

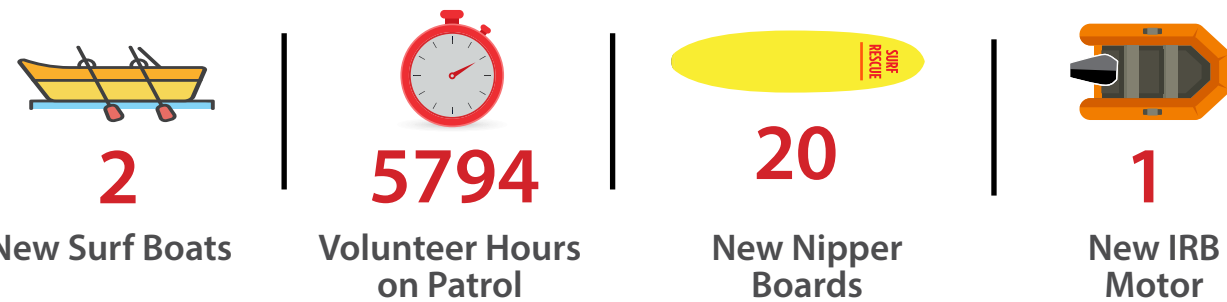
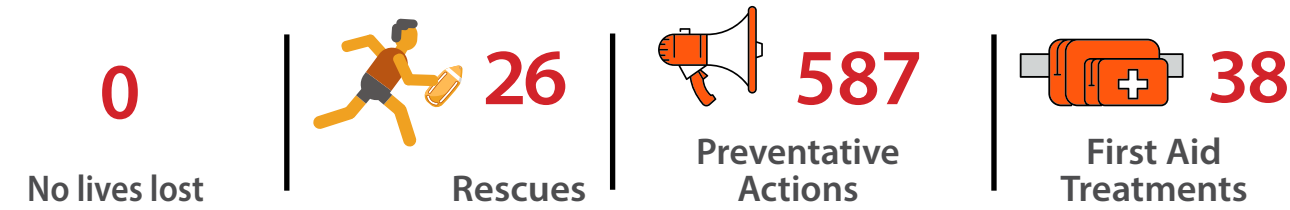
Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club

# Annual Report

## 2022-2023



HIGHLIGHTS



1085							Total Membership
155	47	0	39	20	0	310	
Active 18+	Active 15-18	Reserve Active	Associate	Life Member	Past Active	Junior Active	
370	2	62	4	70	2	4	
General	Award Member	Cadets	Leave/Restricted	Long Service	Probationary	Honorary	

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# 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 organisation 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 314 clubs within Surf Life Saving Australia with a total of approximately 181,603 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.
- We undertake rescues and preventative actions, perform first aid and educate the community about water safety.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Our priorities are:

- LIFESAVING
- CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
- ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATION
- GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL SECURITY
- YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
- NIPPERS
- SURF SPORTS
- EDUCATION
- CLUBHOUSE

For more information refer to the Avalon Beach SLSC Strategic Plan 2021.  
Charitable Fundraising Number (CFN) 11033.



## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT



**PRESIDENT**  
Bernadette McKay



**DEPUTY PRESIDENT**  
Richard Cole



**DIRECTOR OF  
ADMINISTRATION**  
JoAnn Mullally-Forster



**DIRECTOR OF  
FINANCE**  
Ashley Brown



**DIRECTOR OF LIFE  
SAVING (CLUB CAPTAIN)**  
Jason Dale



**DIRECTOR OF LIFE SAVING  
(CLUB CAPTAIN)**  
Nick Sampson



**DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION  
(CHIEF TRAINING OFFICER)**  
Michael King



**PUBLIC OFFICER**  
Kevin Veale



**IRB CAPTAIN**  
Alan Moran



**DIRECTOR OF  
SURF SPORTS**  
Ashley Cardiff



**SURF BOAT CAPTAIN**  
Matthew Mayall



**DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR  
ACTIVITIES**  
Dale Drain



**JUNIOR CAPTAIN**  
Peter Carter

## OFFICE BEARERS

### CLUB OFFICERS

Publicity Officer.....	Roger Sayers OAM
Registrar.....	Vacant
Marketing and Sponsorship.....	Richard Cole
Second Delegate to Branch.....	Terry Barber
Board Captain.....	Neil Petersen
Ski Captain.....	Neil Petersen
Swim Captain / Handicapper.....	Tim Hixson
Radio Officer.....	Kevin Veale
Gear Steward.....	Neil Petersen
First Aid Officer.....	Warwick Willcoxson
Beach Vehicle Officer.....	Terry Barber
Building Officer.....	Robert Hopton and Richard Cole
Caretakers.....	Jean Harper and Xanthe Friend
Social Secretary.....	Pepita Martins
IRB Competition Manager.....	Terry Barber
Beach Captain.....	Jean Harper
Masters Captain.....	Leo Pinheiro
Competition Manager.....	Roland Luke
Member Protection Information Officer.....	Felicity Peters
Grants Officer.....	Sophie Valentine
Safety Officer.....	Robert Hopton
Clothing Officer.....	Vacant
Youth Representative.....	Vacant
Bar Manager.....	Nathan Wellings
Club Historian.....	Geoff Searl OAM
Communications Officer.....	Lachie Mills
Event Manager – Carols at the Beach.....	Sarah Payne
Event Manager – Ocean Swim.....	Volker Klemm

### JUNIOR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Director of Junior Activities.....	Dale Drain
Deputy Director of Junior Activities.....	Vacant
JAC Secretary.....	Vacant
JAC Registrar.....	Fiona Nguyen
JAC Competition Manager.....	Cameron Lane and Amanda Lehman
JAC Communications.....	Maria Pellett
JAC Canteen Officer.....	Anna Trybocka
JAC Surf Education Officer.....	Jack Frost
JAC Gear Steward.....	Cameron Lane
JAC Water Safety Officer.....	Mike Stanley-Jones

### LIFE MEMBER FUND COMMITTEE

Christine Hopton OAM (Chair)	Roger Sayers OAM
Louise Lindop	Warren Young OAM

### LIFE MEMBERS AND SERVICE HONOURS AWARDS COMMITTEE

#### Life Members

Warren Young OAM (Chair)  
Roger Sayers OAM  
Bruce Muston  
Robert Head

#### Board of Management

Bernadette McKay  
Jason Dale  
Nick Sampson

### HERITAGE COMMITTEE

#### Life Members

Roger Sayers OAM (Chair)  
Warren Young OAM  
Robert Head  
Peter Carter

#### Committee Members

Bernadette McKay  
Richard Cole  
Nick Sampson  
Geoff Searl OAM

### LIFE MEMBERS

pre-1945.....	A.J. Small*	2006.....	R. Luke
1945.....	W.G. Simmonds*	2007.....	R. Sayers OAM
1945.....	E.R. Dash*	2007.....	B. Muston
1951.....	G.H. Robin*	2008.....	S. Jacek
1952.....	H.C. Ragan*	2014.....	K. Veale
1959.....	N.H. Cook*	2015.....	C. Hopton OAM
1963.....	K. Davidson*	2015.....	P. Carter
1965.....	R. Wood*	2017.....	L. Lindop
1968.....	B. Sheehan*	2017.....	M. Heffernan
1968.....	M. Watt*	2018.....	T. Barber
1969.....	R. Hartman*	2021.....	N. Wellings
1969.....	A. Slevin*	2022.....	Richard Cole
1972.....	K. Watt	2022.....	Richard Mitchell
1972.....	D. Imison*		
1973.....	R. Cosgrave*		
1978.....	G. Shuttleworth		
1978.....	D. Wells*		
1981.....	D. Crane*		
1985.....	J. Griffin*		
1986.....	D. Mitchell		
1986.....	P. Sheehan		
1986.....	J. Watt*		
1986.....	M. Byrnes OAM*		
1986.....	W. Ingram*		
1989.....	R. Millar*		
1994.....	P. Akehurst*		
1994.....	R. Head		
1999.....	W. Young OAM		
2000.....	W. Mitchell OAM		
2001.....	W. Wall		

#### Distinguished Service

2015	W. Gamble
2015	M. Heffernan
2018	R. Mitchell
2018	J. Brown
2019	D. Johnson
2021	R. Hopton

#### Life Guardians

B. McDonald  
J. Leishman\*

#### Junior Activities Life Members

S. Jacek  
P. Keen  
G. Upton  
W. Young OAM

### PATRONS

Hon Bronwyn Bishop AO  
John Brogden AM

MEMBERSHIP

CATEGORY	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
Active 18+ M	97	106	112	108	127	134	128	127	114	111	96	107	97	96
Active 18+ F	42	44	46	43	60	57	53	58	64	67	59	69	64	59
Active 15-18 M	17	26	31	37	20	33	39	19	32	15	22	32	15	23
Active 15-18 F	15	18	19	26	13	9	27	16	29	28	30	32	17	24
Reserve Active M	20	18	14	11	9	10	6	7	5	5	0	0	0	0
Reserve Active F	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	0
Award Member M	0	2	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	2	1	1	2	1
Award Member F	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	3	6	4	3	1	0	1
Cadets M	5	3	4	6	14	33	9	18	21	30	30	34	11	32
Cadets F	10	8	6	2	18	27	15	40	40	40	34	46	22	30
Junior Active M	155	199	197	204	212	204	208	209	168	140	159	184	172	177
Junior Active F	154	191	183	184	195	250	230	226	181	137	175	193	169	133
General M	81	98	82	88	88	183	164	154	156	153	176	189	172	184
General F	70	96	90	75	77	198	188	168	188	165	203	220	183	186
Long Service M	29	26	26	26	24	25	29	41	44	45	55	57	57	56
Long Service F	3	3	2	4	2	2	3	7	6	9	12	13	11	14
Associate M	13	13	7	15	13	20	22	21	26	22	25	30	30	30
Associate F	5	4	0	1	5	9	3	3	6	6	9	9	10	9
Life Member M	21	21	20	19	18	20	21	21	22	22	20	18	19	18
Life Member F	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Probationary M	7	1	1	0	2	0	1	3	11	8	16	1	2	1
Probationary F	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	7	7	5	7	1	1
Honorary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	5	3	4
Past Active	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Leave / Restricted	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	2	0	3	5	2	4
TOTAL	748	878	841	850	899	1218	1153	1153	1133	1024	1141	1258	1064	1085

AWARDS

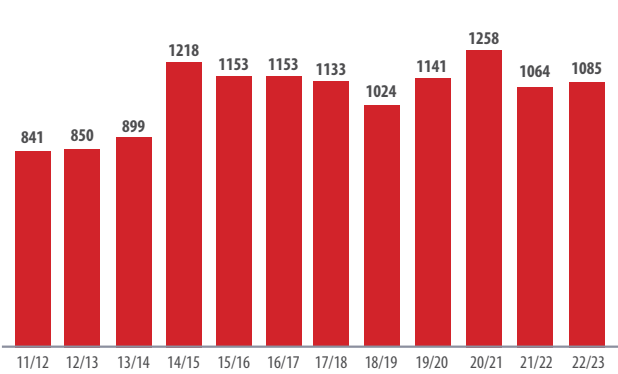
CATEGORY	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
ART	8	6	3	1	16	15	7	17	9	5	0	4	26	27
Bronze Medallion	50	40	3	47	38	47	53	40	59	31	48	64	24	44
Gold Medallion	1	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	0	2	0	3	2	0
IRB Crew	5	8	0	8	7	2	8	11	7	6	7	24	0	6
Provide First Aid Cert	1	15	26	8	37	22	16	24	16	16	12	26	54	34
SM Advanced First Aid	9	5	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
SM Aquatic Rescue	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	3
SM Beach Managment	0	14	17	0	6	5	2	8	3	8	0	9	4	0
SM IRB Driver	0	4	6	1	0	6	2	2	4	0	4	0	0	7
Spinal Management	30	9	11	6	8	6	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Surf Rescue Cert (CPR)	16	30	16	35	44	36	42	39	49	41	29	59	21	52
Other	9	31	6	17	10	7	11	2	11	45	1	5	5	40
TOTAL	129	163	91	124	171	148	145	144	166	157	101	196	138	213

RESCUES

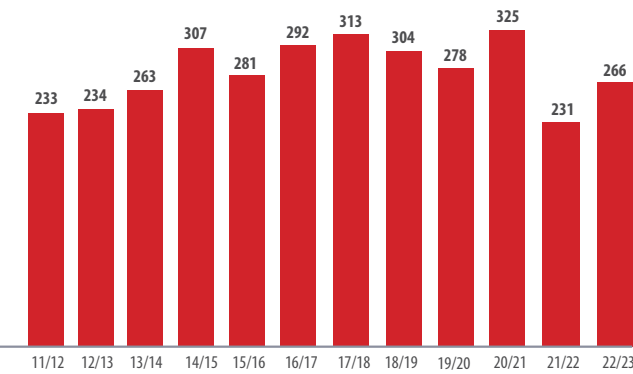
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Without Gear	1	3	0	1	0	9	3	1	0	2	2	0	5	0
Rescue Tube	1	4	6	6	9	4	21	0	7	1	1	1	14	5
Rescue Board	15	22	38	20	18	35	38	27	23	25	10	24	74	14
IRB	9	5	11	4	12	6	18	4	0	12	2	1	29	7
Other	0	1	4	2	0	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
TOTAL RESCUES	26	35	59	33	39	56	80	32	32	43	15	26	122	26
Resuscitation Cases	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Preventative Actions	1032	1491	951	738	556	621	453	378	365	680	659	323	701	587
First Aid	90	193	40	139	40	42	102	88	23	27	28	17	30	27

STATISTICS

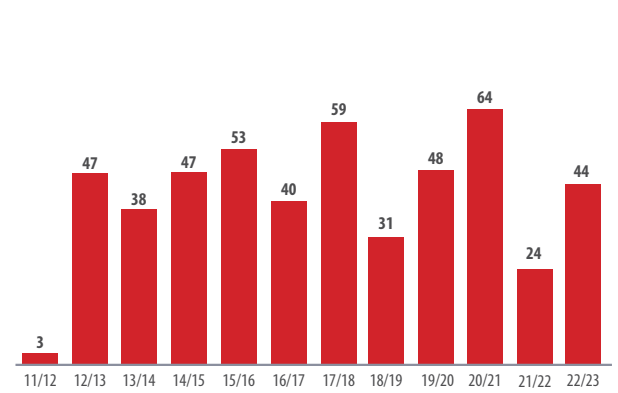
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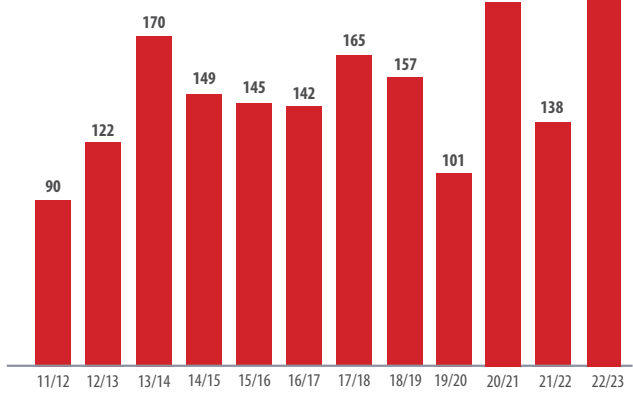
TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP



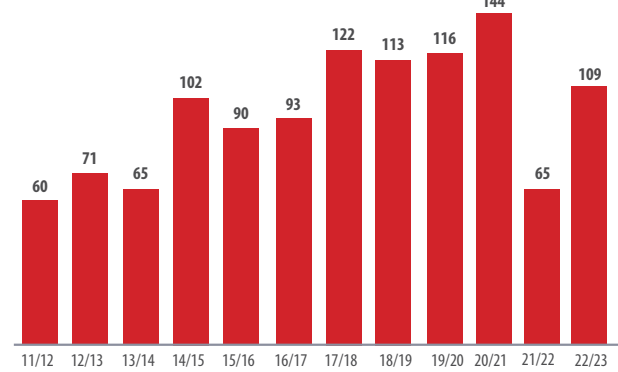
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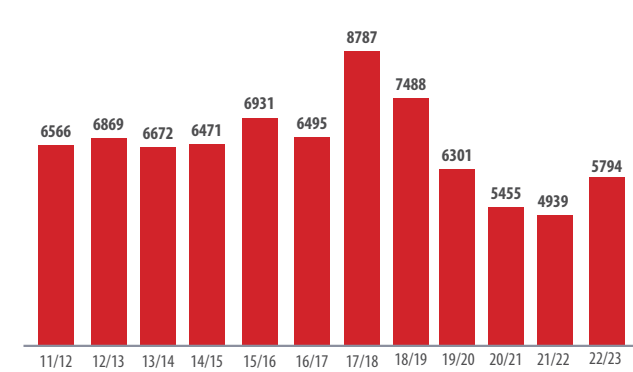
AWARDS



YOUTH MEMBERSHIP



LIFESAVING HOURS







# SURF SPORTS RESULTS

## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SCARBOROUGH BEACH, PERTH

MEDAL	NAME	EVENT
Silver	Harrison Schaut	U/19 2km Beach Run

## IRB STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS OCEAN BEACH

MEDAL	NAME	EVENT
Gold	Jean Harper, Alan Moran, Richard Cole, Giles Stoddard, Xanthe Friend, Todd Barber	IRB 45+ Teams
Gold	Jean Harper, Alan Moran, Xanthe Friend	IRB 45+ Surf Rescue
Silver	Jean Harper, Alan Moran, Xanthe Friend, Ruby Hume	IRB 45+ Mass Rescue

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS QUEENSCLIFF, FRESHWATER AND NORTH STEYNE

MEDAL	NAME	EVENT
Gold	Harrison Schaut	U/19 2km Beach Run
Gold	Sophie Valentine, Sophie Holmes, Laura Baierl, Tara Neasmith, Sweep Nathan Wellings	Womens Reserve Grade Surf Boat
Gold	Ethan Warner	U11 Male Beach Sprint
Bronze	Willow Toll	U12 Female Beach Sprint
Bronze	Willow Toll, Camilla Borges	U12 Female 2 x 500m Beach Run Relay

## BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS COLLAROY BEACH

MEDAL	NAME	EVENT
Gold	Sophie Valentine, Sophie Holmes, Laura Baierl, Tara Neasmith, Sweep Nathan Wellings	Womens Reserve Grade Surf Boat
Silver	Camilla Borges	U12 Female Beach Sprint
Silver	Bonnie Lehman, Poppy Decker	U14 2 x 1km relay
Bronze	Gus Decker	U11 Male Beach Sprint

## ALL AUSTRALIAN NIPPERS NATS SURF CARNIVAL MANLY BEACH

MEDAL	NAME	EVENT
Gold	Ethan Warner	U11 Male Beach Sprint
Gold	Willow Toll	U12 Female Beach Sprint
Silver	Poppy Decker	U14 Female Beach Flags
Bronze	Ethan Warner	U11 Male Beach Flags

## BRANCH OVERALL POINT SCORE

MEDAL	NAME	EVENT
Silver	Sophie Valentine, Sophie Holmes, Laura Baierl, Tara Neasmith, Sweep Nathan Wellings	Womens Reserve Grade Surf Boat





## SERVICE AWARDS

### SLS LONG SERVICE AWARD

Evan Stilwell  
**25 years**

Richard Stutchbury  
**25 years**

Mark Heffernan  
**30 years**

Shaun Wolthers  
**30 years**

Stephan Jacek  
**40 years**

Warren Young OAM  
**40 years**

### SLS PATROL SERVICE AWARD

Xanthe Friend  
**10 years**

Terry Barber  
**15 years**

SLSA National Patrol Service Certificates are available to members of Affiliated Clubs in recognition of their long service to lifesaving patrols.

The above Service Awards were announced at the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

## CLUB AWARDS

### THE NORMAN COOK MOST OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Alan Moran

### PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Leena Wood  
Richard Cole

### THE STEVE PARKES AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN LIFESAVING EDUCATION

Charlotte Broderick,  
Rosemary Morgan-Smith  
Helen Tan

### ROOKIE OF THE YEAR (BRONZE THIS SEASON)

Gordon Morrison

### THE CHRIS "DETHO" DETHICK – BOATIE OF THE YEAR

Angela Carter

### PATROL CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

Andrew Clark

### PATROL MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Tom Colley

### JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Chloe Mills

### CADET OF THE YEAR

Sophie Lane  
Ella Wood

### THE WARREN MITCHELL IRB AWARD

Sophie Valentine

### MAX WATT COMPETITORS OF THE YEAR

Harrison Schaut

### PATROL OF THE YEAR

#### PATROL 15

Henry McGilchrist (PC)  
Pete Bidendope  
Fergus Cole  
Leonardo Pinheiro  
Taylor Dickinson  
Harrison Schaut  
Bernadette McKay  
Colin Campbell  
Michael Mitton  
Jack Riches

## LIFE MEMBER RICHARD COLE



To capture Richard's outstanding achievements in detail we would be writing a book! As Deputy President, Richard continues to drive a culture of excellence, innovation and best practice.

### SUMMARY

Richard is currently an active patrolling member at Avalon Beach SLSC, Deputy President, (former President), IRB competitor and trainer, Sponsorship and Marketing Officeholder, Building Officeholder (shared with Robert Hopton), Carols Committee member, Heritage Committee member and architect of the Clubhouse.

Richard has previously been recognised with the following Club Awards:

2012/2013	President's Award (jointly awarded with Robert Hopton) for service and commitment to the building and development of the new Clubhouse.
2013/2014	President's Award (jointly awarded with Robert Hopton). As above.
2016/2017	Awarded the "Order of Avalon Medal". Presented by Life Member Warren Young in recognition of the outstanding achievement, building and development of the new Clubhouse with Robert and Chris Hopton
2019/2020	Patrol Team of the Year Award (Emergency Call-out Team)
2019/2020	Warren Mitchell IRB Award
2020/2021	Norman Cook Most Outstanding Member of the Year Award
2022/2023	President Award (jointly awarded with Leena Wood) for the completion of the Nett Zero Surf Club Project

Richard has been a member of the Avalon Beach IRB race team since 2012 and achieved the following results:

### 45+ Teams Rescue:

2014	NSW IRB State Championship Gold medalist
2018	NSW IRB State Championship Gold medalist
2021	NSW IRB Premiership Gold medalist
2022	NSW IRB State Championship Silver medalist
2022	NSW IRB Premiership Gold medalist

### EDUCATION AWARDS

Richard obtained his Bronze Medallion at Avalon Beach in November 2006 and has patrolled more than 700 hours.

Since obtaining his Bronze Medallion in November 2006, Richard has amassed a total of 66 Education Awards and maintains the following awards:

Bronze Medallion, IRB Crew Certificate, Silver Medallion IRB Driver, Advanced Resuscitation Techniques, First Aid, Silver Medallion Beach Management and Training Officer IRB.

### NEW CLUBHOUSE 2009 - 2014

Richard was part of the Building Committee (with Christine and Robert Hopton) that worked with the (then) Pittwater Council and NSW Government to deliver a new surf club. As a recognised architect, Richard developed initial concept designs to explore the possibility for a new Clubhouse. Richard drafted the Development Application lodged with Council in 2011 and prepared three significant grant applications, ultimately securing \$370,000 in grants for the project. Once the project was endorsed by Council, Richard and the Building Committee oversaw the building tender process and approached major suppliers for discounted/at cost products and services. Richard, Robert and Christine also negotiated the new lease with Pittwater Council.

### CLUB PRESIDENCY 2015/2016 – 2017/2018

Richard developed the Club's first Strategic Plan, shaping the future direction of the Club. The plan addressed all aspects of the Club, from Lifesaving to Nippers, Administration to Surf Sports, Education to Governance and Finance and outlined goals, strategies and performance indicators to provide a framework for the continuing improvement of the Club.

### SLSNSW AND SLSA CLUB OF THE YEAR SUBMISSION 2018/2019

In a Club first, Richard initiated and prepared the Club's submission for SLSNSW's Club of the Year Award. Following the success of being awarded NSW Club of the Year, came the preparation of the National Club of the Year nomination where Richard led a small committee that undertook an enormous amount of work including a five-page written submission, a 20-minute presentation followed by 30 minutes of Q&A.

It was a proud moment when Avalon Beach was awarded the DHL National Club of the Year Award.

### OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

Club Heritage Committee founding member (2018/2019- present)

Securing a Building Grant and coordinating upgrades to the Clubhouse Bangalley Bar (2019/2020)

Together with Leena Wood instigated and executed the Nett Zero Surf Club project with the successful installation of solar panels and batteries to reduce our carbon footprint. (2020-2023)

### UNOFFICIAL ROLES

Richard's many unofficial roles include Club photographer, annual report compiler, lining up live music in the Bangalley Bar, just to name a few.

## LIFE MEMBER RICHARD MITCHELL



Rick (Richard) Mitchell gained his Bronze Medallion on 16th March 1980 at Avalon Beach and since then has been an active member. Over this time, Rick has patrolled an estimated 1200 hours (30 hours per season) which includes more than 10 years as a Patrol Captain. Rick has also been an active competitor and historically was a regular participant at club championships and Sunday swims. Rick has been a long-term Trainer and has held various positions on the Club's Board of Management.

He has 82 awards including: Bronze Medallion, First Aid, ARTC Trainer and Assessor Certificates and IRB Crew and IRB Driver. At the end of the 2019/2020 season, after 40 years of patrols and many rescues, Rick deservedly stepped back from patrolling. Rick; however, continues to be engaged with the Club through his role in education and has always been a very prominent helper at surf club events including the McGrath Pittwater Carols at the Beach, Lion Island Challenge and Avalon Beach Surf Swim.

Rick has over 30 years of high school teaching experience and has brought his vast wealth of experience and knowledge to the Club; training and mentoring hundreds of past and present members. In March 1983, Rick achieved his Instructor's Certificate and trained surf club members for over 10 years

and was the Club's Chief Training Instructor for three seasons from 1999-2002. After a break, Rick re-engaged with training, completing his Training Officers Certificate in 2016 and his Assessors Certificate two years later. Rick continues to help with the running of Club's annual skills maintenance and Bronze Medallion courses.

There have been many accolades given to Rick over the years including the Club President's Award in 2000 and 2001. He has also been awarded the SLSA 25 Year (2005), 30 Year (2010) and 40 Year (2020) Service Award. In the 2002/2003 season, Rick along with his daughter Heidi were awarded Pittwater Council's 'Courage in Life Saving' Award for the rescue of a rock fisherman at Avalon Beach. Rick has also been the recipient of the Club Steve Parkes Award for Achievement in Lifesaving Education in the 2017/2018 season and was honoured with being awarded the Club Distinguished Service Award just four years ago.

Rick has always been one of the first Club members to put a hand up to help no matter what the task and continues to do so. Rick has been with the Club for over 40 years and has shown dedication and inspiration in whatever he pursues, and he continues to lead the way.

## Life Members and Service Honours Awards Commitee

It is with great sadness I advise that one of our Club's most distinguished members and previous Chair of the Committee, Michael Byrnes OAM passed away in March of this year.

His distinguished record keeping and contribution to surf lifesaving was outstanding. To be able to cover this in detail, one would need to write a book, not such a bad idea. The stories, memories and achievements would make great reading.

Michael lost his wife Pam a few months earlier, a very sad time for the family. Our sincere condolences are extended to the family.

At the 2022 Club AGM the Committee's recommendations for the elevation of Richard Cole and Richard (Rick) Mitchell to Life Membership was adopted unanimously by the meeting.

Club members eligible for Association Long Service Awards were identified and the process to have the awards issued continues.

The Committee met once face to face and for Zoom to consider nominations received for Club honours.



## NATIONAL MEDAL

The National Medal was established by the Commonwealth of Australia in 1975 as one of the original elements of the distinctive Australian system of honours and awards and is Australia's most awarded civilian medal.

The National Medal recognises long and diligent service by members of recognised government and voluntary organisations that risk their lives or safety to protect or assist the community in enforcement of the law or in times of emergency or natural disaster. This includes government organisations such as ambulance, correctional, emergency,

fire and police forces and, more recently (2019), voluntary organisations such as lifesaving.

The National Medal is awarded for a minimum of 15 years eligible service and clasps are awarded for each additional period of ten years service.

### CURRENT MEDAL HOLDERS:

Peter Carter, Life Member  
(National Medal - 1st Clasp 25 Years)  
Michael King, Long Service  
Bob Richardson, Long Service  
Roger Sayers OAM, Life Member  
Kevin Veale, Life Member  
Warren Young OAM, Life Member  
Terry Barber, Life Member  
Richard Mitchell, Life Member

## SLSSNB 2023 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

### NOMINEES:

#### PATROL CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

Andrew Clark

#### TRAINER OF THE YEAR

Charlotte Broderick

#### INNOVATION OF THE YEAR

2023 Carbon Neutral Project

Leena Wood and Richard Cole

#### OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Ashley Cardiff

#### VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Alan Moran

### WINNERS:

#### BRANCH RESCUE OF THE YEAR - JULY 2022

Avalon Beach: Jason Dale and Nick Sampson

#### SLSNSW RESCUE OF THE MONTH SLSSNB RESCUE OF THE YEAR JULY 2022

4 July 2022: Proving lifesavers are never truly off duty, Avalon Beach SLSC's Nick Sampson and Jason Dale's quick thinking and sound action in a high-pressure situation has seen the Northern Beaches pair awarded with Surf Life Saving NSW's Rescue of the Month for July 2022.

On their way back to a hotel on 4 July after a full day posted with the SES in response to the heightening flood emergency, Nick and Jason found themselves caught in flash flooding in

Liverpool where, for close to three hours, they switched gears back into lifesaving mode to assist nearly 100 stranded vehicles.

Their rescue support varied from extricating people through car windows and carrying them to self-made evacuation points, to escorting and directing people through the waters.

Chief among their outstanding efforts was the rescue of an elderly woman who had been swept off her feet into the moving water as well as a policewoman who had jumped in to assist.

Jason and Nick were able to rescue them both before they were washed into a nearby creek.

Without their involvement, the incident could very easily have been a fatal one to many. The surf lifesavers were commended on scene by all attending agencies, and the following day, pictures from the scene showed the damage that had been incurred – a sage reminder of the important role they played.

## SLSA NATIONAL AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2022 MERITORIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS

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### GROUP CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

#### Avalon Beach SLSC, NSW

Avalon Beach faced challenging conditions on Sunday, 2 January 2022 for both the morning and afternoon patrols. With 71 recorded rescues during the course of the day it was very much an 'all hands-on deck' scenario for the members.

Cyclone Seth was driving 1-1.5 meter swells onto the beach pushing water over a bank and into a gutter before meeting the shoreline. The gutter rip on its own was easily pushing people outside of the flags, quickly finding swimmers off guard. Due to the conditions multiple rescues were occurring at any one time, quickly stretching resources.

Rips were running at both north and south ends of the beach on the low tide challenging the Avalon Beach patrols with what was believed to be record numbers on the beach that day. The Club made the call to bring in reinforcements to keep the beach open and safe for the record crowds so they could continue to support the many beach goers.

The Avalon Beach average patrol size is 11. On that January day, the Club pulled in an additional 20+ members with close to 30 members supporting the team throughout the day.

Without a doubt, Avalon Beach recalls the day as the biggest multiple rescue event on record for the Club. The events of that day were a testament to the dedication and commitment shown by the Avalon Beach members on what was one of its toughest days.

### GROUP CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

#### Zachary Dale, Todd Barber

On Saturday, 19 March 2022 Avalon Beach received a Surfcom call to support a mayday call from a 35ft boat taking on water North of the Beach, off Careel Point.

With 45km winds and a 4-5-meter swell, Todd and Zachary launched the IRB and made their way to the scene. Challenging conditions met the IRB as it navigated its way to the boat off the Point.

On arrival Todd and Zachary found three people clinging to what was remaining of the submerged boat, just above the waterline.

Within minutes of getting the patients on board the IRB, the boat quickly sunk out of sight. Any later the rescue scenario would have been completely different. Shortly after the IRB was joined by a Rescue Water Craft as well as a second IRB from Whale Beach. All assisted in returning the patients to calmer waters.

The conditions facing Zachary and Todd that day required a high level of knowledge and skill to be able to navigate the high winds and big swells. Their understanding of the capabilities of the IRB ensured a positive outcome for all involved.





# REPORTS

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



For the first time in several years, Avalon Beach enjoyed an uninterrupted season. We once again met our core service requirement of keeping our beach safe with over 5,600 hours patrolled, and another 600 hours at other beaches; recording 587 preventative actions and 26 rescues. This was a relatively quiet

year, and we are all happy if patrol is boring, as it means everyone goes home to their families after a day at the beach.

Unfortunately, a Club member Mark Head was involved in a serious pre-season training accident. We are proud and thankful for the assistance provided by other members to affect a rescue and to all members that continue to support his recovery. This incident has left a lasting impression on all our members and emphasised why it is important that we remain proficient, continue to update our skills and create the strongest patrols so that we can be there when needed.

As a result of this incident, the Club is permanently leaving rescue boards on the beach at the Max Lookout North Avalon and at the fence opposite the Nipper canteen so that our response to an incident can be immediate. We have faith in our community understanding the intention being respected and we note that they have been used to assist people outside of patrol hours, which supports why we have done this. We will be working in the off season to reorganise the first aid room to make it easier to access rescue equipment and are currently exploring the installation of signal flags up on the southern headland to help raise attention to an incident.

Last year, our Club Captains, Jason Dale and Nick (Nicholas) Sampson assisted with the flood relief efforts. At the end of their shift, travelling on a flooded road back to their hotel, Jason noticed that a mother was trapped in her car with her two children. He got out of his car and waded through waist high water to evacuate them to safety. The situation further escalated, and several other cars became trapped and both Nick and Jason realised they were on their own, as radio control advised it would take time to send support crews to their location. Jason and Nick evacuated close to 100 vehicles comprising of young, elderly and highly emotional people to safety. Their actions varied from stopping cars from proceeding further, pulling people out of car windows, escorting and directing, or carrying them to an in-situ makeshift evacuation point. They safely guided both an elderly woman and a policewoman who was assisting her to higher ground – both of whom had been swept off their feet and

were carried through the water to a raging creek. Additional resources in the form of police, fire brigade and SES personnel arrived on the scene two hours after recognition of the initial incident. Both Jason and Nick remained on the scene for an additional two hours assisting crews and assessing affected people until the water subsided to a safe level. Jason and Nick have received a meritorious award for their efforts.

Our trainers were particularly busy this season with the conferring of 3 Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescues, 44 Bronze Medallions, 34 First Aid, 27 ART, 6 IRB Crews, 7 IRB Drivers awards and 52 SRC. These awards will boost our patrols in the upcoming seasons. Our trainers have continued their contribution to our Singapore Nippers program and successfully trained members to attain 19 new Bronze Medallions. The touch point for most members with the trainers is at proficiency, which is an immense undertaking, and we are fortunate that in addition to the above, they still managed to find the time to update their own training qualifications to ensure that we can teach most surf lifesaving awards within our own Club environment.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Brown Brothers Skip Bins, Avalon Beach took delivery of two new surf boats. The boats were named in honour of Sue Millar and Brent Walker. Sue was instrumental in championing past boat teams as mother hen as well as supporting Rick (Richard) Millar our famed surf boat captain. Brent was part of the successful 1993 boat crew that won gold at Aussies. So far, these boats have travelled further on land than sea as the delivery pick up was in Queensland followed by a big trek across the Nullarbor to compete at Aussies! No doubt there will be a lot of kilometers done at sea over the next few seasons.

Our new IRB was launched on Gala Day. This IRB was purchased with the help of our Club sponsor McGrath Pittwater. It is an 18-month wait for an IRB and we are expecting to receive another IRB (hopefully before the 2024 season start) ensuring that our equipment is of the highest standard.

Avalon Beach performed strongly at State with our small Nippers team coming away with a gold and two bronze medals; our lone open competitor won gold at State and backed it up with silver at Aussies, our U23 Reserve Female boat crew won gold and our masters team came away with a silver and two bronze medals. We also had several masters competitors compete for Newport Beach SLSC and they came home from both State and Aussies with a swag of bling. We are proud of all our competitors; their training and commitment ensure they are always rescue ready.



This season the Club was able to host our community and fundraising events once again. The 24-hour row continued its expansion with 54 clubs across surf lifesaving, rowing and schools participating and these efforts raised over \$309,000 to support mental health initiatives at the grass roots level. The McGrath Pittwater Carols at the Beach returned with over 5,000 people enjoying the music, food trucks, community spirit and fireworks. After a number of years, the Around the Bends Swim was finally able to celebrate 30 years, with 300 swimmers joining us on the day in the blubber infested soup.

The Club also saw the final stage of our 3-year carbon neutral project completed with the installation of four batteries to capture the energy generated from our roof solar panels. This has enabled us to be energy self-sufficient for 20 hours per day and we are working to adopt other energy efficiency methods to increase our supply. This project would not be possible without the vision of Leena Wood and Richard Cole, who sourced Council grants; sponsor support and additional funding available through the Club's Silent Auction fundraising. The next phase of the project is outward looking to investigate "Community Solar Capability" with other local community buildings leveraging from our solar installations.

On a sad note, we lost life member Michael Byrnes OAM this season. Michael joined our Club in 1952 and obtained his

Bronze Medallion the following year. In addition to patrolling at Avalon Beach, Michael held many volunteer positions throughout his 70 years of contribution to our Club including Club Treasurer, Vice-Captain, Chief Instructor, Chief Steward, Assistant Secretary, Registrar, Race Secretary and Publicity Officer. More recently, Michael was the Chair of the Life Members and Service Honours Awards Committee. Michael was awarded Life Membership of our Club in 1986 and was also a Life Member of Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Branch, SLS New South Wales and SLS Australia. In 1999 Michael was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for service to Surf Life Saving and in 2011 he received a 50+ Years of Officiating Service award from Branch. Michael was one of the greats of our movement and a true gentleman. His contribution and service made a significant impact, not only on our Club, but across the surf lifesaving movement. VALE Michael has left his legacy and we aim to leverage from the past and build upon it and improve to create our present and future.

There is a lot to be proud of and this success is a result of the hard work of all our members. It is not done for recognition but to support our community and that effort is not lost on me or your fellow Club members. THANK YOU!

**Bernadette McKay** | President



## FINANCIAL REPORT

On behalf of the Avalon Beach SLSC Board of Management, I present this year's financial accounts for members consideration and adoption for year ended 30 April 2023. In keeping with the prior years, these accounts have been prepared to provide our members and other stakeholders with financial information about the Club's operations, the financial position, and cash flow activity.

The special purpose financial statements have been prepared to satisfy the requirements of the Charitable Fundraising Act, the Associations Incorporation Act, the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Act, and the Club's constitution. The accounts have been compiled by Beweiser Accounting and Tax firm and independently audited by Mr Peter Power in accordance with the applicable Australian Auditing Standards. These accounts cover the period 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023.

The Statement of Comprehensive Income records a surplus of \$97,265 which was better than budget expectations.

This year saw the end of all COVID-19 assistance grants from government and a reduction in our beach funding grant from SLS Australia. Our government and other grants received was \$32,018, down from \$81,062 in the prior year.

Donations were also down significantly due to receiving a generous donation from the Avalon Chamber of Commerce in the prior year. Donations totalled \$7,7891 this year.

However, our function and bar trade made significant contributions to this year's surplus and now represents 45% of our revenue and \$142,744 of profit after accounting for direct expenses. Leanne Austin has done a great job with the bookings and managing the functions, including paid staff who have improved the level of service at the events.

McGrath Pittwater Carols at the Beach event returned this year as did the Around the Bends Swim. Carols was an expensive

event to host, costing \$2,570 after the generous sponsorship from McGrath Pittwater, Northern Beaches Council and Johnson Bros Mitre 10. The Club conducted a silent auction from goods and services provided by the local business which raised over \$16,000. Income from the Around the Bends Swim includes entry fees from two prior years when the event was not held. Net income for this event is reported as \$14,958.

Both Nipper and Senior membership revenue increased from the prior year, revenue recorded an 18% increase from the year before. Other revenue sources for the Club included community hire and gym hire, both recording increases on the prior year and accounting for \$56,000 in revenue.

Expenditure during the period totalled \$461,357, which is an increase of \$110,838 or 31% over the prior period. Spending increases were in bar and function costs and was expected due to the increase in bar sales and functions events. This accounted for \$63,000 of the increase in costs over last year.

The Club's cash position improved by \$107,262 over the prior year. With net assets increasing to \$633,759, up from \$536,494 in 2023. With the increase in interest rates, \$200,000 has been invested in a bank term deposit for 12 months at 4.2% p.a.

Capital expenditure for the period totalled \$128,149 and included 20 new nipper boards, Solar batteries for the carbon neutral project, a new IRB and 2 new surfboats. New patrol and training equipment included additional UHF radios, rescue tubes and CPR manikins. Additional bar furniture and office equipment was also acquired.

In conclusion, 2023 saw the Club's activity continue to return to a level of normality and income sources also returning. Our cash at bank and overall balance sheet has improved which puts us well placed to continue to achieve our strategic objectives.

**Ashley Brown** | Director of Finance

### Life Member Fund Committee

This year the Committee recommended a small donation to support and encourage past valued Club member Emma Dieters to compete in the World Para Surfing Championships in the US. Emma went on to win and is now the World Champion in her division.

During the 1990s Emma was a valued patrolling member and an invaluable IRB Competitor for the Club. She was one of a three-woman team who won the Club's first female team medal. Despite recently, and unbelievably as a young mum becoming a quadriplegic, she has gotten on with her life with a new focus on para surfing.

<https://www.pittwateronlinenews.com/Emma-Dieters-Profile.php>

*Club's first all-female IRB Team to win a Medal in Competition*



The Committee was of the view that Emma represents an inspiration for young people generally, especially those with disabilities and was therefore deserving of Club support.

Once an Avalon Beach surf lifesaver, always part of the ABSLSC Family.

The Fund is based on a generous bequest by Life Member Ken Davidson and is aimed to support younger members and encourage participation and inclusion.

Committee Life Members: Christine Hopton Chair, Louise Lindop, Warren Young OAM, Roger Sayers OAM.





## DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING REPORT

As the season ends, we want to take this opportunity to reflect on the achievements and challenges we have experienced together. It has been a remarkable journey, and we are incredibly proud of what we have accomplished as a Club.

First and foremost, we are thrilled to report that this season was another resounding success in terms of safety: no lives were lost between the flags. This remarkable accomplishment is a testament to the unwavering dedication and vigilance of our patrolling members. Your commitment to the highest standards of beach safety is truly commendable.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the Patrol Captains for their exceptional leadership throughout the season. Your ability to manage and navigate various challenges; along with your strong communication skills and proactive approach were crucial in ensuring the smooth operation of our patrols and contributed significantly to our overall success. Our heartfelt thanks to each one of you for your commitment and hard work.

A special mention to our new Patrol Captains. Your willingness to embrace additional responsibilities has not gone unnoticed, and your contributions have been invaluable. Your dedication is a true inspiration to all members of our Club.

Our deepest gratitude to the IRB Drivers who went above and beyond the call of duty. Your steady support and willingness to cover shifts when needed played a vital role in ensuring the safety of beachgoers. Your selflessness and teamwork are held in high esteem, and we cannot thank you enough.

This season we witnessed a significant increase in communication levels within our patrols. This positive development was facilitated using Swapsea - a valuable tool in organizing patrol swaps which ensures seamless patrol coverage. We encourage all members to continue utilizing this platform to its full potential in the coming seasons.

Our heartfelt appreciation to the Education Team, who devoted their time and expertise in conducting proficiencies and running courses to upskill our members. This is a demanding and often thankless task, yet our trainers consistently rose to the occasion and ensured the Club maintained a high level of proficiency, even on those tricky public holiday occasions like New Year's Eve. Your dedication and commitment to our Club's growth are commendable.

Looking ahead, we encourage every patrol member to continue their development by upskilling with one new award. By expanding our respective knowledge and capability, we not only enhance our own personal growth but also strengthen our collective expertise. Next season will

# 0

Lives Lost

# 26

Rescues

# 38

First Aid  
Treatments

# 587

Preventative  
Actions

# 5794

Patrol Hours

see the implementation of recognition and reward incentives to those who achieve new awards. Please step forward and embrace the opportunities for growth and development within our Club.

As we bring this season to a close, we eagerly anticipate a summer filled with new challenges, growth, and camaraderie. Please be on the lookout for future communications from the Club Captain regarding patrol groups for the next season.

The last three years has been an incredible journey for us both. This year we will step down from the Board of Management (BoM) - Jason was on the BoM for six seasons and Nick for thirteen seasons.

Despite stepping down we will continue to be involved and support the Club. We look forward to seeing the Club and our volunteer community build upon the successes of the past.

Thank you all for your hard work, dedication, and unyielding commitment to beach safety. Without each of you, our Club would not be the exceptional organization it is today.

Wishing you all a well-deserved break and looking forward to the next season!

**Jason Dale and Nick Sampson** | Directors of Lifesaving (Club Captains)



# PATROLS

## PATROL 01

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
King .....	Michael..... PC	41
Moran .....	Alan..... VC, IRBD ...	72.5
Riley .....	Stephen ..... IRBD .....	16.25
Morgan-Smith.....	Rosemary .... ART .....	28.5
Harris.....	Geoffrey ..... BM .....	43.33
Moran .....	Tess..... BM .....	28
Morrison .....	Jae..... BM .....	28
O'Driscoll .....	Rachel..... BM .....	35.5
Riley .....	Luke..... BM .....	6.5
Stutchbury .....	Richard ..... BM .....	23
Tan .....	Helen..... BM .....	32
Verity.....	Rachel..... BM .....	7.5

## PATROL 02

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
Brennan.....	Matthew ..... PC .....	36
Lane.....	Cameron..... VC, IRBD ...	60.5
Lane .....	Oscar ..... IRBC.....	38.5
Pegler .....	Isla..... PAC .....	26
Roberts.....	David..... PAC .....	10.5
Brennan.....	Rosie..... BM .....	32
Buckingham .....	Neil ..... BM .....	18.5
Graham.....	Kelly..... BM .....	3.5
Hardwick.....	Ethan..... BM .....	19
Lehman .....	Amanda ..... BM .....	55
Molloy.....	Lucas..... BM .....	20.5
Prandle .....	Nicola..... BM .....	3.5
Roberts.....	Jack..... BM .....	2.5
Stephenson .....	Hannah ..... BM .....	26
Williment .....	Rebecca..... BM .....	3.5
Newham .....	Joseph ..... SRC.....	20
Pegler.....	Ben..... SRC.....	36

## PATROL 03

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
Head.....	Mark.....PC.....	2
Stanley-Jones.....	Michael.....PC.....	84
Bryden .....	Douglas.....VC, IRBC.....	37
Nehama.....	Marc ..... IRBD.....	46
Gerasimov .....	Dennis ..... IRBD.....	18
Elliott.....	William .....ART .....	45.5
Field .....	Elliot .....BM.....	3.75
Jones-Hughes .....	Julia .....BM.....	24.5
Julius .....	Andrew ..... BM.....	34
Kennedy.....	Andrew ..... BM.....	38.5
McCormack.....	Sean.....BM.....	26
Muller-Hawkins...	Sue.....BM.....	6

## PATROL 04

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
Mahn .....	Alan.....PC, IRBD ....	37.5
Mills .....	Nina.....VC, ART .....	33.5
Colley .....	Thomas .....IRBC.....	37
Seaglove.....	Grace.....BM.....	103.25
Tilbury.....	Beverley.....BM.....	23.5
Buddin.....	Catherine.....BM.....	33.5
Colley .....	Sally.....BM.....	7.5
Eastwood.....	Gemma .....BM.....	57.75
Gamble.....	Wilson.....BM.....	13.5
Kurtz.....	Michael .....BM.....	30
Mills .....	Chloe .....BM.....	36.75
Nolan.....	Claude.....BM.....	30
Williams.....	Brenton .....BM.....	22
Williamson .....	Petra.....BM.....	28.75

## PATROL 05

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
Cole.....	Richard.....PC, IRBD ....	48.5
Barns .....	Paris.....VC.....	24
Martins .....	Pepita.....IRBC.....	44.25
Heffernan.....	Mark .....ART .....	35.5
Veale.....	Kevin .....ART .....	27.5
Hayes.....	Debra.....PAC.....	57
Brennan.....	Jennifer.....BM.....	7.5
Brennan.....	Peter.....BM.....	28.5
Crosky .....	Alan .....BM.....	16
Egerton .....	Kara.....BM.....	35
Morley .....	Dan.....BM.....	24
Sayers OAM.....	Roger.....BM.....	26.75
Searl OAM.....	Geoff.....BM.....	24
Young OAM.....	Warren.....BM.....	35.5

## PATROL 06

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
Purnell .....	Louise.....PC.....	66.5
Stilwell .....	Evan .....VC.....	44.5
Petersen .....	Neil .....IRBD.....	25
Brown.....	Ashley.....IRBC.....	40.5
Fredrikze .....	Harmen.....ART.....	23.5
King .....	Simon.....BM.....	44
Noble .....	Patrick.....BM.....	29
Peters .....	Felicity.....BM.....	40
Stilwell .....	Victoria.....BM.....	30.5
Taylor.....	Simon.....BM.....	8.5
Mahon .....	Simon.....BM.....	37

## PATROL 07

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
Stoddard.....	Giles .....PC, IRBD ....	94
Byrnes .....	Cain .....VC.....	29
Finkeldey .....	Robert .....VC.....	27
Jones .....	Steven .....IRBC.....	58
Dunlop-Jones.....	Emma .....ART .....	36.5
Finkeldey .....	Robert .....BM.....	27
Forster.....	Russell.....BM.....	11.5
Hellyer .....	Adam .....BM.....	32
Letts.....	Darren .....BM.....	39.5
Mullally-Forster .....	Joann .....BM.....	39.5
Pellett.....	Matt.....BM.....	20.5
Stoddard.....	Samuel .....IRBD.....	28

## PATROL 08

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
Clark .....	Andrew .....PC.....	156.5
Cook.....	Gary.....VC.....	33
Alston.....	Richard.....IRBD.....	36.5
Stanley.....	Dax .....IRBD.....	32
Adoncello .....	Remo .....IRBC.....	36.5
Spencer.....	David.....ART.....	37.5
Adoncello .....	Alexandra.....BM.....	3.5
Alston.....	Freya.....BM.....	20.5
Alston.....	Julia.....BM.....	33
Castagna.....	Marcello.....BM.....	12
Kanellopoulos.....	Jessica .....BM.....	3.5
Manning .....	Craig.....BM.....	40.5
Morrison .....	Gordon.....BM.....	48.5
Paice .....	Larry.....BM.....	41
Paice .....	Melissa.....BM.....	8.5
Farrington .....	David .....BM.....	34

## PATROL 9

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
Petersen .....	Lauren.....PC.....	31.5
Akehurst .....	Melinda.....VC, ART ....	20
Cardiff .....	Ashley.....IRBD, ART ...	36
Dekker .....	Natasha.....IRBD.....	24
DiBiagio.....	Elena.....BM.....	19
Ferris.....	Aisha.....BM.....	23.5
Ferris-Halliday .....	Priya.....BM.....	20
Frost.....	Ruth.....BM.....	16
Richardson .....	Naomi.....BM.....	23
Stoddard.....	Stephanie.....BM.....	23.5

## PATROL 10

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
Bloore.....	Ross.....PC, ART .....	47
Barber.....	Terry.....VC, IRBD ..	43.5
Parker.....	Grant.....IRBC.....	40.5
Cowan.....	Sean.....BM.....	8
Egerton .....	Patrick.....BM.....	30
Frost.....	Steve.....BM.....	46
Jeppesen .....	Margit.....BM.....	20
Leistad .....	Craig.....BM.....	35.5
Mican .....	Patrice.....BM.....	12.5
Ward .....	Geoffrey.....BM.....	41
Glignorevic .....	Olivia.....BM.....	26

## PATROL 11

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
Early.....	Stephen .....PC.....	53
Broderick .....	Stephen .....VC, IRBD.....	65
Parker.....	Nicholas.....IRBD.....	36
Dorer .....	Pia.....IRBC.....	37.5
Broderick .....	Charlotte.....ART, PAC ....	52
Aranda .....	Agustin.....BM.....	7
Clarke.....	Andrew.....BM.....	11.5
Diaz.....	Victorio.....BM.....	7
Erskine .....	Paul.....BM.....	32.5
Guacci.....	Stephanie.....BM.....	7.5
Hearne .....	Anthony.....BM.....	29
Medina .....	Facundo.....BM.....	35.5
Oscroft .....	Bruce.....BM.....	48.5
Roets .....	Sarel.....BM.....	0
Roldan .....	Adrian.....BM.....	7

## PATROL 12

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
Baczkowski.....	Molly.....PC, IRBC.....	35.5
Carter .....	Peter.....VC, IRBD.....	38.5
Sampson .....	Nicholas.....IRBD, PAC.....	37
Carter .....	Angela.....IRBC.....	27
Hume .....	Ruby.....IRBC.....	39.5
Binns.....	Alice.....IRBC.....	35.5
Curnow.....	Thomas.....IRBC.....	20
van der Wallen ...	Adriaan.....BM.....	20
Bell .....	Lucy.....BM.....	11.5
Bell .....	Molly.....BM.....	20
Buckingham .....	Isabel.....BM.....	20
Carlen-Jorgensen .....	Anja.....BM.....	20
Cutrie .....	Eliza.....BM.....	49.5

## PATROL 13

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
Mills .....	Lachie .....PC, ART .....	47
Dale .....	Zachary .....IRBD.....	35.5
Barber.....	Todd .....IRBD.....	31.5
Nesbitt.....	Jack.....IRBC.....	30
Borges.....	James.....BM.....	15.42
Brady.....	Ella.....BM.....	27.5
Dale .....	Regan.....BM.....	12
Hawke.....	Jordan.....BM.....	19.5

## PATROL 14

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
Dale .....	Jason.....PC, IRBD.....	36
Dale .....	Amanda.....VC.....	27.5
Mayall .....	Matthew.....IRBD.....	24.5
Valentine.....	Sophie.....IRBD.....	48.5
Taggart .....	Blake.....IRBD.....	32
Barber.....	Amelia.....IRBC.....	16
Rooke.....	Erin.....IRBC.....	15
Wishart .....	Donna.....IRBC.....	15.5
Baierl .....	Laura Anna ....BM.....	39.5
Holmes .....	Sophie.....BM.....	39
Neasmith .....	Tara.....BM.....	31

## PATROL 15

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
McGilchrist .....	Henry .....PC.....	48
Bidencope.....	Peter (Ross) ...VC.....	40
Cole .....	Fergus.....IRBD.....	32.5
Pinheiro.....	Leonardo.....IRBD.....	27.5
Dickinson.....	Taylor .....IRBD.....	31
Schaut.....	Harrison.....IRBC.....	45
McKay .....	Bernadette ....ART.....	44.5
Campbell .....	Colin.....BM.....	8.5
Mitton.....	Michael.....BM.....	40
Riches.....	Jack.....BM.....	26

## PATROL SUBS

NAME		HOURS
Chapman.....	Tiffany.....	4
Clerke.....	Adam.....	4
Brown.....	Jason.....	7.5
Dalgleish.....	Ian.....	36
Friend.....	Xanthe.....	4
Harper.....	Jean.....	4
Hopton.....	Robert.....	20
Klemm.....	Volker.....	4
Lindop.....	Louise.....	4
Pidgeon.....	Robert.....	8
Quinlan.....	Patrick.....	19
Wellings.....	Nathan.....	11.5
Willcoxson.....	Warwick.....	7.5
Williams.....	Maree.....	4

## OTHER

NAME	HOURS
Arnold.....Holly.....	4
Bilson.....Tegan.....	8.5
Calleja.....Kai.....	4
Campbell.....James.....	39
Carter.....Chelsea.....	7
Dempsey.....Tom.....	1.5
Franco.....Otylia.....	4
Frost.....Joy.....	7.5
Goudie.....Emily.....	3.5
Goudie.....Georgia.....	7.5
James.....Ellis.....	12
Johns.....Lucy.....	7.5
Kerr.....Archer.....	8
Kurtz.....William.....	4
Lane.....Sophie.....	9
Lee.....Danielle.....	7.5
Lehman.....Toby.....	5.5
Lever.....Matthew.....	4
Morley.....Isobel.....	7.5
Nosworthy.....Annabelle.....	4
Nosworthy.....Hamish.....	8
Nosworthy.....James.....	4
Richardson.....Robert.....	8.5
Riches.....Charlie.....	4
Ross.....Clara.....	4
Solan.....Tim.....	8
Stephenson.....Jakob.....	3
Tran.....Julia.....	4
Trout.....Charlotte.....	4
van der Vegt.....Anton.....	3
Warrener.....Darren.....	10
Warrener.....Zoe.....	12

## NIPPERS WATER SAFETY

NAME	HOURS
Chinnock..... Ben .....	7.5
Drain..... Dale.....	19.5
Dwight..... Hamish.....	6
Murray ..... Shannon.....	6
Pottie..... Mark.....	13.5
Randall..... Sophia.....	19.5
Stewart ..... Stirling.....	19.5
Wood..... Ella.....	21



# 100% PATROL ATTENDANCE

NAME	Patrolled Rostered Hours	NAME	Patrolled Rostered Hours
Baczowski..... Molly .....	31.5	Lane..... Oscar.....	38.5
Bidencope..... Peter .....	40	Mahn..... Alan.....	37.5
Binns..... Alice .....	31.5	McGilchrist..... Henry.....	40
Dale..... Jason .....	31.5	Mills..... Lachie.....	35.5
Dale..... Zachary.....	35.5	Mitton..... Michael.....	40
Heffernan..... Mark.....	39.5	Nehama..... Marc.....	37.5
Hume..... Ruby.....	31.5	Valentine..... Sophie.....	31.5
King..... Simon.....	40		









## EDUCATION REPORT

It was yet another busy season for the Education Team with (possibly) a Club record of 213 awards attained by our Club members. The awards included 44 Bronze Medallion, 22 Cadet Bronze Medallions, 52 Surf Rescue Certificates (SRC), 34 First Aid Certificates and 27 Advanced Resuscitation Certificate (ART), awards. The IRB Team were also busy training 7 new IRB Drivers and 6 IRB crew.

The season started off on a sombre note with Mark Head's accident at Avalon Beach in September. Mark has been an integral part of the training team for over five years. He became an Assessor last season and was an important part of our leadership group. Mark's attitude and determination throughout his recovery journey has been a source of inspiration to the training team this season.

Preseason training began in earnest with a First Aid course in August followed by an ART course in September run by Steve (Stephen) Early. This was the beginning of a two season 'push' to upgrade all members to the new Advanced Resuscitation Technique Certificate by June 2024 – to date, eight candidates in this group have successfully attained their new qualifications.

This season we facilitated six Bronze Medallion courses with the first held in October. The course was led by Charlotte Broderick with Helen Tan, Rosemary Morgan-Smith and Sophie Valentine. The First Aid Certificate was also integrated into the course. Five candidates attended the assessment in November to successfully gain their award. While the Bronze Medallion course did not have the usual quantity of candidates, the quality of the training was exceptional.

In parallel to this, Mike (Michael) Stanley-Jones and Dave (David) Roberts (who said he was having a year off training) took on the daunting task in November to start training 52 SRC candidates. They were assisted by Steve (Stephen) Broderick and Michael King along with some parent helpers including Lachlan Arnold, Anton van Der Vegt and Giles Stoddard. While Sunday afternoons may have looked like chaos in the Club and on the beach, Mike always had the participants well organized. Their plan to run the SRC over the season proved successful with all candidates completing the course in mid-March.

Along with the Bronze Medallion and SRC courses, Steve (Stephen) Broderick, with help from Rick (Richard) Mitchell, was also busy arranging and running the Bronze Medallion proficiencies for the season - a thankless but necessary task. Most Club members were proficient by the end of the year. Thank you to all the Club trainers who gave up their time to ensure the Club could operate surf patrols on the beach.

Singapore Nippers (see report) arose from its COVID-19 slumber, keen to increase their water safety numbers for their Nipper program. Four trainers, Steve Broderick, Charlotte Broderick, Helen Tan, and Lauren Petersen all travelled to the 'Far North Avalon Club' and successfully trained 11 candidates for their Bronze Medallion award. Singapore Nippers has since requested our Club to facilitate two courses per season to help continue grow their Bronze Medallion water safety contingent.



The Sunday mornings in the second half of the season was destined to be busy with three separate Bronze Medallion squads and a SRC squad. During this period, a second group of trainers squeezed in both a First Aid and ART course before they travelled to facilitate a second Singapore Nipper Program.

In mid-January, Mike (Michael) Stanley-Jones, as if he didn't have enough to do with the SRC squad, oversaw and trained a Bronze Medallion squad (11 candidates). Mike would have this group train on a Sunday from 8am for most of the day.

In early February, a Bronze Medallion squad was facilitated by Charlotte Broderick, Steve (Stephen) Broderick, and Michael King with assistance from Rick (Richard) Mitchell and Rosemary Morgan-Smith. Once again, the First Aid Certificate was integrated into this course and for the first time an ART course was also run. All 11 candidates completed the three qualifications in February and March.

A feature of this Bronze Medallion group, and a highlight of the season, was the attendance of five Argentinian backpackers. An article written by former Club member Steve Meacham about the group appeared in 'Pittwater Life' in April. While some of the Argentinian's struggled with their English, both Charlotte Broderick and Rosemary Morgan-Smith put in the work and translated a lot of the course content to Spanish. They were also assisted by their fellow candidates to ensure all would successfully complete their qualifications.

The Cadet Bronze Medallion squad also began to train in early February making for a very busy Sunday at the Club. Charlotte Broderick, Steve (Stephen) Broderick and Michael King along with Rosemary Morgan-Smith and Helen Tan helped to train the candidates, many of whom had completed there SRC two years prior. Thanks goes to Gem (Amanda) Lehman for organizing this group and Pete (Peter) Carter for his help with training. All 22 candidates were successful in their April assessments.

March, saw trainers venture back to Singapore, this time led by Steve (Stephen) Broderick with Rick (Richard) Mitchell, Steve (Stephen) Early and Shannon Murray accompanying Steve up North. Of the proposed 12 candidates scheduled to attend, 8 candidates were assessed and successfully gained their Bronze Medallion award.



The IRB Team of Alan Moran, Terry Barber, Richard Cole, Giles Stoddard, and Steve (Stephen) Broderick worked solidly throughout the season with 7 IRB Drivers and 6 IRB Crew members achieving their awards. There is a constant pressure on the IRB Trainers to maintain Club members training to meet our patrol commitments. Well done to all the trainers.

Apart from training, Louise Lindop, Rosemary Morgan-Smith, Steve (Stephen) Early, Rick (Richard) Mitchell, Steve (Stephen) Broderick and Michael King all did a fair share of assessing along the Northern Beaches. The Club can't present the number of candidates we're presenting in a season without putting our hands up to attend assessments.

Our Club's Education Team continued to expand this season with Sophie Valentine recently becoming an Endorsed Trainer and Steve Broderick and Rosemary Morgan-Smith both qualifying as a Bronze Assessor. Other qualifications gained by our trainers included Charlotte Broderick, Steve (Stephen) Broderick and Michael King becoming ART Trainers and Terry Barber completing his Certificate IV Training and Assessment. Steve (Stephen) Early and Michael King also became TAF Mentors during the season. Congratulations to Charlotte Broderick, Rosemary Morgan-Smith, and Helen Tan on being presented ABSLSC Education and Training award.

The Education Team would also like to thank those Club members who assisted with training throughout the season including Andrew Clark, Remo Adoncello and Larry Paice. Also, thanks to Pepita Martins who organized the post assessment celebration BBQ's. We continue to encourage any Club member who is interested in joining the team to contact one of the trainers.

Thank once again to the Club President, Bernadette McKay, Club Administrator Leanne Austin, and the Board of Management for continued and ongoing support of the Education Team. It is always a pleasure to work with such a great group of professionals.

**Michael King** | Director of Education



## SINGAPORE

This year Avalon Beach SLSC trainers were again invited to run two Bronze Medallion courses in Singapore to enable the Singapore Nippers Program to have adequate numbers of Water Safety for their growing program.

Over the years, since Mike (Michael) Stanley Jone's first successful Singapore Nippers course, our Club has sent many trainers to Singapore. It is a great opportunity for our trainers to be involved in a different environment and to experience Singapore culture.

In November 2022, Steve (Stephen) Broderick, Charlotte Broderick, and Helen Tan were assisted by Lauren Petersen to conduct a compressed four-day program over two weekends for 11 candidates. The group's commitment to the course was amazing and they got on exceptionally well, despite having spent very little time together. They were well prepared physically by training hard in the weeks before we arrived, as well as upfront completion of the online training requirements.

In March 2023, Steve Broderick, Steve (Stephen) Early, and Richard Mitchell were assisted by Shannon Murray to run the program for 8 candidates. Again, the commitment to succeed in this course surprised us all.

These courses; however, could not have been run in a different country and different time-zone without the support of Leanne Austin.



Avalon Beach SLSC has enabled Singapore Nippers to expand their program numbers and comply with the strict Nipper to Water Safety ratios. It has been requested that our Club run another program for them in August 2023 and commit to facilitating two courses annually.

This gives a great incentive to put up your hand and become a Training Officer at Avalon Beach.

**Stephen Broderick** | Singapore Nippers Co-Ordinator





EDUCATION AWARDS

BRONZE MEDALLION

November Squad:

Hugh Creighton  
Elliot Field  
Damian Geyle  
Matthew Lever  
Julia Tran

Trainers:

Charlotte Broderick (Lead)  
Rosemary Morgan-Smith  
Helen Tan  
Stephen Early  
Stephen Broderick

March Squad 1:

Agustin Aranda  
Andrew Clarke  
Victorio Diaz  
Amanda Drain  
Micaela Guacci  
Melissa Lamb  
Jeremy McCulla  
Facundo Medina  
Oliver Pitt  
Sarel Roets  
Adrian Roldan

Trainers:

Charlotte Broderick  
Rosemary Morgan-Smith  
Helen Tan  
Richard Mitchell  
Sophie Valentine  
Stephen Broderick

March Squad 2:

Alexandra Adoncello  
Marcello Castagna  
Scott Chadwick  
Kelly Graham  
Jessica Kanellopoulos  
Murray Palmer  
Nicola Prandle  
Victor Sumsy  
Rebecca Williment

Trainer:

Michael Stanley-Jones

FIRST AID

Melinda Akehurst  
Agustin Aranda  
Molly Baczkowski  
Terry Barber  
Ross Bidencepe  
Andrew Clarke  
Thomas Colley  
Hugh Creighton  
Jason Dale  
Ian Dalgleish  
Victorio Diaz  
Amanda Drain  
Elliot Field  
Harmen Fredrikze  
Damian Geyle  
Micaela Guacci  
Bruce Hall  
Andrew Kennedy  
Melissa Lamb  
Matthew Lever  
Jeremy McCulla  
Henry McGilchrist  
Facundo Medina  
Amelie Pabst  
Larry Paice  
Melissa Paice  
Oliver Pitt  
Louise Purnell  
David Roberts  
Sarel Roets  
Adrian Roldan  
Nicholas Sampson  
Tim Solan  
Julia Tran

ADVANCED RESUSCITATION  
TECHNIQUES

Agustin Aranda	Jeremy McCulla
Terry Barber	Henry McGilchrist
Matthew Brennan	Facundo Medina
Steve Broderick	Rosemary Morgan-Smith
Andrew Clark	Marc Nehama
Andrew Clarke	Melissa Paice
Thomas Colley	Oliver Pitt
Jason Dale	Louise Purnell
Victorio Diaz	Sarel Roets
Emma Dunlop-Jones	Adrian Roldan
Harmen Fredrikze	Harrison Schaut
Micaela Guacci	Tim Solan
Melissa Lamb	Giles Stoddard
Matthew Mayall	

Trainers:

Charlotte Broderick  
Stephen Broderick  
Richard Mitchell  
Sophie Valentine  
Rosemary Morgan-Smith  
Michael King

IRB CREW  
CERTIFICATE

Molly Baczkowski  
Alice Binns  
Ruby Hume  
Gordon Morrison  
Oliver Pitt  
Dax Stanley

Trainers:

Stephen Broderick  
Richard Cole  
Alan Moran  
Giles Stoddard

SILVER MEDALLION  
AQUATIC RESCUE

Andrew Clark  
Henry McGilchrist  
Michael Stanley-Jones

SILVER MEDALLION  
IRB DRIVER

Natasha Dekker  
Taylor Dickinson  
Gordon Morrison  
Nicholas Parker  
Stephen Riley  
Dax Stanley  
Samuel Stoddard

Trainers:

Stephen Broderick  
Richard Cole  
Alan Moran  
Giles Stoddard

SURF RESCUE  
CERTIFICATE

Holly Andrews  
Patrick Arnold  
Louis Attrill  
Storm Beckett  
Mace Behdasht  
Eden Berg  
Ryan Brennan  
Rocket Bullen  
Annabel Challis  
Willow Davis  
Poppy Decker  
Louis Dwight  
Millie Egerton  
Tahli Elliott  
Harry Evans  
Riley Eves  
Otylia Franco  
Scarlett Garland  
Octavius Geyle  
Isla Harris  
Mateo Hiney  
Charlotte Jones  
Archie Kerr  
Bianca Lee  
Joshua Mahon  
Claire Mahon

Jake Mitchell  
Hugo Newman  
Isla Nolan  
Annabelle Nosworthy  
Charlie Palmer  
Chelsea Preston  
Sam Prideaux  
Charlie Riches  
Emily Riley  
Rex Robbins  
Freddy Roberts  
Josie Robinson  
Clara Ross  
Ethan Stanley-Jones  
Sophie Stoddard  
Poppy Telfer  
Evie Toll  
Charlotte Trout  
Hugo van der Vegt  
Nathan Walters  
Olivia Warren  
Edward Warren  
Logan Wellings  
Ted Whalley  
Zara Williams  
Ella Wolthers

Trainers:

Michael Stanley-Jones (Lead)  
David Roberts  
Giles Stoddard,  
Stephen Broderick  
Michael King

CADETS

Holly Arnold  
Keira Brigstocke  
Chelsea Carter  
Cooper Davis  
Krystal Elliot  
Joy Frost  
Emily Goudie  
Georgia Goudie  
Tom Holloway  
Lucy Johns  
William Kurtz  
Toby Lehman  
Joshua Leigh  
Isobel Morley  
Hamish Nosworthy  
Amelie Pabst  
Samuel Pace  
Luca Panambalana  
Ben Pegler  
Annabelle Riley  
Reef Roberts  
Petra Van Der Wallen

Trainers

Michael King (Lead)  
Charlotte Broderick  
Rosemary Morgan-Smith  
Helen Tan  
Stephen Broderick

ASSESSOR – BRONZE  
MEDALLION/SRC

Stephen Broderick,  
Stephen Early  
Rosemary Morgan-Smith

TAF MENTOR

Stephen Early  
Michael King

TRAINING OFFICER -  
BRONZE MEDALLION

Sophie Valentine

TRAINING OFFICER  
- ADVANCED  
RESUSCITATION  
TECHNIQUE (ART)

Charlotte Broderick  
Stephen Broderick  
Stephen Early  
Michael King

CERTIFICATE IV –  
TRAINING AND  
ASSESSMENT

Terry Barber

SINGAPORE NIPPERS

November

Roel Van Criekeing  
Kris Day  
Paul Harding  
David Howard  
Fiona McEvoy  
Elizabeth Molan  
Rick Pratt  
Matteo Sessantini

Susan Soulard

Lauren Stapleton  
Annabelle Wagner

Trainers:

Stephen Broderick (Lead)  
Charlotte Broderick  
Helen Tan  
Lauren Petersen

March

John Bird  
Jacqueline Carmont  
Peter Kakasi  
Richard Keetley  
Justin La Spina  
Scott Robinson  
Yoann Soulard  
James Wyatt

Trainers:

Stephen Broderick (Lead)  
Stephen Early  
Richard Mitchell  
Shannon Murray





THE EDUCATION TEAM





## PUBLIC OFFICER AND GOVERNANCE PANEL REPORTS

The Public Officer is ultimately responsible for the Club's dealings with government. These include but are not limited to the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission, the Australian Taxation Office, the NSW Office of Fair Trading in relation to matters under the NSW Associations Incorporation Act, and the NSW Office of Gaming and Racing in relation to fundraising activities.

The Governance Panel is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Club's activities and operations. Acting independently of but reporting to the Board of Management and ultimately to members, the Panel seeks to ensure good corporate governance, and to ascertain and to implement best practice including advice and education to members as required.

In the past year both roles were not onerous, as our Club has great depth of talent across all its management functions and matters just quietly get done. Legal requirements taken on by members involve working with children matters, safe storage of fuel, education to government and SLSA standards, financial reporting, member protection, OH & S matters, building compliance and safety, water safety and gear, events management, and many others.

The Public Officer's role involved some changes in emphasis on matters coming from the federal Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, and some sabre rattling by the NSW

Office of Gaming and Racing in its administration of the Charitable Fundraising Act. Inevitably some technical issues were addressed in relation to presentation of financial statements in accordance with existing and changing Australian Accounting Standards, and to solvency and going concern matters following the subsidence to a degree of the COVID-19 pandemic. Once again, the Surf Life Saving NSW financial committee reviewed the published financial statements of many clubs for the prior financial year. As has happened for many years your Public Officer met with accountants and auditors of our Club and other neighbouring clubs to consider and to address these matters on a uniform basis for the presentation of financial statements for subsequent financial years.

During the year in overlap with other responsibilities, your Governance Panel Chairman was occupied on committees for strategies in conjunction with Council for the contents of proposed renewal of lease and licence of the Club's restaurant and café and Council eventually calling for tenders. At the time of writing, ongoing consideration of proposed contents of a licence for part time office operations for third parties in the Clubhouse. Hopefully these matters will be resolved in the early part of the coming patrol season.

**Kevin Veale** | Life Member, Public Officer and Chairman, Governance Panel

## ADMINISTRATION REPORT

If someone had told me when I was a cailín óg (young girl) that one day I would be a volunteer lifesaver in Australia, I would not have believed them! In my childhood swimming, let alone open water swimming, surfing etc., were not sports or past times that were available or ingrained in rural Ireland life. This was predominately due to the fact our local beaches – which would rival the Northern Beaches with their clifftop beauty and serenity – were considered wild and cold, thanks to the maritime climate and the Atlantic Ocean.

During COVID-19 our family relocated to the Northern Beaches, swapping a mountainous lifestyle for one by the coast. This relocation provided the perfect opportunity to finally learn how to swim and participate in ocean swimming. Alas, within weeks, we quickly discovered how much we had assumed and how little in fact we knew about surf beaches – rips, swell, surf breaks, marine life! Within five months I registered to participate in a Bronze Medallion course (2020-2021) and started patrolling the following season. Our Club not only rewarded me with ocean confidence and lifesaver smarts; it also gifted my family and I an avenue to assimilate into the local community and find fellow thalassophiles.

As time passed and COVID-19 restrictions ended, I realised I wanted to contribute more and explore other possibilities within the Club – wallah, the Director of Administration role. Leanne Austin (Club Administration) championed this position over the last number of years and juggled its requirements in tandem with her Club administration responsibilities seamlessly. Thank you, Leanne for your continued support as I learn the ropes (including the names of boats!) and understand the nuances of this Club and the movement overall. My intention over the upcoming year is to build upon the solid foundation already in place and incorporate efficiencies and synergies where possible.

On a final note, my first-year reflection: it apparent that the Avalon Beach Board of Management and Office Bearers are all incredibly passionate and evidently highly committed to this Club. They endeavour to ensure our Club meets the needs of its members, as well as highlighting the Club's relevance within the community. I am proud to be a member and would encourage anyone, regardless of background, nationality, and diversity to join, this is the Club for you.

**JoAnn Mullally-Forster** | Director of Administration

## JUNIOR CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The role of Junior Captain is to influence and support the transition of the Club's youth categories into the senior Club. This is achieved through direct exposure and provision of different life experiences both within our Club and the Surf Life Saving movement.

This season saw a major resurgence in youth membership. This growth can be mainly attributed to the tremendous efforts of the Club's great mentors, Age Managers and of course our sensational Education Team. The Education Team is led by Michael King and includes Steve (Stephen) Broderick, Rick (Richard) Mitchell, Steve (Stephen) Early, Rosemary Morgan-Smith, Charlotte Broderick, Sophie Valentine, and Helen Tan.

Special acknowledgements must go to Mike (Michael) Stanley-Jones, Giles Stoddard, Dave (David) Roberts, and Gem (Amanda) Lehman. This group of great people were the driving force behind the massive training efforts to both the

Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) and youth members to their Bronze Medallions. Without this group of awesome humans our Club would not be in the position it is today. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

Finally, I would like to congratulate our junior award winners:

Junior Club member of the year: **Chloe Mills**

Cadet Club members of the year: **Sophie Lane, Ella Wood**

Our Club is in safe hands with these shining lights coming through.

Let's all get behind inspiring our youth and show them how lucky we are to live in a special part of the world and be a part of the best Surf Club in Australia.

See you on the beach.

**Peter Carter** | Junior Captain





## IRB CAPTAIN REPORT

It was good to have a more normal year without some of the restrictions we've faced over the last two.

Our three drivers, Steve (Stephen) Riley, Nick (Nicolas) Parker and Taylor Dickinson, who were in training at the end of last season successfully completed their course in July last year. Nick must deserve an extra award with eight years between his crew and his drivers, but then he's consistently patrolled for a decade, so we'll forgive him!

Ruby Hume, Alice Binns and Molly Baczowski gained their crew awards. All three are rowers and I'm sure I can convince them to back this achievement up with their IRB Driver award. The rowers need you to cover their water safety requirements at competitions.

Gordon Morrison, Dax Stanley, Sam (Samuel) Stoddard and Natasha Dekker got their drivers award and Oliver Pitt his crew at Mona Vale Beach in a very challenging surf. Sam and Ollie have both gone on to compete with our IRB race team. Natasha was put with a very hesitant candidate from another club to pass her drivers. After a harrowing experience crewing for him she went on to put in a very impressive performance in her own exam. So much so that the examiners left her as the driver to put the crew candidates at the session through their paces. With only five months between their crew and driver exams Gordon and Dax have set the bar for our future candidates.

All the local beaches held their ocean swims this year, for which we provided IRB water safety. With the addition of Mona Vale this year we now cover five swims, including Whale Beach, Bilgola Beach, Newport Beach and our own.

Neil Petersen and Robert Hopton did Newport's. Giles Stoddard and Taylor Dickinson covered Bilgola. Tess Moran and I went to Mona Vale (the furthest away so we deserve extra credit) but then Neil fronted up again for the Whale Beach Big Swim, with Ross Bloore, so I guess he wins the prize for commitment.

We put all five of our boats out for own swim, crewed by Pat (Patrick) Quinlan, Remo Adoncello, Nick Parker, Pia Dorer, Pepita

Martins, Giles Stoddard, Sophie Valentine, Tom (Thomas) Colley, Ashley Cardiff and Gordon Morrison. There's also a bunch of others who help with packing up the boats, lines and anchors. A huge effort from all. Thank you to the four other surf clubs for providing additional boats.

For the State competition at Queenscliff we only had to cover one shift, providing no boat. Robert Hopton responded first but Jason Dale and Marc Nehama volunteered as a team. Robert often puts himself forward as an alternative for water safety.

We also had an IRB racing segment to the Gala Day in February. Todd Barber and Zach (Zachary) Dale beat Pete (Peter) Carter and Blake Taggart in the first round, with Sophie Valentine and Nick (Nicolas) Parker winning the second from Giles and Sam Stoddard. Todd and Zach managed to forget the maxim about old age and treachery overcoming youth and skill, and fell to Pete's machinations, letting Sophie and Nick win the final. Four of our fresh crew, Molly, Ruby, Alice and Ollie, did service as patients in the event.

The first of our new boats came December 19th last year, an early Christmas present, thank you McGrath Pittwater. They have generously sponsored the new IRB and it was christened by them at our Gala Day. McGrath Pittwater continually supports our Club for which we're very grateful.

Another boat is due shortly, hopefully before the beginning of next season.

Giles Stoddard, Richard Cole and Steve (Stephen) Broderick have all helped me enormously with training new drivers and crew. It's a big commitment to be at the beach early most weekends of the year. Anyone who thinks they might get their IRB award please get in touch with me, 0419 186 668 or [irbcaptain@avalonbeachslsc.com.au](mailto:irbcaptain@avalonbeachslsc.com.au).

We'd be very happy to have you and you'd be helping the Club in many ways.

**Alan Moran** | IRB Competition Manager





## PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

This year was an outstanding year for publicity, with a variety of publications appreciating a range of newsworthy stories on the great work of our Club's volunteer surf lifesavers.

Publicising the Club's activities is an essential Club activity in keeping the community informed and engaged. In addition to surf safety advice, good publicity helps generate local community support and goodwill for the Club. Good publicity can attract new members, sponsors, donors; as well as lift the Club spirit through acknowledgement of the good work performed by our members.

Publicity of the Club's surf lifesaving activities, community service, and successes received coverage in the following media:

- Nick Sampson and Jason Dale's flood rescues – ABC TV; Peninsula Living (print); pittwateronlinenews.com; Club Facebook online
- Two new surfboats (Brent Walker 93, Sue Millar) donated by Brown Bros Skip Bins – pittwateronlinenews.com; Peninsula Living; Club Facebook online
- Vale Michael Byrnes OAM – pittwateronlinenews.com; Club Facebook online; SLSA, SLSNSW, SLSNB online newsletters
- Community Service Award to Nathan and Melissa Wellings – State Member for Pittwater's monthly print newsletter to all households in Pittwater; Club Facebook online
- 24 Hour Row – pittwateronlinenews.com; Club Facebook online
- Avalon Beach Surf Swims, Around the Bends Swim – Peninsula Living; pittwateronlinenews.com; Club Facebook online
- The Club's participation in Anzac Day commemorations – pittwateronlinenews.com front page; Club Facebook online
- History excursion to the Club by Years 1 and 2 Maria Regina Primary School hosted by Geoff Searl

OAM, Warren Young OAM and Roger Sayers OAM – pittwateronlinenews.com; Club Facebook online

- Grant Salmon's Gold Medal State SLSNSW Boardriding Championships – pittwateronlinenews.com; Club Facebook online
- Emma Dieter's Gold Medal World Parasurfing Championships in the US – pittwateronlinenews.com; Club Facebook online
- Club's participation in State IRB Rounds 1 and 2 – pittwateronlinenews.com; Club Facebook online
- Start of Nippers - pittwateronlinenews.com; Club Facebook online
- McGrath Pittwater sponsorship of the Christmas Carols hosted by the Club – Club Facebook online; banners
- Historical articles by Club Historian Geoff Searl OAM on Christmases past in Avalon Beach featuring the Club Santa in IRB with helpers Donovan MacIntosh and Terry Barber – Pittwater Life; and local WW2 memorials including Club material-pittwateronlinenews.com
- Surf reports, Surf safety messages – ABC 702 Radio, and Realsurf.com

More material is distributed to media outlets than is published. This can often be due to stories not fitting into media production schedules when they receive them, or the story is not of sufficient newsworthiness to them.

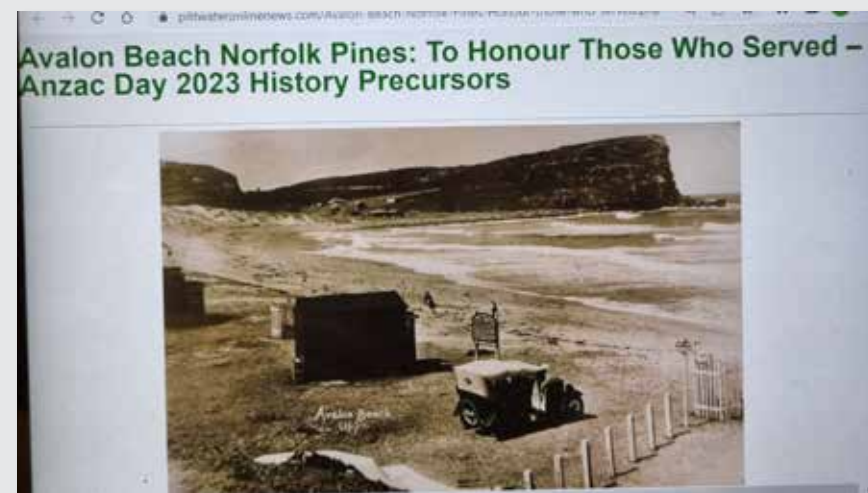
Stories are sent to all media as soon as possible. As a reminder to Committee members, Patrol Captains, Club Captains, Competition Managers, Club members: please let the Publicity Officer know as soon as possible of any news concerning, surf safety, rescues, significant preventative actions, competition results, training, and general public interest stories; to ensure the latest information has the best chance of publication and our Club members receive the public acknowledgement they deserve. Thanks. Rog.

**Roger Sayers OAM** | Publicity Officer, Life Member, Chair, Heritage Committee





## IN THE NEWS



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## GEAR STEWARD REPORT

What a busy year it has been.

The surf rescue equipment was in constant use between patrols and numerous training courses conducted through the season. Over the quiet winter months, gear inspection will be performed with repairs and new equipment purchased as required. Thank you to all members for the excellent care they have taken with equipment throughout the season. Please let me know if you would like to borrow a Club board or gear for training purposes outside of normal hours.

**Neil Petersen** | Board Captain and Gear Steward



## CROSSFIT AVALON BEACH REPORT

Year 8 in our small part of the world and with each year we continue to evolve as a training facility.

Whilst we still haven't recovered to pre-covid numbers our membership is strong. Those Club members who participate in CrossFit continue to excel in all areas of their life and not just on the beach as patrolling members.

CrossFit continues to be proud of Coach Maree. Despite injury impacting her participation, she managed to qualify in second place at the CrossFit Games and will represent Australia at the Oceania Masters Invitational later this year. Coach Maree completed three gruelling workouts in one day to claim second spot.

For CrossFit Avalon Beach we continue to push the boundaries of health and fitness. As we move forward, CrossFit Avalon Beach will be partnering with two new industry leaders, Pliability and CrossFit Mayhem. Pliability (formerly ROMWOD)

offer extensive programming in mobility and injury rehabilitation. CrossFit Mayhem is led by five times CrossFit Champion Rich Froning and specialises in competitive and non-competitive programming. Some of today's best athletes employ the Mayhem Training methodology. We look forward to introducing these new experiences to our members.

On a short note, we've been blessed to have Barrenjoey High add a third term to their schedule. This class is packed with 20 students all keen to learn a little more about themselves. We are proud to provide a structure and learning framework that can be utilized in their studies and lives.

CrossFit continues to grow world-wide. Battling chronic disease remains a focus for all within the CrossFit Community.

Coach Maree and I have plenty planned, and if you're not already a part of it, we welcome you to join our family to get fit, get strong, get healthy; inspire your kids and those around you.

**Brent and Maree Williams** | Crossfit Avalon Beach





# HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

## CATALOGUING THE CLUB'S HERITAGE ITEMS

Over the last couple of years, a considerable amount of work has been undertaken by the Heritage Committee to catalogue the Club's heritage items. Bob (Robert) Head, assisted by Mark Head, has been instrumental on this project; however, for many reasons the cataloging came to a hiatus. In the meanwhile, a rough list of all items from the old Clubhouse, (originally compiled by Richard McEvoy) was updated by Warren, Geoff and me.

The recent repainting of the Club's internal walls provided an ideal opportunity to speed up the process as all items had to be removed from the walls. Leanne Austin arranged an intensive weekend session; together with available Heritage Committee members (Richard Cole, Bernadette McKay, Warren Young OAM, Geoff Searl OAM and me) and caretaker Johnny Harper, we made a concerted effort to "complete" the task – in the sense that it covers pretty much all items currently held by the Club.

As time passes and with more notable events and successes, it is to be expected that more items of significance will be added.

Thanks to all the Club volunteers involved in helping to achieve this important goal for the Club.

## DISPLAY OF ITEMS

Investigations are currently underway into a better method to display heritage items, balancing the need for aesthetics with items of different shapes, sizes and colour. Richard Cole is examining track systems as used in galleries to support more flexibility, as well as less damage to walls. Geoff Searl is examining framing option. These will be subject to further consideration.

It is hoped that some items might be back on the Club walls in time for the AGM. With that said, rather than rush the process, the Heritage Committee agrees with Johnny Harper's remark to channel Pete Akehurst's attitude to "do it once, do it right". The Heritage Committee members have examined various displays in several other clubs with the view to have a truly "Avalon Beach" display of the Club's heritage items that we can all be proud of ready for the Club's 100th anniversary in 2025.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Geoff, Warren and I had fun hosting a history excursion to the Club from Maria Regina Primary School (Year 1 and Year 2). Geoff did a Show and Tell slideshow. Warren showed them rescue equipment, and I explained the Patrol Room gear. We were all pleasantly surprised to learn how many and how much these children knew about surf safety, rips, flags etc. – most of the children are in ABSLSC Nippers. The kids were inquisitive and asked lots of questions: about how to get out of a rip, what to do if you're not a strong swimmer, are there female lifesavers, and what if there's a shark right next to you!

Geoff is following up one question: Who was the first person rescued at Avalon Beach and who did the rescue?

They learnt things, and we learnt things too.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING THE CLUB'S HISTORY

Club memorabilia plays an important role, not just for the benefit of present members, but for former members, their families, for future members and the general public.

Recently the Club was approached by external parties about Club historical items such as:

- A lady asked if the Award to Steve Davey for his 1965 rescue of her brother is on display. She wished to see it when she visits Australia from England where she now lives later this year;
- A young non-Club member said he happily spent time at his father's 70th function, examining Club photos on the walls and was pleasantly surprised to recognise Brian Friend and myself. This demonstrates how such items/displays help improved understanding of surf clubs – good PR;
- Another visitor for a community meeting at the Club was pleasantly surprised to unexpectedly identify a photo of Al Crosky as his Best Man from his wedding 40 years ago;
- A lady in her 70s who used to live in Avalon Beach said she would have liked to have had a look at old Club photos on walls, while at the Club for a function, to see who she recognised;
- Maria Regina School Year 1 and Year 2 would normally have been shown significant photos such as the first IRB and Warren Mitchell OAM, but as noted above they are currently in storage.

These examples are not unusual. Significant and apparently ordinary Club photographs and awards can inspire others, recall happy times, create community goodwill, add to a sense of belonging, help recruit new members, and support the Club's Mission "to save lives, create great Australians and build a better community." Their care and display need to be given due attention and respect.

The Club has a wealth of historic items such as photographs of the first IRB, Warren Mitchell's OAM and Innovation Awards, Australian SLS Titles Gold Medals, vintage toothpick surfboard and ski, surf reels, trophies, awards and so on. The Club adds to these items all the time, for example new awards like the State and National Club of the Year Awards - a result of members' innovative ideas and the Club's involvement in the community.

## THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE'S BACKGROUND

Past President Richard Cole initiated the setting up of a small committee to bring a more structured approach to the caring for and display of Club memorabilia and historical material. This was established so no one individual in the Club should have the responsibility of deciding what items of Club history should be retained, discarded, repaired or put on display. The Committee's aim is to ensure that Club history is not lost, damaged items are repaired, and heritage items are maintained in proper condition on an ongoing basis.

The Committee consists of four Life Members (Pete (Peter) Carter, Warren Young OAM, Bob Head, and me as Chair); Club Historian and President Avalon Beach Historical Society (Geoff Searl OAM); Building Committee liaison (Deputy President Richard Cole), President (Bernadette McKay) and Nick Sampson.

**Roger Sayers OAM** | Life Member, Chair Club Heritage Committee





# BUILDING REPORT

The purpose of this building report is to provide an overview of the Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club's building infrastructure, its maintenance activities, and any notable changes or improvements undertaken during the year 2023. This report aims to highlight the Club's commitment to ensuring a safe, functional, aesthetically pleasing and sustainable facility for its members and the community.

Regular maintenance throughout the year included:

- Cleaning throughout the facility
- Window cleaning
- Graffiti removal
- Minor repairs and maintenance
- Fire safety and compliance

Notable improvements to the Clubhouse this year included:

- Installation of battery system:

A 40.4kw/h battery system was installed by Shinehub into the IRB / Nipper Board store. This system complements our solar system and provides power to the Clubhouse independent of the grid during nighttime. It also provides a backup system to vital circuits during a blackout. The battery system is part of the Nett Zero Surf Club Project instigated by Leena Wood and Richard Cole. It will not only save significant electricity costs over time, but ensure the Club leads the way in terms of sustainability. This project was supported by a Northern Beaches Council Environmental Grant as well as the proceeds of the McGrath Pittwater Carols at the Beach Silent Auction.

- Internal Painting:

After nine years the Clubhouse needed a freshen up and this year almost the entire building was repainted internally. Thank you to Robert Hopton who organised the project. This project was supported by SLSA's national sponsor, Dulux, who provided the paint free of charge. The project included removing all the hung photos and memorabilia as well as minor repairs to the ceilings, skirting boards and walls.

- Security Camera System:

A security camera system was installed with access by our caretakers and key personnel. The cameras record and store live footage from various positions around the Club and have already proved invaluable. They provide a terrific security and safety system for our members and staff.

A number of improvements are planned in the coming months. These include:

- Replacement of the Ocean Room cupboard doors

(Northern Beaches Council)

- Repair of Hall of Champions doors to verandah (Northern Beaches Council)
- Repainting of structural steelwork (Northern Beaches Council)
- Honour Board update – this has been a major project by Nick Sampson and Robert Hopton
- Access fob controls to ground floor member's change rooms
- New ceiling to ground floor corridor to provide wiring access to change room doors
- Replacement of rusted steel door frames to ground floor doors with hardwood frames
- Shelving to southern wall of First Aid room for Defib / First Aid Kit / Oxy.
- Additional lighting to First Aid Room
- Additional lighting to exterior of entry

After cataloguing the extensive collection of Club memorabilia and historical photographs, (163 items at last count!) the Heritage Committee will soon project manage the display of the Club's photos and memorabilia in a manner that reflects the Club's values, history and aspirations. It is proposed to use a robust hanging system that allows flexibility over time.

The restaurant and café have been vacant for three years. Bernadette McKay and Richard Cole were part of the Northern Beaches Council assessment committee to determine the outcome of the tender for these spaces, which was finally completed in January this year. It is hoped that a successful operator will be up and running for this summer.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the upkeep, maintenance and improvement of the Clubhouse over the past year including:

- Robert Hopton, our Building Manager who spends an inordinate amount of time meeting contractors, getting quotes, supervising work and negotiating with Council
- Our dedicated Caretakers Johnny and Xanthe, who clean, maintain and secure the building with zeal
- Leanne Austin, our administrator and venue manager extraordinaire
- Bruce Oscroft, our new carpenter / builder
- Brian Wetherall, who cleans our 1st floor function spaces and keeps the building looking fabulous
- Col Campbell, our go to maintenance man who is hanging up his boots after keeping the Club in great shape for many years
- Nick Sampson, Nathan Wellings, Jason Dale, Peter Carter,

Matthew Mayall, Ashley Cardiff, and Zach Dale our Bangalley Bar team

- Alan Moran, who is always keeping the IRB and patrol sheds spotless and organised
- And many others!

The Avalon Beach SLSC Clubhouse has been well-maintained throughout 2023, ensuring a safe and functional facility for its members and the wider community. The new batteries and paintwork are notable improvements that have enhanced the overall experience and performance of the Club. Avalon Beach SLSC remains dedicated to providing a welcoming and secure environment for all its stakeholders.

A very special mention must be made of Robert Hopton who has been our Building Manager since at least 2008 when he instigated plans for the rebuilding of the Clubhouse. Robert has been exceptional in his role, which is often thankless and unrecognized. His dedication to providing an outstanding facility for our members has been unwavering. We have all benefitted from his efforts. Robert has recently experienced significant health issues, but I have no doubt he will continue to be involved in the Club as much as possible. We wish him all the best.

**Richard Cole on behalf of Robert Hopton** | Building Manager/ OH&S



# CARETAKER'S REPORT

Xanthe and I have been doing the caretaker role for almost nine years. This is something we have worked hard at and are proud of. It's not always easy. Sometimes tiring, very eye opening, sometimes funny, often challenging and always constant.

Under the headings below is a summary of the year just passed.

## CLEANING

Brian Wetherall and his team continue to do a regular upstairs weekly clean. For personal reasons, Grahame Mitchell is unable to continue his employment commitments. We wish him well. Xanthe and I are supporting these cleaning commitments until a replacement can be found. We are also responsible for after-function cleaning. Our unpaid cleaning roles remain unchanged.

## MAINTENANCE AND FAULTS

Maintenance and repairs remain a constant requirement. At times, we are not the first to notice a fault. We welcome all feedback - please do not hesitate to contact us at the Club with any issues or faults. Thank you in advance.

## VANDALISM

Vandalism and graffiti continue to decline. To date the most successful deterrent has been the swift removal of graffiti. Please contact the Club immediately, if you notice any graffiti or vandalism around the Club.

## CLUB SECURITY

Trespassers continue to be an issue and typically becomes more problematic over winter as the ocean gets colder. Most incursions are from surfing kids who want to use the Club's hot water showers. Lockable doors for the downstairs shower areas should assist with controlling this issue.

With the support of the Club Board of Management security cameras were installed. They make our Club and the public area around the Club a much safer place to be for both members and the general public. The cameras have already proved invaluable, with some of the footage being handed over to police. Kudos to Richard Cole and Nick Sampson who had plenty to do with their acquisition. What a great asset they have been.

## GENERAL

Avalon Beach SLSC is not about just about its Clubhouse. It's about the members, their families, and the relationships it fosters. It's also a functional place to keep the beach safe. As Caretakers our job is to look after the building that accommodates all those things. We take pride in that job and hope to be doing it for a while yet.

**Xanthe and Johnny** | Caretakers



# NET ZERO SURF CLUB 2023

## NET ZERO FOR THE FUTURE

After Avalon Beach SLSC received the SLSA Australian Surf Club of the Year in 2018, we started to examine sustainability within the Club and how some areas could be addressed and improved. In recent years, the Nippers Team have undertaken a number of initiatives to minimise the impact of over 400 nippers and their parents on the beach environment. These initiatives included:

Our momentum has been strong through our vision of “Net Zero 2023” for Avalon Beach SLSC. Nippers parents and many others have worked incredibly hard over the program, raising money and awareness in the community. The plan had key objectives with a planned approach across 3 years.

**REUSE**

- In conjunction with Clean Oceans Australia to provide every single Nipper with their own metal reusable water bottle, and providing access to refill their bottles with clean drinking water
- Coffee and other hot beverages were only sold if Nipper families brought a reusable coffee cup.\*
- Rainwater collection and usage - for a number of years rainwater has been used to wash down all surf equipment after Nippers and for use after all club activities.

**RECYCLE**

- Envirobank Recycling collections, in association with the NSW Governments' Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) to provide surf clubs with a sustainable fundraising channel
- All items that could be recycled were collected and recycled, such as eggshells, paper packaging, milk cartons and any other soft plastics.

**REDUCE**

- Zero Food Waste from Canteen - Selling out of food every week so there is no waste to landfill
- Planning - using technology to ask families to register their food choices for special events, avoiding the guesswork of supply and subsequent waste
- Shop local - supporting local businesses that supply food at cost, increasing fundraising capabilities as well as reducing the carbon footprint of transportation. Additionally, collections were 'waste free' where food safety compliant containers were filled with supplies rather than wrapped in plastic
- Energy - Soft drinks were removed from the canteen and the fridge disconnected, saving energy as well as encouraging the best options for rehydration after exercise.

\*Requirement removed during COVID-19 Safety Plan implementation



## GOALS

- Energy efficiency, carbon reduction
- Reduce the power bills for Avalon Beach SLSC
- Climate Change education and activities for all club members
- Knowledge sharing across other clubs in NSW and Australia

Through the installation of high quality solar panels and battery storage, Avalon Beach SLSC aims to be the first club in NSW to eliminate their carbon footprint, creating a Net Zero Surf Club by 2023.



Our 40.4kW/h battery system installed in 2023

## VIRTUAL POWER PLANTS

In order to future-proof our systems for the Avalon Beach SLSC, we selected batteries that have the capability to operate as a Virtual Power Plant (VPP). This technology allows Avalon Beach SLSC to supply excess energy to other buildings or households on the same network, with the potential of creating revenue streams as well as supplying the community with sustainably sourced power.

With guidance from not-for-profit advisory group Zero Emissions Sydney North, part of Beyond Zero Emissions, we were able to select a partner that would work with us to ensure the technology in both the hardware and software would meet our objectives.

After careful consideration and assessment we chose to partner up with ShineHub, an Australian owned and operated organisation that helps communities and councils to find affordable solar and battery solutions which are then integrated into the ShineHub VPP ecosystem across Australia.

YEAR	GOAL	KEY ACTIVITIES	SUCCESS MEASURES	STATUS
Year 1-2 2020-2021	Solar Panels sustain all Avalon Beach SLSC activities during daylight hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raise money from Community Events</li><li>• Apply for applicable grants (Local)</li><li>• Vendor selection for solar installation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Financial costs pre and post solar panel installation</li></ul>	COMPLETE
Year 2-3 2021-2022	Battery purchase to try to sustain evening activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raise money from Community Events</li><li>• Apply for applicable grants</li><li>• Exploration of Virtual Power Plants (VPP)</li><li>• Vendor selection for batteries</li><li>• Installation of batteries</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Successful grant application</li><li>• Vendor selection</li><li>• Community support and engagement</li></ul>	COMPLETE
Year 3 2023	Review usage and adjust for panels / batteries Offset gas usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assessment of cost savings</li><li>• Educational activities for Nippers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Financial costs pre and post battery installation</li><li>• Documentation shared and available to other Clubs</li><li>• Delivery of educational materials for Nippers</li></ul>	IN PROGRESS
Year 3 onwards 2023 and beyond	Expansion of VPP into wider community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• External assessment of Net Zero and independent accreditation</li><li>• Creation of a 'blueprint' for knowledge sharing</li><li>• Investigate VPP for other surf club buildings</li><li>• Investigate EV charging initiative</li><li>• Investigate increasing solar panels for revenue generation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Offset purchase of gas usage</li><li>• Accreditation achieved</li><li>• EV Charging station</li><li>• VPP roll-out</li></ul>	IN PROGRESS

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Our vision of a Net Zero Club 2023 has been sometimes a difficult journey with supply chain issues, COVID restrictions as well as reduced fundraising capability in the early part of the project.

We have widened our scope to look at community VPP not just in our area, but across Australia. We many not achieve our vision of Net Zero in 2023, but we have moved considerably towards that goal, reducing energy bills and powering the Club through sustainably sourced power.

For the rest of 2023, we will be monitoring usage of power and looking where we can optimise further. We will also be looking at funding offsets for our gas usage. In 2024, we will work with other organisations to share our learnings and create blueprints for other clubs to follow.

## THANK YOU

Our achievements to date are not possible without our community. Nipper parents have secured our fundraising and ensured we met our goals despite the obstacles we faced due to COVID restrictions.

We would also like to thank Northern Beaches Council for approving three Environmental Grants for this project, as well as major supporter McGrath Real Estate.

Finally a heartfelt thank you to our community who have supported us with raising money, spreading the word, and educating our children not only about climate impacts, but how grass roots community involvement can make a difference.

**Leena Wood and Richard Cole** | Nett Zero Surf Club Project Managers



# VENUE HIRE REPORT

## CLUBHOUSE | A PLACE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

A surf lifesaving clubhouse is a valuable asset that brings numerous benefits to our members and community.

With dedicated spaces for equipment storage and first aid supplies, our Clubhouse serves as a crucial hub for our patrolling members and lifeguards to provide rapid and effective responses to incidents on the beach during patrol season.

It provides a platform for the exchange of knowledge and skills and becomes a space where individuals come to share their expertise and learn from one another. Whether it's the seasoned veterans who impart their hard-earned wisdom to eager local school children, or our trainers who share their skills and expertise teaching essential first-aid skills, CPR techniques and surf awareness, our Clubhouse fosters a culture of mentorship and growth.

During the warmer months, when the Nippers program springs into action, our Clubhouse kiosk serves as a meeting place for families to gather and connect with like-minded people who share a passion for the beach, the ocean and a sanga sandwich! This sense of belonging and camaraderie strengthens community bonds and promotes a healthier and more active lifestyle.

Our Clubhouse plays a pivotal role in fostering community engagement and social connectedness benefiting the wider community beyond just beachgoers. It provides a space for locals and members to come together to enjoy the Bangalley Bar, attend an evening workshop, a function, host a fundraiser, or participate in a community outreach initiative or educational program.

Over the years, we have supported our community with complimentary, or substantially discounted, use of the venue enabling the sample of community activities below:

- One Eighty Avalon's Open-up sessions
- Community led birthing kit assembly
- Cancer Council biggest morning tea fundraiser
- Avalon Soccer Club fundraisers
- Avalon Primary parent socials
- Barrenjoey High teacher off sites
- Gotcha4Life Tomorrow Man and Tomorrow Woman mental health programs

This Spring we are partnering with KoWorks and opening the Clubhouse as a co-working site three days per week, introducing a new work-from home community to the delights of working from our home by the beach. We cannot wait to welcome you.

## VENUE HIRE | A BRIEF HISTORY

Since reopening its doors to members and the community in August 2014, our Clubhouse Bangalley Bar quickly became an in demand venue for private functions, generating an income source for the ongoing operation and development of the Club.

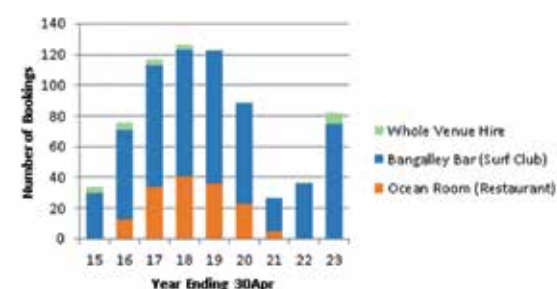
Venue hire was boosted by the opening of "Beach House Avalon" the onsite restaurant and kiosk operated by Trippas White Group who had exclusive weekend function rights to the Ocean Room and employed a full-time functions/event coordinator. This upward trajectory in venue hire continued throughout 2018 and 2019.

Y/E 30 April 2020 was a tumultuous year; the closure of the Bangalley Bar for renovation works (4 weeks), blackout dates for potential renovation overrun and the unprecedented and immediate closure of our Clubhouse and cancellation of all immediate bookings due to the unanticipated Coronavirus pandemic, saw our first collective downturn in venue hire.

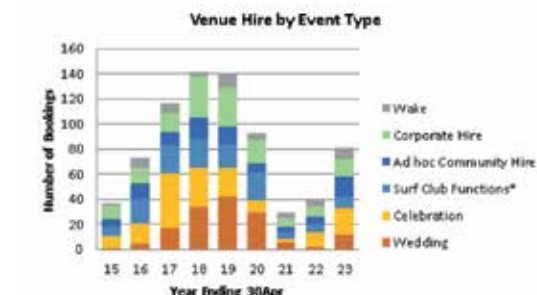
This trend continued into Y/E 30 April 2021, our worst year of venue hire to date. Government lockdowns, or severely curtailed fun-factors (guest size limits, inability to dance or mingle) saw skittish hirers cancel a total of 33 events (5 of these booked by Beach House Avalon and 28 booked by the Club). Due to the uncertainty of lockdown rules, border closures and fear of catching the virus, forward bookings plunged. The restaurant closed its doors (permanently) in June 2020; however, they honoured the five long range wedding function bookings scheduled for early 2021.

The Lease and License Agreement established in 2014 between the restaurant, Club and Northern Beaches Council was eventually extinguished by Council and the Club has regained weekend access to the Ocean Room. In time we hope to increase our whole venue hire bookings as our Clubhouse offers a unique (and large) event space with postcard views of the beach.

Below is a snapshot of revenue producing functions secured by the Surf Club and the restaurant (excludes Meeting Room hire.)



The Bangalley Bar serves as a space for our community to come together and is the backdrop to celebrate the most joyful of occasions and the saddest. The graph below highlights the diversity of events and bookings.



\*Club social events and, in earlier years, Nipper sleepovers and social events, comprise the Surf Club functions (excludes training and Club meetings).

Celebrations include engagements, milestone birthdays, anniversaries and reunions.

Ad hoc community hire includes yoga workshops, fundraisers, art exhibitions and similar.

Corporate hire is mostly comprised of meeting room bookings, corporate off-sites and photo shoots/film crews

Our peaceful Ocean Room with its magnificent coastal views continues to be a popular place for our community to enjoy recreational activities such as yoga, Pilates, dance and fitness as shown by the graph below. Unexpectedly, community hire classes increased throughout the pandemic as our generously sized event spaces enabled larger participant numbers.

Venue hire revenue streams ensure financial stability of the Club and allow us to reinvest in our facilities, our programs and services, our membership and community. Our longer term goal is to build a reserve of funds and reduce reliance on sponsorship and government funding to become a fully sustainable service.

Our Clubhouse is so much more than a building or a revenue stream; it is a symbol of identity and pride.

The walls of our Clubhouse resonate with the echoes of shared experience, the names of our most giving of time and effort, the lives saved, our sporting successes and camaraderie enjoyed. They are the repository of memories, each one adding to the collective history of our Club.

From the milestones celebrated to the victories achieved, the anecdotes shared over a sausage sizzle or a cold bevvie, our Clubhouse is a space that reflects the spirit of our members past and present and fosters a sense of belonging.

**Leanne Austin** | Club Administrator & Venue Hire coordinator

# BANGALLEY BAR REPORT

The Bangalley bar has continued its growth and popularity with the resumption of functions, and the passage of COVID-19 restrictions. Bangalley Bar is still the main provider of the Surf Club's revenue.

On Friday and Sunday, the Club bar is managed by a group of dedicated volunteers – we thank you all for giving up your time to support the Club in generating income. A special shout out must go to volunteer Zac Dale who performs the bar stock take etc. Thanks, ZD. Unfortunately, there has been a notable decline in the Friday night and Sunday afternoon patronage. The Bar Management team continue to formulate new ideas to attract customers. Any help from Club members is greatly appreciated.

The number of paid bar staff has been increased. The principal function of the paid bar staff is to support venue hire functions. This has had an added advantage of providing a great stepping

stone for our younger members to gain an insight into the operations of a small bar and provide them with life skills to go on and do whatever they endeavour.

Anybody wishing to obtain their Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) should not hesitate to contact us – the Club will subsidise the cost.

Finally, we would like to thank Jason Dale and Nick Sampson for their hard work as bar managers over the years and through the tough COVID-19 period. Time to put your feet up and enjoy some personal time.

Looking forward to seeing you down in the Club Bar.

Cheers,

**Nathan Wellings, Pete (Peter) Carter, Matt (Matthew) Mayall, Ash (Ashley) Cardiff** | Bar management team



# EVENTS

## 24 HOUR ROW

The 24 Hour Row was held on 10-11 September 2022 at Avalon Beach Clubhouse. This year, over \$309,400 was raised for the charity Gotcha4Life. This mental health awareness initiative commenced at Avalon Beach Surf Club in 2018 and has since grown into an annual Australia-wide event.

Melissa and Nathan Wellings are the founders of the Gotcha4Life 24-Hour Row and were the well-deserved recipients of a 2021 Community Service Award, which was presented at a High Tea hosted by the Member for Pittwater, The Hon. Rob Stokes on the 27 September 2022.

The 2022 24 Hour Row Ergo Champions are:

Lachie Mills ..... 15,500m

Sophie Holmes ..... 14,130m



## ANZAC DAY REPORT

The Surf Club participates in the annual Anzac Day march and commemoration services to honour and pay respects for the sacrifices of servicemen and women who served the Australian community.

The Avalon Beach community turned out in even larger numbers than last year to watch and applaud the Club on the way from the Primary School to the cenotaph outside the RSL.

Club President, Bernadette McKay, organized a new Club flag and flagpole which was proudly marched.

Life Member Bob Head organized the Whale Beach Dawn Service for Palm Beach RSL.

Club Historian Geoff Searl OAM and Alison Guesdon of Pittwateronlinenews.com produced the historical information here, much of which features Club memorabilia and the Club.

<https://www.pittwateronlinenews.com/Avalon-Beach-Norfolk-Pines-Honour-those-who-served.php>

Lest we forget.

**Roger Sayers OAM** | Life Member





## MCGRATH PITTWATER CAROLS AT THE BEACH

We were thrilled to realise a successful return of the McGrath Pittwater Carols at the Beach on the 10th December 2022. The Avalon Beach Surf Club is proud to have hosted such a fantastic event, made possible entirely by our incredible team of more than 100 dedicated volunteers.

As the event coordinator, I am deeply grateful for the invaluable knowledge and assistance our experienced Club members provided along with the energy and enthusiasm our newest Nipper parents brought. Together, our amazing volunteers worked tirelessly to make this event a reality, and we cannot thank them enough.

It was an incredible experience to witness more than 3,000 people come together to enjoy the fun, frivolity, and family that McGrath Pittwater Carols at the Beach had to offer. We were delighted to warm up the crowd with fantastic music and entertainment from talented local youth from Barrenjoey High and Mater Maria. At the same time, our food stalls again did a roaring trade with a wonderful array of options with something for everyone.

The children were thrilled with the face painting, tattoos, and appearances of their favourite characters, such as Paw Patrol, Olaf and Elsa, and Bluey. Santa's presence was undoubtedly a highlight for the little ones.

The JUBILATION choir and Joy Yates provided outstanding entertainment as the sun set. As is tradition, the night ended with a fireworks extravaganza over the beach.

Our heartfelt thanks to our sponsors, McGrath Pittwater, Northern Beaches Council, and Johnson Bros. Mitre 10; without whom this event would not have been possible. We also thank our event supporters, Barrenjoey Designs, Kennards Hire, URM, D&R Plumbing, and All Occasions Pyrotechnics, for their products and services. Dan Crozier for designing this year's event artwork.

We are grateful for the support of our local businesses, who generously provided products and services for our Silent Auction, and our community, who made it possible. Special thanks to Life Member Richard Cole, who led the Silent Auction and coordinated the donations. If you bid or donated, you also supported our Club fundraising event, and we appreciate your contribution. The Club raised just under \$17,000. The funds were used towards new rescue equipment and batteries for the Nett Zero Surf Club project.

Thank you to everyone who helped or participated in this incredible community event. As the first time managing this event, I was inspired by the overwhelming support and enthusiasm.

I look forward to seeing the team create a wonderful event again this year.

**Sarah Payne** | Event Manager- Carols at the Beach





## GALA DAY



Gala Day was held on 26 February 2023 in memory of Nick Pinheiro and family.

Gala Day co-ordinators:  
Ashley Cardiff, Dale Drain,  
Alan Moran, Richard Cole.  
Assisted by Nipper Age Managers,  
Rostered Patrol, IRB Crews,  
Peter Cater and Todd Barber.





# CLUB AWARDS PRESENTATION NIGHT

Held on the 20 May 2023, at Avalon Beach Clubhouse





## PITTWATER OCEAN SWIM SERIES

The 2023 Pittwater Ocean Swim Series included five swims, starting on the 08 January at Newport Beach with three course distances ranging from 2km (211 swimmers), 800m (104) and 400m (33). The next swim series event took place on 15 January at Bilgola Beach with two course distances, 1.5km (286 swimmers) and 500m (134). Followed by the Mona Vale Beach swim held on the 22 January with distances of 2.25km (188 swimmers) and 1km (88). The penultimate event was held at Palm Beach on the 29 January with two course distances, 2.8km (92 swimmers) and 1km (170). The final swim event was at our beach, held on 12 March with two swim distances, the

point-to-point Around the Bends 2.5km (249 swimmers) and the Avalon Beach swim 1.2km (112).

Surf clubs are continually innovating to make these events more attractive for ocean swimmers. Most clubs are considering introducing a fins and skins category which would expand the swimmer numbers by enabling swimmers to wear wetsuits and swim fins. Funds raised by the Pittwater Ocean Swim Series are used to purchase essential lifesaving equipment as well contribute towards club maintenance costs. Many thanks to Northern Beaches Council and the individual Club sponsors for their support.

**Warren Young OAM**

## AVALON BEACH SURF SWIM AND AROUND THE BENDS SWIM

Both swims were held on the 12 March 2023, with over 360 participants and raised over \$7000 for the Club. The event was organised by Volker Klemm (Event Manager- Ocean Swim) with the assistance of Terry Barber, Safety Officer; Andrew Clark, Water Safety; Alan Moran and Giles Stoddard, IRB Coordination; Kevin Veale, Communications and Club members.

The Avalon Beach Surf Swim hits 30! This swim event was spawned one Friday night among members socialising at the Club's Bangalley Bar. The organising committee was led by Steve (Stephan) Jacek and Race Advisor Michael Rodgeron. Other original committee members included, Roger Sayers OAM, Bill (William) Wall and Warren Young OAM. The inaugural event was held on Sunday 17 January 1993, with 511 swim participants and has since attracted more than 26,879 swimmers over the years. Former Olympian Maxwell Metzker remarked that it was one of the most professionally organised beach swim events of its time, with the most accurate course distance. This ocean challenge has been taken on by Olympic swimmers, visually impaired swimmers, politicians - including

former Prime Minister Tony Abbott, swimmers from near and as far as the United States of America, Hong Kong, Malaysia and the United Kingdom. Over the last 30 years the swim has only been cancelled once due to unsafe conditions and was unable to be held during the past three years due to COVID-19.

1993 inaugural Avalon Beach swim event  
2010 recorded a peak of 1,038 competitors  
2011 timing chips were introduced  
2012 the swim became part of the Pittwater Ocean Swim Series  
2015 Volker Klemm took over as the Event Organiser.  
2017 the first Around the Bends Swim took place on 9 April 2017

**Warren Young OAM**





## THE DOUG CRANE CLASSIC

Usually, the Doug Crane Classic is held the last Sunday before Christmas but it was cancelled due to big surf and rescheduled for 12 February 2023. The rescheduled race was nearly cancelled for a second time as cyclone Gabrielle bore down on us. Fortunately, the seas behaved on the day, but the Southerly didn't, so the swim was shortened to around 500 meters accordingly.

28 swimmers took part with excellent water safety provided by Patrol 10 led by Patrol Captain Ross Bloore. On the day, the IRB, two tubes, two boards with extra board support from Bob (Robert) Richardson, Chris McGuckin and Doug Lucas on Jetski ensured our swimmers were safe. This year's swim was notable due to the number of enthusiastic Bronze

Medallion participants. Their energy and sense of fun makes them a bonus to the Club ranks.

First male home, with an excellent swim, was multiple DCC winner Ashley Brown. Second male (Bronze Medallion), Murray Palmer. Third male was young improver, Toby Lehman.

In the female division, Gem (Amanda) Lehman was a clear winner; second female was Bronze Medallion Krystal Elliott, and third female was Victoria Stilwell.

Big thanks to Don McCredie DMC Industries for the donated prizes.

**Tim Hixon** | Swim Captain/Handicapper



## SUNDAY SWIM

A good year for the Sunday Swim with fewer beach closures than normal, no COVID-19 interruptions and a solid group of regular swimmers.

The make-up of our swim has changed over the years from a blokey "Go out in any surf conditions and survival of the fittest rounding the buoy" attitude to a more all-encompassing family activity. In fact, more females swim than males and lots of Nippers now participate.

We have gone from a handicap event to a "Guess your time swim" where you can still race to be first home but it is the closest guess that wins the Swell Café prize and that could be the last person to finish. The more you swim the more you get to understand how the prevailing conditions affect your swim, so time adjustments have to be made.

COVID-19 outbreaks kept a lot of children from attending learn to swim classes over the past few years and the same would apply to adults. If you ignore your swimming for too long, you will find it more and more difficult to enjoy yourself in the water let alone if you have to rescue someone. The Sunday Swim can help you maintain your fitness.

First time winners this season were Amanda Drain and Shannon Murray.

Jazz man Bill (William) Elliot kept perfect time when he guessed his exact time.

Top 10 participants on the point score:

1. Catherine Buddin. A fantastic effort. She didn't give up and has continued improving over the past few years.
2. Gem (Amanda) Lehman. She kept the standard high.
3. Stephen Riley improved enormously over the season and learnt how to swim effectively in the surf.
4. Andrew Clarke
5. Chris McGuckin
6. Stephanie Allsop
7. Peter Brennan
8. Mike (Michael) Stanley-Jones
9. Ashley Brown
10. Julia Alston.

From the above list there are at least three current and past multiple Australian Masters Champions. If you would like to improve your surf swimming and learn a thing or two from fellow Club members, come on down to the flags at 11:00am every Sunday of the season.

A shout out to our generous swim sponsor Swell Café for the weekly \$20 winner's voucher.

**Tim Hixon** | Swim Captain/Handicapper





# SURF SPORTS



## SURF SPORTS REPORT

It has been good to be able to get back to a full season of competition. Thanks must go to all our competitors and members who have completed their patrols and done everything they needed to do to compete in and run these events safely.

Our Max Watt Competitor of the year Harrison Schaut had an outstanding year: Gold at NSW State and Silver at The Aussies in Perth in the 2km beach run.

A big thank you to all our officials and administrators that run and organise the events including Club Life Member Roland Luke who oversees the entries. There was great Club representation at the major carnivals including the Branch, NSW State and Aussie Titles which this year were held in Perth, Western Australia. A big shout out must go to Peter Carter and Nathan Wellings who drove the surfboat over the west and back home again.

The other highlights of the year were provided later in the season at some of the major carnivals. The Reserve women's

crew, Chaos, taking out gold medals at Branch and State. The Reserve Men's surf boat crew, The Pinkies, making back-to-back finals at the Australian Championships at Perth.

The IRB Race Team has been competing at most of the carnivals to date this year, with several teams posting some good early round results. I know they are looking to build up their competitive strength again. The State Titles has been run and done in the time since we went to press.

As I mentioned earlier, we can't compete at events without our officials, coaches, and trainers. Thanks also to the leaders of the various competitive sections within the Club for managing their sections with such professionalism. Please don't hesitate to contact me for advice or information with regard to Surf Sports pathways.

Looking forward to a big year again next season.

**Ashley Cardiff** | Director of Surf Sports





## MASTERS CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Weather-wise the 2022-2023 Masters season was delightful compared to the conditions of the past couple of seasons. The lifting of COVID-19 public health orders and restrictions also allowed for a return to a more normal season of surf lifesaving activities. Our Masters competitors and non-competitors enjoyed many days of good weather and clear water for their training sessions.

Our Masters competitors participated in the usual three main carnivals - the Northern Beaches Branch carnival, NSW State Championships, and the Aussies. A few of the Club's Masters compete for Newport Surf Club to make up team numbers which enables them to participate in carnivals.

The Northern Beaches Branch Masters carnival was held at Collaroy in early February. Events for the Masters were held in the afternoon, after the Open events in the morning. Conditions were hot, windy and choppy with a small swell. The competitors from the Club combined with Newport Surf Club collected several good results.

Gem (Amanda) Lehman excelled gaining Gold in her three disciplines - surf swim, board race, and 2km run. Gem also gained Silver in the board relay which included Felicity Peters, and Silver in the swim team which included Louise Purnell.

Felicity won the individual board race at her age group.

Ashley Brown and Leo (Leonardo) Pinheiro were the only two male competitors at the Branch carnival. Ashley, like Gem, excelled in all his disciplines - gaining Gold in the surf swim, board race, and iron person. Ashley and Leo (Leonardo) Pinheiro, as part of a Newport team, gained Gold in the Taplin and Silver in the board relay teams.

The Masters NSW State Championships were held locally at Queenscliff during early March. The conditions for the Masters

events were a bit fickle, with a small swell, overcast skies and downpours of rain. A few Avalon Beach Masters teamed up and competed with Newport Surf Club. Gem excelled again - gaining Gold in the swim race, board race, board rescue and 2km; as well as Silver in the tube rescue and swim team, and Bronze in the board relay.

Louise Purnell gained Silver in the swim team. The Club team was made up of Aisha Ferris and Julia Jones-Hughes, who gained Silver for their board rescue efforts. Aisha also managed to win Bronze for the 2km run and Felicity Peters won Bronze in the board relay team. Ashley Brown excelled again, getting Gold in the swim race, board race and iron person, as well as Silver for swim team and board relay with our own Darren Warrener.

A small number of committed Masters competitors participated in the Aussies, held in Perth, on Scarborough's white sand under bright blue skies in late March. Our competitors who trekked west to compete were Gem (Amanda) Lehman, Louise Purnell, Ashley Brown, Darren Warrener and Pat (Patrick) Quinlan. Ashley sustained his high-level all-round performance this season, winning Gold for board race, surf race and iron person, as well as Silver for the Taplin team.

Other Masters champion efforts included Darren Warrener 7th place in the surf race and Pat (Patrick) Quinlan 6th place for iron person and 9th place for the single ski race.

Our Masters are looking forward to a new season of training and competition. Next season the Masters will again have the convenience of the NSW State Championship being hosted locally by Queenscliff SLSC, while the Aussies will return to the lovely Sunshine Coast in Queensland.

**Leo (Leonardo) Pinheiro** | Masters Captain



## BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Another season done and dusted for our boat rowers. This year we had a smaller team than the past few years but it was a well-trained and competitive team with crews making each carnival final we attended. There were a few major highlights for our team this season with our Reserve women's crew "Chaos" winning their State and Branch championship quite convincingly in a very competitive field. Our Reserve men "Pinkies" made back-to-back Australian finals where they were very close to coming away with two wins in a row.

Rowing is a very rewarding sport but a lot goes on behind the scenes that most don't see. Our rowing team is extremely dedicated to not only their training but various other duties they undertake throughout the Club. For instance, we are responsible for running the bar and volunteer our time on Friday and Sunday nights. Saturday nights the Club offers the rowers the chance to pick up some paid shifts, which is a great way for our team to try recover some of the costs associated with travelling to carnivals.

This season the team travelled over to Perth to compete in the Aussies. Travelling for sport is a big ask, especially travelling all the way across the country! But after a season of hard training, no one is going to miss out on the opportunity to go away with mates and hopefully win a national medal. The team is expected to cover the associated costs, including towing the boats across the country. We endeavour to find sponsorship to assist with these expenses, so if anyone reading thinks they can help, please reach out!

Most of our team are still very active within the Club patrolling, providing water safety and other general support as required at the Club's major events and fundraisers. They have demonstrated time and time again that they are a great asset to the Club.

Our team wouldn't be able to function without the hard work and dedication of our two sweeps, Pete (Peter) Carter and Nathan Wellings. Both put in countless hours each week training our rowers, not just in the boat but also in the gym and on rowing machines. Pete and Nathan are out on the water most mornings at 5am, sometimes in the pouring rain and wind - not that enjoyable! On top of this they were dumped with the task of towing our boats over the Nullarbor Plain to Perth, some 4500km's each way. We are all very thankful for what you two do, our boat section wouldn't be the same without the two of you!

We are so lucky to have been financially backed this season by some amazing local businesses. Brown Bros. Skip Bins was kind enough to assist in the purchase of our two new surf boats. Both boats proved to be fast and looked amazing! Thanks to

Edcon Steel for generously donating all the clothing that our rowers were kitted out in. Thanks to CrossFit Avalon Beach for always backing our team in the gym and assisting us with our post event recovery.

A big shout out must go to Ashley Cardiff and Mel (Melinda) Akehurst. To compete, it is mandatory for each club to supply a certain number of officials per carnival. Thanks to both Ashley and Mel for giving up their time on the weekends to officiate at carnivals.

The five crews who competed this season were:

### OPEN WOMEN

**Naomi Richardson, Lauren Petersen, Gemma Eastwood, Elena DiBiagio. Sweep Nathan Wellings**

Highlights:

SNB Branch .....5th  
Ocean Thunder Surf Boat Series - .....7th  
ASRL Open .....Semi Finalists

Our amazing Open women: these girls train the house down all season, and it shows when they take on the best of the best in the Ocean Thunder Series held at Dee Why Beach over the summer months. Unable to attend the Aussies this season, the girls put all their effort into the Ocean Thunder Series and came away with some impressive results. They also managed to catch what many are calling the "Wave of the series". Well done girls, we hope to see you next year.

### RESERVE MEN

**Thomas Curnow, Lachie Mills, Ellis James, Matthew Mayall. Sweep Nathan Wellings**

Highlights:

Australian Championships .....4th  
ASRL Open .....4th  
SNB Branch .....5th  
NSW State Championships .....Semi Finalists

Two dropped out of the winning team from last year and two new guys entered the team. Matt and Tom teamed up with Ellis and Lachie to form a decent crew. The boys gave it their all in the majors at the back end of the season and were just a little out of luck in the final at Aussies not to come away with a medal. Hopefully these boys can link up again next year in the reserve division to have a win. Well done boys.





### RESERVE WOMEN

Sophie Valentine, Sophie Holmes, Laura Baierl, Tara Neasmith.  
Sweep Nathan Wellings

Highlights:

NSW State Championships .....1st  
SNB Branch.....1st  
ASRL Open .....Major Semi Finalists

Amazing effort from these girls this season. The same crew that has developed in the U23 division for the past couple of years. They had some amazing results winning the State, Branch and just missing out on the finals at both the Australian events. Well done girls, big things are still to come for you!

### U23 WOMEN

Angela Carter, Eliza Cutrie, Grace Seaglove, Olivia Gligorevic,  
Sweep Nathan Wellings

Highlights:

SNB Branch..... 6th

A new crew forming this season with two girls coming from other Northern Beaches clubs to join up with Eliza and Angie to form a young U23 women crew. The girls gave it their all throughout the year and come away with some great results in the heats at local events. Another year or so sticking at the sport will for sure bring some great results. See you next year girls!

### U19 WOMEN

Ruby Hume, Molly Baczkowski, Alice Binns, Angela Carter.  
Sweep Peter Carter

Highlights:

SNB Branch.....Semi Finalists  
ASRL Open ..... Quarter Finalists

Our young and fearless U19 women. These girls are only in their second season rowing at Avalon Beach but have come together to form an unbelievable crew. If you saw them manoeuvre the boat, you would wonder how they do it, all so small but they are able to move the boat just as well as girls that tower over them. Pete has worked tirelessly with these girls in the boat and at the gym. I am convinced with another couple of seasons learning the sport they will go on to do massive things. It's such a pleasure to have these girls as part of the team, they bring such a good energy and smile all the time.

We are always on the lookout for new rowers to join our team. You don't have to have any experience at all. If you are keen and willing, we are happy to train you! Please reach out to any of the boaties or contact Pete, Nathan, or Matt around the Club.

From all the boaties I would like to thank everyone around the Club for their continued support – from our President coming to many of our events and being our number one supporter; to the general members who help pull the boats up the beach after training. It really is a great feeling rowing for Avalon Beach and having such great support from far and wide. See you all next season.

**Matthew Mayall** | Boat Captain.





## IRB COMPETITION

The IRB Race Team competed at the first two of the five rounds of the NSW IRB Premiership Series in 2023. Unfortunately, due to team availability we were unable to attend rounds 3, 4 and 5. We are all extremely thankful to our committed officials, Mel (Melinda) Akehurst and Ash (Ashley) Cardiff, who gave up their time to attend all the Premiership rounds, enabling us to compete.

The first round of the Premiership season was held at Warilla Barrack Point, due to a challenging surf forecast the event was shortened to one day of racing which meant only the tube rescue and surf rescue events could be run. Our Rookie Team secured a 4th place in the final of the surf rescue. The second Premiership round was closer to home at Queenscliff Beach and while the surf was manageable, a lightning storm hung off the Northern Beaches coast, which meant racing was stop-start all day and events were again cut back to only the Mass events and sadly our Rookies got just one race in before their event was halted.

This year, the NSW State Championships were held at Ocean Beach. We represented with a great team including a few new team members. Mel and Ash were in attendance as officials and continued to support our team. We had a total of 15 participating team members and entries in 10 separate events. Many of our teams progressed to the semi and finals, and in total we landed 3 medals as a team.

The IRB Race Team is growing. We had 4 new members participating in race events for the first time; others took on new roles, Samuel Stoddard and Blake Taggart participating as drivers and Oliver Pitt, Ruby Hume, Alice Binns, Molly Baczkowski as crew and patients. Between the extra race training sessions and the growing team, we are excited about the future of IRB racing at Avalon Beach.

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

**Giles Stoddard on behalf of Terry Barber** | IRB Competition Manager





# JUNIOR CLUB



Our Club is committed to the safety and wellbeing of every child and young person who takes part in our activities, programs, events or services and will work to create an environment in which children and young people are safe and feel safe at all times.

We recognise the importance of protecting young people under the age of 18 from abuse, harm and exploitation. It is everyone's responsibility to treat children and young people respectfully and within the Child Protection Laws and the SLISA Child Safe Policy. The Child Safe Code of Conduct applies to all members and associated parties as outlined in the Child Safe Policy.

Resources, webinars and online training courses are available to all members, providing clear guidelines of appropriate behaviour when engaging with children and young people. All members are encouraged to complete the Child Safe Awareness online course found in the e-learning section of your members portal.

**Dale Drain** | Director of Junior Activities





## JUNIOR ACTIVITIES REPORT (NIPPERS)

Avalon Beach SLSC Nippers continued to build on our strengths as we returned to a mostly normal season free from significant impacts of a global pandemic. This season we were blessed with consistently fantastic weather enabling us to spend more time out in the sun and surf. Nippers thrives due to the dedication of volunteers who step forward to contribute whenever necessary. They willingly take on responsibilities like canteen duty, as age managers, water safety, and logistical support to ensure that boards and equipment are in the right place. I express my gratitude to our Junior Committee Members and Coaches who invest countless hours in our youth, shaping them into the future lifesavers.

Cameron Lane and Gem (Amanda) Lehman have continued to build success and engagement in the carnival teams with some outstanding results and excellent participation. Thanks goes out to Fiona Nguyen, Anna Trybocka and Maria Pellet for their continued roles as Registrar, Canteen Manager and Nippers Communications Manager respectively. However, part of this thanks is bittersweet as Fiona and Anna move on from Nippers as their families age out of Nippers next season.

Our devoted and diverse group of Age Managers, each possessing a unique set of skills, remained actively engaged with 380 Nippers. This team of enthusiastic Age Managers, including many new recruits proudly wearing the red shirts for the first time, showed up faithfully every week, prioritizing the needs of our Nippers above their own comfort. Their commitment served as a powerful demonstration to the youngsters of Avalon Beach, revealing how a community is built upon parents, grandparents, and community members who selflessly make small sacrifices for the greater good. It is truly inspiring to witness the growing diversity among our Age Managers, as a wide range of community members step outside their comfort zones.

The new Under 6 Nippers were capably and enthusiastically led by Evan Stilwell and Maree Williams, with some fantastic parent involvement in getting kids comfortable in and around the water. A special mention to Jonathon Noyes and Hendrick van Senden for stepping up to take the reins of the Under 7s, whose enthusiasm and care for the kids was clearly visible in all they did.



Mike (Michael) Stanley-Jones led an unprecedented group of over 50 kids in achieving their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC). This was a massive undertaking with many of these young people new to the Club or returning from a few years away from Nippers. It is a great way to actively engage the youth of Avalon Beach into a community organisation.

Whilst we do aim to have Avalon Beach as the centre of Nipper activities, we also experienced some fantastic results in competitions, including Bronze and Gold Medals at State. Our carnival group has maintained the highest of standards from their coaches Gem (Amanda) Lehman and Cameron Lane, with some fantastic results as outlined in their report.

We continued to utilise the variety of beaches and conditions with Under 9s through Under 13s splitting the season to take advantage of calmer conditions at Palm Beach, taking on ambitious ocean swims, learning how to navigate rips in smaller surf.

Our Nippers stood up to the challenges presented to them and by the end of the season, from what we could see, were

a lot more comfortable in the ocean and confident on the beach. Thank you to Sunset Diner for their generous donation of a weekly certificates and vouchers for each Age Group, as well as a \$500 Major Prize to the Age Group of the Year – which this year was the U10s. Avalon Beach RSL provided the end of season certificates and vouchers for every Nipper. We are also thankful to McGrath Pittwater and Johnson Bros Mitre 10 who have been consistent supporters and sponsors of Nippers over the past few years.

Old standards such as Flags, relays and Tug of War and buckets kept the competitive spirit alive, while fresh initiatives like Three for the Sea highlighted our commitment to protecting the local environment by minimizing litter.

Thank you to everyone for a great season.

**Dale Drain** | Director of Junior Activities





# JUNIOR AWARDS

## OVERALL SURF CLUB AWARDS:

**AVALON BEACH SLSC  
CADET OF THE YEAR  
(U15S)**

Sophie Lane  
Ella Wood

**ROLAND LUKE  
ENCOURAGEMENT  
AWARD (U14S)**

Sophie Stoddard  
Logan Wellings

**WATER WARRIOR  
AWARD**

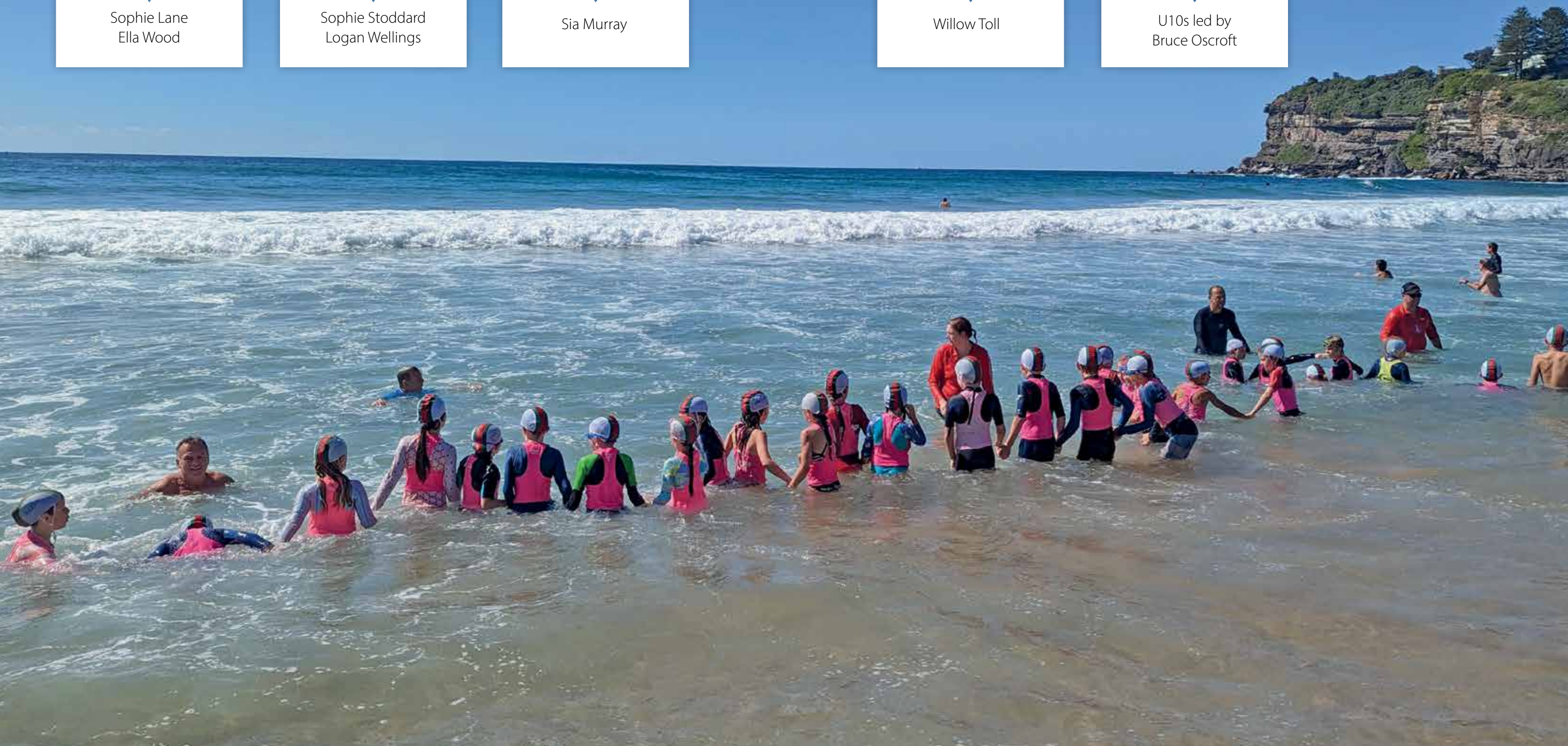
Sia Murray

**NORMAN COOK  
BEST CARNIVAL  
COMPETITOR**

Willow Toll

**SUNSET DINER  
AGE GROUP OF  
THE YEAR**

U10s led by  
Bruce Oscroft





## JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT

2023 brought some normality back to the carnival season, and with it, more fun, camaraderie and confidence in our Nipper competitors.

With a growing team of water competitors, the highlight was the Freshwater Board carnival, where Sia Murray and Wade Murray kicked off the season with placings in the board final. Our brave water competitors showed fierce determination across the season, culminating in the State Championships where regular training at Avalon Beach gifted Xanthe Jones and Lucinda Morrison the ability to master 'wave of the day' in their board rescue, having qualified for this event at Branch. Madelyn Lane was also a standout competitor with her success in iron person and swim events. Quinn Jones put in a big effort throughout the season with his board paddling improving in each race.

On the beach, our team have gone from strength to strength, with every competitor achieving podium finishes at Narrabeen carnival. For the first time in several years, Avalon Beach also fielded an all-age relay across the season, resulting in nail biting finishes for parents and coaches who promised a trip to Raging Waters for any bling!

Avalon Beach is a small team of competitors compared to some of the other powerhouse clubs. Although what we might lack in numbers, we make up for in spirit and teamwork. The enthusiastic cheer squad, the parents who treat each Nipper as their own, and the shared sense of achievement when we see our red, white and green caps dominating a beach event final, or mastering the big surf in water events is what makes us stand out from the crowd. Congratulations to all our competitors, including highlights from the major carnivals:

### CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### BRANCH

Gus Decker  
Bronze in U11 Beach Sprint, 5th in U11 Beach Flags  
Elisabeth Mayer  
6th in U10 Beach Flags  
Camilla Borges  
Silver in U12 Beach Sprint, 6th in U12 Beach Flags  
Bonnie Lehman  
Silver in U14 2 x 1km relay, 6th in U13 Beach Flags  
Poppy Decker  
Silver in U14 2 x 1km relay, Bronze in U14 Beach Flags

#### ALL AUSTRALIAN NIPPER NATS SURF CARNIVAL

Ethan Warner  
Gold in U11 Beach Sprint, Bronze in U11 Beach Flags

Willow Toll  
Gold in U12 Beach Sprint  
Camilla Borges  
4th in U12 Beach Sprint  
Bonnie Lehman  
5th in U13 2km Beach Run, 5th U13 Beach Sprint, 6th U13 Beach Flags  
Poppy Decker  
Silver U14 Beach Flags

#### STATE

Ethan Warner– Gold in U11 Beach Sprint  
Willow Toll – Bronze in U12 Beach Sprint  
Willow Toll and Camilla Borges – Bronze U12 2x500m relay

#### AUSSIES

Special mention to our youngest ever competitors to compete at the Australian Surf Life Saving Titles – the Aussies: Bonnie Lehman and Poppy Decker competing in beach events, with the highlight working together to place 11th in the U14 2 x 1km relay.

Congratulations also to our competition team award winners: Willow Toll as Carnival Competitor of the season and Sia Murray as our Water Warrior.

A huge thank you to our team of parents who helped out across the season with long days officialing, early morning starts to place tents and wrangle kids; not to mention the regular attendance at training sessions and carnivals where everyone pitches in to make sure our team of competitors are looked after.

Well done and thank you to you all as we start the countdown to seeing what next season brings!

**Gem (Amanda) Lehman and Cam (Cameron) Lane** | JAC  
Competition Managers



## U14 SRC SQUAD

This year for SRC was always going to be big. Previous years have shown that this age group has been forty strong each Sunday for Nippers and you generally get another ten or so joining-in so they can participate in surfing for sport at Barrenjoey High School. That's exactly what we got, 53 U14 SRC's. Wow!

The photos don't do it justice:

- 53 kids lined up on the beach doing CPR
- 53 kids in the Surf Club filling out page after page of theory paperwork

You know what made it all come together - ten or so of the best Bronze qualified parents you could get. They were there week in and week out ensuring that each of the training sessions mattered. Special thanks to Giles, Lachlan, Anton, Dave, Sean, Amanda, Dan, Gem, Damien, Nathan, Steven, David and Danielle. When Water Safety rules require five kids per one adult Bronzie (Bronze Medallion) – you guys were invaluable.

Typically, Avalon Beach conditions are harsh. One of the hardest parts of being an Age Manager is planning in advance because working with the ocean can be tricky. Each week the kids would receive a message that reads something like "Bring your wetties, warm clothes, pink rashies, plenty of energy and be ready for ANYTHING." We had rough seas, lightning and 53 SRC's needing a lot of work in the water.

The kids themselves, despite being the Club's largest group to ever sit for this program, pushed themselves and did outstandingly well in both the Wet and Dry assessments - they all passed with flying colours.

After achieving their award, many of them came to the beach and volunteered to do patrols on the weekend and some helped with water safety for Nippers. They are a fantastic asset to the community, and we should be proud of them all.

**Michael Stanley-Jones** | Age Manager





# MEMBERSHIP

## ACTIVE MEMBER (15-18 YRS)

Arnold.....Holly  
Baczkowski.....Molly  
Bell.....Lucy  
Binns.....Alice  
Borges.....James  
Brennan.....Rosie  
Brigstocke.....Keira  
Carter.....Angela  
Carter.....Chelsea  
Castagna.....Marcello  
Davis.....Cooper  
Dekker.....Natasha  
Dickinson.....Taylor  
Elliott.....Krystal  
Ferris-Halliday.....Priya  
Franco.....Luciano  
Frost.....Joy  
Goudie.....Emily  
Goudie.....Georgia  
Hardwick.....Ethan  
Holloway.....Tom  
Hume.....Ruby  
Johns.....Lucy  
Kurtz.....William  
Lane.....Oscar  
Lehman.....Toby  
Leigh.....Joshua  
Letts.....Tyson  
Molloy.....Max  
Morley.....Isobel  
Newham.....Joseph  
Nolan.....Claude  
Nosworthy.....Hamish  
Pabst.....Amelie  
Pace.....Samuel  
Panambalana.....Luca  
Pegler.....Ben  
Pegler.....Isla  
Riley.....Annabel  
Riley.....Luke  
Roberts.....Reef  
Robinson.....Jasmin  
Stephenson.....Hannah  
Stewart.....Stirling  
Stoddard.....Samuel  
van der Wallen.....Petronella  
Warrener.....Zoe

## ACTIVE MEMBER (18YRS AND OVER)

Adoncello.....Alexandra  
Adoncello.....Remo  
Alston.....Freya  
Alston.....Julia  
Aranda.....Agustin  
Baierl.....Laura Anna  
Barber.....Todd  
Barns.....Paris

Bell.....Molly  
Bloore.....Ross  
Brady.....Ella  
Brennan.....Matthew  
Broderick.....Charlotte  
Broderick.....Stephen  
Brown.....Ashley  
Bryden.....Douglas  
Buckingham.....Isabel  
Buckingham.....Neil  
Buddin.....Catherine  
Byrnes.....Cain  
Carlen-Jorgensen.....Anja  
Chadwick.....Scott  
Chinnock.....Ben  
Clark.....Andrew  
Clarke.....Andrew  
Cole.....Fergus  
Colley.....Thomas  
Cook.....Gary  
Cowan.....Sean  
Creighton.....Hugh  
Cutrie.....Eliza  
Dale.....Amanda  
Dale.....Jason  
Dale.....Regan  
Dale.....Zachary  
Diaz.....Victorio  
DiBiagio.....Elena  
Dorer.....Pia  
Drain.....Amanda  
Drain.....Dale  
Dunlop-Jones.....Emma  
Dwight.....Hamish  
Early.....Stephen  
Eastwood.....Gemma  
Egerton.....Kara  
Egerton.....Patrick  
Elliott.....William  
Erskine.....Paul  
Ferris.....Aisha  
Field.....Elliot  
Finkeldey.....Robert  
Forster.....Russell  
Fredrikze.....Harmen  
Frost.....Ruth  
Frost.....Steve  
Gerasimov.....Dennis  
Gligorevic.....Olivia  
Graham.....Kelly  
Guacci.....Stephanie Micaela  
Hawke.....Jordan  
Hayes.....Debra  
Hearne.....Anthony  
Hellyer.....Adam  
Holmes.....Sophie  
James.....Ellis  
Jeppesen.....Margit  
Jones.....Steven  
Jones-Hughes.....Julia  
Julius.....Andrew  
Kanellopoulos.....Jessica  
Keetley.....Richard

Kennedy.....Andrew  
King.....Simon  
Kurtz.....Michael  
Lamb.....Melissa  
Lane.....Cameron  
Lehman.....Amanda  
Leistad.....Craig  
Letts.....Darren  
Lever.....Matthew  
Mayall.....Sally  
Mahn.....Alan  
Manning.....Craig  
Martins.....Pepita  
Mayall.....Matthew  
McCormack.....Sean  
McCulla.....Jeremy  
McEwan.....Kerry  
McGilchrist.....Henry  
McKay.....Bernadette  
Medina.....Facundo  
Mican.....Patrice  
Mills.....Chloe  
Mills.....Lachie  
Mills.....Nina  
Mitton.....Michael  
Molloy.....Lucas  
Moran.....Alan  
Moran.....Tess  
Morgan-Smith.....Rosemary  
Morley.....Dan  
Morrison.....Gordon  
Morrison.....Jae  
Mullally-Forster.....Joann  
Murray.....Shannon  
Neasmith.....Tara  
Nehama.....Marc  
Egerton.....Jack  
Noble.....Patrick  
Nosworthy.....James  
O'Driscoll.....Rachel  
Oscroft.....Bruce  
Paice.....Larry  
Paice.....Melissa  
Palmer.....Murray  
Parker.....Grant  
Parker.....Nicholas  
Pellett.....Matt  
Peters.....Felicity  
Petersen.....Lauren  
Petersen.....Neil  
Pidgion.....Robert  
Pinheiro.....Leonardo  
Pitt.....Oliver  
Prandle.....Nicola  
Purnell.....Louise  
Richardson.....Naomi  
Riches.....Jack  
Riley.....Stephen  
Roberts.....Jack  
Robinson.....Scott  
Roets.....Sarel  
Roldan.....Adrian  
Rooke.....Erin

Schaut.....Harrison  
Seaglove.....Grace  
Solan.....Tim  
Spencer.....David  
Stanley.....Dax  
Stilwell.....Victoria  
Stoddard.....Giles  
Stoddard.....Stephanie  
Sumsy.....Victor  
Taggart.....Blake  
Tan.....Helen  
Taylor.....Simon  
Teale.....Ray  
Tran.....Julia  
Valentine.....Sophie  
van der Vegt.....Anton  
Verity.....Rachel  
Ward.....Geoffrey  
Williamson.....Petra  
Williment.....Rebecca  
Wood.....Nicholas

## ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Antrum.....Michael  
Antrum.....Patricia  
Archer.....John  
Banham.....Alan  
Barnes.....Warwick  
Bradbury.....Stephen  
Buckley.....Jonathan  
Burgess.....Warren  
Campbell.....Bruce  
Campbell.....Ian  
Chandler.....Julie  
Chaugule.....Beena  
Collins.....William  
Compton.....Max  
Cornwell.....Ross  
Dobson.....Patricia  
Doyle.....Dennis  
Durrant.....Nicholas  
English.....Philip  
Fletcher.....Shannon  
Gibb.....Judith  
Goodrich.....Peter  
Hall.....Bruce  
Helm.....Richard  
Henderson.....Bryce  
Holt.....Carl  
Holt.....Lorraine  
Horne.....Ray  
Hume.....Jo  
Little.....John  
Marles.....Geoff  
Mathers.....Anthony  
O'Connor.....James  
O'Neill.....John  
Pike.....Helga  
Rundle.....David  
Stevens.....Philip  
van der Zee.....Ron  
Willcocks.....Mark

## CADET MEMBER (13-15 YEARS)

Andrews.....Holly  
Arnold.....Patrick  
Attrill.....Louis  
Beckett.....Storm  
Behdasht.....Mace  
Berg.....Eden  
Brennan.....Ryan  
Brigstocke.....Riley  
Bullen.....Rocket  
Carlton.....Lachlan  
Challis.....Annabel  
Davis.....Willow  
Decker.....Poppy  
Dwight.....Louis  
Egerton.....Millie  
Elliott.....Tahli  
Evans.....Harry  
Eves.....Layla  
Eves.....Riley  
Flaye-Poulson.....Max  
Franco.....Otylia  
Garland.....Scarlett  
Geyle.....Octavius  
Harris.....Isla  
Hiney.....Mateo  
Jones.....Charlotte  
Kerr.....Archer  
Lane.....Sophie  
Lee.....Bianca  
Legge.....Toby  
Mahon.....Claire  
Mahon.....Joshua  
Mitchell.....Jake  
Newman.....Hugo  
Nolan.....Isla  
Nosworthy.....Annabelle  
Palmer.....Charlie  
Preston.....Chelsea  
Prideaux.....Sam  
Randall.....Sophia  
Riches.....Charlie  
Riley.....Emily  
Robbins.....Rex  
Roberts.....Freddy  
Robinson.....Josie  
Ross.....Clara  
Sarsfield.....Poppy  
Stanley-Jones.....Ethan  
Stephenson.....Jakob  
Stoddard.....Sophie  
Telfer.....Poppy  
Toll.....Evie  
Trout.....Charlotte  
van der Vegt.....Hugo  
Walters.....Nathan  
Warren.....Edward  
Warren.....Olivia  
Wellings.....Logan  
Whalley.....Ted  
Williams.....Zara  
Wolthers.....Ella  
Wood.....Ella

## GENERAL MEMBER

Adams.....Charles  
Adams.....Lucy  
Andersen.....Mark  
Andrews.....Bronwyn  
Armas.....Karla  
Arnold.....Martine  
Arnold.....Nicholas  
Attrill.....Anja  
Attrill.....Glenn  
Austin.....Alexander  
Austin.....Leanne  
Baker.....Daniel  
Baker.....James  
Baker.....Shireen  
Baker.....Vanessa  
Bannerman.....Andrew  
Bannerman.....Chantelle  
Barton.....Christian  
Barton.....Holly  
Barwick.....Andrew  
Barwick.....Prue  
Beckett.....Matthew  
Beckett.....Skye  
Belcher.....Emma  
Belcher.....Giles  
Bell.....Kylie  
Berg.....Anna  
Berg.....Arne Ronny  
Biggs.....Justine  
Billing.....James  
Billing.....Rebecca  
Bird.....John  
Blakemore.....Kathryn  
Blakemore.....Scott  
Borges.....Helder  
Borges.....Paola  
Borrett.....Paul  
Bourke.....Lynda  
Brady.....Daniel  
Brakell.....Caroline  
Brakell.....Grant  
Brennan.....Tim  
Brigstocke.....Cliff  
Brodie.....Amanda  
Browne.....Kari  
Bryant.....Nick  
Buckingham.....Karen  
Burge.....James  
Butler.....James  
Butler.....Kate  
Byrne.....Melissa  
Byrne.....Ryan  
Calleja.....Alexander  
Calleja.....Jeffrey  
Calleja.....Kai  
Calleja.....Lisette  
Calverley.....Jon  
Calverley.....Miree  
Campbell.....James  
Canabal-Sanmartin.....Catalina

Cannella.....Anna  
Carmont.....Jacqueline  
Challis.....Geoff  
Chinnock.....Natasha  
Clark.....Bethany  
Clark.....Cam  
Clark.....Edward  
Clarke.....Katherine  
Colley.....John  
Daley.....Elise  
Daly.....Peter  
Daly.....Sarah  
Davidson.....Emma  
Davis.....Paige  
Day.....Kris  
Decker.....Fiona  
Decker.....Mark  
Dell.....Moo  
Dell.....Murray  
Dent.....Matthew  
Dezarnaulds.....James  
Diniz Gratton.....Luna  
Du Chateau.....Fay  
Du Chateau.....Myles  
Duvnjak.....Barbara  
Dwight.....Claire  
Edwards.....Amiee  
Edwards.....Leon  
Elliott.....Daniel  
Evans.....Joel  
Eves.....Jemma  
Farrell.....Rebecca  
Farrington.....David  
Ferris.....Elysha  
Ferris.....Emma  
Ferris.....James  
Flaye.....Robert  
Fletcher.....Evan  
Forster.....Adam  
Forster.....Josie  
Forsyth.....Craig  
Forsyth.....Fiona  
Franco.....Emily  
Fraser.....Miles  
Frowde.....Melinda  
Gee.....Harriet  
Geftakis.....Spili  
Georgeson.....Lucienne  
Gimenez.....Andre  
Goldsmith.....Andrew  
Goldsmith.....Philippa  
Good.....Claudette  
Goodare.....Matthew  
Gratton.....Franklin  
Gray.....Amelia  
Gray.....Paul  
Greene.....Chris  
Greene.....Liz  
Gregory.....Christopher  
Groeger.....Lars  
Gulla.....Heidi  
Harding.....Paul  
Harrington.....Jenny

Harrington.....Tim  
Harris.....John  
Harris.....Rebecca  
Harrison.....Clare  
Harrison.....Luke  
Hartog.....Sebastien  
Hatton.....Kym  
Hawkins.....Kathryn  
Hawkins.....Ric  
Hayes.....Ashley  
Haynes.....Jason  
Hayward.....Mathew  
Hayward.....Pollyanna  
Hickey.....Aimee  
Hickey.....Ty  
Hicks.....Lydia  
Hicks.....Michael  
Higgins.....Luke  
Hilton.....Gail  
Hiney.....Mark  
Horvath.....Astrid  
Horvath.....Brandon  
Houtman.....Michelle  
Hrastovsek.....Nika  
Hyman.....David  
Jackson.....Emily  
Jackson.....Nik  
Jaijee.....Tara  
James.....Steve  
Jans.....Paul  
Jaunault.....Frederic  
Jayesuria.....Jacqui  
Jayesuria.....James  
Johnson.....Andrew  
Johnson.....James  
Johnson.....Shannon  
Kakasi.....Peter  
Kannard.....Andrew Roy  
Kannard.....Chiara  
Kelly.....Dylan  
Kelly.....Kristin  
Kennedy.....Nicole  
Kennison.....Michael  
Kerr.....David  
Kerr.....Michele  
King.....Alicia  
King.....James  
King.....Katherine  
King.....Tom  
King.....Victoria  
Kirby.....Claire  
Kirby.....Peter  
Knight.....Eric  
Kokenge.....Rike  
Krausmann.....Ariadne  
La Spina.....Justin  
Lane.....Lisa  
Latham.....Stuart  
Laurich.....Alison Jean  
Laurich.....Thomas  
Legge.....Don  
L'Green.....Adam  
L'Green.....Jessica





Ling.....Lauren  
Lloyd.....Richard  
Lock.....Kesiah  
Lodge.....Rebecca  
Lohe.....Anna  
Lorentzos.....Michelle  
Lorentzos.....Peter  
Love.....Emma  
Love.....Ryan  
Loxton.....Kristill  
Loxton.....Tim  
Lucic.....Alison  
Lucic.....Mile  
Lukas.....David  
Lukas.....Julia  
Macgregor.....Emily  
Macgregor.....Pete  
Mahon.....Erica  
Mahon.....Simon  
Mangleson.....Stephanie  
Martin.....Lucy  
Mason.....Robert  
Mayer.....Christof  
Mayer.....Narelle  
Mcbryde.....Katie  
Mcbryde.....Paul  
McCormack.....Urszula  
Mccoy.....Pennie  
Mcevoy.....Fiona  
McGeachie.....Cameron  
McGowan.....Kelly  
McIntosh.....Lorraine  
Mckinnon.....Emma  
Mckinnon.....Toby  
McLeod Street.....Mia  
Mcquade.....Rob  
Mctaggart.....Emma  
Medel.....Claudio  
Merwood.....Gavin  
Miller.....Jamie  
Millner.....Bede  
Millner.....Lauren  
Mills.....Anthony  
Minter.....Lionel  
Mitchell.....James  
Mitchell.....Renee  
Mockford.....Dane  
Monro.....Heidi  
Moody.....Graham  
Moran.....Liz  
Morley.....Kirsten  
Moss.....David  
Moss.....Melanie  
Mow.....Cassandra  
Mulheron.....Leanne  
Murray.....Myles  
Nash.....Jacob  
Neeson.....Julie  
Neeson.....Kevin  
Nelson.....Lee  
Newman.....Jane  
Nguyen.....Fiona  
Nguyen.....James

Nguyen.....Lauren  
Noonan.....Jennie  
Noyes.....Elizabeth  
Noyes.....Jonathon  
Oscroft.....Sharon  
Pak Poy.....Simon  
Palmer.....Oliver  
Panambalana.....Sean  
Parker.....Kathryn  
Parry-Okeden.....Henry  
Parsons.....Jodi  
Parsons.....Todd  
Payne.....Sarah  
Payne-Rimmer.....Mahalia  
Peck.....Elise  
Peck.....James  
Pegler.....Nicola  
Pellett.....Maria  
Pilgrim.....Adam  
Pilgrim.....Kirsten  
Playoust-Colley.....Margarita  
Poppleton.....David  
Porter.....Angela  
Pottie.....Radka  
Pratt.....Rick  
Preketes.....Simon  
Pritchard.....Anna  
Pritchard.....Chris  
Pszczonka.....Krystal  
Rainey.....Danielle  
Randall.....Stuart  
Read.....Kimberley  
Regitz.....Julia  
Regitz.....Tim  
Riches.....Alex  
Riches.....Catherine  
Robbins.....Gabriella  
Roberts.....Ben  
Roberts.....Lauren  
Roberts.....Moana  
Robinson.....Amethyst  
Robinson.....Jason  
Robinson.....Peter  
Robinson.....Sasha  
Rodgers.....David  
Roets.....Belinda  
Rollison.....Kristin  
Rollison.....Nicholas  
Ross.....Patrick  
Roth.....Renate  
Ruiz Del Portal.....Jon  
Sadrinna.....Christopher  
Sarsfield.....Aidan  
Schaut.....Martin  
Scott.....Claire  
Scott.....Karen  
Scott.....Simon  
Scruby.....Jacqueline  
Scruby.....Michael  
Seale.....Brianna  
Sessantini.....Matteo  
Shaw.....Brandon  
Shaw.....Jessica

Shaw.....Thomas  
Skelton.....Belinda  
Smart.....Genevieve  
Smith.....Andrew  
Smith.....Emma  
Smith.....Leah  
Smouha.....Charles  
Smouha.....Jessica  
Soulard.....Susan  
Soulard.....Yoann  
Stapleton.....Lauren  
Staude.....Miles  
Steedman.....Michael  
Stevens.....Brad  
Stevens.....Rebecca  
Stewart.....Fionna  
Stockbuerger.....Stephane  
Street.....Chris  
Tayler.....Phil  
Telfer.....Matthew  
Teni.....Melinda  
Teni.....Michael  
Terry.....Alexandria  
Thompson.....Richard  
Thompson.....Samantha  
Tiernan.....Jackie  
Towner.....Skye  
Trybocka.....Anna  
Ulvesund.....Tess  
Vaidyanathan.....Nik  
Van Criekeing.....Roel  
Van Senden.....Hendrik  
Van Senden.....Sarah  
Vasconcelos Martins.....Henrique  
Venter.....Nadine  
Venter.....Nick  
Veriga.....Kristin  
Vermeij.....Johanna  
Wagner.....Annabelle  
Walker.....Natalie  
Walsh.....Sarah  
Walters.....Adam  
Walters.....Katharine  
Warner.....Jill  
Watts.....Anika  
Wellings.....Melissa  
Whalley.....Clare  
White.....Carolyn  
White.....Tom  
Williams.....Sarah  
Willis.....Alex  
Wilson.....John  
Wilson.....Lija  
Wolthers.....Amanda  
Womersley.....Craig  
Womersley.....Samantha  
Woolford.....John  
Wyatt.....James

JUNIOR ACTIVITY  
MEMBER (5-13 YRS)

Abrahams.....Harrison  
Abrahams.....William  
Adams.....Archie  
Adams.....Charlotte  
Adams.....Henry  
Agne.....Mila  
Andersen.....Bradley  
Archer.....Malie  
Arnold.....Cameron  
Arnold.....Lachlan  
Baker.....Noah  
Baker.....Tahlia  
Bannerman.....Brax  
Bannerman.....Charlie  
Bannerman.....Mia  
Bannerman.....Zach  
Barns.....Aijay  
Barton.....Archie  
Barton.....Bobby  
Barwick.....Chloe  
Barwick.....Sophie  
Beckett.....River  
Belcher.....Estella  
Belcher.....Thomas  
Billing.....Koa  
Billing.....Ryder  
Blakemore.....Michael  
Borges.....Camilla  
Brady.....Emily  
Brady.....Joshua  
Brakell.....Stephanie  
Brennan.....Isabelle  
Brennan.....Sean  
Bryant.....Annabel  
Budja.....Isaac  
Burge.....Alexander  
Burge.....Nicolas  
Butler.....Jack  
Byrne.....Ellie  
Byrne.....Jacob  
Calverley.....Freddie  
Calverley.....Oscar  
Campbell.....Olivia  
Carreno.....Elia  
Chinnock.....Isaac  
Clark.....Arlo  
Clark.....Emily  
Clark.....Isabella  
Clark.....Lachlan  
Clarke.....Abby  
Clarke.....Ben  
Clarke.....Vivien  
Colley.....Orlando  
Cowan.....Finn  
Creighton.....Gus  
Creighton.....Henry  
Creighton.....Lachlan  
Daly.....Alice  
Daly.....Oscar



Decker .....Gus  
Dell.....Harry  
Dent.....Hunter  
Dent.....Marlowe  
Dezarnaulds .....Eden  
Drain.....Alina  
Drain.....Callisto  
Du Chateau.....Oscar  
Dwight.....Flynn  
Edwards .....Lucy  
Farrington .....Henry  
Ferris.....Hugo  
Ferris.....Indiana  
Flaye-Poulson ....Leo  
Forster.....Harrison  
Forsyth.....Jackson  
Forsyth.....William  
Franco Manning....Elettra  
Fraser Morley.....Isla  
Fraser Morley.....Louis  
Frost.....Felix  
Geftakis .....Abbey  
Goldsmith.....Adelaide  
Goldsmith.....Darcy  
Good .....Broderick  
Good .....Edsel  
Good .....Sullivan  
Goodare .....Cecilia  
Gratton .....Daniela  
Gratton .....Lia  
Gray .....Marli  
Greene.....Matthew  
Gregory .....Griffin  
Gregory .....India  
Groeger .....Lou  
Gulla .....Chloe  
Gulla .....Lucas  
Harrington .....Angus  
Harrington .....Eve  
Harris.....Joseph  
Harrison.....Indigo  
Harrison.....River  
Harrison.....Summa  
Hartog .....Mack  
Hatton.....Sontje  
Hatton.....Theda  
Hawkins .....Eve  
Hayes.....Banjo  
Hayes.....Goldie  
Haynes.....Benji  
Hayward.....Quinn  
Hellyer .....Allie  
Hickey .....Oscar  
Hickey .....Phoenix  
Hicks.....Alfred  
Hicks.....Mathilda  
Higgins.....Joni  
Hiney.....Luca  
Hobson.....Kai  
Horvath.....Hugh  
Hyman.....Isabella  
Jackson.....Esme  
Jackson.....Freya

Jackson.....Oliver  
Jaijee Lloyd .....Huxley  
Jaijee Lloyd .....Misty  
James .....Joshua  
Jans.....Bianka  
Jans.....Tristan  
Jaunault .....Clara  
Jaunault .....Louisa  
Jayesuria .....Justin  
Johnson.....Jayden  
Johnson.....Joen  
Johnson.....Lennox  
Jones .....Quinn  
Jones .....Xanthe  
Kannard.....Matilda  
Kelly .....Hugh  
Kennedy.....Lillian Grace  
Kennison.....Arlo  
Kerr .....Toby  
King .....Archie  
King .....Beau  
King .....Charlie  
King .....Frankie  
King .....Maisie  
King .....Olive  
Kirby .....Chester  
Knight.....Elinor  
Knight.....Margaret  
Lamont .....Baxter  
Lane.....Madelyn  
Lane.....Patrick  
Lane.....Travis  
Latham .....Andie  
Latham .....Hugh  
Laurich.....Bill  
Laurich.....Roy  
Lee.....Maxwell  
Lehman .....Bonnie  
Letts.....Finlay  
L'Green.....Bodhi  
Ling.....Benjamin  
Ling.....James  
Ling.....Scarlett  
Lock .....Poppy  
Lorentzos.....Georgie  
Lorentzos.....Leon  
Love.....Audrey  
Loxton.....Andy  
Lucic .....Olivia  
Lukas .....Johnny  
Macgregor.....Leo  
Macgregor.....Will  
Macintosh.....Rae  
Mahon .....James  
Mangleson .....Taj  
Martin .....Benjamin  
Martin .....Luke  
Martin .....Oliver  
Mason .....Jack  
Mayer .....Aude  
Mayer .....Elisabeth  
Mayer .....Solomon  
Mcbryde.....Khaleesi

Mcbryde.....Maximillian  
McCormack.....Arabella  
McCormack.....Dashiehl  
Mccormack .....Zygmunt  
McGeachie .....Mila  
Mckinnon .....Maddy  
McLeod Bevans.....Tiggy  
McLeod Street .....Poppy  
Mcquade.....Flynn  
Mctaggart .....Joshua  
Medel.....Kleioh  
Medel.....Raphael  
Merwood .....Charlotte  
Merwood .....Sofia  
Miller .....Oshi  
Millner.....Freya  
Millner.....Remi  
Mills .....Sophia  
Minter .....Edwin  
Mockford .....Teddy  
Moody .....Leo  
Morrison .....Lucinda  
Morrison .....Max  
Moss .....Stirling  
Murray .....Sia  
Murray .....Wade  
Nash .....Ollie  
Neeson .....Ethan  
Neeson .....Oliver  
Nguyen.....Lachlan  
Nguyen.....Rose  
Noble .....Amelia  
Noyes.....Hazel  
Oliver.....Byron  
Oliver.....Lilli  
Oscroft.....Harvey  
Oscroft.....Hugh  
Otsuka .....Maya  
Paice .....Eden  
Paice .....Mikayla  
Pak Poy .....Annika  
Pak Poy .....Blake  
Palmer.....Scarlett  
Parry-Okeden.....Oliver  
Parry-Okeden.....Ruby  
Parsons.....Marni  
Peck .....Chloe  
Peck .....Isabel  
Pellett.....Genevieve  
Pellett.....Monty  
Pilgrim .....Rosemary  
Pilgrim .....Thomas  
Poppleton .....Cassian  
Poppleton .....Tully  
Pottie.....Emma  
Pottie.....Michelle  
Pritchard .....Billy  
Pritchard .....Tom  
Pszczonka.....Jake  
Pszczonka.....Kate  
Randall.....Jack  
Regitz .....Emily  
Regitz .....Joshua

Regitz .....Marlene  
Roberts.....Evie  
Robinson .....Ari  
Robinson .....Nate  
Robinson .....Poppy  
Rodgers.....Oscar  
Roets .....Amelie  
Rollison.....Andrew  
Rollison.....Vaughn James  
Ross .....Ella  
Ross .....Scarlett  
Ruiz Del Portal Greene...Ellie Rose  
Ruiz Del Portal Greene...Kitty Mae  
Sadrinna.....Asher  
Sadrinna.....Mila  
Sanders.....Emily  
Sarsfield.....Austin  
Scott .....Hugo  
Scruby.....Saskia  
Scruby.....Sienna  
Shaw.....Ayrton  
Shaw.....Marcus  
Smith.....Benjamin  
Smith.....James  
Smith.....Maple  
Smouha.....Bonnie  
Stauder .....Blake  
Steedman .....Alfie  
Steedman .....Floyd  
Stephenson .....Lukas  
Stewart .....Eleanor  
Stilwell .....Zachary  
Stockbuerger .....Ines  
Stoddard .....Luke  
Street.....Lucas  
Street.....Sullivan  
Susak .....Jystice  
Tayler.....Finnegan  
Teni .....Oliver  
Terry.....Oliver  
Thompson.....Hugo  
Thompson.....Oliver  
Thompson.....William  
Tiernan .....Evie  
Tiernan .....Luke  
Toll.....Willow  
Towner.....Harlow  
Towner.....Parker  
Ulvesund Fletcher .....Lumi  
Van Senden.....Theodore  
Venter .....Jessica Anne  
Venter .....Leo  
Warner.....Ethan  
Wellings.....Josie  
Wellings.....Quinn  
White.....Jemima  
Williams.....Brandon  
Willis.....Jimmy  
Willis.....Xavier  
Wilson .....Jack  
Wolthers.....Noa  
Womersley .....Michelle

LONG SERVICE MEMBER

Akehurst .....Melinda  
Alston.....Richard  
Arnold.....Lachlan  
Barber .....Amelia  
Bidencope.....Peter  
Bilson .....Tegan  
Brennan.....Jennifer  
Brennan.....Peter  
Bright .....Andrew  
Brown.....Jason  
Campbell .....Colin  
Campbell .....James  
Cardiff .....Ashley  
Channells.....Alan  
Chapman .....Tiffany  
Clerke .....Adam  
Colley .....Sally  
Crosky .....Alan  
Crow .....Andrew  
Curnow .....Thomas  
Dalglish .....Ian  
Davey .....Stephen  
Dempsey.....Tom  
Dieters .....Rob  
Farmer .....Matthew  
Fogwell.....Troy  
Friend.....Brian  
Friend.....Xanthe  
Gamble.....Wilson  
Geyle .....Damian  
Harper.....Jean  
Harris.....Geoffrey  
Head .....Virginia  
Herbert.....Duncan  
Hixson.....Tim

Hopton .....Robert  
King .....Michael  
Kingsford .....Peter  
Klemm .....Volker  
Lee.....Danielle  
Lee.....David  
Lees.....Diane  
Lindop .....Charles  
Macintosh.....Donovan  
McGuckin .....Chris  
Nesbitt.....Jeffrey  
Petersen .....Glen  
Pottie.....Mark  
Quinlan.....Patrick  
Richardson .....Robert  
Roberts.....David  
Salmon .....Grant  
Sampson.....Nicholas  
Scarborough .....Loretta  
Schofield.....Adam  
Stanley-Jones.....Michael  
Stilwell.....Evan  
Stutchbury.....Richard  
Tilbury.....Beverley  
Turner .....Douglas  
van der Wallen ....Adriaan  
Warrener .....Darren  
White.....Ian  
Willcoxson .....Warwick  
Williams.....Brenton  
Williams.....Maree  
Wishart .....Donna  
Wolthers.....Shaun  
Wright OAM.....Ian  
Zinga.....Steve



LIFE MEMBER

Barber .....Terry  
Carter .....Peter  
Cole.....Richard  
Head.....Robert  
Heffernan.....Mark  
Hopton OAM.....Christine  
Jacek.....Stephan  
Lindop .....Louise  
Luke .....Roland  
Mitchell .....Donald  
Mitchell .....Richard  
Mitchell .....Warren  
Muston .....Bruce  
Sayers OAM.....Roger  
Shuttleworth.....George  
Veale.....Kevin  
Wall .....William  
Watt .....Kevin  
Wellings.....Nathan  
Young OAM.....Warren

AWARD MEMBER

Muller-Hawkins ...Sue  
Searl OAM.....Geoff

HONORARY MEMBER

Carter .....Tammy  
Goudie.....Susie  
Greenwood .....Brett  
Moffatt.....Claudie

PROBATIONARY MEMBER

Tan .....Simon  
van der Vegt .....Esme

LEAVE/ RESTRICTED MEMBER

Head.....Mark  
Holtheuer .....Sonia  
Roberts.....Ava  
Valentine.....Leanne





# VALE

MICHAEL BYRNES OAM AND HIS WIFE PAMELA BYRNES

KEN BAXTER

KEITH FEEHELY

JACK WATT

NORMA WATT

## MICHAEL BYRNES OAM

Life Member Michael Byrnes passed away on 22 March 2023.

He was also a Life Member of each of the associations SLSSNB, SLSNSW and Surf Life Saving Australia, a remarkable achievement and commitment from a single individual. Michael was awarded his Bronze Medallion during the 1952/1953 season and followed it up with his Instructor's Certificate in the 1956/1957 season. During the 1978/1979 season he became an Advanced Resuscitation Instructor. He held many positions within our Club including Vice Captain, Chief Instructor, Gear Steward, Publicity Officer, Registrar and Treasurer for two terms totaling seven seasons viz. from 1981 - 1983 and again from 1990 - 1995. He was also a member of the General Committee and the Judiciary Committee and in 2013 was the recipient of a 60 year long service award. He was awarded Life Membership of our Club in 1986 and was head of the Life Membership and Long Service Awards Committee when he passed away.

Besides the many years of service to our Club he also served as Assessor, Examiner and Official for the Branch. The roles he held during those years at Branch level are worth listing:

Between 1972 and 1977 he was Deputy Superintendent of the Branch.

He was also Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Branch Team

Manager, State Centre Management Delegate, Registrar for the Board of Examiners, Assistant Treasurer, Liaison Officer to Metropolitan.

He also served on the Selection Committee, Constitution Committee, Judiciary Committee, Finance Committee, Boat Committee, Life Saving Committee, Gear Improvement Committee, Gear Inspection Committee and Boat Rowers' Committee.

In 2011 he received 50 years of Officiating Service Award from the Branch.

At State level in 1981/1982, Michael was elected Deputy President of SLSNSW from 1982 to 1984 and was then elected President from 1984 to 1989.

He also served as Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Trustee and was a member of the Constitution Committee, Finance Committee, Herald Gear Fund and Selection Committee.

In 1999 Michael was appropriately awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for Service to Surf Life Saving.

His devoted wife, Pam, had predeceased him in early February 2023.



## KEN BAXTER

Ken Baxter AM (23 October 1943 - 23 December 2022) joined the Club as a Nippers parent, was an Age Manager, an Assistant Trainer, and a Patrolling Member from 1987/1988 to 1992/1993, along with his son Alistair (who later represented Australia in Rugby Union as a Wallaby). Ken was Secretary of the Club in 1988/1989. He left the Club when he and the family moved interstate for Ken's career.

He was Director General of the peak State Government agency, the Premier's Department, and served the public in this role in both NSW and Victoria, the only person since Federation to have done so.

Ken was intelligent, energetic, and reliable at both the Club and at work. A professional bureaucrat of integrity and common

sense at a time in the not so distant past when providing impartial and fearless advice to Ministers was the norm, Ken was my boss at work and I was his boss at the Club. There were never any conflicts.

He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to public administration and agricultural reform on Australia Day 2022.

He is survived by wife Annabel, their children and partners Sarah and Edward, Alastair and Jenny, Nick and Miranda, and grandchildren Will, Jimmy, Juliet, Lucy, Finn, Ed, Henry, Sandy, Rosie, and Frankie.

## KEITH FEEHELY

Keith Feehely grew up in Narrabeen with mum, dad and elder brother Barry. They lived in a tent on one of the permanent camp sites at Narrabeen Lakeside Camping Area before moving to Avalon Beach in 1959. The family moved into a house on Edmund Hock Lane behind the shopping centre.

Barry was awarded his Bronze Medallion in the 1955/1956 season and then Keith joined him a few seasons later. He jumped out of the blocks, taking out the Junior Belt, Junior Surf, and the Junior Beach Sprint. Consequently, he became the Junior Club Champion in 1961/1962 with his name on the Mignon War Memorial Shield.

Not a bad feat after losing his dad (a vice-president) in a motor vehicle accident on Old Barrenjoey Road earlier that season.

'Friendly', (Brian Friend), travelled from Narrabeen to surf with Keith and remembers him being called 'Phloss' – an abbreviated form of philosopher. Keith never answered a question basically but would embellish it with all the 'whats, whys, and wherefores' he could summon up. Keith also helped as a committee member during the 1962/1963 season as the delegate to the SLA and as a member of the judiciary committee.

Brother Barry was Vice-Captain of the beach football team in

1963/1964 when Keith joined in. 'Friendly' reckoned he 'scorched sand' scoring the leading number of tries that season.

In 1964/1965 he took on the job of Registrar and in 1966/1967 became a Patrol Captain.

Barry and Keith both contributed to the running of 'The Stomp' when it began at Avalon Beach in the early 1960s. Unfortunately, they were forced to take it to North Narrabeen when the timber joists of the new Clubhouse began bending while carrying the load.

In March 1967 he married the love of his life, Kathleen Walcott. They moved to Western Australia where their daughter Jennifer was born in 1970 but returned soon after when their son Jason was born in 1972.

Keith brushed up on his Bronze Medallion requirements and joined the 'Old Farts' patrol for a time.

Sadly, Jason died in 2021, one year before Keith passed away on 13 November 2022. He is survived by his wife and three grandchildren.



## JACK WATT

Jack Watt joined the Avalon Beach SLSC in 1949 and obtained his Qualifying Certificate in the 1952/1953 season – no doubt influenced by the great times his elder brother and Club member Max was having.

During the 1953/1954 season he was awarded his Bronze Medallion and was slotted into Patrol number 3 with Reg Wood as his Patrol Captain.

In 1958/1959 Jack became a Patrol Captain and according to historical Annual Reports, he joined the 'Benedict's Club' (married) in that year.

He married Nola Byrne, and they had 3 daughters – Jackie, Karen and Kerry.

During the 1950s he played beach football for the Club.

In the mid-1960s he partnered his brother Max in the double ski and together they won several branch titles as 'veteran' double ski paddlers; that was until Max (paddling up front) caught Jack playing at being a sea-anchor as they slid off the back of a huge wave which could have won them another title (had Jack not been dragging both legs!).

The handsome Jack was never far from admirers as captured by this great photograph taken at a Bondi carnival. The photograph shows Jack having donned a belt with line in tow, keenly surrounded by three dancers from the touring Russian Ballet.

In 1986 he was awarded Life Membership for service to the Club.

Like his brother, Jack was a great fisherman who's favourite saying was "you can fish in the rain but not in the wind".

He later married Robyn Forster and a Facebook entry in 2013 shows a picture of them both with the caption "in Nova Scotia with my darling Robyn".

Jack passed away on 17 February 2023.

He is survived by his three daughters who have booked the Surf Club for next year when his ashes will be scattered along with a celebration of his life.



## NORMA WATT

As we go to press, we sadly advise that Norma wife of Max Watt passed away 3 July 2023. A tribute to Norma will appear in next year's Annual Report RIP.



# 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 used for surf rescue 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, Maroochydhore.
- 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 Female 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 Female 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.
- 2010 SLSA Hall of Fame (Administration) Ian (Rick) Wright.
- SLSA Independent Director – 2013 – Christine Hopton.
- First female Life Member – 2015 – Christine Hopton
- First Avalon Beach female surf boat crew to represent Australia 2018 – Avocados - Elena Di-Biagio, Lauren Peterson, Chloe Scott, Amelia Barber. Sweep, Nathan Wellings.
- First Avalon Beach female surf boat crew to represent NSW 2018 – Bandits - Ellie Mackay, Rebecca Elliot, Rachel Strong, Ashleigh Norman. Sweep, Peter Carter.
- Inaugural Winners of the Reserve Female Surf Boat Australian Final 2018 – Bandits - Ellie Mackay, Rebecca Elliot, Rachel Strong, Ashleigh Norman. Sweep, Peter Carter.
- Inaugural Winners of the U19 Female Surf Boat Australian Final 2018 – Chaneels - Ella Brady, Sophie Jones, Robyn Husband, Imogen Ponton. Sweep, Rick Millar.
- 2018 Winner of SLSNSW Club of the Year.
- 2018 Winner of SLSA DHL Club of the Year.
- 2019 Family and Community Services NSW Community Club of the Year.

## 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.
- SLSNSB Branch Championships 2002 Masters – finished in the top 3. Every member who competed won at least one medal. First time that our Female 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.
- First female patrolling members Gina Rounds, Jodie Walker and Claudette Xuereb (Patrol 1) 1980-81.
- 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.
- First Female Patrol Captain - Nicole Akehurst - 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.
- First Patrol with Female Patrol Captain, Karen Fisher and Female Vice Captain, Belinda Sayers - 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 McCullea 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 Female Masters Surf Boat Crew comprising Donna Wishart, Tracey McCullea, 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.
- 2017 First female awarded an Australia Day Award, the OAM for services to Surf Life Saving – Christine Hopton.
- 2019 First member to participate in the Japan-Australia Lifesaver Exchange Program– Mike Stanley-Jones.
- 2020 First female Life Member, Surf Life Saving Australia – Christine Hopton OAM.
- 2020 First Surf Boat Relay medal in any level of competition – Silver Medal SLSNSW Championships.
- 2021 First virtual Annual General Meeting



OFFICE BEARERS - HISTORICAL

SEASON	PRESIDENT	DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING	DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
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	P Frazer (17.12.76) B Spencer (elect)
1977-78	D Crane	B Patterson	R Millar	B Mayles	B Spencer (res) P Frazer (elect)

SEASON	PRESIDENT	DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING	DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
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	D.Crane	P. Akehurst	M. Byrnes	M. O'Connor	L. Fargher
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
2001-02	M Heffernam	R Bidenceope	K Veale	P Carter	R Mitchell
2002-03	M Heffernam	R Bidenceope	R Dodds	C Davison	T Barber
2003-04	M Heffernam	R Bidenceope	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
2017-18	R Cole	L Austin	B McKay	M Akehurst/P Carter	S Broderick
2018-19	A Cardiff	L Austin	B McKay	M Akehurst/P Carter	M King
2019-20	A Cardiff	L Austin	B McKay	M Akehurst/M Stanley-Jones	M King
2020-21	A Cardiff	L Austin	A Brown	J Dale / N Sampson	M King
2021-22	B McKay	L Austin	A Brown	J Dale / N Sampson	M King
2022-23	B McKay	J Mullally-Forster	A Brown	J Dale / N Sampson	M King



# HALL OF FAME

## WORLD CHAMPIONS

YEAR	LOCATION	MEDAL	NAME	EVENT
2000	Australia	Gold	R. Mayers	Masters Male Tube Rescue
		Silver	R. Woolcott , L. Rowell, M. Keogh, K. Rooney, R. Millar (S)	Masters Female Surf Boat
			P. Fraser, W. Gamble	Masters Male Board Rescue
2005	Australia	Bronze	W. Gamble, C. McGuckin , D. Warrenner	150 Male Board Relay
2012	Australia	Gold	B. Tilbury, K. McEwan, T. McSullea, D. Wishart, R. Millar (S)	Masters Female Surf Boat
			C. Hopton, J. Magliano	50-54 Female Board Rescue
		Bronze	J. Magliano	50-54 Female Board
			C. McGuckin	55-59 Male Board
2014	France	Gold	B. Tilbury, K. McEwan, T. McSullea, D. Wishart, R. Millar (S)	Masters Female Surf Boat
		Bronze	C. McGuckin	60-64 Male Board
2016	The Netherlands	Gold	A. Bright, N. Sampson, M. Mayall, T. Curnow, N. Wellings (S)	U23 Male Surf Boat
			K. McEwan, K. Munro, B. Tilbury, D. Wishart, N. Wellings (S)	180+ Female Surf Boat
2018	Adelaide	Gold	C. McGuckin	65-69 Male Board
		Gold	C. McGuckin	65-69 Male Ironman
		Bronze	C. McGuckin, B. Richardson	65-69 Male Board Rescue



## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

YEAR	MEDAL	NAME	EVENT
1954	Silver	M. Watt	Open Male Single Ski
1956	Bronze	A. Hyde	Pillow Fight
1983	Silver	J. Kirk	Cadet Male Beach Flags
1984	Gold	J. Kirk	Jnr Male Beach Flags
	Bronze	J. Kirk	Open Male Flags
1985	Silver	J. Kirk	Jnr Male Beach Flags
1986	Bronze	J. Kirk	Jnr Male Beach Flags
1987	Bronze	J. Harper, P. Geyle, D. Lee, F. Hogan, P. Sturits	IRB Mass Rescue
1989	Silver	M. Heathcote, D. Johnson, B. Walker, M. Wood, R. Millar (S)	Open A Male Surf Boat
1993	Gold	M. Heathcote, D. Johnson, N. Press, B. Walker, R. Millar (S)	Open A Male Surf Boat
1994	Silver	B. Fulton, K. Marsh, S. Reilly, G. Russell, R. Millar (S)	40-44 Male Surf Boat
1995	Bronze	I. Dalgleish, J. Davison, M. Taranto, A. Wilson, R. Millar (S)	Junior Male Surf Boat
1996	Silver	P. Carter, M. Hulme, B. Wolthers, S. Wolthers, R. Millar (S)	Reserve Male Surf Boat
1999	Bronze	C. Davison, J. Hulme, M. Luke, N. Wellings, R. Millar (S)	U21 Male Surf Boat
2001	Bronze	W. Gamble, P. Fraser	55-59 Male Board Rescue
2003	Silver	C. Davison, D. Lee, M. Luke, N. Wellings, R. Millar (S)	Reserve Male Surf Boat
2004	Bronze	C. McGuckin	50-54 Male Board
2006	Gold	D. Herbert	40+ Malibu Long Board
	Bronze	C. McGuckin	50-54 Male Board
2008	Bronze	C. McGuckin	50-54 Male Board
2009	Gold	C. McGuckin	50-54 Male Board
	Bronze	C. McGuckin, A. van der Wallen, D. Warrenner	130+ Male Board Relay
2010	Gold	A. van der Wallen	40+ Malibu Long Board
		A. van der Wallen	40+ Short Board
	Silver	A. van der Wallen	Open Male Malibu Long Board
		C. McGuckin	55-59 Male Male Board
2011	Gold	C. McGuckin, A. van der Wallen, D. Warrenner	130+ Male Board Relay
		D. Wishart, R. Jennings, B. Tilbury, T. McSulley, R. Millar (S)	160+ Female Surf Boat
		P. Carter, A. Schofield, N. Wellings, B. Wolthers, R. Millar (S)	140+ Male Surf Boat
	Silver	C. McGuckin	55-59 Male Board
2012	Gold	C. McGuckin, B. Richardson, N. Wood	170+ Male Board Relay
		C. Hopton, M. Taylor	45-49 Female Board Rescue
	Gold	K. McEwan, T. McSullea, B. Tilbury, D. Wishart, R. Millar (S)	160+ Female Surf Boat
		A. van der Wallen	Masters Male Malibu Board
	Silver	C. Hopton	50-54 Female Board
		C. McGuckin	55-59 Male Board
		P. Carter, A. Schofield, N. Welling, B. Wolthers, R. Millar (S)	140+ Male Surf Boat
		N. Wood	Masters Male Long Board
		A. van der Wallen	Masters Male Short Board
	Bronze	G. Salmon	Masters Male Long Board

YEAR	MEDAL	NAME	EVENT
2013	Gold	K. McEwan, T. McSullea, B. Tilbury, D. Wishart, R. Millar (S)	160+ Female Surf Boat
		S. Wolthers, B. Wolthers, P. Carter, A. Schofield, R. Millar (S)	140+ Male Surf Boat
2014	Gold	K. Munro, T. McSullea, B. Tilbury, D. Wishart, R. Millar (S)	180+ Female Surf Boat
		C. McGuckin, G. Salmon, B. Richardson	170 Mixed Board Relay
		C. McGuckin	60-64 Male Surf Board
	Silver	C. McGuckin	60-64 Male Iron Man
2015	Gold	K. McEwan, T. McSullea, B. Tilbury, D. Wishart , N. Wellings (S)	180+ Female Surf Boat
	Bronze	C. McGuckin	60-64 Male Iron Man
2016	Silver	K. McEwan, K. Munro, B. Tilbury, D. Wishart, N. Wellings (S)	160+ Female Surf Boat
2017	Silver	A. Schofield , D. Johnson, P. Carter, S. Wolthers, N. Wellings (S)	180+ Male Surf Boat
	Bronze	A. Butler, K. Munro, B. Tilbury, D. Wishart, R. Millar (S)	180+ Female Surf Boat
2018	Gold	E. Brady, S. Jones, R. Husband, I. Ponton, R. Millar (S)	U19 Female Surf Boat
		A. Norman, R. Strong, R. Elliott, E. Mackay, P. Carter (S)	Reserve Female Surf Boat
	Silver	K. McEwan, T. McSullea, B. Tilbury, D. Wishart , N. Wellings (S)	180+ Female Surf Boat
	Bronze	A. Dale, S. Stoddard, S. Fletcher, M. Akehurst, R. Millar (S)	160+ Female Surf Boat
2019	Gold	A. Dale, S. Stoddard, S. Fletcher M. Akehurst, M. Mayall (S)	180+ Female Surf Boat
		C. McGuckin	65-69 Male Board
		C. McGuckin, B. Richardson	65-69 Board Rescue
	Silver	P. Carter, D. Johnson, A. Schofield A. Cardiff, N. Wellings (S)	180+ Male Surf Boat
	Bronze	J. Hawke, C. Lewis, L. Mills, R. Dale, P. Carter (S)	U19 Male Surf Boat
		C. McGuckin, D. Warrenner, A. Brown	150 Board Relay
		J. Harper	50-54 Male Beach Sprint
		B. Tilbury, S. Macintosh, K. Munro, D. Wishart, N. Wellings (S)	180+ Female Surf Boat
2020	Cancelled due to COVID-19 global pandemic		
2021	Silver	C. McGuckin	65-69 Male Board Race
		A. Lehman	45-49 Female 2km Beach Run
		J. Jones-Hughes	35-39 Female Ocean Swim
	Bronze	C. McGuckin	65-69 Male Iron Man
		A. Brown	45-49 Male Surf Race
		M. Akehurst, R. Frost, S. Macintosh, S. Stoddard, M. Mayall (S)	160+ Female Surf Boat
J. Harper		50+ Male Short Board	
2022	Gold	J. Harper	55-59 Male Short Board
		T. Curnow, M. Mayall, N. Sampson, A. Bright, N. Wellings (S)	Mens Reserve Grade Surf Boat
	Silver	Aisha Ferris	50-54 Female 2km Beach Run
2023	Silver	Harrison Schaut	U19 2km Beach Run



# Financial Report

## AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC For the year ending 30 April 2023

ABN: 81 096 313 417

Prepared by BeWeiszer Accounting & Tax

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# Statement of Comprehensive Income

## AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC For the year ended 30 April 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Revenue</b>		
Government and Other Grants	32,018	81,062
Donations	7,891	22,137
Revenue	516,713	323,106
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>556,622</b>	<b>426,305</b>
<b>Gross Surplus</b>	<b>556,622</b>	<b>426,305</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Other Income	2,000	3,589
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>3,589</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Affiliation and Capitation Fees	90,985	82,404
Carnival Fees	14,678	22,129
Depreciation Expense	44,802	51,838
Repairs and Maintenance Expense	38,966	40,127
Cost of Sales	85,549	53,720
Other Expenses	186,159	85,611
Bad Debt Expense	205	14,690
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>461,344</b>	<b>350,519</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax Adjustments</b>	<b>97,278</b>	<b>79,375</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax</b>	<b>97,278</b>	<b>79,375</b>
<b>Net Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) After Income Tax</b>	<b>97,278</b>	<b>79,375</b>
<b>Current Year Other Comprehensive Income, Net Of Income Tax</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Current Year Total Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>97,278</b>	<b>79,375</b>



## Statement of Financial Position

### AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC

As at 30 April 2023

	NOTES	30 APR 2023	30 APR 2022
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2	428,679	321,417
Trade and Other Receivables	3	2,987	70,573
Inventories		31,508	32,243
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>463,174</b>	<b>424,233</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Plant and Equipment, Vehicles	4	141,405	91,743
Land & Buildings		114,427	80,742
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>255,832</b>	<b>172,484</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>719,006</b>	<b>596,717</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	5	85,234	60,223
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>85,234</b>	<b>60,223</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>85,234</b>	<b>60,223</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>633,772</b>	<b>536,494</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained Earnings		633,772	536,494
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>633,772</b>	<b>536,494</b>

## Statement of Changes in Equity

### AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC

For the year ended 30 April 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Equity</b>		
Opening Balance	536,494	457,119
<b>Increases</b>		
Surplus for the Period	97,278	79,375
<b>Total Increases</b>	<b>97,278</b>	<b>79,375</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>633,772</b>	<b>536,494</b>

## Statement of Cash Flows

### AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC

For the year ended 30 April 2023

	NOTES	2023	2022
<b>Operating Activities</b>			
Cash Receipts From Operating Activities		648,507	380,171
Cash Payments From Operating Activities		(458,033)	(284,194)
<b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		<b>190,474</b>	<b>95,976</b>
<b>Investing Activities</b>			
Proceeds From Sales of Property, Plant and Equipment		35,333	5,645
Payment for Property, Plant and Equipment		(118,626)	(46,720)
Interest Received		80	71
<b>Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		<b>(83,212)</b>	<b>(41,004)</b>
<b>Net Cash Flows</b>		<b>107,262</b>	<b>54,972</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		321,417	266,445
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		428,679	321,417
<b>Net change in cash for period</b>		<b>107,262</b>	<b>54,972</b>



# Notes to the Financial Statements

## AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC For the year ended 30 April 2023

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements cover Avalon Beach SLSC as an individual entity. Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc. is a not-for-profit association incorporated in New South Wales under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW).

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW), the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW), Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth) 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 (PPE)

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

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.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the association and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

### 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 life of assets is 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.

### Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

### Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

### Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Association becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

### Financial Assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

*Classification*

On initial recognition, the Association classifies its financial assets at amortised cost.

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Association changes its business model for managing financial assets.

*Amortised cost*

Assets measured at amortised cost are financial assets where:

- the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.



The Association's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

*Impairment of financial assets*

Impairment of financial assets is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis for financial assets measured at amortised cost.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECL, the Association considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Association's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward looking information.

The Association uses the presumption that an asset which is more than 30 days past due has seen a significant increase in credit risk.

The Association uses the presumption that a financial asset is in default when:

- the other party is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Association in full, without recourse to the Association to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or
- the financial asset is more than 90 days past due.

Credit losses are measured as the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the Association in accordance with the contract and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

*Trade receivables*

Impairment of trade receivables has been determined using the simplified approach in AASB 9 which uses an estimation of lifetime expected credit losses. The Association has determined the probability of non-payment of the receivable and multiplied this by the amount of the expected loss arising from default.

The amount of the impairment is recorded in a separate allowance account with the loss being recognised in finance expense. Once the receivable is determined to be uncollectable then the gross carrying amount is written off against the associated allowance.

Where the Association renegotiates the terms of trade receivables due from certain customers, the new expected cash flows are discounted at the original effective interest rate and any resulting difference to the carrying value is recognised in profit or loss.

Other financial assets measured at amortised cost

Impairment of other financial assets measured at amortised cost is determined using the expected credit loss model in AASB 9. On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

**Financial Liabilities**

The Association measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs; subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The financial liabilities of the Association is comprised of trade payables.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprises 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 as well as amounts receivable from donors. 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**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

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

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

**Leases**

The Association applies AASB 16: Leases which applies a single lessee accounting model that eliminates the requirement for lease to be classified as operating or finance leases.

The Association also applies AASB 2018-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Right-of-Use Assets of Not-for-Profit Entities. This standard allows that where the lessee is a not-for-profit entity, the lessee may elect to measure right-of-use assets on a class-by-class basis at initial recognition at fair value.

In addition, where a lessee is a not-for-profit entity and elects to measure a class or classes of right-of-use assets at initial recognition at cost for leases that have significantly below-market terms and conditions principally to enable the entity to further its objectives, the lessee shall disclose additional qualitative and quantitative information about those leases.

The disclosures so provided by a not-for-profit entity shall be provided individually for each material lease that has significantly below-market terms and conditions principally to enable the entity to further its objectives or in aggregate for leases involving right-of-use assets of a similar nature.

At the date of this report the Association as lessee had entered into a lease on significantly below-market terms with Northern Beaches Council. As a not-for-profit entity the Association elects to measure Land and Buildings right-of-use assets at cost to enable the Association to further its objectives of the provision of life saving services at Avalon Beach.

The nature and terms of this lease are:



- The lease payments are \$1 per annum payable in arrears on demand
- The lease term is for 21 years from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2035
- The asset the subject of the lease is the building at 558A Barrenjoey Road, Avalon Beach NSW less certain sections of that building let to other tenants
- The lease provides that the Association shall be entitled to use the leased premises only as a surf life saving club and other uses incidental including permitted rooms hire and functions.

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 assets and liabilities statement.

Inventories

Inventories comprises goods for resale and goods for distribution at no or nominal consideration as part of the Association’s charitable activities. Inventories may be purchased or received by way of donation.

Goods for resale

Inventories of goods for resale are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. No value is ascribed to goods for resale that have been donated to the Association where fair value cannot be reliably determined. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less any applicable selling expenses.

Goods held for distribution

Donated goods and goods purchased for nominal consideration held for distribution are initially recognised at their current replacement cost at date of acquisition. Inventories of goods purchased and held for distribution are initially recognised at cost. The cost of bringing each product to its present location and condition is determined on a first-in, first-out basis.

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.

Significant management judgement in applying accounting policies

When preparing the financial statements, management undertakes a number of judgements, estimates and assumptions about the recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses.

Estimation uncertainty

Information about estimates and assumptions that have the most significant effect on recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses is provided below. Actual results may be substantially different.

Impairment

In assessing impairment, management estimates the recoverable amount of each asset or cash-generating units, based on expected future cash flows and uses an interest rate to discount them. Estimation uncertainty relates to assumptions about future operating results and the determination of a suitable discount rate.

Useful lives of depreciable assets

Management reviews its estimate of the useful lives of depreciable assets at each reporting date, based on the expected utility of the assets. Uncertainties in these estimates relate to technical obsolescence that may change the utility of certain software and IT equipment.

Inventories

Management estimates the net realisable values of inventories, taking into account the most reliable evidence available at each reporting date. The future realisation of these inventories may be affected by future technology or other market-driven changes that may reduce future selling prices.

Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.

Related Party Transactions

The Association’s related parties include its key management personnel and related entities as described below. Unless otherwise stated, none of the transactions incorporate special terms and conditions and no guarantees were given or received. Outstanding balances are usually settled in cash.

Transactions with related entities

The Association sourced goods and services from members at market rate during the financial year. All related party services and contracts are approved by the Committee.

Transactions with key management personnel

All key management personnel and volunteers are not compensated for holding office positions.

	2023	2022
<b>2. Cash on Hand</b>		
Bank accounts/(overdraft)	428,679	321,417
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>	<b>428,679</b>	<b>321,417</b>

	2023	2022
<b>3. Trade and Other Receivables</b>		
Trade Receivables	2,987	70,573
<b>Total Trade and Other Receivables</b>	<b>2,987</b>	<b>70,573</b>

	2023	2022
<b>4. Plant &amp; Equipment, Vehicles</b>		
<b>Plant &amp; Equipment</b>		
Plant and equipment at cost	819,477	734,415
Accumulated depreciation of plant and equipment	(678,072)	(642,673)
<b>Total Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>141,405</b>	<b>91,743</b>
<b>Total Plant &amp; Equipment, Vehicles</b>	<b>141,405</b>	<b>91,743</b>

	2023	2022
<b>5. Trade &amp; Other Payables</b>		
<b>Other Payables</b>		
Income in Advance	-	8,032
Wages Payable	5,698	3,908
Venue Hire in Advance	9,300	6,560
Customer Deposits (Bonds)	8,021	7,531



GST	(1,625)	5,713
Key Deposits Members	13,550	13,630
PAYG Withholding Payable	4,074	1,272
Superannuation Payable	1,022	1,971
Trade Creditors Seniors	45,195	11,607
<b>Total Other Payables</b>	<b>85,234</b>	<b>60,223</b>
<b>Total Trade &amp; Other Payables</b>	<b>85,234</b>	<b>60,223</b>

6. Reconciliation of result for the year to cash flows from operating activities

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

	2023	2022
<b>Cash flows from operations</b>		
Profit for the year	97,278	79,375
Depreciation	44,802	51,838
Interest Received	(80)	(71)
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	67,586	(57,873)
- (increase)/decrease in inventories	735	(697)
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	25,024	13,503
- other	(44,870)	9,900
<b>Total Cash flows from operations</b>	<b>190,474</b>	<b>95,976</b>

7. Fundraising Appeals

Net fundraising is applied to the operational expenses of the Association in its core lifesaving activities.

	2023	2022
<b>Fundraising Activities</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
Boats Donations	-	5,000
IRB Donations	5,000	-
General Donations Seniors	2,891	17,137
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>7,891</b>	<b>22,137</b>
<b>Fundraising Income</b>		
Carols by the Sea	18,617	-
Ocean Swim Fundraising	19,813	-
<b>Total Fundraising Income</b>	<b>38,430</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fundrasing Expenses</b>		
Ocean Swim	(4,855)	(440)

Carols at the Beach	(21,187)	-
<b>Total Fundrasing Expenses</b>	<b>(26,042)</b>	<b>(440)</b>
<b>Total Fundraising Activities</b>	<b>(20,279)</b>	<b>(21,696)</b>

8. Subsequent Events

The World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the COVID-19 virus a global health emergency on 30 January 2020. Global trade and markets have been significantly disrupted, and many businesses have had to, or will have to, limit or suspend their operations. All global share markets have suffered significant falls since 30 January 2020. The Committee has assessed the impact of the pandemic on the Financial Statements of the Association. There is no effect of the pandemic on the asset values as at 30 April 2023.

9. Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes the Association will be able to continue its trading activities.

The Association made a trading profit of \$97,278 for the year ended 30 April 2023, with a positive equity position of \$633,772.

The Association’s ability to meet its obligations as and when they fall due and continue as a going concern is dependent on a number of factors. These include the ability of the Association to perform in line with budgets and cash flow projections, in addition to achieving sustainable levels of trading and membership in the future.

The Association will continue to comply with government regulation and SLSA pronouncements, including proposals for staged relaxation of lock down and other restrictions.



## Declaration By Members of the Committee (Responsible Persons' Declaration)

### AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC For the year ended 30 April 2023

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 2023, 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 in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth) and Association Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) and

a) complies with Australian Accounting Standards as set out in Note 1;

b) complies with the provisions of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulations 2013 (Cth); and

c) gives a true and fair view of the financial position of AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC as at 30 April 2023 and its performance for the year ended 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 appeal;

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 Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW), Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth) and the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW).

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee in accordance with subsection 60.15 (2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulation 2013 (Cth) and other requirements by:

**President:**   
Bernadette McKay

**Treasurer:**   
Ashley Brown

**Dated:** 10/07/2023

## Compilation Report

### 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

Dated: 10 July 2023



# Peter M Power

## Auditor Number 730

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

## Independent Auditor's Report

For the year ended 30 April 2023

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

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 2023, 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.

### Auditor's Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial report of Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc. has been prepared in accordance with Div 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth) and the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW), including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 April 2023 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

In accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (as amended) (NSW) and the Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2008, in our opinion, except for the effects described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph:

- a) the financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial results of the fundraising appeals conducted during the year ended 30 April 2023 being the year to which they relate;
- b) the financial statements and associated records have been properly kept during the year ended 30 April 2023, in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the regulations;
- c) money received as a result of fundraising appeal activities conducted during the year ended 30 April 2023 has been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the regulations;
- d) at the date of this report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Local SLSC Incorporated will be able to pay all of its debts as and when they fall due and payable.

### Basis of Qualified Opinion

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

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### Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting and Subsequent Event: The Impact of the Uncertainty of COVID-19

I draw attention to Note 1, 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 Associates Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) and the Club's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

I draw attention to Note 6 in the financial report, which describes events during the year and subsequent to year-end and specifically the possible effects of the future implications of COVID-19 on the Association's future financial position and performance. In our view, this issue is fundamental to users' understanding of the financial report.

My opinion is not modified in respect of these matters

### Responsibility of the Committee's 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 Commission Act 2012 (Cth), the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW), Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW) and the needs of 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.

### 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 the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism 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 omission, misrepresentation 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 Associate 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 the internal control that I identify during my audit.

Auditor  
Peter M Power FCA  
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Dated: 10 July 2023

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Auditor’s Independence Declaration

Avalon Surf Life Saving Club Inc. ABN 81 096 313 417  
For the year ended 30 April 2023

To the Members of the Committee of Avalon Surf Life Saving Club Inc. ABN 81 096 313 417

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commision Act 2012 (cth)*, as auditor for the audit of Avalon Surf Life Saving Club Inc. ABN 81 096 313 417 for the year ended 30 April 2023, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (i) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

  
Peter M Power FCA

Registered Company Auditor No. 730  
Suite 3, 11 Waratah Street, Mona Vale NSW 2103  
  
Dated: 10 July 2023

Income and Expenditure Statement

AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC  
For the year ended 30 April 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Income</b>		
Bar Income Functions	114,254	46,042
Bar Income Members	42,867	29,612
Bar Income - Food	6,673	6,279
Boats Donations	-	5,000
Canteen Sales Nippers	6,320	5,640
Carnival Income Nippers	-	1,636
Carnival Income Seniors	6,082	-
Carols by the Sea	18,617	-
Sponsorship (Carols)	16,000	-
Community Room Hire - Ad Hoc Hirers	3,425	4,774
Community Room Hire - Regular Hirers	33,388	12,440
Course Income Members	7,815	4,354
Function Bar Staff Income	17,551	13,064
Function Cleaning Income	4,504	2,570
Function Room Hire	70,168	25,704
Gain on Disposal of Assets	909	1,909
General Donations Seniors	2,891	17,137
Grants	32,018	40,812
Gym Fees	19,200	17,400
Interest Received	80	71
IRB Donations	5,000	-
Key Fees	400	-
Manuals and Training Materials	-	27
Memberships Nippers	65,121	54,248
Memberships Seniors	29,653	26,340
Ocean Swim Fundraising	19,813	-
Other Income	2,000	3,589
Sponsorships	39,364	34,444
TWG Club Room Hire	-	33,396
Uniform Sales Nippers	(5,901)	6,720
Discount Community Room Hire - Ad Hoc Hirers	410	-
Government Subsidies	-	40,250
Function Room Hire - Discount	-	(3,563)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>558,622</b>	<b>429,894</b>
<b>Gross Surplus</b>	<b>558,622</b>	<b>429,894</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Accounting	-	250
Administration Fees SLSA	62,192	49,824
Affiliation Fees Seniors	-	100



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Auditing Fees	-	2,027
Bank Fees	594	166
Bank Fees SLSA	-	5
Capitation State	18,015	20,307
Capitation Branch	10,778	12,173
Carnival Entries Boats	8,795	17,309
Carnival Entries IRB	2,362	543
Carnival Entries Masters	574	1,214
Carnival Entries Nippers	2,625	2,228
Carnival Entries Seniors Other	322	835
Carols at the Beach	21,187	-
Cleaning Expenses	25,029	20,528
Depreciation Board&Ski Nippers	2,157	2,655
Depreciation Boards & Skis Snr	2,986	3,855
Depreciation Buildings	9,403	8,914
Depreciation FurnFixtFit Nippe	855	855
Depreciation FurnFixtFitt Snr	7,492	7,604
Depreciation OfficeGenGym Snrs	513	1,182
Depreciation Patrol Equipment	3,414	3,846
Depreciation Powerboats	12,244	13,249
Depreciation Surfboats	5,738	9,680
Direct Labour - Bar Staff	20,426	6,789
Direct Labour - Cleaning Staff	2,410	323
Donations	200	-
Bank EFTPOS Fees	2,416	1,561
Electricity and Gas Expenses	6,427	3,549
First Aid Supplies	9,491	6,628
General Expenses	8,180	5,011
Insurances	9,123	9,071
Licensing Fees	1,604	345
Maintenance Building	32,734	28,379
Maintenance General	857	1,133
Maintenance Patrol Equipment	3,896	884
Maintenance Powerboats	178	533
Maintenance Surfboats	1,270	9,012
Ocean Swim	4,855	440
Opening / Closing Stock Bar	2,966	(362)
Opening/Closing Stock Uniforms	(2,231)	(3,695)
Patrol Equipment Fuel Supplies	1,000	1,110
Printing Postage & Stationery	1,778	938
Alcohol Purchases Bar	67,526	31,990
Purchases Canteen	2,422	1,284
Purchases Uniform	4,752	10,255
Social Function Expenses	12,152	5,702

Software Applications	3,926	3,749
Sponsorship Expenses	512	1,471
Superannuation Expenses	8,428	5,504
Telephone & Communications	1,204	1,140
Training & Awards	12,121	9,983
Travel & Accommodation	11,856	5,700
Waste Removal	416	638
Maintenance Board Repairs	31	186
Other Purchases Bar	13,107	7,313
Carnival Uniforms	3,277	8,390
Doubtful Debts Provision	-	(22,322)
Uniforms - Club Use Only	-	4,158
Food Purchases - Bar	6,838	5,860
Bad Debt Expense	205	14,690
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>461,344</b>	<b>350,519</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax Adjustments</b>	<b>97,278</b>	<b>79,375</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax</b>	<b>97,278</b>	<b>79,375</b>
<b>Net Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) After Income Tax</b>	<b>97,278</b>	<b>79,375</b>





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