Event Manager**

Swim Around the Bends - Newport to Avalon Ocean Swim

Our new ocean swim was planned for the middle of March but Cyclone Debbie had other ideas for that date. At last, on the 9th of April 2017, our inaugural Swim Around The Bends went ahead and the weather couldn't have been any better. Our pre-race advertising wasn't too far off the mark; it was smiles all round amongst the 179 competitors and the atmosphere before and after the race was notably upbeat.

There was plenty of water safety out

there to keep our swimmers company.

The first 3 men across the line were John De Mestre with a time of 32.16, Freddie Brown 32.28 and Carl Sorensen 33.58.

Imogen Foley was first female over the line in 34.50, Adriana Fydler (only 13 years old) was second with a time of 36:06 and Jennifer Whiteley was 3rd in 36.32.

The customary hospitality at Avalon Beach went one nudge up this time with Kalinda Hawson and Tiffany Chapman's lovely minestrone soup warming hungry

swimmers after the race.

Thank you once again to our sponsor Sotto Sopra, and supporters Adrenelin, Beach General, The Newport and Woolworths Avalon Beach. A massive thanks to all of our volunteers, water safety, IRB drivers and crew as well as our friends from marine rescue who made this event possible.

See you again next year.

Volker Klemm | **Event Manager**



Pittwater Ocean Swim Series

This was the 5th year in the Pittwater Ocean Swim series. Ocean swimmers from far and near took up the challenge again this season to boost urgently needed funds for the five surf clubs involved.

Compared to last season the swims enjoyed good surfing conditions and fine weather, boosting numbers substantially.

But according to one of the organisers of the Pittwater Series, John Guthrie, the swims still required surf swimming skills to get out through the break as well as a good level of fitness to complete the courses.

“Ocean swimmers like the challenge of getting out through the break and coming back in again. On a number of occasions there were tight finishes that required a run up to the finishing line to secure a place in the field and you need a certain level of fitness to do that.

“We have had great feedback from all the swims on how well they were organised and the beauty of the Pittwater region. It was good to see swimmers, from first timers to the elite competitors, lining up at the starting line,” said John.

The first swim in the series was at Bilgola in December where 309 swimmers competed. It was true Ocean swim conditions which saw the swell abating to 1.5m. An 800m swim started at 9.00am and the 1.5km swim had over 200 competitors swimming Bilgola’s usual diamond shaped course.

The next in the series was the Newport Pool to Peak which gave swimmers the option of an 800m as well as a 2km course. A total of 511 swimmers took the plunge with quite a few hard souls swimming both courses. These were good numbers

considering there was an ocean swim at North Bondi the same morning.

Then it was our own Avalon Beach Surf Swim where 650 swimmers were given the options of a 1km or a 1.5km course. This was an excellent roll-up for this popular swim and the atmosphere was one of excitement as the starting times drew near.

In general ocean swimming terms, it wasn’t a difficult break at the start but it did test the swimmers who had to negotiate a number of waves on the way to the first buoy. There were some blue bottle stings for swimmers to overcome but our first aid teams were on the job with ice packs assisting anyone who was stung.

This year Mona Vale extended their traditional swim from 1.5km to 2km by moving the finishing line to the Mona Vale Basin. There was a fairly challenging break to negotiate at the start at Warriewood beach and viewing the course from the road above made it look daunting. Undeterred, 400 swimmers took on the extended course which was deemed to be a great success.

Mona Vale organisers are considering adding a shorter course next year to provide an option for less experienced swimmers.

“Organisers of each ocean swim are heavily dependent on a strong volunteer force to stage their events. A lot of planning goes into the organisation of the swims and on the day there is a myriad of tasks such as set up on the beach, setting of swim buoys, swimmer registrations, timing, safety monitoring of swimmers by a fleet of water craft and the list goes on.

“Even little things like bag security for the swimmers is a vital part of the day. The participating clubs band together to help

each other particularly with water craft such as IRBs for safety monitoring. They are all volunteers working together to make sure each ocean swim is well run and they do it happily and efficiently, which adds to the great mood you will see at the swims,” John added.

The creme de la creme of ocean swimming is of course the Big Swim from Palm Beach to Whale Beach, a real challenge over 2.8km. The Big Swim has been going since the seventies and is considered the ocean swimmer’s swim.

This year 251 swimmers took off from Palm Beach in The Little Big Swim and 1039 in The Big Swim with ideal conditions for the journey to Whale Beach. Swimmers had a fantastic view of the cliff side homes as they negotiated the Whale Beach point. First timers think they have conquered the course at that point but the old hands know there is still a long way to go to the final turning buoy.

The organisers of the Pittwater Ocean Swim Series are very grateful for the sponsorship provided by Northern Beaches Council, Travel View Avalon Beach and Bay Royal Luxury apartments at Byron Bay. The series is a boost for the local business community as swimmers and their friends go to the local cafes and businesses while in the area.

The winner of the Pittwater Ocean Series prize of return air tickets to Byron Bay and 3 nights luxury accommodation and entry into the Byron Bay Classic swim was Jason Fan.

Warren Young, OAM | **Pittwater Ocean Series Committee**

Sunday Swim

It was another interesting season of Sunday Swims reminding us of what a tough old beach Avalon is. If you can manage the surf at Avalon Beach you are well prepared for anything Huey can throw at you.

Out of a possible 30 Sunday Swims we managed just 12 for the whole season. Most of these cancellations were due to big and dangerous seas.

The person who kept showing up regardless of conditions was the eventual and well deserved winner Bob Richardson. In second place was the improving Catherine Buddin and third place Ashley Brown.

It must be mentioned that Ross Bidence won his very first Sunday Swim this season after trying for many years.

Thanks to our IRB crews and all Patrols for their support, as well as our wonderful sponsors Swell Café and Bag People of Warriewood.

Tim Hixson | **Swim Captain**



Surf Sports Reports



The Pinkies - State Championships - Swansea NSW

Surf Sports Captain's Report

It was another fantastic year of surf sports for Avalon Beach. We had 3 very successful surf events this year: The Lion Island Challenge, the Surf Swim and the inaugural Around The Bends Swim. Led by Event Manager Volker Klemm, he did a fantastic job. A huge thanks to the many volunteers who helped out at every event throughout the year. Your help does not go unnoticed; we cannot run these events without the help of our members.

Our boat crews are doing us proud with the seemingly ever-growing numbers at the moment. It is great to see so much involvement in surf boat competition. Huge credit goes to our boat captain and sweeps for all the effort throughout the year.

A few new competitors joined our

Masters competition team this year, which is great to see. We are always looking for more so if you just want to have a go, get in contact with myself or Chris McGuckin. Hopefully next year's team sticks together and we can build on this year's season.

Our IRB team are in full flight with Todd Barber and Zach Dale standing on top of the point score going into the final round in mid-June. There are many other great results in there as well, and a couple of new additions to the team this year who have fitted in fantastically.

Club Championships and patrol competition is going to be in a new and improved format next season and will be involving every aspect of our Club from Nippers to Life Members, so keep your

eyes on this space.

Lastly, I would like to thank all our officials and water safety crews that stood on the beach this year, without you guys we would not be able to compete. Also a huge thanks to all our coaches across the board. Avalon Beach surf sports is heading in a very healthy direction compared with a lot of other clubs. We have 10 new Bennett racing mals coming to the Club for next season. If anyone wants to get involved in any way, you don't have to be an athlete. There are all kinds of roles we need to fill including managers, coaches, officials and water safety. Please do pick up that phone as we would love to have you on board.

Nick Sampson | Director of Surf Sports

Nick Sampson, Marc Nehama, Caves Beach
IRB Carnival 2017



Masters Competition Report

Too old to compete. With blatant disregard for the ethics (and possibly laws) of age discrimination the 'responsible decision makers' at the NSW State Masters Championships prohibited anyone over 60 from entering the water.

The irony is that the first 2 events run on day 1 were the Over 70 Men's and Women's Skis. All Masters events were then stopped for the day due to 'dangerous' conditions.

At the team leaders meeting early on day 2 it was announced that no over 60s were allowed in the water, no correspondence to be entertained.

Of course, that meant that no 170yrs teams events would be run, in which most teams have at least one member under 60.

The most experienced, those who have served SLS longer, are highly competent (otherwise why would they still compete?) and are more qualified and more likely to assess their own suitability for the conditions, were excluded. These are the people who have encouraged their children and even grandchildren to be involved in surf clubs.

The statistics will show that the fatalities have occurred in the young (Junior and Open) age brackets.

The rest of the season was much better.

On any given Saturday morning our cosmopolitan paddling group, upwards of

20 paddlers, can be observed at Kiddies Corner, Palm Beach. Word has spread and paddlers join us from Palm Beach, Newport and Mona Vale Clubs to share our pain. Our inspired and inspiring leader/coach/mentor, Chris McGuckin encourages us seaward on our boards and sometimes without, and when we plead for permission to attend the local coffee shop as our just reward for our hard work, he sends us out again due to our lack of enthusiasm to expire painfully in the sea.

Ultimately he gets a little tired himself and allows us a social coffee break where we feign enthusiasm to repeat the experience the following week. For some reason we seem to turn up again (hardly anyone likes to be called a wus).

Sometimes when it's not raining or too cold or too windy he appears at an early morning weekday paddling session too, very strange.

Having done this training we feel compelled to attend carnivals and represent our Clubs. Our first is the Freshwater Masters in November, where this season the surf was challenging and the course direction was reversed to make it safer for skis. We achieved some good results before proceedings were brought to an end when it was considered unsafe.

Probably the best run carnival of the season was the Palm Beach Masters



Virginia Head with World Masters swimming medals

Teams Twilight run on the first Friday after New Year's Day. All went well until it was time to announce the results. There weren't any. A computer glitch was given as the reason, and we thought we went pretty well.

The Branch Masters was held at Dee Why and saw Ashley Brown win his first Masters medals for the Club In his favoured swim events.

Next up was the East Coast Masters at Collaroy. Again some good results.

This led to the State Masters where most of us were prohibited.

Our results for the season leading up to the Aussies were:

Freshwater Masters (26 November, 2016)

Board: 60-64: 1st Chris McGuckin
65-69: 1st Bob Richardson
170yrs Board Relay: 1st (Chris McGuckin, Bob Richardson, Ross Bidenceope)

Branch Masters (18 February, Dee Why)

Surf Swim: 40-44: 2nd Ashley Brown
50-54: 2nd Darren Warrener
Tube Race: 40-44: 1st Ashley Brown
50-54: 1st Darren Warrener
60-64: 2nd Chris McGuckin
Skis: 65-69: 1st Alan Channells, 2nd Bob Richardson
Board: 60-64: 1st Chris McGuckin
65-69: 1st Bob Richardson, 2nd Alan Channells
Ironman: 65-69: 1st Bob Richardson
170yrs Ski Relay: 1st (Charles Lindop, Alan Channells, Ross Bidenceope)
170yrs Board Relay: 1st (Darren Warrener, Bob Richardson, Chris McGuckin)
Board Rescue: 40-44: 1st (Darren Warrener, Ashley Brown)
60-64: 1st (Chris McGuckin, Bob Richardson)

East Coast Masters (26 February, Collaroy)

Surf Swim: 40-44: 2nd Ashley Brown
Tube Race: 40-44: 1st Ashley Brown
60-64: 2nd Chris McGuckin
65-69: 1st Bob Richardson
Skis: 60-64: 3rd Chris McGuckin
65-69: 3rd Bob Richardson
Board: 40-44: 2nd Ashley Brown
60-64: 1st Chris McGuckin
65-69: 1st (equal) Bob Richardson
Ironman: 60-64: 1st Chris McGuckin
65-69: 2nd Bob Richardson
170yrs Ski Relay: 1st (Pat Quinlan, Ross Bidenceope, Bob Richardson)
170yrs Board Relay: 1st (Grant Salmon, Bob Richardson, Chris McGuckin)
150yrs Taplin Relay: 1st (Ashley Brown, Chris McGuckin, Ross Bidenceope)
Board Rescue: 60-64: 1st (Chris McGuckin, Bob Richardson)

The Aussies, Kirra QLD

Our team of Alan Channells, Chris McGuckin, Grant Salmon, Bob Richardson and Darren Warrener was lucky to have good weather and complete events 2

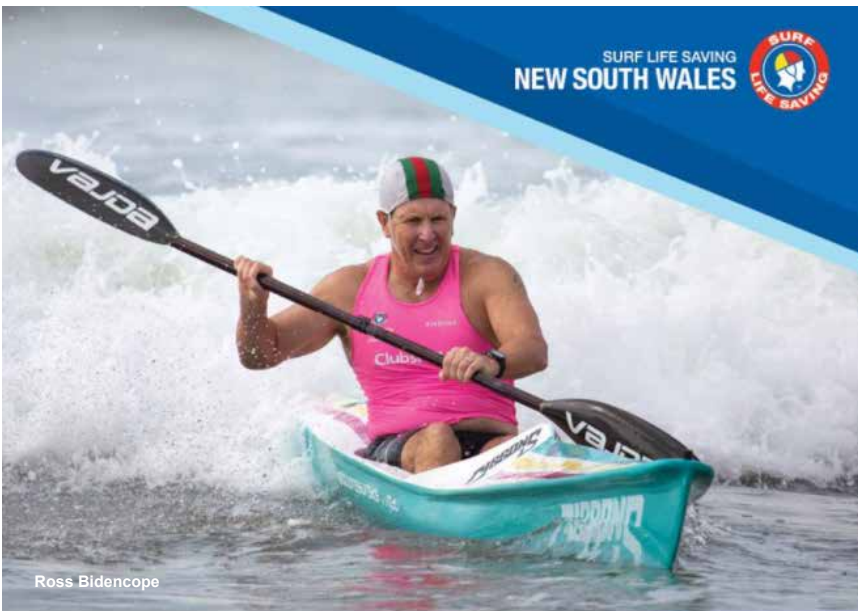
days before SE Queensland was closed down with the approach of Cylone Debbie. Although no medals, there were some good results and close finishes.

Australian Masters (27-28 March)

Skis: 65-69: 11th Alan Channells
Board: 60-64: 9th Chris McGuckin
65-69: 5th Bob Richardson
Ironman: 60-64: 4th Chris McGuckin

65-69: 5th Bob Richardson
Board Rescue: 60-64: 7th (Chris McGuckin, Bob Richardson)
170 yrs Board Relay: 4th (Chris McGuckin, Bob Richardson, Darren Warrener)

Bob Richardson | Masters Competitor



Ross Bidenceope



Chris McGuckin, Grant Salmon, Bob Richardson



The Antiques - Gold Medal - Auckland New Zealand



Jason Dale, State Championships, Swansea NSW

Boat Captain's Report

This season we had 11 crews compete for Avalon Beach, the most number of crews that we have ever had. We had one or more crews compete in every division apart from U19 women. This is a massive effort that comes down to a lot of off season recruitment driven by Pete Carter, Nathan Wellings, Rick Millar, Johnny Harper and Brent Williams.

Unfortunately this season none of the open crews were able to compete at the Aussies due to "water pollution" from the cyclone that had just gone through northern Queensland. This was heartbreaking for all crews and prevented what was looking to be one of our most successful Aussies campaigns in many years. Our Masters were able to compete and as usual did us very proud.

All of our crews train extremely hard all season, putting in countless hours in the boat, gym and on the beach patrolling. Under Nicholas Sampson we also run the Club bar and provide staff to all the functions at the Surf Club.

Unfortunately this season we experienced the tragic loss of teammate Nicholas Pinheiro. Through our close knit boat rowing family we were able to provide support to one another when it was needed the most. That's what makes this team so special.

Open Women - Ducks.

Ash Norman, Ellie McKay, Rebecca Elliott, Rachel Strong, Rick Millar.

The Ducks flew back home to where they belong this season. It was a slow start to the season, with Rachel breaking her leg just after they started training. Because of her injury their first carnival was at Queenscliff in the middle of January 2017. They gave all the open women's crews from other clubs too much start, raced every weekend, but were just off the pace. It was good to have an Open women's crew representing us once again. This crew should perform well next year if they don't have any further injuries.

Masters 160 Women/ Reserve Women - DBs - Shannon Fletcher, Stephanie Stoddard, Amanda Dale, Melinda Akehurst, Rick Millar.

A new crew this year and originally starting with Maree Yong in the lineup, but Maree became pregnant and was replaced by Melinda. These girls had never rowed a surf boat, or for that matter any boat, and were thrown in at the deep end. It was a bit of a culture shock for them at first, but they stuck

at it and through hard work and persistence, they became a competent surf boat crew. They represented the Club at all carnivals rowing in the new Reserve women's division and picked up some experience. In the Masters division they performed well beyond expectations as the below results show:

2nd SNB Branch
2nd Pacific Palms
2nd ASRL Open
4th NSW State
7th Aussies

They should have a good season next year if they stick together.

Master 200 Men/Reserve Men - Alans
Alan Moran, Alan Mahn, Jason Dale, Jeff Nesbitt, Rick Millar

This crew was started by Jean Harper at the end of last season. Jean was injured at the beginning of the season and Rick gave him a hand to train them, then as usual, took over. It was really the first year rowing for these guys as well, and again they were competing against crews with many more years' experience than them. And for a first year crew they competed very well. As with the DBs, these guys became very competent in their skills, had a mild setback with Alan Moran being out ill for a while, but he came back. One of their best efforts was competing in reserve grade in the State titles. They rowed reserve and due to the big seas, a lot of reserve crews withdrew. These guys took a deep breath and decided to compete, a big decision considering that they haven't rowed in big seas before.

Long story short, they made it out, caught a great wave home, came third, (would have

thought they won if you had been there and seen how happy they were) then went out and back again in the second round.

A great effort and they are now SURF boat rowers.

Master 200 Men – Clowns
Mark Wood, Craig Goozee, Brent Williams, Brendan Paine, Hector Heathcote

This crew included three out of four boys from last year's Clown's crew with the inclusion of Brendan Paine. Having lots of experience rowing (just not together as a crew) they took a little while to hit their straps, but once they did they started getting some great results. Once Hector found out the hard way where the rocks were in the middle of Avalon Beach, training sessions became a lot more uneventful. Their top results for the season were:

3rd SNB Branch
4th NSW State

Aussies – Semi's (Unlucky not to make the final due to a make or break wave).

Master 180 Men – Knobs
Daryl Johnson, Shaun Wolthers, Adam Schofield, Pete Carter, Nathan Wellings

As usual these boys rock up at the business end of the season and this year set a new record for themselves, doing more than 5 sessions before the Aussies. Due to surf size at the State carnival their event was moved onto the lake. This didn't go down well with them so they decided to pull out and not compete. They made the trip to the Aussies and came away with a silver medal in their only event of the season.



The Alans, State Championships, Swansea NSW

Masters Men – Nows

Stephane Verhaeghe, Andrew Hall, Drew Gabb, Ashley Cardiff, Jean Harper

This crew was a new crew formed by Jean Harper. Ash Cardiff was the only one with rowing experience previously so it took a while for them to find some form. After a long off season training these boys pulled together to come up with some impressive results for their first season. Their results for the season were:

- 1st SNB Branch
- 5th NSW State

Masters 180 Women/Reserve Women
Bev Tilbury, Amelia Butler, Kate Munro, Donna Wishart, Nathan Wellings

(World Lifesaving Championships, September 2016, Beverley Tilbury, Kerry McEwan, Kate Munro, Donna Wishart, Nathan Wellings)

After a successful trip overseas in Holland at the World Lifesaving Championships and the Infinite Ocean competition in Biarritz, France the girls had to make a slight change to their crew. With Kerry McEwan injured, it left a spot for Amelia Butler to join the crew. After some off season training the girls were ready for another successful season racing. Their results for the season were:

- 1st World Championships
- 1st ASRL
- 3rd NSW State
- 3rd Aussies
- 1st World Masters
- 3rd ASRL Short course (Reserve Womens)

Under 23 Women – Avocados

Ellie Di Biagio, Lauren Peterson, Chloe

Scott, Amelia Barber, Nathan Wellings

This crew included three of last year's Avocados with one change. Chloe was the new addition, getting her bronze just before Christmas, so their first carnival was late 2016. They had a fantastic season and were top performers across the board. Next season they are sticking together and will be hard to beat. Their results were:

- Avalon Beach SLSC Competitors of the year
- 2nd ASRL National Short Course
- 3rd NSW State
- 3rd SNB Branch Premiership
- 3rd SNB Branch Championship

Under 23 Men – Pinkies

Peter Ashcroft, Matthew Mayall, Nicholas Sampson, Scott Poole, Nathan Wellings

(World Lifesaving Championships, September 2016, Tom Curnow, Matthew Mayall, Nicholas Sampson Andrew Bright, Nathan Wellings)

The crew this year included two of the Pinkies from last season and two new boys. Peter and Scott were both surf boat rowers at Mona Vale before they came to their senses and moved to Avalon Beach. This was their last season in the U23 division so they had a point to prove from the start of the year with strong results throughout. Their results from the season were:

- 1st World Lifesaving Championships U23 men (Holland)
- 4th World Lifesaving Championships Open Men (Holland)
- 1st SNB Branch Premiership
- 2nd NSW State
- 2nd NSW Best of the Best
- 2nd Pacific Palms Battle of the Boats

U19 Men – Wingnuts

Jack Wetheral, Connor Johnson, Zach Dale, Todd Barber, Nathan Wellings

This was the first season for the Wingnuts so it took a while for them to find some form. They competed at all but two carnivals all season which was an amazing effort. Towards the end of the season they were starting to make some semi-finals and even some finals. If they stick together next season they will be hard to beat.

U19 Men – Redskins

Ben Smith, Oliver Scheuring, Flynn Quinlan, Nicholas Pinherio, Pete Carter

This was another new crew for the year as all had only just turned 16. They rowed well in carnivals early in the season but due to the tragic death of Nick, were unable to row the second half of the season. The Club is extremely proud of how exceptionally well the other boys are handling this incredibly tough time in their lives. It's a full credit to them as young men and their coach for helping them through this arduous period in their lives. Nick was a great friend and teammate, and will be sorely missed.

Next season is looking promising. We should have a similar number of crews competing at the Aussies which will be held in Perth.

A big thanks must go to the wives and families of all our great sweeps. We all appreciate all the time you have given us; we couldn't do it with out you. Last but not least, a massive thank you to Brent and Maree for all the help in the gym. All the 5am gym sessions and mornings spent running up and down the headland are much appreciated.

Matthew Mayall | **Boat Captain**

IRB Competition Report

The IRB Race Team competed at all the rounds of the NSW Premiership Series, travelling to Caves Beach, Mollymook, Ocean Beach and Cape Hawke. This year saw an increase in the number of clubs competing in the series, so competition was very fierce, with all the rounds going over two days because of the number of entries.

Our best rounds were Caves Beach and Ocean Beach, the team making quite a few finals and finishing with high points in most events. The round at Mollymook was suspended due to dangerous conditions, so points for the next 2 rounds were going to be harder to come by.

Congratulations to our Rookies, Todd Barber and Zach Dale, as they managed to capture the Gold Medal in the overall point score in the Mass Rescue event, just shading Coogee out by one point.

The last round saw us close to Medal contention in the Under 23 teams and the 35 Teams. Both teams finished fourth in the point score, with the Under 23 only missing out by a spectacular exit in the first leg of the Teams race.

Our Female crew of Mel Hall and Amelia Barber also had a good season making it into the semi-finals in some tricky conditions at a couple of the rounds.

We will be taking a smaller team up to State titles at South West Rocks and hope to have good showing in the finals.

The team finished 15th on the overall competition points score, mainly because this season we did not contest any Tube Rescue events, so if there are any good swimmers out there please contact the team.

I would like to thank Avalon Beach RSL for their continued sponsorship of the IRB section of the Club.

Terry Barber | **IRB Competition Manager**



Todd Barber and Zach Dale, Cape Hawke Carnival 2017



Avalon Beach Surf Boat Team - State Championships - Swansea NSW



Avalon Beach IRB Race Team - Caves Beach 2017



Junior Club Reports

Junior Activities (Nippers) Report

Well, as I complete my second and final year as president of Nippers, I must say it has been, while sometimes challenging, an extremely rewarding experience. I took on this role with some key goals in mind and with a skilled team around me I am happy to say they have all been achieved.

Our focus this year, as always, was to continue to grow the education of water safety for our Nippers and with the help and systems put in place by Tom Richardson, we have achieved this milestone and put every Nipper through the Surf Life Saving Australia Junior Development program.

Another goal was to improve the quality of our equipment. With our annual flag sponsors and a tightening of expenses, we managed to raise enough funds to purchase 21 new Bennett Nipper soft boards, 6 new Kracka Nipper racing mals and 10 new Kracka junior racing mals. Along with this, we have a healthy cash buffer to further enhance the Nipper program. A huge thank you to our sponsors MJC Construction, Ocean Wealth Management, Richard Cole Architecture, DMC Fins, Driving Solutions, Dragonfly Environmental, The Green Guys and Avalon Beach Family Dental for making this possible.

Seeing our team of age managers turn up each week and putting our Nippers to the test was incredibly rewarding to witness. With the guidance of our dedicated volunteers and all those parents who got involved (you know who you are), our Nippers were tested in the challenging Avalon Beach conditions. Each week, they were faced with Avalon's relentless shore and constant rips. Our Nippers stood up

to the challenge and by the end of the season, from what I could see, were a lot more comfortable in the ocean. For me, this is why we do Nippers!

This season we continued to grow our competition squad under the leadership and enthusiasm of Dave Roberts. Thanks to Dave, our team achieved some incredibly outstanding results with a swag of medals. I'm proud to say our team continuously demonstrated sportsmanship and integrity, not only supporting their own team mates but also showing the same courtesy to other clubs as well. I also need to make special mention of our beach head coach Darren Cutrie who lead the beach team, experiencing some of our best results in years.

I would also like to thank all the other coaches for their time and commitment this year. Each week our Nippers had the opportunity to participate in extra carnival training on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. Thanks to Brian Boaler for heading up our water team who has also achieved fantastic results over the last few years.

Again, I have been extremely lucky to work alongside some incredible members of the Avalon Beach community. Without these volunteers being members of the Junior Activities Committee, Nippers would not be half of what it has become. I would like to thank Steph Stoddard, Shellie Vincent, Jo Higson, Matt Brennan, Dave Roberts, Gem Lehman, Brian Wetherall and Emma Lynch.

Intentionally there is one person I would like to single out. This tireless volunteer has been my right-hand man for the past 2 years and it has been an absolute honour to work alongside him. This dedicated

individual spends countless hours with our Nippers, has successfully put 2 groups of Nipper parents through their Bronze Medallion, works with our 14-18 year olds as Junior Captain and much more. Mike Stanley-Jones, take a bow, you are truly one of a kind – you made my job much easier so thank you for all your support.

As I end this report I would personally like to again acknowledge the Junior Activities Committee, the age mangers and all the parents who helped make the Nippers program the success it is.

Last, but not least, to the legendary Nippers of Avalon Beach, we're all incredibly proud of you so keep doing what you're doing. It has been a great couple of years at the helm and an experience which I will never forget.

As always see you on the beach and don't forget to say hi.

Pim John van Gestel | **Director of Junior Activities**



Junior Captain’s Report

Well, another year of firsts kept the retention rate high for our 15 to 18 year olds. The under 14s SRC squad of Lucas Molloy's conquered Kosciusko. The under 15s Cadets took off to New Zealand. The under 16s cooked up a MasterChef style extravaganza. The under 17s stepped backwards to help run the under 7 Nippers.

And the under 18s were out getting their car licenses, enrolling in Uni, travelling overseas (some to work) and joining the Army.

We also entered our "Youth Program" into the Branch awards night under the category of "Initiative of the Year" and won! Which means we were invited to the State Awards and we won that too!! Just

goes to show that what we're doing here at Avalon Beach with our youth is grabbing the attention of clubs statewide – let's keep it up.

In an effort to raise awareness for youth suicide, a team of our under 17s entered the Lifeline Classic Surfing contest. Flynn Quinlan, Ollie Scheuring and Ben Smith were led by Tom Curnow and assigned a pro-surfer for the tag-team event. Chief fundraiser Dave Roberts came up with a whopping \$3,900 worth of funds which made them the 5th highest fundraiser of the day (out of 13). Great laughs were had by all.

In January this year trainers from this Club flew to Singapore to teach Bronze Medallion to 10 eager ex-pats. They

have established a Nippers club called Singapore Nippers and want to do things the Australian way.

In August another 2 trainers will teach another 20 adults. It is hoped that we will send squads of SRCs, Cadets and Rookies (our youth) over to Singapore in the coming seasons for an introduction to Asian culture and possibly their first trip to the Northern Hemisphere.

Once again, the age managers and parents have done a great job with the youth of our Club and that can only be a great thing for our community. Let's see what next season brings.

Mike Stanley-Jones | Junior Captain



U16 Rookies' Report

The season started for the Rookies with a mystery challenge in which 2 teams had to complete a series of challenges including a rescue board, spinal board and treasure hunt challenge, all while holding a rescue tube vertical at all times, having 2 less legs than the number of legs on the team touching the ground (ie carrying someone) and always having at least 2 people on a rescue board. Needless to say it was challenging and a great ice breaker for the season.

The group helped out with water safety, completed their SRC proficiency and did

a long paddle around to "The Ovens" near Whale Beach and back. We spent a weekend patrolling at Garie Beach, which we thought we had got through without any major dramas until a woman collapsed in the carpark just after we had finished packing up!

After Christmas it was straight into Bronze training. While the weather and surf conditions severely limited the time that could be spend on rescue boards, the expertise of Club trainer Steve Broderick ensured that all of the group who undertook training successfully completed their

Bronze Medallion. The Bronze Medallion course is demanding and requires a level of dedication and commitment which was met by this great group of now fully qualified lifesavers. Thank you so much to Steve for all the hours you put in.

We celebrated with a Masterchef challenge at the Club, three groups cooking one course each for a gourmet dinner. Again, each member rose to the challenge and produced a sumptuous feast that exceeded expectations, despite some interesting escapades in the kitchen and some extreme interpretations of the 3 second rule.

The Rookie (now Bronzie) group have requested to form their own patrol next season, and as long as enough members gain enough of the prerequisite awards in the off-season, it looks like this will happen. Many are already completing their IRB Crew Award and are keen to compete in racing next year. This year marks a significant milestone for a few members of the group who have been part of the Nipper program since Under 6s and are now active patrolling members. Congratulations to each and every one, you are the future of our Club. We look forward to seeing you all under the patrol tent in the summer.

Richard Cole, Volker Klemm, Alan Mahn



Cadet Report

Another great season with this group. After completing their SRC last season and not being able to do their Bronze Medallion until the 2017/18 season, I was often asked “what are we doing this year?” Well, we ended up doing a lot!

Providing water safety at Nippers, with Ella Brady, Heidi Wiseman, Kiana Flanet, Chloe Briscoe, Maya van der Vegt and Sophia Jones stepping up to the role of Age Managers for the U7/8s when needed. Well done girls.

Learning a little bit about our bodies, with a soothing session of yoga with Chris Hopton.

Brett and Maree from Crossfit put the squad through a 1.5Hr Crossfit session that included: diet, recovery, stretching and learning how to correctly use the equipment. Lots of sweaty bodies after that session!

Rick, Nick, Nathan and Matt put the squad through a session of surf boat rowing, which was a fun morning with lots of laughs. A few of the squad showed interest in joining the Boaties!

We also started board training on a Tuesday arvo in the 2nd half of the season. The squad honed their skills on the rescue boards with lots of nose dives, smiles and laughter while practicing board rescues.

In January, 17 of the squad and 10 parents, after a lot of fundraising, headed off to Orewa Beach SLSC, which is located on the East Coast of the North Island of New Zealand. We competed in carnivals, helped Orewa SLSC with their patrols, learnt some new skills, made some new friends and bonded as a group! Memories for life!!

Looking forward to helping you all achieve your Bronze Medallion next season. See you on the beach!

Brian Wetherall | **U15 Age Manager**



U15 NZ Tour Report

The decision to go on a tour of NZ as U15s in January 2017 was hatched at the end of season 2014/15 as U13s. Back in 2012 I travelled through a lovely seaside town by the name of Orewa, 45mins north of Auckland on the Hibiscus Coast. There were lots of cafés, restaurants and an old but nostalgic surf club. I touched base in 2015 with their office staff and they gave me the contact details of Benny Larsen, the Orewa Beach surf sports coordinator. The response I received from Benny and the Club's Board regarding our proposed tour was extremely

enthusiastic: they would be delighted to host Avalon Beach SLSC's U15s. There was no turning back now.

We started fundraising at the beginning of season 2015/16 as U14s SRC's. There were lots of BBQ's, events at the Surf Club, raffles and the running of the Nipper canteen. By the end of December 2016 we had hit our fundraising goal! There was relief and excitement from all that we had achieved, something our kids will cherish for ever.

Flights, accommodation, buses and activities were booked for a squad of 14

girls, 1 boy and 10 parents (parents paid their own way). We departed for NZ on the 6th January 2017 and returned on the 16th January 2017, an amazing 10 days of team building, life lessons and out of your comfort zone experiences. Orewa Beach SLSC were our hosts and praised our kids for their manners, attitude and the respect that they showed for their Club and equipment. Some highlights were as follows:

Red Beach Carnival Results: U16 Girls Flags - 1st Place Macy Carrothers, U16 Boys Sprints - 3rd Place Lochie Mills,

U16 Girls Beach Relay - 2nd Place Macy Carrothers, Anja Carlen, Daisy Young and Molly Bell. Water events were a challenge with no swell on the East Coast it was a very long paddle / swim and no free rides home. There were plenty of sore shoulders but we managed respectable mid-field placings. By the end of the day we had put Avalon Beach SLSC on the map!!

Orewa Beach SLSC's hospitality was overwhelming. Their can do care free attitude was a breath of fresh air in these modern times. They welcome all Avalon Beach members to visit them; if you are ever passing by, the door is always open. We hope to have Orewa Beach SLSC visit Avalon Beach in the not too distant future and hopefully we can be as accommodating as they were to us!

One of our best days was the friendly carnival between Avalon Beach and Orewa. Trevor, Orewa's carnival manager, decided we should mix Club competitors. This was a great idea as the kids really got to enjoy each other's company and competitive spirits. There were 6 teams of 6 competitors. The trophy was named the Jandalthong Cup (reference to the footwear we share with different names). The trophy was won by team 2, a mix of Avalon Beach U15 and Orewa U16 girls. The highlight was the canoe race, a two hulled craft joined by two pieces of wood at the bow and aft, equipped with left and right foot pedals for steering. The girls took a while to conquer this craft, zig zagging their way out to the cans and back. Lots of laughs.

At the carnival presentation, Avalon Beach were presented with a framed photo of Orewa Beach SLSC members with some nice words to boot. Check it out in the Club!

Some of the activities we experienced while on tour were: jet boating, white water rafting and a fabulous morning snorkelling off Goat Is. marine reserve, where the kids experienced a totally different marine environment: giant kelp beds, snapper 3 feet long and over 60 years old, eagle rays and a huge array of marine life that we don't see in Australia.

Finally a huge thank you to all involved in making this tour a great success. To see 15 kids mould into one big family by the end of the tour was my highlight.

Brian Wetherall | **U15 Age Manager**



SRC Report

It is with great pleasure that we can report that all of Avalon's 39 SRC participants passed the 2016 course with unprecedented glowing praise from Branch assessors. Both the dry and wet assessments were readily accomplished by this well drilled group of teenagers. DRSABCD is now permanently burned into each kids mind and if called upon or placed in a real life rescue / emergency / resuscitation situation each and every one of the 2016-17 SRC squad would be capable of saving a life.

For 8 intensive weeks each Monday night these teenagers gave up their social media devices and engaged in real human interaction for 2 hours of resus, signals and first aid. Each Sunday morning saw an early start at Kiddies Corner Palm Beach for board/tube recues, a run swim run,

more resus and signals. All of this was not possible without the valuable help of the parents particularly Frances Schuettrumpf, Vanessa Edwards, Paula Cook, Dave Kerr, Harmen Fredrikze and others.

We began the course with an exploratory run around North Avalon Headland to St Michael's Cave and finished the year with a tour of Thredbo and a fantastic climb of Mt Kosciuszko. Through the season we performed first aid on each other up to Barrenjoey Lighthouse and practised our signals through the crowds of Jamberoo Water Park (where you control the action).

Upon completion of the course the kids gave back to our community by volunteering for the Club at fundraisers, some patrols and in particular the Avalon Beach Surf Swim, where their knowledge

was put to the test and all impressed with expert implementation of first aid and safety skills recently learnt. The feedback we had from other Club members and the public was a tribute to the great character of this squad.

Whilst the focus of the year was on the SRC course our competitive duo of Tom Kerr and Eliza Cutrie represented the Club at local, Branch and State carnivals with their customary tenacity to great success.

The 39 kids that made up the 2016 Avalon Beach SRC squad are a fantastic asset to this community that the Club, parents and all of us are very proud of.

Thank you

Lucas Malloy, Greg Schuettrumpf and Darren Cutrie | **U14 Age Managers**



Age Managers' Reports

U6

We were faced with the daunting responsibility of introducing 67 new recruits into the Surf Club way of life. Under the leadership and guidance of veteran Jeff Nesbitt; Gus Buckner, James Acevedo and Michael Kurtz led the U6s through a myriad of adventures and challenges in the hopes of retaining their interest and imparting some beach awareness.

The introduction of the beach obstacle course challenged both kids and parents as we raced through varying layouts each week, followed by an early dip in the pool for the parents (which brushed away the remnants of Saturday night), who helped the kids with their swimming, tubes and board paddling in the pool. Many a week I found sand in strange places after having partaken in one of our favourite games – the crumbed cutlet on the edge of the surf break.

Tug of war was great fun and often needed parents to balance the sides out (tougher than it looks!)

Keeping our U6 kids entertained for an hour was fun and we all looked forward to our weekly jokes at the end of each Nippers session.

P.S. a special thank you to all the support that the SRC and young Bronze medal team provided throughout the season.

Michael Kurtz, Jeff Nesbitt, Gus Buckner, James Acevedo

U7

Well, another great year for the U7 Nippers. The enthusiasm and commitment from the kids, week in week out, was very impressive. Lots of big smiles, cheekiness, all round adventure and fun. I was very impressed with the U7 swimming ability this year and it is obvious parents are putting in the effort to teach the kids to swim. They all loved the boards and catching waves. We had two spectacular Sundays where the waves and sand banks were perfect for the grommets to learn to surf the boards. There will be a lot more of that next year as the kids get stronger in the water.

Matt and I would like to thank all the parents who contributed and helped, week in week out. You know who you are, and let me say, it is greatly appreciated. More parent involvement will be needed next season as the kids come up through the ranks as they will be in the water more and some will want to compete at carnivals. We need a minimum number of parents with

Bronze Medallions in the water at all times for safety.

So, if you want to get involved with your kids sports and the Club, please enrol for the Bronze Medallion. You really only have a few chances in life to be involved in your kids sports before they grow up, so get in there and have some fun. I will not be age managing next year. I will be pursuing my own interests (fishing, surfing) while my body still permits.

David Gregory and Matthew Robinson

U8

Mike: If a measure of success comes from the speed in which age managers can file a report, then the U8s have it. Within half an hour the following 3 reports were submitted and from them, you can ascertain that the U8s are in good hands. We've taught these kids their signals, the principles of swim, board, run and flags. Now next season we can head off for some adventures. Bring on October, we're ready for you!

Anton: This year I want to congratulate the parents of the U8s. Our U8 parents not only brought their kids to Nippers BUT, they made all our adventures possible through vast parent water safety nets, rescue board corralling, pool lifeguarding and flag court attendants. All in all, it's no wonder we have the best age group in the Club – we have the best parents! See you all next year.

Lachlan: The mighty U8s paddled, swam, sprinted, floated and surfed through 2016/17. We built THE BEST waterslides, had THE BIGGEST water pistol fights, and were the ONLY Nippers group at Avalon Beach to find a shark on the beach one Sunday morning!!

Tom: The U8s progressed from the separate U6-7 section into the main Nippers program successfully. We retained high attendance levels through the year as a result of a focus on variety, fun and learning. Skills development in all areas was excellent, with completion of the core curriculum prior to

Christmas. The group is well positioned for next year, when the new challenge of carnivals arrives.

Mike Stanley-Jones, Lachlan Arnold, Anton van der Vegt, Tom Richardson

U9

The under 9s had a brilliant season and the theme of "be brave and have fun" was continued throughout the summer. This year saw our carnival team step up and compete in water events (boards and swim) at carnival for the first time. The kids who participated were exceptionally brave and achieved some really good results. The highlight of carnival year was seeing how far the kids developed from the start of the season to the end of the season. The training the kids did all season paid off and really taught them about how working hard and attending practice really pays off. A big well done to the kids and parents who attended their first state carnival in very challenging conditions – very brave indeed!

Back on home sand the same theme was consistent. The stark contrast in water confidence from the start of the season to the end of the season was extreme. From tears in October to laughing and pride in March was brilliant to see on the kid's (and the parent's) faces. The kids all came along in leaps and bounds in the beach events too. The kids, parents and helpers should all be commended on a brilliant year and we



JAC Competition Report

can't wait to see everyone again next year.

Once again, a big thank you to the age managers Trent Delahunty, James Nosworthy, Ben Kerr, Joel Evans and Don Legge. Special mention also to our flag sponsor Mick Johns Construction (MJC).

Tom Waters, Trent Delahunty, Ben Kerr, Don Legge, James Nosworthy, Joel Evans

U10

We had a great season this year for under 10s. With tough conditions at AV, we still managed to get into the water most weeks. We had some kids overcome their fear of the waves and get out on the boards. They also gave it a good crack with the ocean swimming, especially on some of the trickier days when there was some swell. They also excelled in body surfing with the help of Darren's excellent instructions.

On the days we couldn't get out into the water we practiced basic surf awareness. The U10s are fantastic with their signals and particularly enjoyed learning CPR. I can see some future Bronzies in this group!

We had great results at Carnivals for Under 10s and about half of our group competed which is fantastic. Well done to all and we hope to see you all next season.

Shannon Fletcher, Darren Warrener and Darren Letts

U11

This year we had a small but powerful group of Nippers representing the U11s. The group produced the overall age champion with Ava Roberts and the Water Warrior with Josh Kerr. Well done Ava and Josh, picking up the biggest trophies at Avalon Beach SLSC. Even though these two got trophies, there were so many other achievements in the group from mastering boards to negotiating the Avalon Beach swell. I also need to mention the team that competed this year. The results speak for themselves and I would like to say well done from all your age managers.

While half the team was representing at carnivals we had a courageous group on the beach. This group increased their water skills beyond my imagination and we even had them paddle to flat rock, jump off and paddle back. Awesome!

With an inspiring team of age managers and great parent support, our little legends were in great hands. Again this year we had some interesting weather and swell which did put the Nippers (and parents) to the test, but I am proud to report all came out

unscathed and still smiling.

Well done to all the U11 Nippers, you are all champions.

Pim John van Gestel, Jeff Caleja and Christian Trinder

U12

It has been great to see the U12 group grow in strength and surf skills this year. Avalon Beach is challenging for kids and this group have now overcome the shore break and regularly were pushing their comfort zones in both the swim and the board. We made sure we got in the water every week and it showed in the participation in the Club Champs where everyone had a crack in challenging conditions.

Our girls board and water proofing group met at Palmy on Wednesdays and Saturdays and their skills this year went through the roof. Our kids who participated in carnivals did the Club proud and achieved some fine results and personal and team bests. Thanks to all the parents who supported and participated. Well done and we will see you all again next year.

Simon Leck, Matt Brennan, Cameron Lane

U13

This year we had a record 45 registrations within our age group and we started to make some ground in terms of being ready to undertake SRC next year. Our primary focus this year was to have fun and to build a team ethos. We kicked off the year with a sleepover at the Club and introduced a new program which included adventures to Tree Tops, camping at the Basin and Jamberoo. We did a mini triathlon at Palm Beach as well as spent lots of time in the still waters of Pittwater to develop our board skills both on the Nipper and SRC long boards. We jumped off the rocks at Avalon Beach and swam back to shore so that we could build our swim fitness. We also introduced ourselves to signals, fireman carries, basic first aid and CPR techniques. All of the kids had an opportunity to challenge themselves over the season and have found their inner strength and resilience and we look forward to continuing to work with this age group as our future lifesavers.

Jack Frost, Bernadette McKay, Dave Roberts, Gem Lehman

The record year in 2016 set a very high bar for our team but 2017 took it a step higher. What a season for our kids, with the highlight again being the massive improvement we have made in the water. We are the reigning Branch surf champions looking to defend our title later in the year. The kids have been rewarded for their commitment, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Our beach team results are the direct product of the dedication of our coach Darren Cutrie – the girls relay teams in the U10, 11, 12 and 13s winning 2 bronze and 2 gold medals at Branch and the U11 and U13 teams backing up with medals at State were memorable moments. Our U13 girls team have won a medal 4 years in a row at State, and there was a photo finish for their silver. Who knows what awaits for them next season – that elusive gold maybe?

Our water team had its best season since the late 1980s with the U11 boys and girls and U13 boys and girls board relay teams making State finals with top 10 placings for all teams. A superb bronze in the U11 boys board rescue at State plus

numerous individual personal bests made for a great end to the season. Thank you to our dedicated coaches - Darren Warrener, Brian Boaler, Jeff Calleja, Amanda Lehman, Christian Trinder, Lucas Molloy, Mike Stanley-Jones and Matt Brennan.

Lastly, after 6 years I am signing off as Competition Manager – and what a great 6 years it has been. Thank you kids.

State Carnival – Swansea 2017

A team of 45 kids ignored the foul weather and event cancellations to come together at the Swansea seaside campground in a way that was truly humbling for us parents. The positive and inclusive team environment set the tone for some massive team and personal bests. The team results were the core of our success, and again we showed what a force we are finishing in the top 25 for the 3rd year in a row out of over 100 clubs competing. The highlights included: 22 points – 23rd place overall 25 finalists (60% of our team) Silver – U13 girls beach relay A team (Tyella Toll, Samantha Casey, Nina McGuffog, Tegan Scott)

Bronze – Ava Roberts (U11 girls flags), Bronze – Jasmine Robinson (U11 girls 1km run)

Bronze – U11 boys board rescue (Josh Kerr, Kai Calleja)

5th – U11 girls beach relay (Jasmine Robinson, Claudia Vincent, Ava Roberts, Ruby Keating)

5th – Josh Kerr (U11 boys ironman)

6th – U13 board relay (Jack Roberts, Alex Calleja, Joe Boaler)

7th – Ava Roberts (U11 girls sprint)

7th – U13 girls beach relay B team (Sophie Johns, Cedar Leigh-Jones, Bella Vincent, Abbi van Gestel, Pia Robinson)

8th – U11 board relay (Josh Kerr, Jack Lacroix, Kai Calleja)

10th – Nina McGuffog (U13 girls flags)

10th – U11 board relay (Jasmine Robinson, Claudia Vincent, Ava Roberts)

U10 – swim finalist Zannah Dixon

U11 – swim finalist Josh Kerr

U13 – girls board relay finalists (Sophie Johns, Pia Robinson, Cedar Leigh-Jones, Bella Vincent)



Tegan Scott, Nina McGuffog, Sammy Casey

Junior Awards

Branch Carnival –

Narrabeen / Newport 2017

Branch was split over 2 weekends which allowed for greater participation in events. The team of 50 kids achieved a fantastic 7th place at Branch with a massive 135 points. A special mention to our Branch champions – the U11 and U13 girls beach relays and Jasmine Robinson in the U11 1km run - congratulations. Jeff Callejas’ U11 team was the standout age group collecting almost half of the total points. The board relay teams also performed with great distinction with the U9 boys and U11 girls making the podium and all other teams making the final. Our medal winners list is impressive:
135 points – 7th place overall
Gold - U11 girls beach relay (Jasmine Robinson, Claudia Vincent, Ava Roberts, Ruby Keating)
Gold – U13 girls beach relay (Tyella Toll, Samantha Casey, Nina McGuffog, Tegan Scott)

Gold – U11 girls 1km run Jasmine Robinson
Silver – U11 girls board relay (Jasmine Robinson, Claudia Vincent, Ava Roberts)
Silver – Ava Roberts (U11 girls sprint)
Silver – Tegan Scott (U13 girls sprint)
Silver – Oscar Lane (U12 1km run)
Bronze – U10 girls beach relay (Lucy Johns, Marlena Letts, Evie Waters, Isla Evans)
Bronze – U12 girls beach relay (Rosie Brennan, Lucy Bell, Emily Waters, Ruby Stanley-Jones)
Bronze – U11 girls board rescue (Ava Roberts, Jasmine Robinson)
Bronze – Ava Roberts (U11 girls flags)
Bronze – Nina McGuffog (U13 girls flags)
Bronze – Thomas Kerr (U14 boys sprint)
Bronze – U9 boys board relay (Hamish Nosworthy, Archie Kerr, Josh Leigh)

2016 NSW Board Riding Championships – Soldiers Beach 2017

Avalon Beach SLSC State surfing team for the U13, U14 and Masters age groups were well represented at Soldiers Beach and the results were simply amazing. The surf peaked on Friday for the Masters and was small for the Nippers which made wave selection critical. 5 medals at State was a record result for the Club, so congratulations to all our State surfing champions!
Gold – Moana Roberts (Over 40 Female short board)
Silver – Moana Roberts (Over 40 long board)
Silver – Arch Whiteman (U13 short board)
Bronze – Van Whiteman (U13 short board)
Bronze – Tiya Collins (U13 short board).

Dave Roberts | JAC Competition Manager

Water Warrior

1st Place Josh Kerr
2nd Place Zannah Dixon
3rd Place Claudia Vincent

Best Carnival Competitor

1st Place Ava Roberts
2nd Place Jasmin Robinson
3rd Place Tegan Scott

Under 6

Encouragement Award Stella Walters
Encouragement Award Asali Harris
Encouragement Award Tully Brady
Encouragement Award Marlon Watts

Under 7

Encouragement Award Abby Webb
Encouragement Award Odin Almenning
Encouragement Award Hudson Hegarty
Encouragement Award Selma Stewart

Under 8 Boys

1st Place Nathan Walters
1st Place Charlie Riches
3rd Place Raphael Stafford
Encouragement Award Darby Rayner
Encouragement Award William Lacroix

Under 8 Girls

1st Place Tahlí Elliott
2nd Place Saskia Keeley
2nd Place Faith Hunt
Encouragement Award Bianca Lee
Encouragement Award Scarlett Mitchell

Under 9 Boys

1st Place Joshua Leigh
2nd Place Hamish Nosworthy
3rd Place Archer Kerr
Encouragement Award Archie Kerr
Encouragement Award Ben Burge

Under 9 Girls

1st Place Lucy John
2nd Place Evie Waters
3rd Place Evie Toll
Encouragement Award Georgie Geftakis
Encouragement Award Evie Waters

Under 10 Boys

1st Place Kobe Stylianou
1st Place Samuel Pace
3rd Place Toby Lehman
Encouragement Award Aidan Welch
Encouragement Award Dylan Zonca

Under 10 Girls

1st Place Marlena Letts
2nd Place Zannah Dixon
3rd Place Ruby Robinson
Encouragement Award Holly Arnold
Encouragement Award Zoe Warrenner

Under 11 Boys

1st Place Josh Kerr
2nd Place Kai Calleja
3rd Place Jack Lacroix
Encouragement Award Calum Anderson
Encouragement Award Tasman Trinder

Under 11 Girls

1st Place Ava Roberts

2nd Place Jasmin Robinson
3rd Place Claudia Vincent
Encouragement Award Nina Collins
Encouragement Award Bridie Brennan

Under 12 Boys

1st Place Oscar Lane
2nd Place Jack Dixon
3rd Place Jake Malloy
Encouragement Award Luke Riley
Encouragement Award Finn Arnold

Under 12 Girls

1st Place Emily Waters
2nd Place Molly Baczkowski
3rd Place Lucy Bell
Encouragement Award Milena Gomez
Encouragement Award Florentyn Heintz

Under 13 Boys

1st Place Jack Roberts
2nd Place Joe Boaler
3rd Place Alexander Calleja
Encouragement Award Harrison Schaut
Encouragement Award Joe Beckley

Under 13 Girls

1st Place Tegan Scott
2nd Place Nina McGuffog
3rd Place Pia Robinson
Encouragement Award Isabella Vincent
Encouragement Award Angela Carter

Under 14 Boys

1st Place Thomas Kerr
Encouragement Award Sebastien Gerdelan
Encouragement Award Jake Roberts

Under 14 Girls

1st Place Eliza Cutrie
2nd Place Ella Malloy
Encouragement Award Amelia Fredrikze
Encouragement Award Olivia Casey



Nina McGuffog, Tegan Scott, Tyella Toll, Sammy Casey



Thomas Kerr



Molly Baczkowski, Emily Waters



Jasmine Robinson, Ava Roberts



Bella Vincent, Abbi van Gestel



Harley Wilson



In The News

NATURALLY BRAVE MIKE STANLEY-JONES – AVALON BEACH SLSC



The ability to retain the interest of young club members has long been a thorn in the side of Surf Life Saving Clubs across NSW. This may be a problem of the past for one Sydney Northern Beaches club thanks to the creative thinking of Mike Stanley-Jones and his team at Avalon Beach SLSC. After being awarded the 2016 Initiative of the Year at the Surf Life Saving NSW Awards of Excellence, we take a look at the man behind the scheme, the naturally brave Mike.

A patrol member at Avalon Beach SLSC since 2008 and now the club's Junior Captain, Mike coordinates the Avalon Beach SLSC Youth Program with the help of a team of skilled and committed Age Managers. The focus of the group is to promote fun in both surf-related and recreational activities that not only forge friendships but also encourage the teens to continue their involvement in Surf Life Saving as they get older.

"Our inspiration was from the kids because they needed to lead it. They really want to do different things so we're giving them the opportunity, we're re-inventing things for them," said Mike. "We're thinking outside the square and the kids love it. Our numbers have close to tripled in that age category because of the different things we're doing."

Mike and the Avalon Beach club

agree that the benefits of keeping the 15 to 18 year olds engaged are enormous; they are involved with the club's fundraising activities such as the Carols by Candlelight community event and the Avalon Beach Ocean Swim; they contribute to patrols and are often the strongest swimmers

“Our inspiration was from the kids because they needed to lead it. They really want to do different things.”

or paddlers when rescues are required. They also add to the pool of participants in the club's growing surf sports involvement.

Specific activities that Mike and the team have initiated for this age group include taking the Under 15s, 16s and 17s to Garie Beach in the Royal National Park for weekends where the group assists with patrols and having the young lifesavers provide water safety at the Sydney Wet'N'Wild Nippers program which runs over summer. As well as this, the club has fundraised for a tour of New Zealand for the Under 16s in early 2017 where

the group will be hosted by Orewa Beach SLSC.

For Mike, winning the award for Initiative of the Year at the NSW Awards of Excellence represented a culmination of all the hard work that the group had put in, as well as confirmation that what they were doing was actually making a difference.

"It was awesome," said Mike, "it felt like things were finally coming together. It confirmed that Surf Life Saving recognised and loved what we were doing – we already knew that the kids, the parents and the community loved the program, but this award was like a final validation from the wider Surf Life Saving movement."

While the award was the icing on the cake for Mike, it was clear that the program was a success long before the winner was announced on the night. The numbers speak for themselves – with the club going from retaining just 22 youth patrol members in 2012-13 to 97 last season – with many of these young guns set to provide the backbone of the club in future seasons.

Mike and the team at Avalon Beach SLSC have created what may be a blueprint for the future of Surf Life Saving in retaining their younger, naturally brave surf lifesavers. ●



Jordon Hunt and Freya Alston are ready for the challenge.
Picture: Martin Lange

RACERS READY TO HIT THE SEA

Bryn Izy

WE'RE just a few weeks into the surf lifesaving patrol season and already northern beaches competitors are raring - or in this case, roaring - to go.

The hugely popular Lion Island Challenge, hosted by Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club, will be contested by hundreds of competitors tomorrow.

The challenge, in its 11th year, sees competitors racing one of several types of surf craft from Station Beach (Pittwater side of Palm Beach) to Lion Island, before heading back to the mainland.

There are 14km and 8km races. Mona Vale Surf Life Saving Club's

Jordon Hunt and Freya Alston are two of the up-and-coming surfers who are looking to use the event to get their season off to a flyer.

"This year I really want to do well ... I'm looking to do the 8km and come in the top five of the under-23s," 16-year-old Hunt said.

The race is open to clubbies and non-clubbies.

The race will start at 8.30am, with registration from 7am to 8am.

Race director Volker Klein said: "It's one of the great ocean paddles in Australia. People come from all over Australia to participate."

More details, avalonbeachslsc.com.au.



The injured man being transferred from an ambulance to a helicopter prior to being flown to Royal North Shore Hospital. Photo Malcolm Chapman

Manly

Lifesaver praised after treating man, 70, who fell hard on rocks

John Morcombe, Manly Daily

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A MAN in his 70s who fell on rocks near the rock pool at Palm Beach yesterday morning was lucky a highly-trained lifesaver was nearby.

After being treated at the scene, the injured man was flown to Royal North Shore Hospital in a stable condition with abrasions and a head injury.

The man was walking along the path near the rock pool when he fell on to the rocks below, causing a head injury that began bleeding profusely.

Avalon Beach SLSC patrol captain Nick Sampson, 23, was working on a nearby construction site when members of the public alerted him to the man's injury.

"He had a deep cut to the head and there was a lot of blood," Mr Sampson said.

"Apparently he felt faint and stumbled across the path and fell off the edge on to the rocks."

Mr Sampson and others from the construction site grabbed a First-Aid kit and, along with bystanders, did what they could to stem the flow of blood from the man's head wound until paramedics arrived.

Surf Life Saving NSW spokeswoman Donna Wishart said that after the paramedics arrived, Mr Sampson helped them administer oxygen, apply a neck brace and a defibrillator before the man was placed in an ambulance.

The man was driven to a waiting helicopter at North Palm Beach and flown to Royal North Shore Hospital in a stable condition.

"The drama at Palm Beach shows just how valuable it is to have surf lifesavers trained in first aid and CPR out in the community and ready to use their skills and experience to help others," Ms Wishart said.

Clubs surfing a wave of success

Northern Beaches Branch clubs enjoyed huge success at the recent 2016 NSW Surf Life Saving Awards of Excellence.

Avalon Beach's highly innovative youth program was recognised with the Initiative of the Year award; veteran Palm Beach boat sweep Peter Spence was pronounced Coach of the Year; and Ella Cook from Narabeen Beach was celebrated after being crowned Female Junior Lifesaver of the Year in April.

Retaining teenage members after they finish Nippers has been an ongoing issue, but Avalon Beaches' innovative approach could prove to be a blueprint for the future.

The Avalon Beach SLSC Youth Program - coordinated by Junior Club Captain Mike Stanley Jones (pictured) and run by age group managers including Jeff Nesbitt, Richard Cole, Volker Klemm, Janelle Amet, Alan Mahn, Ian McGilchrist and Brian Weatherill - promotes fun in both surf-related and recreational activities to encourage teenagers to remain involved in SLS.

"The beauty behind this award is it's the participation, not competition," said Mike. "We're getting our numbers because everybody is participating because they want to, not necessarily because they're a competitor."



It's been another amazing year for Palm Beach veteran surfboat coach Peter Spence.

At the State Championships he swept a record 48 races - and at the Aussies 58 (also a record). He coached teams to medals at Branch, State, and National Level, has created the training program that all crews use in the off-season, and when a number of crews lost coaches

and sweeps during the season, he stepped in.

"Palm Beach finished with six NSW and four Aussie medals in the boats and we've never done that before, so it's a thrill as it's

not just the crews who win, it's everyone else in the club that enjoys the victory as well," Spence said.

A love of the beach has been a constant theme in the Cook household, so it was only natural that a young Ella Cook would find her way to the Narabeen Beach Nippers when she was just six. It was the start of a journey that would culminate with her winning the Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award in her final season of Nippers.

"It feels really good to be recognised in front of the wider Surf Life Saving community... what everyone has achieved over the 2015/16 season is outstanding," said Ella.

Meanwhile, despite having one of the smallest Beaches memberships, Whale Beach has



recorded the second highest number of Life Saving Awards.

The 154 patrolling members gained 141 awards including eight Gold Medallion Awards for Beach Management (above) - a mark not achieved by any other Club in a season.

Other Awards were qualifications for Bronze Medallion First Aid, Spinal Management, Rescue Boat and Jet ski drivers and crew.

The Annual General Meeting on August 14 saw Club President Phil Schmidt step down after four years of high achievement; Andrew Pearce was unanimously elected as

the new President along with a relatively fresh group of younger members who have taken on roles as Club Officers.

"We have an outstanding Clubhouse, great facilities and very much would welcome more local youth and not-so-young to come and become lifesavers," said Andrew.

Back in 1985, Whale Beach was the first Northern Beaches Club to have qualified females as members. Now, 43% of members are female as is the new Club Captain Lara Boyle and Chief Instructor Georgie Roberts.

- Phillip Brent & Rob Berry

Pittwater

Avalon's amazing Inflatables crews

Congratulations Avalon Beach SLSC's Matt Mayall and Blake Taggart with patients Amelia Barber and Melissa Hall, who came third in the Under-23 Mass Rescue event at the SLSNSW State Inflatable Rescue Boat Championships at Mollymook. Their overall team had some great results with Todd Barber and Zac Dale fourth in the Novice Rescue event, and in the 35+ teams event, Pete Carter, Jason Dale, Alan Moran, Alan Mahn also came fourth in a very close finish. Inflatable Rescue Boat competition events are how surf lifesavers train to become expert at rescuing swimmers in difficulty as fast as possible. It was first developed in 1969 by Avalon Beach SLSC Life Member Warren Mitchell OAM whose objective was to develop a faster, more efficient method of rescue.

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NORTHERN BEACHES

Tom made of the ride stuff

At the ripe age of 16, Avalon triathlete, lifesaver and sailor has earned Sportsperson of the Year title

Sarah Swain

TOM Colley might only be 16, but he is old enough to be named Northern Beaches Council's Sportsperson of the Year.

The Avalon teen, who was nominated by his school, Barrenjoey High, is a triathlete, a lifesaver for Avalon Surf Club and a top sailor.

Mum Sally said she was "stunned" at the news.

"We're very excited for him," she said. "It was very kind of the school to nominate him."

Tom is aiming to take part in the triathlon world championships this year or next year. He works as a *Manly Daily* delivery walker, as well as at Avanti Bike Shop and Swell Cafe, in order to pay for his gear.

In 2014, Tom finished the 10km Pub2Pub in under an hour - despite having an arm in plaster. He also holds state and national titles in sailing with his brother.

The awards were presented at the citizenship ceremony in Manly by Olympic sailor and Australia Day

Ambassador Lisa Darmann.

Meanwhile, the Young Citizen of the Year prize went to Dana Lancman for volunteering with the council's bushcare program and establishing the Curly Community Garden.

Northern Beaches Council administrator Dick Persson

What makes the northern beaches such a wonderful place to live is the outstanding contributions

Dick Persson

paid tribute to all those who won.

"What makes the northern beaches such a wonderful place to live is the outstanding contributions made to our community by so many people across such a diverse range of activities," he said. "It is with a great sense of pride that I pay tribute to all those who were nominated and especially the winners."



Keen lifesaver, triathlete and sailor Tom Colley, 16, is the council's Sportsperson of the Year. Picture: Martin Lange

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Nippers ride wave all the way to Singapore

Steve Meacham

Ask members of Avalon Beach's Surf Life Saving Club (established 1925) for the three stretches of beaches they're responsible for - then stand back and wait for the smart retort.

"That's South Av," a regular will say, pointing to the right, and the ocean pool.

"And that's North Av," another will add, beckoning to the "secret" stretch of Avalon's 500 metre-long beach only locals "know".

And the third beach?

"That's Very Far North Av," one will eventually reveal, taking

pity and nodding - affectionately - past the bar to Darwin and beyond. "Members of our club will be running nippers this weekend at Singapore's Tanjong Beach."

You've spotted the anomaly. Singapore lacks two essential qualifications of a surf life saving club. No natural beaches. And no surf.

Yet Singapore Nippers meet every Sunday at Tanjong, the man-made beach on the south-east of the island state.

"We begin with a quick clean up of the beach," says Skye Wellington (why don't Australian nippers begin the same way?).

She was a nipper herself at Coolang Beach and is the inspiration behind Singapore Nippers: "Nippers every Sunday was like a

religion. Mum helped organise sausage sizzles and Dad coached the march past team."

Ms Wellington wanted Matilda, 6, Flynn, 4, and now Bronte, six months, and other kids in Singapore to learn the same strategy skills, teamwork ability, and water survival reflexes she did growing up in Queensland.

She hadn't thought of forming a Singapore Nippers (now part of the Australia New Zealand Association in Singapore) until she read an article on the already established Hong Kong Nippers.

So Singapore Nippers was launched 12 months ago.

So how did they form a surf relationship with Avalon, arguably the most self-absorbed postcode on Sydney's "insular peninsula"?

Avalon's junior captain, carpenter Mike Stanley Jones, claims it is serendipity: "Singapore Nippers wanted to buy some nipper training boards from a northern beaches company, and said, 'Who can we talk to in Sydney who can give us advice?'"

The Avalon club had just won an award for addressing a perpetual problem of surf living saving: how to retain 15- and 16-year-olds as surf club members.

In January, Stanley Jones and son Cobby flew to Singapore to coach 10 age managers to "Bronzie" standard.

"The

only surf you get is when a shipping tanker creates a wake. They say you can take the pulse of the world economy by looking out to sea at Tanjong Beach and seeing how many ships there are."

The 32-hour course was squashed into a five-day intensive session. "I've trained 100 Bronzies. And the 10 I trained in Singapore were among the most enthusiastic."

More Avalon instructors will fly to Singapore in August to train the next 15 "Bronzies" who want to be age managers, assistants or water safety officers. Singapore Nippers are honorary members of Avalon SLSC.

The Singapore Nippers celebrate the successful completion of their Bronze Medallion.



Case Study - Rescue at Avalon Beach

On Saturday 26th November 2016 at Avalon Beach the surf was powerful, with large sets coming through, breaking on a relatively shallow bank. With so much water coming in, there were rips running north, south and at the centre of the beach. The afternoon patrol (Patrol 4) were aware of the potential dangers of the northern rip as the morning patrol had performed a board rescue a little earlier. There were only occasional swimmers and so roving patrols were dispatched north and south whenever swimmers went in. NASA were running a competition at the northern end of the beach and the young competitors were using the fast northern rip to get out to the waves.

About halfway through the patrol, as Brent Williams (BM) was walking towards the patrol tent from the south, he noticed some kids being swept out in the northern rip. He immediately shouted "three kids in the northern rip" and sprinted off to get the rescue board that was set up there. The Patrol Captain and IRB Driver Alan Mahn immediately made his IRB Crew member Sam Nesbitt, aware of the situation. Michael Kurtz (BM) followed Brent, grabbing a rescue board on the way. Sam and Alan ran to the IRB, put on their life jackets and with the help of two young bronzies who followed, launched the boat and set off north. Meanwhile Brent entered the water and paddled into the fast flowing rip towards the three young girls. Mike was a few seconds behind him. The rest of the patrol including the Vice Captain remained to supervise the swimmers between the flags.

Brent was first to reach two of the girls, who by this time were screaming for help, waving and clearly panicked as they battled the fast flowing rip and waves rolling in over them. He took them onto his board and Mike paddled past to reach the third young girl further out. With all three girls now secured on rescue boards, Brent and Mike maintained their position, keeping away from the nearby rocks whilst comforting and calming the girls as the waves continued to break around them. Sam and Alan made their way over to the northern rip and arrived soon after the girls were secured. Sam helped Brent and Mike transfer all three girls to the IRB in what were very rough and tricky conditions. With all three aboard, the IRB proceeded out to sea in order to then find a clear path back to shore adjacent to the patrolled area. On shore Jeff Nesbitt (ART) signalled a safe location for the IRB to land and it was beached safely, returning the three girls unscathed to their carers.

Credit must go to Brent Williams and Michael Kurtz for their speed and skill in reaching and securing the three young girls in what were very rough and treacherous conditions. They calmed and comforted them until the IRB could reach them. Sam and Alan were exceptional in their handling of the IRB. The patrol team worked effectively together to execute a difficult and potentially dangerous rescue that could have had critical consequences.

Club Firsts

This listing of important events in the Club's history will be added to as further achievements are attained by Club members in the future.

International / National / State Pittwater

- Introduction of surfboard riding to Britain and first use of surfboards for rescues – **Bob Head, Warren Mitchell, John Campbell, 1961**; idea for IRB and first trials – **Warren Mitchell, 1963.**
- First successful use of Inflatable Rescue Boat for surf rescues – **Warren Mitchell, 1969** – received Surf Life Saving Australia Innovation Award 1985 and Surf Life Saving NSW IRB Driver's Licence N01 1996.
- First IRB surf rescue (mass rescue of 8 children) – **Warren Mitchell and John Fuller, 1969.**
- First successful use of legropes (surf leashes) on rescue boards – **Roger Sayers, 1987**, approved by Surf Life Saving Australia 1993.
- Club's first National Champions and first National Surfboat Champions – **Rick Millar, Darryl Johnson, Michael Heathcote, Brent Walker, Nathan Press, 1993, Kurrawa.**
- First female sweep in surfboat competition in the world – **Eliza Bryant, 1996**, Maroochydore.
- Inaugural Mayor of Pittwater's Award of Courage in Lifesaving – **Nick Wood – 1998.**
- First Australian Championship event on Avalon Beach – Australian IRB Rescue Championships **19–21 June 1998.**
- First dedicated Women's IRB events at Australian IRB Rescue Championships **19–21 June 1998.**
- First Pittwater Medal – Outstanding Community Service **Warren Young 1998.**
- First Order of Australia Awards **Warren Mitchell, OAM 1999** **Michael Byrnes, OAM 1999.**
- First Female Professional Lifeguard for Pittwater – **Kathryn Fergus 1999.**
- First World Lifesaving Medals – 2000 **Ray Mayers, Peter Fraser, Wilson Gamble.**
- First Australian Sports Medal **Warren Young November 2000** – For outstanding contribution to Surf Life Saving.

- Pittwater Citizen of the Year – **Craig Goozee 2000, Brian Friend 2001, Warren Young 2002** (Runner Up).
- State Championships 2002 **Nick Wood** – Iron Man Champion – Masters Masters Boat Crew, Gold Medal
- Rotary Club of Pittwater – Pride of Workmanship Award – **Warren Young** and son **Mark Young**, Lifeguard SLS Avalon Beach.
- Club Patron, **John Brogden** MP, Member for Pittwater, elected Leader of the State Opposition 2002.
- 2003 Centenary Medal for Outstanding Contribution to the Community, Surf Life Saving, **Warren Young.**
- State Championships 2004 **Christine Hopton** – First female gold medal for NSW Endurance Championships/Masters Board Race and 45–49 years Women's Tube Race.
- Avalon Beach Surf Swim – Community Event of the Year. Pittwater Medal presented on Australia Day, 26 January 2006.
- **Duncan Herbert** – Australian Gold Medal for Mal Board Riding.
- 2009 **Warren Mitchell** OAM and Life Member – Appointed President of the European Rescue Boat Association.
- 2009 **Chris McGuckin** – first National Gold medal in Board event.
- Australian Surf Rowers' League Hall of Fame – **Rick Millar.**
- SLSA's Hall of Fame (Administration) **Ian (Rick) Wright.**
- SLSA Independent Director – 2013 – **Christine Hopton.**
- First female Life Member – 2015 – **Christine Hopton**

Sydney Northern Beaches Branch

- First use of blue buffer zone flags to more clearly identify area for surfcraft, in the Sydney metropolitan area – 1993.
- Inaugural winner of Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Most Outstanding Club Award, from among the 21 clubs in the Branch – 1995–96.
- Inaugural Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Award of Courage in Lifesaving – **Nick Wood – 1997.**

- SLSSNB Branch Championships 2002 Masters – finished in the top 3. **Every member who competed won at least one medal.** First time that our Women's Masters Competitors won medals at a Branch Championship event.
- Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Volunteer of the Year 2002 – **Roland Luke.**
- Clean Beaches Award 2002 – Avalon Beach 1st – Young Legends.
- **Warren Young** – Distinguished Service Award 2003.
- Surf Life Saving Northern Sydney Beaches Lifesaver of the Year Award 2008 – **Louise Lindop.**
- Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches First Female Deputy President 2012/13 – **Christine Hopton.**

Club

- Club founded – **1925.**
- First Life Member – **W G Simmonds, 1945.**
- Club's first National Championship Medal – **Max Watt, Second, Surf Ski, 1954.**
- Club's first State Champion – **Max Watt, First, Surf Ski, 1956.**
- First demonstration of malibu surfboards by visiting US team at Avalon Beach International Surf Carnival, Avalon – **1956.**
- Clubhouse opened by **Judge Adrian Curlew**, President, Surf Life Saving Association of Australia – **1961.**
- Australian Surfriders Association founded in Avalon Beach SLSC Clubhouse – **1963.**
- Club's first Award for Bravery – **Stephen Davey, Peter Sobels & John Lynch 1965** – Royal Shipwreck and Humane Society of NSW.
- First Norman Cook Award for Most Outstanding Club Member – **Warren Mitchell, 1969–70.**
- First Life Member, Surf Life Saving NSW – **Harry Ragan, 1973.**
- Club's first National Championships Beach Event Medal – **John Kirk, First, Junior flags, 1983–84.**
- Club's first Australian IRB Championship Medal – **P Akehurst, D Geyle, M Holmes, S Lowe, P Hogan, P Sturits, D Lee, J Harper, Third, Inaugural National Titles, North Cronulla, 1987.**
- First Life Member, Surf Life Saving Australia – **Michael Byrnes, 1989.**

- First President of both Junior Activities and Senior Club – **Warren Young, 1990.**
- Club's first female Club Captain – **Nicole Akehurst, 1990–92.**
- Club's first Australian Masters Team – **Peter Fraser, Wilson Gamble, Alan Crosky, Brett Matthews, Roger Sayers, 1992.**
- First Avalon Beach Surf Swim – Inaugural Committee: **Steve Jacek, Michael Rodgerson, Warren Young, Roger Sayers, 1992–93.**
- Club's first female surf boat crew – **Karen Fisher, Rachel Pike, Samantha Law/ Melinda Akehurst, Michelle Hall, swept by Rick Millar, 1993–94.**
- Club's first Surf Life Saving Australia Hero of the Surf Awards – **Rohan Osieck, 1995; Bjorn Wolthers, Shaun Wolthers, James Davison, 1996.**
- Club's first Gold Medallions (Advanced Surf Life Saving Certificates) – **Chris McGuckin and Roger Sayers, 1995–96.**
- Club's first 50 year Service Awards – to Life Members **Max Watt** and **Reg Wood, 1995; Doug Crane** and **Ken Davidson, 1996.**

- Club's first female IRB Drivers – **Rachel Pike** and **Michelle Hall, 1995–96.**
- Club's first First Place in the Branch Patrol Competition – **Matt Hulme, Pete Carter, Bjorn Wolthers, Shaun Wolthers, Eliza Bryant** and **Stacey Bryant (Competition Manager – Roland Luke), 1995–96.**
- Club's first Surf Life Saving Australia Meritorious Bronze Medallion, Governor-General's Commendation for Bravery, and Royal Humane Society's Silver Medal – **Damian Geyle, 1997.**
- First Female IRB Medals, **Michelle Hall, Karen Dawe, Emma Dieters, 1997.**
- Club's first IRB Gold Medal – Metropolitan C'ships June 1999 – B Rescue **Ian Dalglish, Rohan Osieck, Emma Dieters** and **Heather Williams.**
- Club's first 60 Year Service Awards – to Life Members **Max Watt, Doug Crane, Ken Davidson, Don Imison** and **Reg Wood, 2006.**
- **Max Watt** was the first Manly Daily Centenary Medal winner. Only 100 medals given out for outstanding local citizens over the past 100 years. Max was one of only 10 recipients in the "Character" category, 2006.

- Club's first female President – **Christine Hopton, 2007.**
- First female Club member to gain the Gold Medallion – **Sarah Lindop, 2010.**
- George Bass Marathon 2010 – **Rick Millar, Robyn Jennings, Beverly Tilbury, Tracey McSullea** and **Donna Wishart.**
- 2014 New Clubhouse opened by **The Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP**, Member for Mackellar. **Christine Hopton, Robert Hopton** and **Richard Cole** awarded the "Order of Avalon Medal".
- 2014 Pittwater Woman of the Year – **Christine Hopton.**
- 2014-15 **Antiques Women's Masters Surf Boat Crew** comprising **Donna Wishart, Tracey McSullea, Kerry McEwan, Beverley Tilbury** and swept by **Nathan Wellings** won Branch, ASRL Open, State, National and World titles.
- 2014-15 First Female Life Member - **Christine Hopton.**
- 2017 First Bronze Medallion squad trained for Singapore Nippers by **Mike Stanley-Jones** and assessed by **Jeff Nesbitt.**



Director of Finance Report

On behalf of the committee of the Avalon Beach SLSC, I present for your consideration and adoption the financial accounts for the year ended 30th April 2017.

This year we have continued working to streamline our accounting and administration processes so that we can manage our financial interactions with members, community hirers, venue hirers and suppliers in a professional manner. A big thank you to Leanne Austin for all her efforts in managing the office so capably. Congratulations are owed to her as Avalon Beach was named best administered club in 2016.

Another thank you to Jo Higson who has served as the Nippers' treasurer for the past 3 years and has done a wonderful job. I have continued to work with both the Seniors' registrar, Carmen Meehan and the Nippers' registrar Shellie Vincent to coordinate registrations and the associated financial payments and with Leanne to ensure our Club records are up to date on Surfguard. Another thank you to Kevin Veale for helping with the BAS submissions and the year end audit and for being a sounding board for any financial advice throughout the year.

The Club Lounge and the Club Room have provided a steady and reliable source of income over the past year and we have had continued support from regular hirers and keen interest from new hirers which indicates that the Surf Club is a great venue

for our community. The Club bar has also drawn members and friends to our Club on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons and it has also been used successfully for Club events. It certainly serves its purpose in providing a relaxed and informal venue with a beautiful view to meet up with other members and friends as well as providing a healthy income stream for the Club.

The Club was also the beneficiary of donations from members; grants from SLSC Sydney Northern Beaches and from Northern Beaches Council. We also received generous donations from Avalon Beach RSL and from Brookvale Rotary Club from members naming Avalon Beach SLSC as their preferred community beneficiary from the annual Pub to Pub run. Thank you to all; it is well and truly appreciated and it helps us provide the equipment our volunteer services need to keep our beach safe.

Over the past year our income streams have provided the following services to our Club:

Solid Core Door Installation	\$4,483.00
Blinds – Club Room	\$14,214.00
Med Channel - Lifepak CR & Semi-Automatic	\$1,845.00
Bennett – 10 Foam Nipper Boards	\$3,240.00
Kracka – Nipper Boards	\$4,005.00
Croker Oars	\$13,925.70
Kracka – 10 SRC Boards	\$17,955.00
Thundercat – IRB (50% deposit)	\$6,000.00

2 New IRB Motors	\$9,130.00
Hoselink hosesreels	\$505.00
Trophy Cabinet	\$6,225.00

In addition to the above, the Club also contributed costs associated with sending a boat team to the World Championships and in sending a cadet team to New Zealand. We also successfully held the Lion Island Challenge, Carols at the Beach, Avalon Beach Surf Swim and the inaugural Around the Bends Swim. These undertakings are reflected in increased income and expenses for the events with our overall gross profit and profit and loss positions remaining steady.

The accounts show that we made a small loss for the year and given our capital expenditure and our contribution to overseas tours for the year we are confident that we are operating within our means. The committee will be working hard next season to ensure that we return to profit as well as ensuring we provide the Club with the equipment needed to do our job on the beach and to provide an environment of which all members and the community can be proud.

I wish to thank everyone on the committee and others across the Club for their continued support throughout the year and look forward to being the Treasurer of both Seniors and Nippers once again next year. I know that I will be drawing heavily on the support of the other committee members and Club members to do this job.

Bernadette McKay | Director of Finance

Financials

AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC
ABN: 81 096 313 417

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 30 April 2017

	2017	2016
Revenue		
Government Grants	30,311	27,356
Donations and bequests	7,990	19,360
Other Revenue	412,104	335,973
Total Revenue	450,405	382,688
Gross Surplus		
	450,405	382,688
Other Income		
Other Income	5,616	16,062
Total Other Income	5,616	16,062
Expenditure		
Affiliation and Capitation Fees	59,624	55,666
Carnival Fees	39,490	35,168
Depreciation Expense	44,128	41,442
Repairs and Maintenance Expense	31,746	22,047
Cost of Sales	98,393	67,214
Other Expenses	188,006	112,412
Total Expenditure	461,387	333,950
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax Adjustments	(5,367)	64,801
Current Year Other Comprehensive Income, Net Of Income Tax	-	-
Current Year Total Comprehensive Income	(5,367)	64,801



Nick Sampson and Marc Nehama, Ocean Beach Carnival 2017

AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC

ABN: 81 096 313 417

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 April 2017

	Notes	2017	2016
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1	121,251	129,489
Trade and Other Receivables	2	22,580	20,690
Inventories		27,112	29,285
Total Current Assets		170,942	179,464
Non-Current Assets			
Plant and Equipment, Vehicles	3	176,137	148,135
Total Non-Current Assets		176,137	148,135
Total Assets		347,078	327,599
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	4	42,475	17,629
Total Current Liabilities		42,475	17,629
Total Non-Current Liabilities		0	0
Total Liabilities		42,475	17,629
Net Assets		304,604	309,970
Equity			
Retained Earnings		304,604	309,970
Total Equity		304,604	309,970

AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC

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Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 April 2017

	Retained Earnings	Total
Balance at 1 May 2015	245,169	245,169
Comprehensive income		
Surplus attributable to members	64,801	64,801
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to members of the association	64,801	64,801
Balance at 30 April 2016	309,970	309,970
Balance at 1 May 2016	309,970	309,970
Comprehensive income		
Loss attributable to members	(5,367)	(5,367)
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to members of the association	(5,367)	(5,367)
Balance at 30 April 2017	304,604	304,604

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 April 2017

	Notes	2017	2016
Cash flows from Operating Activities			
Cash receipts from other operating activities		1,569	549,864
Cash payments from other operating activities		(383,487)	(433,756)
Total Cash flows from Operating Activities	5	(381,918)	116,108
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment		400	1,876
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(73,666)	(106,055)
Total Cash flows from Investing Activities		(73,266)	(104,179)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(455,185)	11,929
Cash Balances			
Opening cash balance	1	129,489	117,559
Closing cash balance	1	121,251	129,489
Movement in cash		(8,238)	11,929

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 April 2017

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth), the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) and the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW) and the Club's constitution. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the above acts and regulations, the Club's constitution and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements
AASB 107 Statements of Cash Flows
AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
AASB 1031 Materiality
AASB 1048 Interpretation of Accounting Standards
AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures

No other Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets. The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Association is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

In the event the carrying value of plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying value is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present.

Depreciation

The depreciation method and useful life used for items of property, plant and equipment (excluding freehold land) reflects the pattern in which their future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by the association. Depreciation commences from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements. The depreciation method and useful lives of assets are reviewed annually to ensure they are still appropriate.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 April 2017

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises of cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value. Bank overdrafts are presented within current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members, donors and other parties. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Revenue and Other Income

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in the statement of income and expenditure when the Club obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the Club and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

When grant revenue is received whereby the Club incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of assets and liabilities as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor; otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

Donations and income from fundraising and social activities are recognised as revenue when received.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customer.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less any applicable selling expenses.

Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 April 2017

	2017	2016
1. Cash on Hand		
Bank accounts and floats	121,251	129,489
Total Cash on Hand	121,251	129,489
2. Trade and Other Receivables		
Trade Receivables		
Deposits To Suppliers Seniors	0	160
Other Debtors Nippers	0	2,706
Trade Debtors Seniors	17,125	14,074
Total Trade Receivables	17,125	16,940
Prepayments		
Prepayments Nippers	0	3,750
Prepayments Seniors	5,455	0
Total Prepayments	5,455	3,750
Total Trade and Other Receivables	22,580	20,690
3. Plant & Equipment, Vehicles		
Plant & Equipment		
Plant and equipment at cost	542,402	487,133
Accumulated depreciation of plant and equipment	(366,265)	(338,998)
Total Plant & Equipment	176,137	148,135
Total Plant & Equipment, Vehicles	176,137	148,135
4. Trade & Other Payables		
Other Payables		
Customer Deposits	5,271	3,695
Grants in Advance	25,147	0
GST	(1,299)	670
Key Deposits Members	10,475	8,375
Trade Creditors Seniors	2,881	4,889
Total Other Payables	42,475	17,629
Total Trade & Other Payables	42,475	17,629
5. Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities		
Surplus (Deficiency) for the year	(5,367)	65,527
Depreciation	44,128	41,442
Loss (Profit) on Disposal of Fixed Assets	(364)	210
Decrease (Increase) in Debtors	(1,889)	10,402
Increase (Decrease) in Inventories	2,173	(687)
Increase in Payables	24,846	0
Other non-cash items	1,500	(786)
Net Cash From Operating Activities	65,028	116,108

Declaration By Members of the Committee

For the year ended 30 April 2017

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:

1. The financial report which comprises of the statement of financial position as at 30 April 2017, and the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes is on accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth) and

a) complies with Australian Accounting Standards as set out in Note 1; and
b) gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc as at 30 April 2016 and its performance for the year endd on that date

2. The accompanying statement of comprehensive income is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the profit (or loss) of the association including fundraising appeals for the last financial year;

3. The statement of financial position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association including fundraising appeals as at the end of the financial year;

4. The provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW), the regulations under the act, and the conditions attached to the fundraising authority have been complied with by the association;

5. The internal controls exercised by the association are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the organisation from any of its fundraising appeals;


6. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc will be able to pay all of its debts as and when they fall due and payable;


7. The accounts and associated records have been properly kept during the year;

8. Money received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year has been properly accounted for, and;

9. The principal activities of the association during the financial year were the provision of lifesaving services and no significant change to these activities has occurred.

The accounts of the Association have been made out in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements, the provisions of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth), the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) and the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW).


Richard Cole
President


Bernadette McKay
Director of Finance

Dated: 22/6/17

22/6/17

Compilation Report

For the year ended 30 April 2017

Compilation report to Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 April 2017, statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1.


The Responsibility of the Committee Members

The committee of Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet its needs and for the purpose that financial statements were prepared.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the committee we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315 Compilation of Financial Information.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.



Tomas Weiszer
Chartered Accountant

BeWeiszer Accounting & Tax
Suite 5, 11 Waratah Street, Mona Vale NSW 2103

22nd June 2017

Independent Auditor's Report

For the year ended 30 April 2017

Qualified Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 April 2017, the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the committee's declaration.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis of Qualified Opinion section of my report, the financial report of the Association as at 30 April 2017 presents fairly in all material aspects the financial position of the Association and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial report and satisfies the requirements of the the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Act 2012 (Cth), the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW), the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW), and the Club's constitution including:

a) giving a fair and true view of the Association's financial position as at 30 April 2017 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and

b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis of Qualified Opinion

It is not practical for the Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations and fundraising activities until their entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, my audit in relation to donations and fundraising activities was limited to amounts recorded.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of my report. I am independent of the Association 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 my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Association's financial reporting responsibilities under the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Act 2012 (Cth), the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW), the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) and the Club's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibility of the Committee for the Financial Report

The Committee of the Association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Act 2012 (Cth), the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW), Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW) and the needs of the members. The responsible entities' responsibility also includes such internal control as the responsible entities determine 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 Association's 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 Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My 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 my 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 the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report. As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Auditor
Peter M Power FCA

Address: Suite 5, 11 Waratah Street, Mona Vale NSW 2103

Dated: 22 June 2017

Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 April 2017

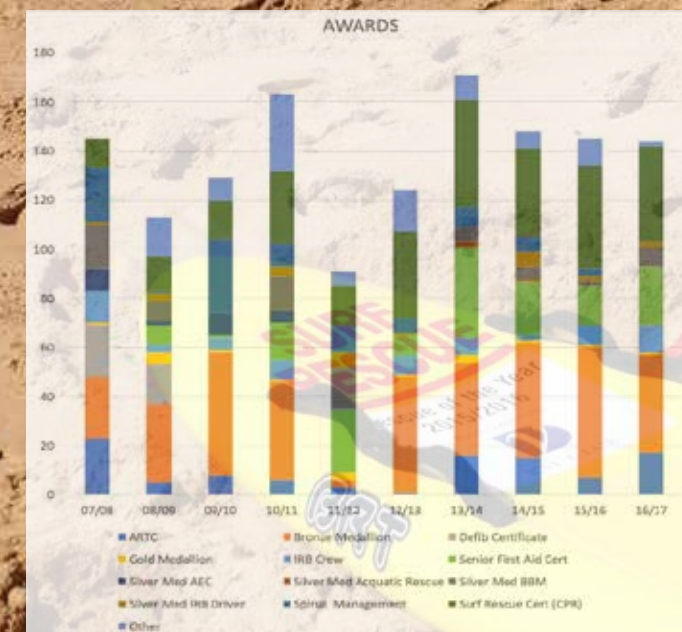
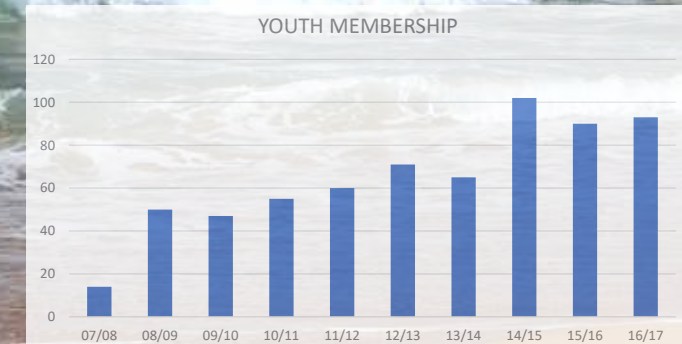
	2017	2016
Income		
Awards Income	500	1,127
Bar Income Functions	48,047	26,209
Bar Income Members	46,647	39,175
Board Hire	100	0
Boards Donations	0	6,460
Canteen Sales Nippers	12,995	7,418
Carnival Income Nippers	1,300	16,916
Carnival Income Seniors	3,408	1,114
Carols at the Beach	1,600	20,659
Carols Sponsorship	19,000	0
Community Room Hire	17,939	21,345
Course Income Members	4,294	6,760
Function Bar Staff Income	11,469	1,281
Function Cleaning Income	3,735	150
Function Room Hire	25,270	24,106
General Donations Nippers	2,115	0
General Donations Seniors	5,765	12,650
General Fundraising Nippers	22,395	3,996
General Fundraising Seniors	2,426	1,284
Grants	30,311	27,356
Gym Fees	12,880	7,396
Interest Received	284	368
IRB Donations	110	250
Lion Island Challenge Fundraising	8,418	4,293
Manuals and Training Materials	1,387	500
Member Social Function Bar	133	5,206
Member Social Functions Ticket	7,624	516
Memberships Nippers	56,143	58,674
Memberships Seniors	26,903	32,382
Ocean Swim Fundraising	25,658	11,742
Other Income	5,332	15,694
Profit on Disposal of Non Current Assets	364	0
Resuscitation Masks	418	90
Sponsorships	7,227	3,818
TGW Club Room Hire	27,157	22,650
Uniform Sales Nippers	16,666	17,167
Total Donations	456,021	398,751
Total Income	456,021	398,751
Gross Surplus		
	456,021	398,751

Expenditure

Accounting	0	59
Administration Fees SLSA	31,264	24,971
Affiliation Fees Seniors	109	100
Annual Report / AGM	5,280	3,971
Auditing Fees	1,800	1,800
Bank Fees	506	1,782
Bank Fees SLSA	1,009	713
Capitation Nippers	19,756	11,206
Capitation Seniors	8,495	19,389
Carnival Entries Boats	20,028	18,031
Carnival Entries IRB	2,091	1,881
Carnival Entries Masters	7,735	5,789
Carnival Entries Nippers	8,767	8,779
Carnival Entries Seniors Other	870	687
Cleaning Expenses	17,442	11,914

Total Expenditure	461,387	333,950
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Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax	(5,367)	64,801
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Congratulations to the following patrol members who achieved 100% patrol attendance. This is defined by the total number of patrolled rostered, volunteer and substitute hours exceeding the number of rostered patrol hours, and having zero "no show" hours.

Terry	Barber
Alan	Mahn
Todd	Barber
Jeffrey	Nesbitt
Alan	Moran
Michael	King
Michael	Kurtz
Connor	Johnson
Blake	Taggart
Stephen	Broderick
Colin	Campbell
Jason	Dale
Volker	Klemm
Oliver	Scheuring
Jason	Brown
Matthew	Brennan
Richard	Cole
Warwick	Willcoxson
Richard	Mitchell
Jack	Nesbitt
Kevin	Veale
Mark	Heffernan
Bernadette	McKay
William	Elliott
Ashleigh	Norman
Adam	Clerke
Scott	Ridley
Melissa	Hall
Kalinda	Hawson
Ross	Bidencope
Ashley	Brown
Catherine	Buddin
Nina	Mills
Ian	Dalglish
Loretta	Scarborough
Samuel	Nesbitt
Douglas	Turner
Mark	Alchin
Nathan	Winney
Tim	Solan
Achim	Hanke
Nicholas	Sampson
Geoffrey	Ward

Vale – Nicholas Pinheiro



Nick Pinheiro aged 16, died tragically on 20th February 2017. Nick was a much-loved student at Barrenjoey High School, an active patrolling member of our Club and member of our surf boat rowing team.

Nick was born in Melbourne on 16th May 2000, the second son to Robyn and Leo, little brother to Alex and big brother to Annabella.

Nick had a strong personality. From the start his strong will, some would say stubbornness, was one of his defining characteristics. He was incredibly articulate as a young boy, with amazing language skills. Nick always had an opinion on everything and expressed it freely. He would strike up conversations with strangers, often to their astonishment, and many a person said: "that child has been here before". He was a deep thinker and unusually compassionate and empathetic. As a very young child, his Aunt Alison remembers him telling her a story of wanting to become a billionaire, just to make enough money to help all the poor children in the world.

With his bright and enquiring mind, schooling came easy to Nick and he made wonderful life-long friends at Bilgola Plateau Pre-school and Primary School. Nick was academic, social, sporty and creative with a high level of emotional intelligence. A detail person, he could be successful at whatever he put his mind to.

Nick had diverse interests and talents. He played trumpet in the band, a love he continued at Barrenjoey High. When braces got in the way he took up guitar, joining a band with school friends as bass guitarist. In year seven Nick travelled with the school

band to Arnhem Land and Robyn, worried about her dreamy adventurous boy, warned the adults to watch he wasn't taken by a crocodile.

Nick was adored by his extended family. Christmas and school holidays were spent at his grandparent's farm in Victoria and the family all have great memories of the annual camping expedition to Wilson's Promontory. Over the years local friends also became family – with regular camping trips becoming a ritual – to Jervis Bay, Hat Head and Point Plomer; about nine trips with Nick's close buddies.

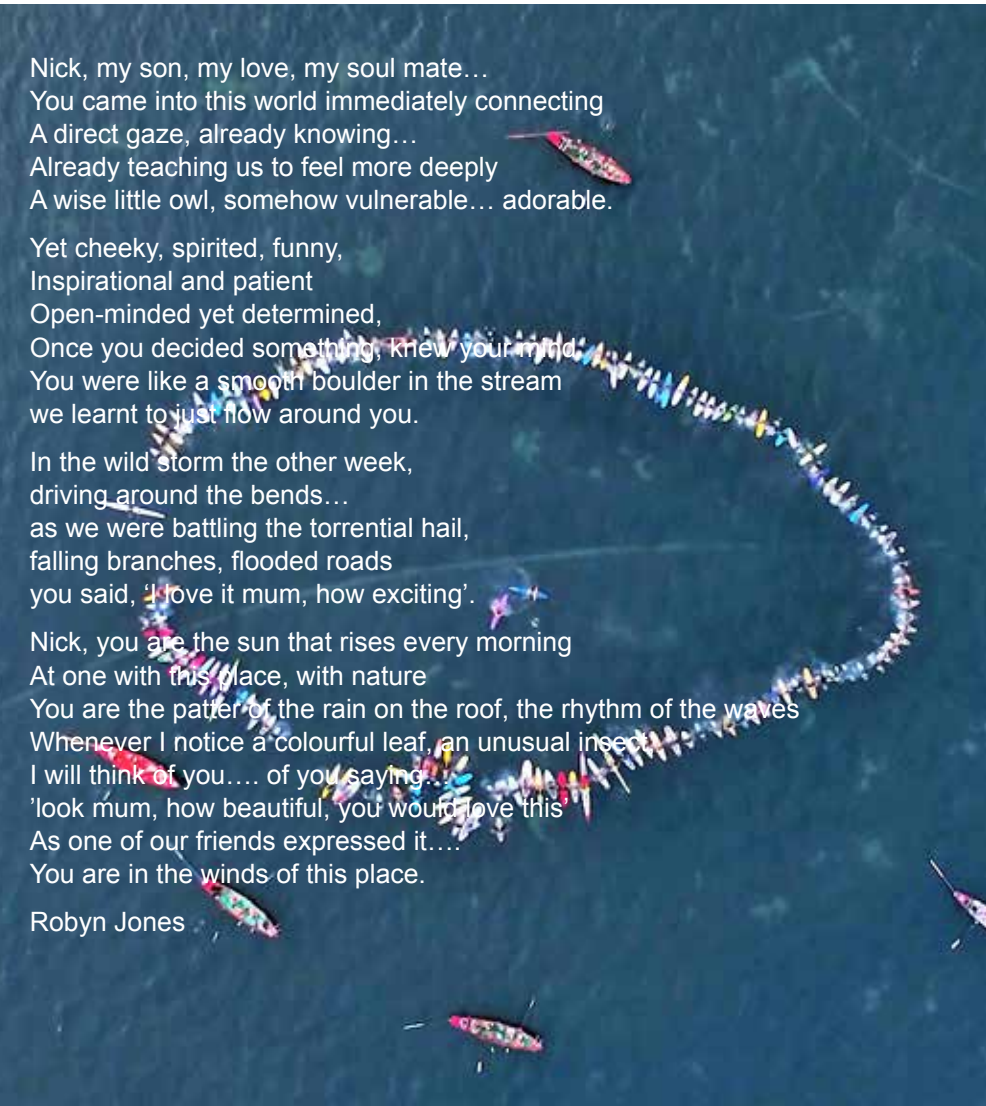
Nick was athletic, with a love of the outdoors. He was a valued member of Avalon Soccer Club and played in a team for about ten years. He loved skateboarding as a means of transport. He shared a love of the water and surfing with Leo and his mates. Nick was a risk taker (in a family of non-risk takers) and his family from Victoria always worried he would be taken by a shark. He did Nippers and surf lifesaving at Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club, and was awarded his Bronze Medallion last year. More recently he was loving the

training and surf boat rowing with his close mates Oli, Flynn and Ben with whom he has had a special bond since pre-school days.

Nick loved nature and had a keen interest in biology and the natural world. He loved the Duke of Edinburgh hikes and orienteering in the rugged bush with his classmates at Barrenjoey High School. Last year Nick got to know his Brazilian family when he, Robyn, Leo and Annabella spent time in Rio de Janeiro and at his Aunt Liane's farm.

The extent of grief and support from Avalon Beach and surrounding community has been overwhelming, reflective of how involved and valued Nick had been and of the relationships and influence he already had in his wonderful life. It was a wonderful life full of people, of places, of interconnections, friendship, stories across time and across continents. As one family expressed it: "the loss of Nick is heartfelt by so many people as he was a polite, popular, talented and respected young man".

Nick will be deeply missed by all who knew him.



Christine Hopton OAM

Congratulations to former Avalon Beach SLSC President Christine Hopton who was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division in the Australia Day Honours List for service to surf lifesaving in the Australia Day Honours 2017. Christine currently serves as a Director of Surf Life Saving Australia. She is a past Vice-President of Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches and was President of Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club for 8 years as well as the first female president. In 2014 she was the Pittwater Woman of the Year. Christine was instrumental in the rebuilding of the new clubhouse and has won gold medals in surf sports at branch, state, national and world championship levels. This award recognises her immense generosity of spirit, determination, leadership and capability.



Awards

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (AID)

Andrew Crow
Ben Smith
Brenton Williams
Charlotte Broderick
Connor Walter
Flynn Quinlan
Gus Buckner
Harmen Fredrikze
Jacob Stanley-Jones
Lucas Molloy
Margaret Pearson
Matthew Robinson
Mitchell Scott
Phillip Jones
Richard Cole
Stephen Riley
Tom Colley

Bronze Medallion

Katja Amet
Sonya Armitstead
Lucy Berriman
Louise Billia
Allan Border
Peter Browne
Fergus Cole
Amanda Dale
Emma Dunlop-Jones
Hamish Dwight
Daniel Elliott
Glenn English
Kenya Fahey
Aisha Ferris
Jessi Foster
Kate Gray
Magalie Hasseler
Timothy Jorden
Cameron Lane
Ashleigh Mahn

Simon Mahon
Henry McGilchrist
Jacqueline Nissen
Angela Nolan
Philip Noller
Tia Parkes
David Parsons
Noah Regan
Chloe Scott
Finlay Scott
Sarah Shields
Ruby Simonetti
Giles Stoddard
Jade van Gestel
Rachel Verity
Jeska Waller
Chris Walsh
Katherine Walsh
Adam Walters
Alex Wellington

IRB Crew Certificate

Joshua Baczkowski
Douglas Bryden
Julia Cole
Tom Colley
Steve Frost
Danika King
Jack Nesbitt
Stephen Riley
David Roberts
Matthew Robinson
Elijah Thomson

Provide advanced first aid

Ross Bidendope

Provide first aid

Joshua Axford
Suzanne Broderick
Adam Clerke
Richard Cole

Gary Cook
Melisse Cooper
Andrew Crow
Trenton Delahunty
Cecil Ellis
Brian Friend
Kalinda Hawson
Virginia Head
Phillip Jones
Volker Klemm
Charles Lindop
Ian McGilchrist
Richard Mitchell
Alan Moran
David Parsons
Neil Petersen
David Roberts
Mitchell Scott
Michael Thomas
Adriaan van der Wallen
Pim John van Gestel
Ian White

Peter Winney

Silver Medallion Beach Management

Julia Alston
Todd Barber
Richard Cole
Sally Colley
Jason Dale
Lucas Molloy
Brian Wetherall
Jack Wetherall

Silver Medallion IRB Driver

Stephen Broderick
Blake Taggart

Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)

Nena Anderson
Callum Archibald
Beau Barripp

Ashleigh Bateson
Alex Baylis
Olivia Casey
Frances Chapman
Tiya Collins
Layne Cook
Eliza Cutrie
Jessica Doyle
Brooke Edwards
Amelia Fredrikze
Sebastien Gerdelan
Bruna Gomes
Audrey Keating
William Kemp
Thomas Kerr
Daisy Key
Dane Lansbury
Lili Mitchell
Ella Molloy
Eirinn OBrien
April Oliver
Isobel Prandle

Noah Quinlan
Hunter Roberts
Jake Roberts
Lachlan Schuettrumpf
Lulu Shield
Billy Sprouster
Will Stamp
Madison Thomas
Ava van Gestel
Sophia Vincent
Dakota Viviers
Lara Walsh
Zeke Joon Woo Weir
TomWhalan

Gold Medallion

Robert Pidgeon

Assessor Gold Medallion (Advanced)

Louise Lindop

Patrols

Last Name	First Name	Patrol Position	All Patrolled Hours	Nesbitt Nesbitt	Jack Jeffrey	BM ART	54.25 82
PATROL 01				PATROL 05			
Flynn	Holly	BM	17.75	Brennan	Jennifer	BM	36
Friend	Xanthe	IRBC	39.25	Brennan	Peter	BM	47.25
Gabb	Andrew	BM	44	Chapman	Tiffany	PC	41.75
Hall	Andrew	BM	39.75	Dieters	Robert	AM	23.75
Jones	Steven	BM	40.25	Feehely	Keith	AM	32.25
King	Benjamin	SRC	28.75	Hawson	Kalinda	PC	47.75
King	Courtney	BM	16.75	Heffernan	Mark	BM	51
King	Michael	PC	65.5	Keating	Johanna	BM	23
Meacham	Jake	SRC	21.75	Parkes	Tia	SRC	18.25
Moran	Alan	IRBD	68	Sayers	Roger	AM	36.5
Paine	Brendan	BM	29.5	Searl	Geoff	AM	37.5
Paine	Tyson	SRC	11.5	Sinclair	Melanie	BM	34.25
Riley	Stephen	BM	38.25	Veale	Kevin	AM	53.75
Ritchie	Megan	BM	30	Young	Warren	BM	34
Verhaeghe	Stephane	BM	32.5	Zinga	Steve	IRBD	39
PATROL 02				Cole	Richard	IRBD	55.75
Berriman	Lucy	SRC	30.5	PATROL 06			
Brennan	Nicole	BM	19.5	Alchin	Mark	BM	44.75
Butler	Amelia	IRBC	38.25	Alston	Julia	BM	30
Futschek	Kate	BM	26.5	Alston	Richard	IRBD	33.25
Johns	Michael	BM	15.5	Brown	Ashley	BM	47.25
Molloy	Cathy	BM	32	Clerke	Adam	PC	49.25
Quinlan	Patrick	IRBD	30	Clerke	James	BM	32.5
Roberts	Moana	BM	16.5	Hanke	Achim	BM	43.25
Shimeld	Kerrie	BM	19	Head	Virginia	BM	48.75
Arnold	Lachlan	BM	38.5	Klemm	Volker	VC	57.75
Brennan	Matthew	PC	56.5	Parsons	David	BM	24.75
Gregory	David	BM	42.5	Scott	Finlay	SRC	18
Lehman	Amanda	BM	39	Young	Charlie	BM	26.75
Roberts	David	ART	59.75	McKay	Bernadette	BM	51
Robinson	Matthew	IRBC	65	PATROL 07			
van Gestel	Pim John	VC	52.5	Dale	Amanda	BM	20
PATROL 03				Dale	Jason	IRBD	58
Baczkowski	Joshua	BM	10	Dale	Zachary	IRBC	56.5
Barber	Todd	IRBD	82	Hume	Jo	BM	19.5
Bidencope	Ross	PC	47.5	Long	Emma	BM	38.25
Bryden	Douglas	BM	43.5	Nehama	Marc	IRBC	29.5
Bryden	Joshua	BM	12.75	Petersen	Glen	BM	19.25
Campbell	Colin	BM	58.25	Stanley-Jones	Jacob	BM	31
Coleman	Peter	BM	35.5	Stanley-Jones	Max	BM	7
Elliott	William	BM	50.5	Wetherall	Jack	VC	18
Head	Mark	PC	42.5	Edwards	Steven	BM	29.75
Lehman	Anthony	BM	37	Fletcher	Barry	BM	43.5
Mitchell	Richard	BM	54.25	Fletcher	Shannon	BM	55.25
Muller-Hawkins	Sue	BM	40.25	Molloy	Lucas	BM	51.75
PATROL 04				Stanley-Jones	Mike	ART	59.75
Abbas	Zac	BM	11	Stoddard	Stephanie	BM	65.25
Berg	Maya	BM	21.5	Wetherall	Brian	PC	44.5
Cole	Christopher	BM	25.75	PATROL 08			
Colley	Sally	BM	24.25	Broderick	Charlotte	BM	8.5
King	Danika	BM	24.25	Broderick	Stephen	PC	58.5
Mahn	Alan	PC	93.75	Cook	Gary	BM	36.25
Mills	Nina	VC	45.75	Coxon	Olivia	IRBC	12.75
Nesbitt	Samuel	IRBC	45.25	Crow	Andrew	IRBD	21
Newman	Jane	BM	22.5	Dalglish	Ian	BM	45.5
Rhodes	Daphne	BM	3	Herbert	Duncan	BM	3.75
Rhodes	Sabrina	BM	20	Shears	Peter	BM	26
Shields	Freya	BM	3	Valentine	Sophie	BM	21
Smith	Robyn	BM	18.75	Ferris	Aisha	BM	10
Williams	Brenton	BM	36.5	Lane	Cameron	BM	40.5
Yong	Maree	BM	32.5	PATROL 10			
Smith	Ben	BM	63	Anderson	Justine	BM	24.75
Cole	Julia	BM	24.75	Barber	Terry	IRBD	105
Couston	Ella	BM	33.25	Bloore	Ross	PC	32.75
Husband	Robyn	BM	38.75				
Kurtz	Michael	BM	65				

Fisher	Stephen	BM	30.75	PATROL - NIPPERS WATER SAFETY			
Leistad	Craig	BM	28	Baczkowski	Alexander	BM	22
Parker	Grant	IRBC	21	Bates	Euan	SRC	10
Salter	William	BM	12.25	Bell	Molly	SRC	6
Scarborough	Loretta	ART	45.5	Brady	Ella	SRC	6
Talbot	Luke	BM	28.5	Briscoe	Chloe	SRC	6
Ward	Geoffrey	BM	41.5	Buckner	Gus	BM	22
White	Ian	BM	25	Calleja	Jeffrey	BM	16
PATROL 11				Carlen-Jorgensen	Anja	SRC	6
McGilchrist	Ian	BM	40.25	Colley	Tom	BM	20.25
Parker	Nicholas	IRBC	24	Dwight	Hamish	BM	10
Salmon	Grant	BM	39.25	Edwards	Vanessa	BM	28
Solan	Tim	BM	44.5	Gammon	Jock	BM	14
Winney	Nathan	PC / IRBD	44.75	Gomes	Janet	BM	26
Frost	Steve	BM	51	Gregory	Linda	BM	16
Teale	Elizabeth	BM	37.5	Guthrie	Sam	SRC	8
Teale	Ray	BM	38.75	Jones	Sophie	SRC	10
PATROL 13				Leck	Simon	BM	24
Brown	Jason	IRBD	57	Letts	Darren	BM	18
Buddin	Catherine	ART	46	Lewis	Charlie	SRC	8
Dempsey	Conor	BM	9	Nosworthy	James	BM	18
Dempsey	Tom	BM	34	Richardson	Natasha	SRC	6
Gamble	Wilson	BM	34	Richardson	Tom	BM	22
Lewis	Simon	BM	11	Ritchie	Annabel	SRC	6
Pinheiro	Leonardo	IRBD	25.5	Teale	Lillian	SRC	8
Stutchbury	Richard	BM	38.75	van der Vegt	Anton	BM	24
Thomson	Colin	VC	41.5	van der Vegt	Maya	SRC	10
Turner	Douglas	BM	45.25	Vincent	Shellie	BM	18
Willcoxson	Warwick	PC	54.5	Vincent	William	BM	21.75
PATROL 15				Waller	Georgia	SRC	8
Blyth	Calum	BM	9.5	Warrener	Darren	BM	24.5
Graham	Cameron	BM	26.25	Waters	Tom	BM	20
Guthrie	Rod	BM	25.5	Wiseman	Heidi	SRC	6
Hall	Melissa	PC	48	OTHER			
Lindop	Sarah	VC	9.5	Akehurst	Melinda		4
Ridley	Scott	IRBD	49	Axford	Joshua		4
Rooke	Erin	BM	39.5	Barns	Paris		5
Taggart	Blake	IRBC	60.75	Bates	Lachlan		2
PATROL R1				Billia	Louise		7.25
Barber	Amelia	IRBC	35.25	Carrothers	Macy		18.75
Bright	Andrew	BM	25.5	Carter	Peter		8
Curnow	Thomas	BM	38.5	Cole	Fergus		2
DiBiagio	Ellie	BM	12.5	Dalby-Ball	Mia		5.75
Elliott	Rebecca	BM	42	Davie	Jo-Ann		4
Johnson	Connor	BM	61.75	Doyle	Jessica		4
Mayall	Matthew	IRBD	30.25	Edwards	Brooke		4
McEwan	Kerry	ART	23.5	Eves	Matthew		2
Norman	Ashleigh	BM	50	Kiernan	Michael		3
Petersen	Lauren	BM	45	Mackay	Ellie		7
Quinlan	Flynn	BM	49.5	McGilchrist	Henry		2
Sampson	Nicholas	PC	43.25	McSullea	Tracey		16
Scheuring	Oliver	BM	57.5	Mills	Lachlan		4.5
Scott	Chloe	BM	21.25	Pidgeon	Robert		34.75
Strong	Rachel	BM	35.75	Prandle	Lydia		2
Wishart	Donna	BM	39.25	Richardson	Robert		13
PATROL SUBS				Schuetrumpf	Greig		4
Baylis	Mark	BM	4	Schuetrumpf	Lachlan		4
Halsted	Guy	BM	7	Stoddard	Giles		4
Harper	Jean	IRBD	37.25	Trinder	Christian		3.75
Hopton	Robert	IRBD	37.5	Viviers	Dakota		4
Hopton	Christine	BM	4	Welch	Euan		2
Lees	Diane	BM	4				
Lindop	Charles	BM	4.5	PC	Patrol Captain	ART	ART Operator
Lindop	Louise	BM	8.5	VC	Vice Captain	FAO	First Aid Officer
McGuckin	Chris	BM	4	IRBD	IRB Driver	BM	Bronze Medallion
Mitton	Michael	BM	13.5	IRBC	IRB Crew	AM	Award Member
Petersen	Neil	IRBD	29.5				
Wood	Nicholas	IRBD	4				

Membership

Active Member (15-18 yrs)

Abbas	Zac
Baczkowski	Joshua
Barber	Todd
Barry	Hudson
Broderick	Charlotte
Clerke	James
Cole	Julia
Colley	Tom
Couston	Ella
Coxon	Olivia
Dale	Zachary
Dempsey	Conor
Flynn	Holly
Hawson	April
Husband	Robyn
King	Courtney
King	Danika
Laussucq	Anna
Mahn	Joanna
Nesbitt	Jack
Pinheiro	Nicholas
Prandle	Lydia
Quinlan	Flynn
Rhodes	Daphne
Roberts	Ashley
Scheuring	Oliver
Seresin-Hajdu	Bela
Shields	Freya
Smith	Ben
Stanley-Jones	Jacob
Stanley-Jones	Max
Valentine	Sophie
Waters	Marcus
Wetherall	Jack
Young	Charlie

Active Member (18yrs and over)

Alchin	Mark
Alston	Julia
Alston	Richard
Anderson	Justine
Archer	David
Armitstead	Sonya
Arnold	Lachlan
Ashcroft	Peter
Axford	Joshua
Baczkowski	Alexander
Barber	Amelia
Berg	Brynn
Bloore	Ross
Blyth	Calum
Boaler	Brian
Brennan	Jennifer
Brennan	Nicole
Brennan	Matthew
Brennan	Peter
Bright	Andrew
Bright	Michael
Broderick	Stephen
Brown	Ashley
Brown	Jason
Bryden	Douglas
Bryden	Joshua
Buckingham	Neil
Buckner	Gus
Buddin	Catherine
Butler	Amelia
Calleja	Jeffrey
Chapman	Tiffany
Clerke	Adam
Cole	Christopher
Cole	Richard
Coleman	Peter
Colley	Sally
Collins	William
Cook	Gary
Crow	Andrew
Curnow	Thomas

Dahmen	Dirk
Dalby-Ball	Mia
Dale	Amanda
Dale	Georgia
Dale	Jason
Dempsey	Tom
DiBiagio	Ellie
Dieters	Robert
Dunlop-Jones	Emma
Ella	Hamish
Early	Stephen
Edwards	Vanessa
Edwards	Steven
Elliott	Rebecca
Elliott	William
English	Glenn
Feehely	Keith
Ferris	Aisha
Fisher	Stephen
Fletcher	Shannon
Fletcher	Barry
Fredrikze	Harmen
Friend	Xanthe
Frost	Steve
Futschek	Kate
Gabb	Andrew
Gammon	Jock
Bela	Janet
Graham	Cameron
Gregory	Linda
Gregory	David
Guthrie	Rod
Hall	Melissa
Hall	Andrew
Halsted	Guy
Hanke	Achim
Hawson	Kalinda
Head	Virginia
Head	Mark
Hollingshead	John
Hume	Jo
Johns	Michael
Johnson	Connor
Jones	Phillip
Jones	Steven
Keating	Johanna
King	Michael
Kingsford	Peter
Klemm	Volker
Kurtz	Michael
Lane	Cameron
Leck	Simon
Lehman	Amanda
Lehman	Anthony
Leistad	Craig
Letts	Darren
Lewis	Simon
Lindop	Louise
Lindop	Sarah
Long	Emma
Lucini	Lon
Mahn	Alan
Mahn	Andrew
Mayall	Matthew
McEwan	Kerry
McGilchrist	Ian
McGuffog	Rory
McKay	Bernadette
McSullea	Tracey
Mills	Nina
Mitton	Michael
Molloy	Lucas
Moran	Alan
Moretti	Paula
Muller-Hawkins	Sue
Nehama	Marc
Nesbitt	Jeffrey
Nesbitt	Samuel
Newman	Jane

Noller	Philip
Norman	Ashleigh
Nosworthy	James
Pace	Alex
Paine	Brendan
Parker	Grant
Parker	Nicholas
Parsons	David
Petersen	Lauren
Petersen	Glen
Petersen	Neil
Pidgeon	Robert
Pinheiro	Leonardo
Poole	Scott
Prandle	Owyn
Price	Jake
Quinlan	Patrick
Regan	Noah
Rhodes	Sabrina
Richardson	Tom
Ridley	Scott
Riley	Stephen
Ritchie	Megan
Roberts	Moana
Roberts	David
Robinson	Matthew
Ronayne	Alex
Rooke	Erin
Salmon	Grant
Salter	William
Sampson	Nicholas
Scarborough	Loretta
Scott	Chloe
Shears	Peter
Shields	Sarah
Sinclair	Melanie
Solan	Tim
Stanley-Jones	Mike
Stoddard	Stephanie
Stoddard	Giles
Strong	Rachel
Taggart	Blake
Talbot	Luke
Teale	Elizabeth
Teale	Ray
Thomson	Colin
Turner	Douglas
van der Vegt	Anton
van Gestel	Jade
van Gestel	Pim John
Verhaeghe	Stephane
Verity	Rachel
Vincent	Shellie
Vincent	William
Waller	Jeska
Ward	Geoffrey
Waters	Tom
Wetherall	Brian
White	Ian
Williams	Brenton
Winney	Nathan
Wishart	Donna
Wood	Nicholas
Yong	Maree
Zinga	Stevee

Associate Member

Archer	John
Barnes	Warwick
Burgess	Warren
Campbell	Ian
Cornwell	Ross
Cosgrave	Warren
Dobson	Patricia
Doyle	Dennis
Durrant	Nick
English	Philip
Goodrich	Peter
Hall	Bruce
Helm	Richard



Jones	Peter
Kiernan	Michael
Little	John
Marles	Geoff
Moffatt	Claudia
O'Connor	James
O'Neill	John
Pike	Helga
Raymond	Bruce
Rundle	David
Willcocks	Mark

Award Member

Berg	Maya
Searl	Geoff
Shimeld	Kerrie
Smith	Robyn
Winney	Peter

Cadet Member (13-15 years)

Amet	Alannah
Amet	Katja
Bates	Euan
Bates	Lachlan
Bell	Jaime
Bell	Molly
BellKlemm	Willi
Berriman	Lucy
Bijkerk	Jayla
Brady	Ella
Brigstocke	Zoe
Briscoe	Chloe
Buckingham	Isabel
Carlen- Jorgensen	Anja
Carrothers	Macy
Chapman	Alice
Cole	Fergus
Coleman	Maya
Coles	Zoe
Dale	Regan
Delaney	Lochlan
Fahey	Kenya
Flanet	Kiana
Foster	Jessi
Guthrie	Sam
Hasseler	Magalie
Hawson	Gina
Jenkins	Chelsea
Johns	Ben
Jones	Sophie
King	Benjamin
Lewis	Charlie
Mahn	Ashleigh
McGilchrist	Henry
Meacham	Jake
Mills	Lachlan
Mitchell	Lili
Nolan	Angela

Olson	Maya
Paine	Tyson
Parkes	Tia
Partington	Sam
Paton	Nina
Ritchie	Annabel
Roberts	Blaze
Scott	Finlay
Simonetti	Ruby
Stylianou	Saskia
Teale	Lillian
van der Vegt	Maya
van Gestel	Ava
Viviers	Dakota
Waller	Georgia
Welch	Euan
Wetherall	Emma
Whalan	Tom
Wiseman	Heidi
Young	Daisy

General Member

Almenning	Amber
Amet	Janelle
Amet	Philippe
Anderson	Holly
Anderson	Larry
Andreae	Stephanie
Archibald	Francis
Attawell	Richard
Austin	Leanne
Austin	Lachlan
Avis	Rowam
Axten	Sarah
Baczkowski	Louise
Baker	Sarah
Bateson	Samantha
Bateson	Simon
Beckley	Baz
Beebe	Crystal
Bell	Kathryn
Bell	Kylie
Bell	Geoff
Bell	Gregory
Berg	Anna
Biggs	Justine
Bijkerk	Justine
Bijkerk	Alex
Billia	Louise
Billia	Dominic
Binns	Sheridan
Binns	Paul
Bishop	Christy
Boffey	Jenny
Brady	Brendan
Brigstocke	Cliff
Browne	Peter
Buckingham	Karen
Burge	Pete
Byrne	Glenn
Calleja	Lisette
Carlen	Janet
Casey	Michael
Chilman-Blair	Kim
Coffey	Gabrielle
Cole	Priscilla
Collins	Kym
Collins	Guy
Constable	Kelly
Constable	Ben
Corcoran	Josephine
Corcoran	Michael
Crighton	Sara
Crighton	Richard
Crozier	Megan
Crozier	Peter
Cutrie	Dianne
Cutrie	Darren
Dalton	Melissa
Daniel	Rick

Davis-Teitsson	Kobe
Dekker	Debbie
Dekker	Peter
Delahunty	Trenton
Demidov	Alex
Demiri	Erica
Denovan	Russell
Dent	Matthew
Dixon	Julianne
Dixon	Daniel
Doble	Nicole
Donald	Annette
Donald	Alex
Doyle	Andrew
Dwight	Claire
Earl	Danielle
Earl	Glenn
Eastwood	Michelle
Eastwood	Gary
Edwards	Peter
Elliott	Kylie
Elliott	Daniel
Emberson	Kerry
English	Shivali
Evans	Joel
Eves	Jemma
Eves	Matthew
Farrell	Jaime
Febo	Catalina
Febo	Luciano
Ferris	Emma
Fischer	Sarah
Fitzgerald	Scott J
Fitzpatrick-Jones	Amanda
Forde	Ciaran
Fraunfelder	Claire
Frengstad	Eva
Frost	Ruth
Gammon	Hanna
Gander	Jane
Geary	Alexandra
Geftakis	Spili
Gerdelan	John
Gertler	Jonathan
Gibson	Ben
Glass	Andrew
Gomes	Antonio
Goodare	Matthew
Gough	Alan
Gray	Kate
Hall	Stacy
Hanstrum	Susan
Hanstrum	Barry
Harler	Andy
Harris	Lauren
Harris	Daniel
Harris	Philip
Hayward	Simon
Hegarty	Richard
Heintz	Dick
Hennessy	Dominica
Herbst	Kylie
Herdman	Becky
Herdman	Mark
Hickin	Alyce
Higgins	Kirsten
Hogan	Sheilah
Howarth	Margaret
Howarth	Luke
Howell	Brent
Husband	Colin
Jamieson	Jill
Jones-Hughes	Margo
Jorden	Jason
Josefik	Timothy
keating	Peter
Keeley	daniel
Keeley	Elke
Keeley	Chris

Keen	Jess
Keen	Benjamin
Kerr	Ben
Kerr	David
Kinkade	Roxane
Kleemeyer	Rebecca
Kleemeyer	Keith
Knights	Rowan
Leary	Renae
Leary	Adam
Lee	Danielle
Lee	Thomas
Legge	Don
Legge-Hughes	Maya
Legge-Hughes	Peter
Leigh	Virginia
Leigh	Jason
Leigh-Jones	Jenna
Leroy	Jared
Lockhart	Arabella
Longhurst	Jo
Lopez	Ana
Lynch	Emma
Ma	Jason
Madin	Elizabeth
Mahon	Erica
Mahon	Simon
Malcolm	Lynette
Marks	David
Martinsson Crimp	Maria
McCann	Lucinda
McCormack	Mel
McCormack	John
McGuffog	Shana
McNamara	Sharryn
McNamara	Ben
Meacham	Anne
Meacham	Steve
Miller	Jamie
Minter	Lionel
Miskell	Lauren
Mitchell	Kylie
Molloy	Cathy
Montgomery	Andrew
Mow	Cassandra
Mower	Amy
Murphy	Victoria
Murphy	Thomas
Murray	Shannon
Murray	Myles
Newman	Craig
Nissen	Jacqueline
Noe	Meagan
Noffs	Naomi
Noffs	Matt
Nolan-Brown	Skye
Nosworthy	Angela
OBrien	Jackie
OBrien	Rachel
Oliver	Catherine
Olson	Andre
Padovan	Anthony
Parker	Kathryn
Parker	Sean
Parke	Jenny
Parr	Philip
Pasquale	Sharyn
Paton	Lisa
Paton	Mark
Pattinson	Karen
Pearse	Anthony
Pegler	Nicola
Pegler	John
Plowman	Robert
Power	Emma
Power	Matthew
Prandle	Nicola
Pullen	Fiona
ralston	susan

Randall	Stuart
Randau	Roxana
Randau	Kevin
Rayner	Aaron
Reed	Stephanie
Reed	Marc
Reeves	John
Regan	Jacqueline
Richardson	Jacqueline
Riches	Catherine
Richmond	Sam
Ring	Michelle
Ritchie	Anthony
Roberts	Fiona
Roberts	Kelcy
Roberts	Wendy
Roberts	Andrew
Roberts	Peter
Robertson	Jessica
Robertson	Craig
Robinson	Sasha
Robinson	Jason
Robinson	Kris
Robinson	Peter
Rose	Cat
Rothwell	Sarah
Rowston	Trina
Ryan	Marcus
Saper	Jeff
Sappey	Matthew
Sarsfield	Aidan
Scamps	Sophie
Schaut	Martin
Schmidt	Sally
Schuetrumpf	Greig
Schulte	Victoria
Scott	Colin
Scotts	Richard
Seale	Brianna
Segger	Tanya
Sharp	Rupert
Sinclair	Anna
Sinclair	Daniel
Skinner	Luke
Smart	Genevieve
Smith	Phil
Smithard	Jessica
Sokias	Maria
Sokias	Peter
Sprouster	Michael
Srimuang	Sukontamal
Stacpoole	Leah
Stafford	Fiona
Staley	Jacob
Stanley-Jones	Nicola
Steel	Diana
Steel	Justin





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Stewart
Stylianou
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Taylor
Teitsson
Thomas
Thomas
Trinder
Turnbull
Valk
Vallis
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van der Kraan
Veniere
Venter
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Webb
Weir
Welch
Wellings
Wellington
Wetherall
Whalan
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Whelan
Williams
Wilson
Wiseman
Wood
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Woods
Woolcott
Wright
Yuasa
Zonca

Richard
Robert
Amie
George
Brooke
Gustaf
Keira
Veronica
Christian
Sarah
Danny
Anthea
Ross
Paul
Frederic
Nadine
Nico
Katherine
Melinda
Chris
Peter
Katharine
Adam
Thomas
Helen
Ben
Clinton
Michael
Stephanie
Marcel
Daniel
Janine
Sarah
Melissa
Alex
Kate
Kathrine
Ben
Caroline
Nick
Stephen
Rowena
Leena
Charlie
Sarah
Annabel
Gabrielle
Jodie
Christopher

Arnold
Attawell
Austin
Austin
Baczkowski
Baker
Barripp
Bateson
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Baylis
Beckley
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Beebe
Cove
Lucy
Eden
Amy
Bijkerk
Bijkerk
Freya
Lucy
Joseph
Alice
Joe
Maya
Tully
Cael
Bridie
Rosie
Keira
Riley
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Charlie
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Patrick
Kai
Leila
Olivia
Molly
Samuel
Beau
Ashleigh
Hannah
Alex
Ned
Cove
Lucy
Eden
Amy
Freya
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Honorary Member

Parkes Steve

**Junior Activity Member
(5-13 years)**

Acevedo Akira
Alexander-Cooper Emily
Almenning Loki
Almenning Odin
Amet Maya
Anderson Nena
Anderson Calum
Anderson Gabriel
Archibald Callum
Arnold Holly
Arnold Finn
Arnold Max

Cutrie
Dagleish
Daniel
Daniel
Dekker
Delahunty
Delahunty
Demidov
Demiri
Denovan
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Dixon
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Doble
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Donald
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Doyle
Dwight
Dwight
Earl
Eastwood
Edgar
Edwards
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Elliott
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Emberson
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English
English
Evans
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Evans
Eves
Eves
Febo
Febo
Felton
Ferris-Binge
Ferris-Halliday
Fitzgerald
Fitzpatrick-Vale
Fletcher
Fletcher
Forde
Forde
Frampton
Franco
Franco
Fredrikze
Fredrikze
Frost
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Gammon
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Gander
Garner
Geftakis
Geftakis
Gerdelan
Gibson
Gomes
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Goodare
Goodare
Gough
Gregory
Gregory
Gregory
Griffiths
Gustafsdottir
Gustafsson
Hall
Hanstrum
Hanstrum
Harler
Harler
Harler
Harris
Harris
Harris

Eliza
Maxim
Bianca
Oliver
Natasha
Alessandra
Zara
Drake
Liam
Anais
Milla
Hunter
Zannah
Jack
Aidan
Elliot
Isabella
Henry
Jessica
Flynn
Louis
Brooklyn
Zac
Sammy
Brooke
Indianna
Ivy
Zara
Ethan
Krystal
Tahli
Dylan
Max
Zariah
Rohan
Isla
Ruby
Harry
Layla
Riley
Vera
Marco
Max
Madeline
Priya
Bowie
Araminta
Asher
Darragh
Mark
Ace
Otylia
Luciano
Amelia
Marnix
Joy
Riahna
Felix
Fynn
Olli
Byron
Remy
Abbey
Georgie
Sebastien
Oliver
Bruna
Milena
Jack
Mikkel
Sophia
Alexandra
Rachael
Ted
Luca
Laufey
Finnur
Erica
Amelia
Thomas
Mia
Bertram
Asali
Chloe
Isla

Hayes
Hayward
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Hayward
Hegarty
Heintz
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Heintz
Herdman
Herdman
Hickin
Howarth
Howarth
Howell
Hume
Hunt
Husband
Jacobsen
Jamieson
Jamieson
Johns
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Jones
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Jones-Hughes
Josefik
Keating
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Keeley
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Kilpatrick
Kleemeyer
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Kurtz
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Malcolm
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McCormack
McCormack
McGuffog
McHugh
McNamara
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Tristan
Audrey
Lola
Henry
Hudson
Annelore
Florentyn
Oliver
Ella
Zac
Leah
Jasmin
Seaenna
Charley
Remy
Ruby
Faith
Sam
Kyrre
Ava
Maxwell
Lucy
Sophie
Xanthe
Quinn
Harry
Ayden
Audrey
Ruby
Louis
Saskia
William
Olivia
Henry
Samuel
William
Archer
Fergus
Joshua
Thomas
Daisy
Liam
Abigail
Alexander
Jacob
Jack
William
Oscar
Dane
Charlie
Bailey
Cody
Xavier
Bianca
Chloe
Ashton
Toby
Anabella
Bonnie
Jamie
Toby
Joshua
Matthew
Cedar
Lotus
Chevy
Marlena
Finlay
Tyson
Bebe
Kelsey
Charlotte
Claire
James
Joshua
Ashton
Jesse
Jessica
Matthew
Nina
Maren
Bella
Indiana
Olivia
Elisha

Meacham
Mealor
Miller
Mills
Minter
Mitchell
Molloy
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Montgomery
Mower
Murphy
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Newman
Noe
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Nosworthy
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Rothwell
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Sebastian
Olivia
Aniella
Chloe
Edwin
Scarlett
Ella
Jake
Max
Haylee
Rosie
Violet
Declan
Wade
Hugo
Hugo
Amelie
Nosworthy
Hamish
Eirinn
April
Kade
Eve
Samuel
Fletch
Michelina
Aela
Finlay
Jude
Quintana
Isla
Ben
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1945-46	W G Simmonds	J C Wells	F Andries	E Dash (res 21.4.46) F J Woodley (elect 21.4.46)	E Dash
1946-47	W G Simmonds (res 20.4.47) J A Hunter (elect 14.5.47)	J A Hunter	J C Wells	F J Woodley	E Hudson
1947-48	J A Hunter	A J Moulding	J C Wells	F J Woodley (res 8.2.48) J C Wells (elect 8.2.48)	R O'Neill (res 14.1.48) F J Woodly (elect 16.1.48)
1948-49	S Butler	T K Davidson	A C H Rodgers	H Ragan	S Butler
1949-50	S Butler	T K Davidson	A C H Rodgers	H Ragan	S Butler
1950-51	T K Davidson	T Hampson	K Davidson	H Ragan	S Butler
1951-52	T K Davidson	A J Slevin	K Davidson	H Ragan	S Butler
1952-53	T K Davidson	S Butler	K Davidson	H Ragan	J J Campbell
1953-54	T K Davidson	S Butler (res 26.2.54) R Cosgrave (elect 17.3.54)	K Davidson	H Ragan	N Kahler
1954-55	T K Davidson	R Cosgrave (res 25.2.55) I D Gorrie (elect 25.2.55)	K Davidson	H Ragan	N Kahler (res 26.11.54) A Hyde (elect 26.11.54)
1955-56	H Ragan	I D Gorrie (res 30.12.55) J Campbell (elect 30.12.55)	K Davidson	R Woods	A J Slevin R Hartman
1956-57	H Ragan	D Imison	K Davidson	R Woods (res 30.11.56) P Sheehan (elect 30.11.55)	R Hartman
1957-58	H Ragan	D Imison	K Davidson	R Hartman	M Byrnes
1958-59	R Cosgrave	D Imison	K Davidson	R Hartman	B Sheehan
1959-60	R Cosgrave	D Imison	K Davidson	B Sheehan	R Hartman
1960-61	R Cosgrave	D Imison	K Davidson	B Sheehan	R Hartman
1961-62	H Ragan	R Hartman	K Davidson	J Greaves	R Head (res 10.11.61) B Sheehan (elect 10.11.61)
1962-63	H Ragan	K Watt	K Davidson	R Nicholl (res 21.6.63) J Fuller (elect 21.6.63)	M Ballard
1963-64	H Ragan	K Watt	K Davidson	J Fuller	R Burnett
1964-65	R Cosgrave	K Watt	W Rolfe (res) P Donald (elect)	R Burnett	G Donald
1965-66	R Cosgrave	R Hartman	P Donald	N Luxton	G Donald
1966-67	R Hartman	D Plunkett	P Donald	B Sproule	B Sheehan
1967-68	B Sheehan	A J Slevin	P Donald	P Coleman	A Jones
1968-69	B Sheehan	A J Slevin	P Donald	P Coleman	G Searl
1969-70	R Hartman	R Millar	P Donald	J Towner	G Searl
1970-71	R Hartman	G B Thompson	R Millar (res) B Thompson (elect)	J Towner	A Jones
1971-72	J Towner	G B Thompson	J Farley (res) J Fuller (elect)	G Atkins	A Jones
1972-73	R Cosgrave	G B Thompson	R Millar	P Jacobs	G Shuttleworth
1973-74	R Cosgrave	P Donald	R Millar	J Towner	G Shuttleworth
1974-75	G B Thompson	P Donald	R Millar	J Griffin	G Thompson
1975-76	G B Thompson	P Donald	R Millar	J Griffin	(pos.not filled)
1976-77	G B Thompson (res) D Crane (elect 13.3.77)	B Patterson	R Millar	B Mayles	B Spencer (elect) B Spencer (res) P Frazer (elect)
1977-78	D Crane	B Patterson	R Millar	B Mayles	P Akehurst
1978-79	D Crane	B Patterson	G Harris	B Mayles (res) R Millar (elect)	P Akehurst
1979-80	D Crane	B Patterson	R Millar	G Atkins (res) B Mayles (elect)	P Akehurst
1980-81	D Crane	B Patterson	R Crane	P Akehurst	M Houlder
1981-82	D Crane	K Brown	M Byrnes	P Akehurst	M Houlder
1982-83	D Crane	P Akehurst	M Byrnes	M O'Connor	(pos.not filled)
1983-84					
1984-85	D Crane	P Akehurst	J O'Connor	M O'Connor	L Fargher
1985-86	D Crane	R C Packhill	P Bradley	W Wall	P Akehurst
1986-87	D Crane	R C Packhill	P Bradley	W Wall	(pos.not filled)
1987-88	D Crane	R C Packhill	P Bradley	W Wall	P Keen
1988-89	D Crane	K Baxter	P Bradley	W Wall	P Keen
1989-90	W Wall to 19.2.90 W Young From 19.2.90	T Bayly	N Akehurst	J Brown	P Keen
1990-91	W Young	T Bayly	M Byrnes	N Akehurst	P Keen
1991-92	W Young	R Millar	M Byrnes	N Akehurst	P Keen
1992-93	W Young	R Millar	M Byrnes	R Sayers	P Keen
1993-94	W Young	B Muston	M Byrnes	R Sayers	P Keen
1994-95	W Young	B Muston	M Byrnes	R Sayers	S Jacek
1995-96	W Young	B Muston	K Veale	R Sayers	S Jacek
1996-97	W Young	B Muston	K Veale	R Sayers	S Jacek
1997-98	W Young	B Muston	K Veale	R Sayers	S Jacek
1998-99	W Young	B Muston	K Veale	R Sayers	S Jacek
1999-00	W Young	B Muston	K Veale	R Sayers	M Heffernan
2000-01	W Young	B Muston	T Miller	P Carter	M Heffernan

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2001-02	M Heffernam	R Bidencope	K Veale	P Carter	R Mitchell
2002-03	M Heffernam	R Bidencope	R Dodds	C Davison	T Barber
2003-04	M Heffernam	R Bidencope	R Dodds	B Greenwood/L Lindop	T Barber
2004-05	W Gamble	K Smith	R Dodds	B Greenwood/L Lindop	T Barber
2005-06	W Gamble	K Smith	C Lindop	B Greenwood/L Lindop	T Barber
2006-07	W Gamble	C Boulton	C Lindop	N Wellings	T Barber
2007-08	C Hopton	C Boulton	C Lindop/R Millar	N Wellings	T Barber
2008-09	C Hopton	C Boulton	R Millar	N Wellings	T Barber
2009-10	C Hopton	C Boulton	R Millar	N Wellings	L Lindop
2010-11	C Hopton	C Boulton	R Millar	S Parkes	L Lindop
2011-12	C Hopton	C Boulton	R Millar	S Parkes	L Lindop
2012-13	C Hopton	C Boulton	R Millar	S Parkes	L Lindop
2013-14	C Hopton	C Boulton	C Hopton (Acting)	S Parkes	L Lindop
2014-15	C Hopton	C Boulton	B McKay	S Parkes / N Wellings	L Lindop
2015-16	R Cole	L Austin	B McKay	M Hall	L Lindop
2016-17	R Cole	L Austin	B McKay	M Hall	L Lindop

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Outstanding Service Award Louise Lindop
SNB Surf Boat Championship
Point Score U/23 division Avalon Beach Pinkies
Nick Sampson, Matthew Mayall, Peter Ashcroft,
Scott Poole, Nathan Wellings (sweep)

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Masters Athlete of the Year Robert Richardson
Official of the Year Darren Warrener
Surf Sports Team of the Year The Pinkies U23 Boat Team Male
Volunteer of the Year Volker Klemm
Trainer of the Year Stephen Broderick



Hall of Fame – Australian Champions

1954 Southport, Qld – Silver – Max Watt – Single Ski	Silver – Nick Wood – Masters LongBoard
1957 Bondi, NSW – Bronze – Alan Hyde – Pillow Fight	Silver – Adriaan van der Wallen – Masters Short Board
1984 Clifton, Tas – Gold – John Kirk – U/18 Beach Flags	Bronze – Grant Salmon – Masters LongBoard
1985 Kurrawa, Qld – Silver – John Kirk – U/18 Beach Flags	2013 Kirra, Qld – Gold – Women's Boat Race – 180 yrs – Donna Wishart, Kerry McEwan, Beverley Tilbury, Tracey McSullea, Rick Millar (sweep)
1985 Point Leo, Vic – Bronze – Open Beach Flags – John Kirk	Gold – Men's Boat Race – 140 yrs – Shaun Wolthers, Bjorn Wolthers, Peter Carter, Adam Schofield, Rick Millar (sweep)
1986 Moana, SA – Bronze –John Kirk – Under 18 Beach Flags	2014 Scarborough, Perth – Gold – Women's Boat Race – 180 yrs – Donna Wishart, Tracey McSullea, Beverley Tilbury, Kate Munro, Rick Millar (sweep)
1987 Cronulla , NSW – IRB – Bronze – Mass Rescue – Damian Geyle, Jean Harper, Frazer Hogan, David Lee, Peter Sturits	Gold – Chris McGuckin, Grant Salmon, Bob Richardson – 170 yrs Board Relay
1989 Burleigh Heads, Qld – Silver – "A" Boat Race – Open – Michael Heathcote, Daryl Johnson, Brent Walker, Mark Wood, Rick Millar (sweep)	Gold – Chris McGuckin – 60 – 64 yrs Board Race
1993 Kurrawa, Qld – Gold – Men's Open Boat Race – Michael Heathcote, Daryl Johnson, Nathan Press , Brent Walker, Rick Millar (sweep)	Silver – 60–64yrs – Ironman – Chris McGuckin
1994 Kurrawa, Qld – Silver – Mens' 40 – 44 yrs Boat Race – Bob Fulton, Kim Marsh, Steve Reilly, Geoff Russell, Rick Millar (sweep)	2015 Kirra, Qld – Gold – Women's Boat Race – 180 yrs – Donna Wishart, Kerry McEwan, Beverley Tilbury, Tracey McSullea, Nathan Wellings (sweep)
1995 Kurrawa, Qld – Bronze – Junior Boat Race – Ian Dagleish, James Davison, Michael Taranto, Angus Wilson, Rick Millar (sweep)	Bronze – Chris McGuckin – 60–64 yrs Ironman
1996 Kurrawa, Qld – Silver – Reserve Boat Race – Peter Carter, Matt Hulme, Bjorn Wolthers, Shaun Wolthers, Rick Millar (sweep)	2016 Mooloolaba, Qld – Silver Women's Surf Boat Race 180 years Kerry McEwan, Kate Munro, Beverley Tilbury, Donna Wishart, Nathan Wellings (sweep)
2000 Kurrawa, Qld – Bronze – Mens' U/21 Boat Race – Chris Davison, Jon Hulme, Mike Luke, Nathan Wellings, Rick Millar (sweep)	2017 Gold Coast, Qld – Silver – Male Surf Boat Race – 180 yrs - Adam Schofield, Daryl Johnson, Peter Carter, Shaun Wolthers, Nathan Wellings (sweep)
2001 Kurrawa, Qld – Bronze – Wilson Gamble, Peter Fraser, 55 – 59 yrs Board Rescue	Bronze - Women's Surf Boat Race – 180 yrs – Amelia Butler, Kate Munro, Beverley Tilbury, Donna Wishart, Rick Millar (sweep)
2003 Kurrawa, Qld – Silver – Reserve Boat Race – Chris Davison, David Lee, Michael Luke, Nathan Wellings, Rick Millar (sweep) – Michael Luke	Other
2004 Kurrawa, Qld – Bronze – Chris McGuckin, 50 – 54 yrs Board Race	1996 Bronze – Uncle Toby's Super Series
2005 Kurrawa, Qld – Gold – Duncan Herbert – 40 yrs + Malibu Long Board	Peter Carter, Matt Hulme Bjorn Wolthers, Shaun Wolthers, Rick Millar (sweep)
Bronze – Chris McGuckin, 50 – 54 yrs Board Race	1997 Newcastle, NSW – Uncle Toby's Super Series
2008 Scarborough WA – Bronze – Chris McGuckin, 50 – 54 yrs Board Race	Gold – Peter Carter, Matt Hulme Bjorn Wolthers, Shaun Wolthers, Rick Millar (sweep)
2009 Scarborough WA – Gold – Chris McGuckin, 50 – 54 yrs Board Race	2002 Perth WA – Bronze – Australian Surf Rowers League – Open – Chris Davison, Jon Hulme, David Lee, Nathan Wellings, Rick Millar (sweep)
Bronze – Chris McGuckin, Adriaan van der Wallen, Darren Warrener – 130 yrs Board Relay	2010 Wollongong, NSW – ASRL – Bronze – U 23 Women – Olivia Kelly, Melanie Rhodes White, Kristen Raper, Elli Linder, Rick Millar (sweep)
2010 Kurrawa, Qld – Gold – Adriaan van der Wallen – 40 + yrs Malibu Longboard/40 + yrs Shortboard	2012 Stockton, NSW – ASRL – Silver – Open Boat Crew – Troy Douglas, Patrick Levons, Edward Rowe, Rob Taylor, Peter Carter (sweep)
Silver – Adriaan van der Wallen – Open Malibu Longboard	2016 Shellharbour, NSW – Trans Tasman International Surfboat Test Title – U23 – Gold – Andrew Bright, Nick Sampson, Matt Mayall, Tom Curnow, Nathan Wellings (sweep)
Silver – Chris McGuckin, 55 – 59 yrs Board Race	2016 Shellharbour, NSW – ASRL-SLSA Interstate Surfboat U23 Gold – Andrew Bright, Nick Sampson, Matt Mayall, Tom Curnow, Nathan Wellings (sweep)
Bronze – Chris McGuckin, Adriaan van der Wallen, Darren Warrener – 130 yrs Board Relay	2016 Shellharbour, NSW – ASRL – Gold – Women's Surf Boat Race 180 years – Kerry McEwan, Kate Munro, Beverley Tilbury, Donna Wishart, Nathan Wellings (sweep)
2011 Kurrawa, Qld – Gold – Women's Boat Race – 160 yrs – Donna Wishart, Robyn Jennings, Beverley Tilbury, Tracey McSullea, Rick Millar (sweep)	2017 Shellharbour, NSW – ASRL – Gold - 180 yrs min Women's Surf Boat – Amelia Butler, Kate Munro, Beverley Tilbury, Donna Wishart, Rick Millar (sweep)
Gold – Mens' Boat Race – 140 yrs – Peter Carter, Adam Schofield, Nathan Wellings, Bjorn Wolthers, Rick Millar (sweep)	Silver – 160yrs min Women's Surf Boat – Melinda Akehurst, Amanda Dale, Stephanie Stoddard, Shannon Fletcher, Rick Millar (Sweep)
Gold – Chris McGuckin 55 – 59 yrs Board	
Silver – Chris McGuckin, Bob Richardson, Nick Wood – 170 yrs Board Relay	
Silver – Christine Hopton, Maryanne Taylor 45 – 49 yrs Board Rescue	
2012 Kurrawa Qld – Gold – Women's Boat Race –160 yrs – Kerry McEwan, Tracey McSullea, Beverley Tilbury, Donna Wishart, Rick Millar (sweep)	
Gold – Adriaan van der Wallen – Masters Malibu Board Riding	
Silver – Christine Hopton – Women's 50 – 54 yrs – Board Race	
Silver – Chris McGuckin – Men's 55 – 59 yrs – Board Race	
Silver – Men's Boat Race – 140 yrs – Peter Carter, Adam Schofield, Nathan Wellings, Bjorn Wolthers, Rick Millar (sweep)	

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