

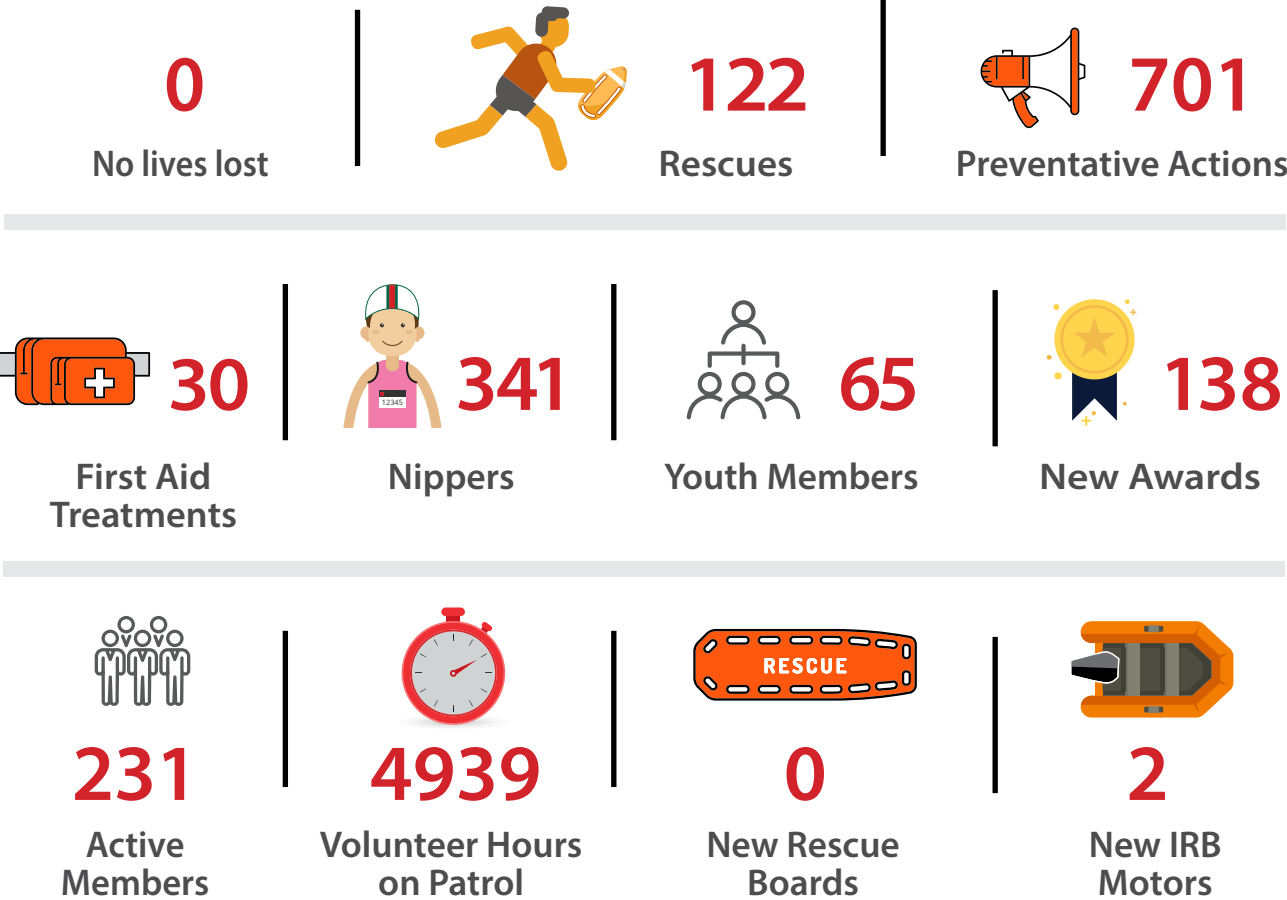
Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club

Annual Report

2021-2022



HIGHLIGHTS



1064
Total Membership

161	Active 18+	355	General
32	Active 15-18	2	Award Member
3	Reserve Active	33	Cadets
40	Associate	2	Leave/Restricted
21	Life Member	68	Long Service
0	Past Active	3	Probationary
341	Junior Active	3	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**
Leanne Austin



**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



**DEPUTY DIRECTOR
OF EDUCATION**
Louise Purnell



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
Sophie Valentine



EVENT MANAGER
Volker Klemm

OFFICE BEARERS

CLUB OFFICERS

Publicity Officer	Roger Sayers OAM
Registrar	Ella Brady
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
Ocean Swim Organiser	Volker Klemm
Member Protection Information Officer	Felicity Peters
Grants Officer	Vacant
Safety Officer	Robert Hopton
Clothing Officer	Shannon Fletcher
Youth Representative	Vacant
Bar Manager	Nathan Wellings
Club Historian	Geoff Searl OAM
Communications Officer	Lachie Mills

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Director of Junior Activities	Dale Drain
Deputy Director of Junior Activities	Tom Waters
JAC Secretary	Vacant
JAC Registrar	Fiona Nguyen
JAC Competition Manager	Cam Lane and Gem Lehman
JAC Water Proficiency Officer	Dale Drain
JAC Communications	Maria Pellett
JAC Canteen Officer	Anna Trybocka
JAC Surf Education Officer	Jack Frost
JAC Gear Steward	Cam 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	Board of Management
Warren Young OAM (Chair)	Bernadette McKay
Roger Sayers OAM	Jason Dale
Bruce Muston	Nick Sampson
Bob Head	

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Life Members	Committee Members
Roger Sayers OAM (Chair)	Bernadette McKay
Warren Young OAM	Richard Cole
Bob Head	Nick Sampson
Peter Carter	Geoff Searl OAM

LIFE MEMBERS

1945.....W.G. Simmonds*	2001.....W. Wall
1945.....E.R. Dash*	2006.....R. Luke
1951.....G.H. Robin*	2007.....R. Sayers OAM
1952.....H.C. Ragan*	2007.....B. Muston
1959.....N.H. Cook*	2008.....S. Jacek
1963.....K. Davidson*	2014.....K. Veale
1965.....R. Wood*	2015.....C. Hopton OAM
1968.....B. Sheehan*	2015.....P. Carter
1968.....M. Watt*	2017.....L. Lindop
1969.....R. Hartman*	2017.....M. Heffernan
1969.....A. Slevin*	2018.....T. Barber
1972.....K. Watt	2021.....N. Wellings

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

AWARDS

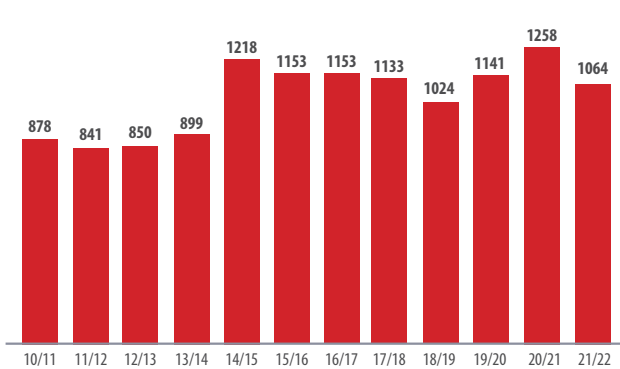
CATEGORY	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
ART	8	6	3	1	16	15	7	17	9	5	0	4	26
Bronze Medallion	50	40	3	47	38	47	53	40	59	31	48	64	24
Gold Medallion	1	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	0	2	0	3	2
IRB Crew	5	8	0	8	7	2	8	11	7	6	7	24	0
Provide First Aid Cert	1	15	26	8	37	22	16	24	16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

RESCUES

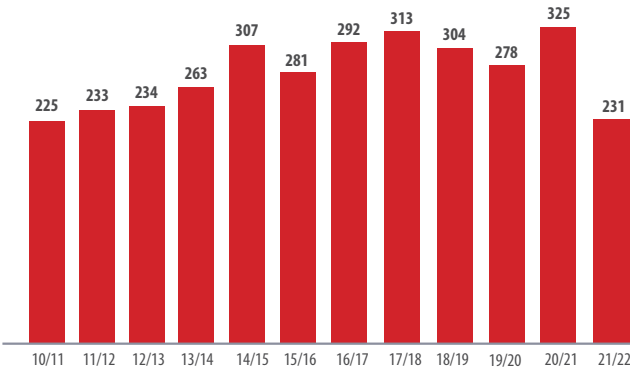
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Without Gear	1	3	0	1	0	9	3	1	0	2	2	0	5
Rescue Tube	1	4	6	6	9	4	21	0	7	1	1	1	14
Rescue Board	15	22	38	20	18	35	38	27	23	25	10	24	74
IRB	9	5	11	4	12	6	18	4	0	12	2	1	29
Other	0	1	4	2	0	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	0
TOTAL RESCUES	26	35	59	33	39	56	80	32	32	43	15	26	122
Resuscitation Cases	0	2	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
First Aid	90	193	40	139	40	42	102	88	23	27	28	17	30
TOTAL	1148	1721	1050	910	635	719	635	498	420	750	702	366	853

STATISTICS

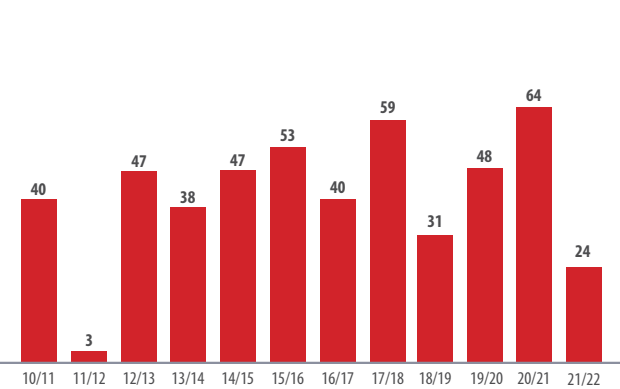
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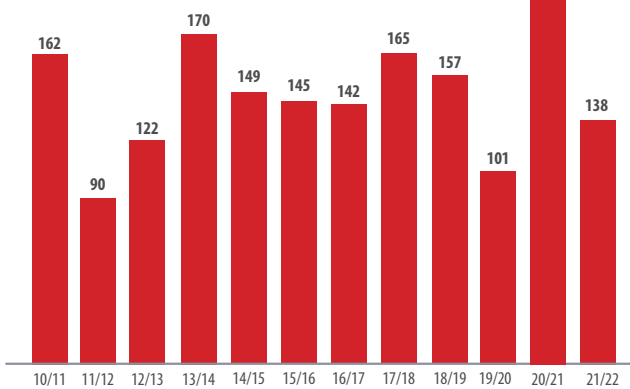
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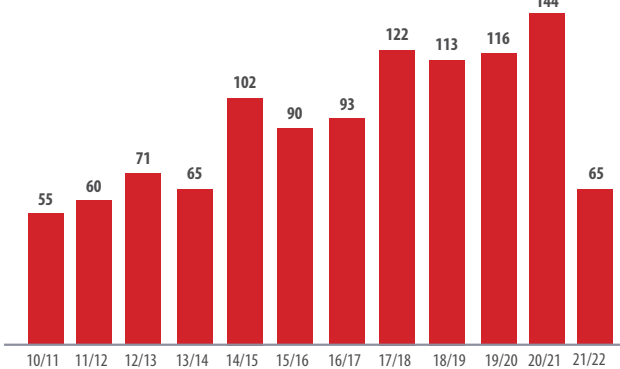
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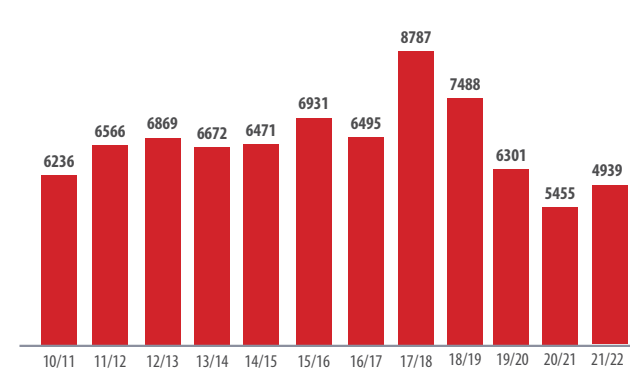
AWARDS



YOUTH MEMBERSHIP



LIFESAVING HOURS





AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
(NORTH KIRRA AND KURRAWA)

MEDAL	NAME	EVENT
Gold	Jean Francois Harper	50-59yrs Male Short Board
Gold	Tom Curnow, Matthew Mayall, Nick Sampson, Andrew Bright, Nathan Wellings (S)	Mens Reserve Grade Surf Boat
Silver	Aisha Ferris	50-54yrs 2km Beach Run

ASRL OPEN
(ELOUERA BEACH)

MEDAL	NAME	EVENT
Gold	Tom Curnow, Matthew Mayall, Nick Sampson, Andrew Bright, Nathan Wellings (S)	Mens Reserve Grade Surf Boat

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
(QUEENSCLIFF, NORTH STEYNE AND MANLY)

MEDAL	NAME	EVENT
Gold	Ethan Warner	U10 Beach Flags
Bronze	Ethan Warner	U10 Beach Sprint
Bronze	Willow Toll	U11 Beach Sprint

Age Championships only were held. Flood emergency and water conditions forced the postponement, then cancellation of the remaining events.

IRB STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
(SOUTH WEST ROCKS)

MEDAL	NAME	EVENT
Gold	Zac Dale, Todd Barber, Sophie Valentine	IRB Rookie Surf Rescue
Silver	Todd Barber, Zac Dale, Alan Moran, Jason Dale	IRB U23 Mass Rescue
Silver	Jean Harper, Alan Moran, Richard Cole, Giles Stoddard, Xanthe Friend, Todd Barber	IRB 45+ Teams
Silver	Zac Dale, Todd Barber, Sophie Valentine, Jason Dale	IRB Rookie Mass Rescue

NSW IRB PREMIERSHIP

MEDAL	NAME	EVENT
Gold	Jean Harper, Alan Moran, Xanthe Friend	IRB 45+ Surf Rescue
Gold	Jean Harper, Alan Moran, Jason Dale, Richard Cole, Giles Stoddard, Xanthe Friend, Todd Barber	IRB 45+ Teams
Silver	Jean Harper, Alan Moran, Xanthe Friend, Angela Carter	IRB 45+ Mass Rescue
Silver	Zac Dale, Todd Barber, Sophie Valentine	IRB Rookie Surf Rescue

BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS
(NORTH CURL CURL AND COLLAROY)

MEDAL	NAME	EVENT
Gold	Leanne Valentine	50-54yrs 2km Beach Run
Gold	Xanthe Friend	50-54 yrs Beach Flags
Gold	Jean Francois Harper	2km Beach Run
Gold	Aisha Ferris	50-54yrs Board Race
Gold	Ashley Brown	45-49yrs Surf Race
Gold	Ethan Warner	U10 Beach Sprint
Gold	Ethan Warner	U10 Beach Flags
Silver	Harrison Schaut	Open 2km Beach Run
Silver	Pepita Martins	35-39yrs Beach Sprint
Silver	Louise Purnell	45-49yrs 2km Beach Run
Silver	Pepita Martins, Louise Purnell, Leanne Valentine, Xanthe Friend	Open Beach Sprint Relay
Silver	Leanne Valentine	50-54yrs Beach Flags
Silver	Xanthe Friend	50-54 yrs Beach Sprint
Silver	Jean Francois Harper	55-59yrs Beach Flags
Silver	Jean Francois Harper	55-59yrs Beach Sprint
Silver	Aisha Ferris, Julia Jones-Hughes, Louise Purnell	130yrs Surf Relay
Silver	Aisha Ferris, Julia Jones-Hughes, Louise Purnell	40-44yrs Surf Race
Silver	Julia Jones-Hughes	40-44yrs Surf Race
Silver	Ashley Brown	45-49yrs Board Race
Silver	Sophia Gough and Bianka Jans	U11 Beach Mixed Relay
Bronze	Louise Purnell	45-49yrs Beach Flags
Bronze	Leanne Valentine	50-54yrs Beach Sprint
Bronze	Ross Bloore	50-54yrs Beach Sprint
Bronze	Ross Bloore, Michael King, Jean Francois Harper	170yrs Beach Sprint Relay
Bronze	Michael King	55-59yrs 2km Beach Run
Bronze	Julia Jones-Hughes	40-44yrs Board Race
Bronze	Gus Decker	U10 Beach Flags
Bronze	Gus Decker	U10 Beach Sprint

BRANCH OVERALL POINT SCORE

MEDAL	NAME	EVENT
Gold	Tom Curnow, Matthew Mayall, Nick Sampson, Andrew Bright, Nathan Wellings (S)	Mens Reserve Grade Surf Boat



SERVICE AWARDS

SLS LONG SERVICE AWARD

Mark Head
30 years

Kevin Veale
30 years

Matt Farmer
25 years

Troy Frogwell
25 years

Tim Hixson
25 years

Warwick Willcoxson
25 years

AVALON BEACH SLSC 20 YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Ian Dalglish

Brett Greenwood

Duncan Herbert

Christine Hopton

Robert Hopton

Michael King

David Lee

Charles Lindop

Louise Lindop

SLS PATROL SERVICE AWARD

Warren Young
35 years

Roger Sayers
30 years

Michael King
20 years

Richard Cole
15 years

Tiffany Chapman
10 years

Kalinda Hawson
10 years

Nicholas Sampson
10 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 2021 Annual General Meeting.

CLUB AWARDS

THE NORMAN COOK MOST OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Jason Dale
Nick Sampson

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Leanne Austin
Kevin Veale

THE STEVE PARKES AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN LIFESAVING EDUCATION

Steve Early
Steve Broderick

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR (BRONZE THIS SEASON)

Molly Baczkowski,
Debra Hayes
Claude Nolan

THE CHRIS "DETHO" DETHICK – BOATIE OF THE YEAR

Eliza Cutrie

PATROL CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

Alan Mahn

PATROL MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Andrew Clark

JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Eliza Cutrie

CADET OF THE YEAR

Sophia Randall
Stirling Stewart

THE WARREN MITCHELL IRB AWARD

Todd Barber
Zac Dale

MAX WATT COMPETITORS OF THE YEAR

Male Reserve Boat Crew
The Pinkies
Andy Bright
Tom Curnow
Matt Mayall
Nick Sampson
Nathan Wellings (S)

PATROL OF THE YEAR

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Remo Andoncello
Molly Baczkowski
Todd Barber
Lucy Bell
Alice Binns
Ross Bloore
Pete Carter
Tammy Carter
Andrew Clark
Gary Cook
Eliza Cutrie
Amanda Dale
Jason Dale
Regan Dale
Zac Dale
Natasha Dekker
Jordan Hawke
Debra Hayes
Anthony Hearne
Robert Hopton
Ruby Hume
Charlie Lewis
Sally Macintosh
Bernadette McKay
Lachie Mills
Matt Pellett
Felicity Peters
Naomi Richardson
Rein Rooke
Nick Sampson
Simon Tayler
Nathan Wellings
Donna Wishart

KEN DAVIDSON BOARD RIDER OF THE YEAR

Jean Harper

Life Members and Service Honours Awards Committee

A big thank you to Michael Byrnes OAM, our Chair for many years after taking over from Don Imison. Michael stood down as Chair during the season and the committee is now made up of the following;

Life Members

Warren Young OAM
Roger Sayers OAM
Bruce Muston
Bob Head

Board of Management

Bernadette McKay
Jason Dale
Nick Sampson

The committee met once face-to-face and via Zoom due to Covid where members could not attend in person to consider nominations received for Club honours.

At the 2021 Club AGM the committee's recommendations for the elevation of Nathan Wellings to Life Membership and Robert Hopton to receive a Club Distinguished Service Award was adopted unanimously by the meeting.

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

The committee wishes to recognise the contribution of Peter Akehurst to our Club over 47 years and Michael Byrnes OAM our longest serving member over 70 years.

Warren Young OAM | Life Member and Chair LMSHAC

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ROBERT HOPTON

Robert has clocked up more than 20 years of service having gained his Bronze Medallion in March 2001.

Robert has been a Nipper Age Manager, Patrolling Member, IRB Driver, has served on the Building Committee assisting with the development and construction of our current Clubhouse, a starter on the Lion Island Challenge and competed as a Master. Over the past year or so he has also been the Covid Marshall for the Club which has involved attending the bar twice on a weekend and any other events as required and making sure the Club is COVID compliant.

PATROLS:

Robert has fulfilled his patrolling duties every year being a qualified IRB driver as well as Bronze holder. Since he has been on Long Service he has been one of the go to members for Subs. He has also volunteered his time to drive IRBs at various carnivals including the past three NSW Championships. This year he sat in the duck for 6 hours in the pouring rain! In the patrol season of 2005/2006, he was awarded outstanding patrol service.

In October 2010 he was one of a number of members to be awarded the Rescue of the Month by Surf Life Saving NSW for actions in assisting a man who had fallen on the southern headland of our beach.

BUILDING COMMITTEE:

Robert still heads up the Building Committee, something he has worked on since before our current Clubhouse was but a pencil drawing on paper. The building committee was formed in the 2005/2006 season and Robert has been on it since then, some 15 years. This has involved all negotiations with Council, builders and any trades who have had to work

on the old and the current building. He was one of two architects for our current Clubhouse and was also heavily involved in applying for grants and negotiating with sponsors which saved the Club and council significant funds in our upgrades. He currently co-ordinates repairs, painting and any issues with the building working with Leanne, Johnny and Xanthe.

AVALON BEACH SWIM:

Robert has been a member of the organising committee for the swim for many years, managing and being responsible for the finish line.

Lion Island Challenge: Robert has assisted on this race every year and for a number of years was the race starter.

AGE MANAGER:

Robert was age manager for several years from 2007/08 season taking the under 12s through to their Cadetship and Bronze Medallion with Ross Bidence.

In 2007 Robert was awarded the Norman Cook Award for Club Person of the Year. In 2013 and 2021 he was awarded the President's Award.

When the Club helped with the fire support early last year Robert not only was on hand to collect the huge amount of donations given to us, but he also coordinated the shed storage area and drove some of the supplies to the needy on the South Coast.

Robert is one of those members who assists with everything that the Club does, be it a BBQ, an event or just something that needs to be done around the Club.



LIFE MEMBER NATHAN WELLINGS



Nathan was a Nipper at Avalon Beach SLSC following which he received his Bronze Medallion on 14 January 1995. He received his SLSA 25 Year Long Service Award in 2020. Nathan has Long Service membership status at Avalon Beach.

Nathan has patrolled a remarkable 710.25 hours at Avalon Beach during his 31 years as a senior active member. In 2007 he received a President's Award and in 2014 he won the Max Watt Competitor of the Year Award with the U23 Pink Bits and the Chris "Detho" Dethick – Boatie of the Year Award. Nathan held the position of Club Captain for four years, from the 2007/8 season until 2009/10 and took over the role again after Steve Parkes had his accident, completing another full season. He held a position on the Board of Management in this capacity and has also been on the Life Membership and Building Committees. Nathan is the Licensee for our liquor license and ran the bar through the initial years after the Club was rebuilt. In his capacity as a licenced electrician Nathan has helped with maintenance and various building projects around the Clubhouse. Nathan is a current member of our Emergency Call-Out team.

Nathan has a total of 44 awards including Bronze Medallion, ARTC, Senior First Aid, Silver Medallion IRB Driver, Surf Coach Level 1 and Boat sweep Accreditation.

Nathan is best known in the Club as a competitor. Since he gained his Bronze in 1995 he has represented the Club in surf sports every year he has been a member. He has competed in

beach and rescue events at State and National levels, in IRB racing and most predominantly in Surf Boat racing.

He has won medals at World, National, State, Branch and ASRL levels. Nathan rowed throughout his junior years and after obtaining his Sweep Accreditation in 2008, has swept and coached countless crews since. The huge commitment and dedication of early morning training, gym sessions, maintenance of the boats and gear and coordination of crews and carnivals has been repeated year after year to the benefit of so many members. Nathan has been instrumental in building our enormously successful Surf Boat team at Avalon Beach, which has led to not only high retention rates among our junior members, but a strong spirit that has permeated throughout the Club.

In 2018, with his wife Mel, Nathan founded and organised the first 24-hour row to raise money for local mental health organisations. This has grown exponentially each year since to now be a nation-wide event that raises hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Nathan is a quietly inspirational member who gets on with the job and is unwavering in his dedication. He has been a member of the Club for almost his entire life and has committed countless hours representing the Club and benefitting our members.

Nathan now becomes our youngest Life Member.



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

As we go to print, Terry Barber, Life Member and Rick Mitchell, Long Service, have National Medal applications underway.

SLSSNB 2022 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

NOMINEES:

PATROL MEMBER OF THE YEAR
Andrew Clark

PATROL CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR
Jason Dale

TRAINER OF THE YEAR
Steve Broderick

ASSESSOR OF THE YEAR
Steve Early

COACH OF THE YEAR
Nathan Wellings

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR
Ashley Cardiff

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR
Leanne Austin

SURF SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR

The Pinkies:
Andy Bright
Tom Curnow
Matt Mayall
Nick Sampson
Nathan Wellings (S)

WINNERS:

RESCUE OF THE YEAR
Todd Barber
Zach Dale

PATROL AUDIT AWARD
Avalon Beach SLSC
Patrol Teams

SYDNEY NORTHERN BEACHES BOAT PREMIERSHIP RESERVE GRADE
(The Bill "Woofa" Barnett Trophy)
The Pinkies
shared with Collaroy Knights
and Sth Curl Curl Echidnas

2021 WINNERS

INNOVATION OF THE YEAR

24 Hour Row (Mel and Nathan Wellings)

In 2018 Nathan and Mel Wellings started the first 24 Hour Row in response to a number of youth suicides that were occurring on the Northern Beaches of Sydney. Their goal was to raise awareness and financially support local youth and mental health groups OneEighty and Gotcha4Life.

Their first event was run at Avalon Beach and involved 48 rowers from the Club's surf boat team. The format was to keep at least 2 rowing machines running continuously for 24 hours and for rowers to be sponsored for every hour they rowed. By 2020 the 24-Hour Row was supported by 16 clubs with over 600 participants.

Nathan and Mel started something that has grown bigger than they ever could have envisaged. The 24-Hour Row has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for youth mental health and has become a primary way in which the surf lifesaving movement can contribute to and deliver results in the mental health space. As well as this, the event itself promotes fitness and is a wonderful way for surf boat teams and clubs as a whole to come together, support each other, build team spirit and participate for a very worthy cause.

If you'd like to know more about the 24-Hour Row, visit website <https://www.24hourrow.com.au>



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Tom Waters

Developing confidence in the water and having fun with your mates at the beach has underpinned an 'at home' Nipper program led by Tom Waters.

To build their confidence in the often-tricky conditions, Tom introduced the Palm Beach water development sessions, where age groups, on rotation, could build their board skills and confidence in the calmer waters at Kiddies corner. Tom also introduced a snorkelling program to entice less confident kids into the water, as well as supervised leaps from Jump Rock and swims to shore at Palmy.

Sustainability became a priority and together with his team, Tom has driven or supported several initiatives to minimise the impact of hundreds of Nipper families on the beach each Sunday including:

- partnering with Clean Oceans to setup a refillable water station enabling single use plastic water bottles.
- byo cup for hot chocolate and online pre-ordering of food for Nipper events to minimise wastage.
- exchanging end of year disposable trophies/ medals for all age groups for a weekly Bravery Award sponsored by local businesses in the form of a useable gift voucher.

Our life saving future depends on the connection that our youngest members make with their beach and surf life saving community. A fun, diverse and educational Nipper program is key to fostering that lifelong enjoyment.

Congratulations Tom on this outstanding achievement which has been deservedly recognised by the Surf Life Saving movement.



2022 WINNER

RESCUE OF THE YEAR

It was an epic win for our young IRB Drivers, Todd Barber and Zach Dale, at SLSSNB's 2022 Awards of Excellence taking out the Rescue of the Year Award for their heroic efforts in March this year.

At approximately 2:30pm, Surfcom put a call out for Avalon Beach to support a mayday call of a 35ft motor power cruiser taking on water. With 45km winds and 4-5 metre swell, the IRB was launched.

Swiftly navigating the challenging conditions, Zach and Todd made it through the surf break and began making their way to the boat in need. On arrival the boys found three people clinging to what was remaining above water of the large boat. Within minutes of getting all onboard the IRB, the boat sunk out of sight. Shortly after other support teams arrived including the RWC and Whale Beach IRB and were in communication with Marine Rescue taking all on board for a safe return to calm waters.



REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



We started our season with uncertainty due to Covid restrictions and a complete rework of all our pre-season plans reinforcing that change is "business as usual". We were always guided by NSW health guidelines and recommendations from SLSNSW which seemed to change daily but we showed last season that when

there was a hurdle, we jumped over it and in learning the lessons from the experience we were always confident that we could mirror that success again this season. And yes, we did!

It is a relief and a pleasure to state that we met our core service obligations in the 2021-2022 season with no lives lost on our beach during patrol hours. For the season we were close to 5,000 patrol hours at own beach and another 600 hours at other beaches, recording 701 preventative actions and 122 rescues. In addition to patrolling, Jason Dale, Andrew Crow and Nick Sampson assisted in flood relief efforts in Nowra, Bass Hill and Narrabeen and Terry Barber assisted in Ballina in the Northern Rivers region of NSW that were particularly hard hit.

The New Year long weekend saw our busiest days of the season, if not in the overall history of the Club, with massive crowds breaking free from lockdown, perfect swimming weather and some tricky conditions. Our Club Captains, Nick Sampson and Jason Dale were on patrol on the Sunday and showed strong leadership in reading the conditions and knowing that extra assistance was required to control the situation and had the courage to ask for it. Both stayed for the full day to ensure that all was managed professionally.

Thanks to all who were rostered onto the patrol with some members in the morning patrol staying later into the day and the afternoon patrol members coming early, as well as additional members who responded to the message and came down to the beach to assist. It was obvious why you were needed and I'm sure you went home satisfied that you were part of a team that put your skills to the test, either through preventative actions or in undertaking rescues when required, up and down the whole beach. In total we recorded 58 rescues performed on the Sunday and another 6 on the Monday and we are rightly proud of our achievement in keeping the beach protected and sending all our guests safely home to their families. The Club nominated this effort as Rescue for the Month and all patrol members were recognised for their efforts with a certificate of appreciation by Branch and awarded Patrol of the Year at Club level in our annual awards night.

This weekend was not the only time that our capabilities, commitment, and determination were tested and was not the only nomination for Rescue of the Month. Just 2.5 weeks after completing his SRC assessment in January, Will Dawson participated in an after-patrol hours rescue at Kiddies corner at Palm Beach. Zac Dale and Todd Barber were nominated and won Rescue of the Month for an IRB call out to a capsized boat between the Avalon and Whale Beach headland in big surf reaching some relieved fisherman. There was also another rescue in May, after patrol had finished for the season, where the masters training crew came to the assistance of a surfer who sustained a broken patella and lower leg compound fracture and stayed with him until medical assistance arrived.

Whilst these rescues were formally recognised, they in no way diminish our efforts, vigilance, and dedication across all patrols in the season signifying the importance of what we do and our confidence in our skills, training, and experience to know we can manage the beach in all situations. Our patrolling members' rescue readiness reflects their commitment and dedication and the training that is delivered by our education team. At the start of the season, our trainers had to make significant changes to the way proficiency was conducted with all patrolling members requested to either stay late to morning patrol or come early to afternoon patrol to undertake proficiency. This worked so effectively that this year we had proficiency completed much earlier than in previous years and has provided the blueprint for future seasons. Our trainers were also responsible for training two Gold, 24 Bronze and 21 SRC candidates who we hope to see patrolling next season. In addition, 54 members updated their first aid qualifications with a further 26 members completing the updated ART award. Through the delivery of these courses, our trainers were also able to update their own training credentials placing our Club in an excellent position for future training delivery. All this training translates to our confidence on the beach and the Club continues to support and encourage all members to continue to upskill.

Despite disruption to the competition season with Branch and State being cancelled for some competition categories, our results were outstanding. Nippers did get to compete in the beach events at State with Willow Toll achieving a Bronze in the U11 Female Beach Sprint and Ethan Warner achieving Gold in U10 Male Beach Flags and Bronze in U10 Male Beach Sprint. Sophie Gough was a finalist in the U11 Female Beach Sprint coming in fifth place.

Our senior competition teams have been successful at Branch, State and National level and without diminishing anyone's efforts and results, congratulations to our Pinkies (Reserve Grade Male Surf Boat) and Johnny Harper (50-59 Male Short

Board) for Gold medals and to Aisha Ferris (50-54yrs Female 2km Beach Run) for Silver at the Aussies. Congratulations also to Pat Quinlan, Gem Lehman, Ashley Brown and Darren Warrener for success at Aussies in both individual and team events competing for Newport.

Unfortunately, we were unable to host Lion Island Challenge, Carols at the Beach and our annual Surf Swim event either due to Covid restrictions or poor weather and water quality. These events raise funds for the Club so it is disappointing, but we are hoping that all can take place in the coming year. We did manage to squeeze in a welcome to the season party in December and our Club Awards night this year where we recognised our achievements for the past three years as a catch up to Covid disruptions. Congratulations to all our recipients as your recognition is well deserved.

We have made a profit again this year and this is a testament to the Board being prudent in the way we manage the Club's finances. We want to thank our sponsors McGrath Pittwater, Brown Bros Skip Bins, Johnson Bros Mitre 10 and Voss Store for their continued support. Together with government grants and our own revenue generating activities in the Bangalley Bar and functions and community hire in the Ocean Room, we are in a strong financial position moving forward. We feel very confident that we will be able to fund patrolling and training equipment as needed and are proud to state that we have new IRB and motors on order which should be delivered next season as well as two new surf boats to support our boaties.

Council has recently settled the leasing dispute with Trippas White Group and it is expected that new tenants will be sought for the restaurant and kiosk space. These areas remain outside the control and management of the Club, but we hope to be able to work with new operators for the benefit of both parties and it will be good to have renewed life in those areas.

On an unhappy note, this year saw the passing of Life Member, Peter Akehurst and we recognise that this is a sad time for his family, friends and fellow Club members. Pete held many positions in the Club over the years, including Club Captain and Chief Instructor, but was known for his passion for IRB racing, not only at Avalon Beach but in the wider IRB community. Pete was one of the first people I met at the Club and I know that he left a lasting impression on me as well as all the others he mentored and competed with that he imparted with surf skills, and more importantly, life skills. Pete will be sadly missed. VALE.

We should be rightly proud of our achievements over the past year despite the challenges faced. None of this would have been possible without our Club members who come together for a common purpose and, when asked, will put themselves in service to assist a visitor to our beach. You do so without asking for recognition but with the knowledge that your skills can help save someone in trouble. We come from different backgrounds, careers, genders and ages but together we are one and I 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 2022. 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 2021 to 30 April 2022.

The Statement of Comprehensive Income records a surplus of \$79,375 which was better than budget expectations.

Contributing to the surplus was an increase in our function hire income, up 56% on the prior year and sponsorship revenue, up 90% on the prior year. However, the year saw a decline in revenue from Government COVID assistance (-55%), Friday and Sunday bar sales (-44%) and Nipper membership fees (-21%).

The Club was again limited in its ability to generate income due to COVID restrictions. For example, community hire was shut down until November and the Bar closed between July and November resulting in reduced income from both activities.

This year saw the introduction of paid function bar staff as a way of improving our level of service at function events and freeing up Club members to concentrate on providing the Friday and Sunday bar service.

Concerns around hosting a COVID safe Carols at the Beach event resulted in the event being cancelled for the second year running and due to poor water quality, the Around the Bends Swim was also cancelled. No income has been recorded for these events in the accounts. Nipper membership revenue

recorded a 21% decline but continued to represent our largest income category.

Expenditure during the period totalled \$350,518, which is a reduction of \$13,026 or 4% over the prior period.

Settlement of unpaid lease fees for the Ocean Room has now been reached and recorded in these accounts. A reversal of \$22,322 to the Doubtful Debt provision and Bad Debt expense of \$14,690, was incurred for the year.

The Club's cash position improved \$54,972 over the prior year, with net assets increasing to \$536,494, up from \$475,119 in 2021 and as recorded in the statement of financial position.

Capital expenditure totalled \$42,175 and included two new IRBs motors as well as deposits for two Thundercat IRB's. A portion of these expenses were offset by the **Federal Government Beach Safety Equipment Fund (BSEF)**.

New patrol and training equipment included three additional UHF radios, rescue tubes and CPR manikins purchased with the assistance of **NSW Government's Club Life Saving Equipment Grant (CLEG)**.

A deposit payment was also made for a new surfboat at a cost of \$11,000. Additional bar furniture costing \$3,163 was also acquired.

A successful **Federal Government Volunteer Grant** to the value of \$3,300 will be spent prior to the end of the calendar year

The \$2,500 **Club Sun Safety Grant**, funded and facilitated by SLSNSW and Surf Life Saving Services (SLSS) to provide financial assistance to clubs to promote Sun Smart principles was used to purchase broad brimmed hats and sunscreen for patrolling members as well as a sun shelters and a marquee for our roaming patrol stationed at the northern end of the beach.

In conclusion, 2022 saw the Club's activities returning to a level of normality and income sources also returning. Our cash at bank and overall balance sheet improved and this puts us well placed to continue to achieve our strategic objectives.

Ashley Brown | Director of Finance



DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING REPORT

Another year done and dusted. It was another challenging season with new rules brought in just weeks before the season commenced. With great agility our Patrol team numbers were reduced with the creation of additional Patrols, resulting in several individuals stepping up into the Patrol Captain role and being the primary lifesaver personnel required for that Patrol. With a little further realignment, the Club adopted the last-minute changes seeing out the season with great success. To all the IRB drivers that covered shifts when needed a big thank you, you were incredible. Without undertaking the additional shifts to support the roster changes it would have looked very different.

Once again, our Patrol Captains did a fantastic job. They were able to manage navigating through the changes and complete a season with no lives lost between the flags. It was great to see communication levels increase throughout our patrols and the introduction of Swapsea (patrol swap app) assisted in organising patrol swaps. We encourage people to utilise this tool even more in the coming season, get in early, plan out your season and find swaps if you're unavailable.

The trainers did a fantastic job of getting all the proficiencies done. This is a thankless task. Please, please help us out next year by getting it done early, utilising Swapsea to help us plan and schedule. There will be incentives to patrolling members for early completion with more information to come in the coming months. A shout out to the Trainers who were assisting people to get through proficiency on New Year's Eve, a standout effort. As patrolling members, we can improve here so trainers don't give up that holiday time!

Not only do the Trainers manage the proficiency process, but they also run the courses that bring new members and upskill our current patrolling members. The more Award upskills we get every year makes getting subs easier for everyone. It's also a great way to meet more people within the Club and expose yourself to something new. We are throwing down the challenge for every single patrol member to upskill with one new award this season. We will be looking at ways we can deliver courses more flexibly to suit your time commitments. We will also be looking to incentivise people that gain a new Award next season. If you were ever wondering about what was next, get in touch as there is an Award out there for every member. No-one has them all!!!

The Emergency Call Out Team continue to be invaluable providing after hours support. This year the team also travelled up and down the coast working closely with Emergency Services (SES) on larger scale natural disaster assistance. Thank you for working with your employers and stretching yourselves to give up this valuable time when needed.

We nominate many great rescues we hear and see through the course of the year to the 'Rescue of the Month awards with Sydney Northern Beaches Branch. Each month's winners roll into an automatic nomination for 'Rescue of the Year'. Excitingly this year it has been won by Avalon Beach, brilliant news! It is a belief that more great rescues, in and out of the water, happen with no recognition. Please share your experiences with Patrol Captains. In turn we can ensure great stories like these are shared, showing the skill and capability in the Club while also sharing the learnings along the way.

Signing off for the last time this season. Bring on a summer of new challenges and be on the lookout for communications from us in the very near future about patrol groups for next season.

Jason Dale and Nick Sampson | Club Captains

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Lives Lost

122

Rescues

30

First Aid
Treatments

701

Preventative
Actions

4939

Patrol Hours

PATROLS

PATROL 01

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
KingMichael	PC.....	23.75
WinneyNathan	IRBD.....	38
ParkerNicholas	IRBC.....	23
Morgan-Smith.....Rosemary	BM	24
Dempsey.....Tom	BM	28
HellyerAdam	BM	32.25
VerityRachel.....	BM	22.17

PATROL 02

NAME	POSITION	HOURS	
BrennanMatthew	PC.....	25.5	
Lane.....Cameron	VC/IRBD	23	
Lane.....Oscar	IRBC.....	22	
Molloy.....Lucas	ARTC	29.5	
Longhurst.....Bebe	BM	3.5	
RobinsonPia	BM	4	
StephensonHannah	BM	12.5	
Roberts.....David.....	BM	15.5	
Hardwick.....Ethan.....	BM	18	
Buckingham.....Neil	BM	19	
Brennan.....Rosie.....	BM	22	
Pegler	Isla	BM	23.5
Lehman	Amanda	BM	27.5
Pegler.....Ben.....	SRC	8.5	

PATROL 03

NAME	POSITION	HOURS	
Head.....Mark	PC.....	37.5	
Bryden.....Douglas.....	VC/IRBC..	31.5	
Nehama.....Marc	IRBD.....	38.5	
Elliott.....William	ARTC	35.5	
Muller-Hawkins...Sue.....	BM	7.5	
Jones-HughesJulia	BM	16	
McCormack.....Sean	BM	25	
Julius	Andrew	BM	31.5
Kennedy.....Andrew	BM	36	

PATROL 04

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
Mahn..... Alan	PC/IRBD	28
Mills..... Nina	VC/ARTC	28
Colley..... Thomas	IRBC	20
Buddin..... Catherine.....	BM	28
Colley..... Sally	BM	8.5
Gamble..... Wilson.....	BM	28.5
Kurtz..... Michael	BM	24
Mills..... Chloe	BM	20.5
Nolan..... Claude.....	BM	28.5
Williams..... Brenton	BM	11.5
Williamson..... Petra.....	BM	16.5

PATROL 05

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
Chapman.....	Tiffany.....	PC..... 31.5
Cole.....	Richard.....	VC/IRBD 43.07
Finkeldey.....	Alec	IRBC..... 21
Veale.....	Kevin.....	ARTC..... 24
Brennan.....	Jennifer.....	BM..... 15.5
Brennan.....	Peter.....	BM..... 24
Crosky	Alan	BM..... 21
Finkeldey.....	Robert	BM..... 23.5
Hayes.....	Debra.....	BM..... 44.5
Morley.....	Dan.....	BM..... 16
Sayers.....	Roger	BM..... 30.5
Whitnall.....	Patrick.....	BM..... 6.75
Young OAM.....	Warren.....	BM..... 34

PATROL 06

NAME		POSITION	HOURS
Clerke	Adam	PC.....	33
Manning	Craig	VC	24.5
Hanke.....	Achim	IRBC.....	28
Martins.....	Pepita	IRBC.....	36.5
Alston.....	Freya	ARTC	28
Clerke	James.....	BM	24
Forster.....	Russell	BM	12.5
Mullally-Forster ..	Joann.....	BM	24

PATROL 07

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
Stoddard.....Giles.....	PC/IRBD.....	59.5
Minnock.....Stuart.....	VC	19.5
Byrnes.....Cain	VC	31.5
Jones.....Steven	IRBC.....	30
Dunlop-Jones.....Emma	ARTC	23.5
Letts.....Darren	BM	31.5
Pellett.....Matt.....	BM	28

PATROL 08

NAME		POSITION	HOURS
Clark	Andrew	PC.....	93
Cook	Gary.....	VC	37.5
Alston.....	Richard.....	IRBD	28
Adoncello	Remo	IRBC.....	32.5
Alston.....	Julia	BM	28
Paice.....	Larry.....	BM	12.5
Paice.....	Melissa	BM	19.5
Stanley.....	Dax	BM	3.5

PATROL 9

NAME		POSITION	HOURS
Petersen	Lauren	PC	26.5
Akehurst.....	Melinda.....	VC/ARTC...	32.5
Cardiff.....	Ashley.....	IRBD.....	29.5
Stoddard	Samuel.....	IRBC.....	44
Ferris.....	Aisha.....	BM.....	28
Fletcher	Shannon.....	BM.....	21
Frost.....	Ruth	BM.....	15.5
Stoddard	Stephanie.....	BM.....	29.5

PATROL 10

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
Bloore.....Ross.....	PC/ARTC ..	35.5
Barber	Terry.....VC/IRBD ..	15.5
Parker.....	Grant.....IRBC	15.5
Clendinning.....	Mia.....BM	34.5
Frost.....	Steve.....BM	20.5
Jeppesen	Margit.....BM.....	28
Leistad	Craig	BM.....23
Mican	Patrice	BM.....23.5
Teale	Ray.....BM.....	23.5
Ward	Geoffrey.....BM.....	27.5

PATROL 11

NAME		POSITION	HOURS
Early.....	Stephen	PC	61.5
Broderick	Stephen.....	VC/IRBD	36.5
Dorner	Pia	IRBC.....	22
Broderick	Charlotte	ARTC.....	24
Campbell	James	BM.....	20.5
Hearne	Anthony.....	BM.....	24.5
McDonald.....	Ryan.....	BM.....	12
Steinert.....	Rebecca	BM.....	23.5
Shears	Peter.....	BM.....	12

PATROL 12

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
Sampson.....	Nicholas.....PC/ARTC...	35
Carter	Peter.....VC/IRBD.....	62
Carter	Angela.....IRBC	39
Bell	Molly.....BM.....	19.5
Carlen-Jorgensen..	Anja.....BM.....	27.5
Horntvedt.....	Finlay.....BM.....	43.5
Johnson.....	Daryl	BM..... 24
Lewis	Tallulah	BM..... 12.5
Paddington.....	Adam.....BM.....	23.5

PATROL 13

NAME		POSITION	HOURS
Mills	Lachie.....	PC/ARTC....	24
Dale	Zachary.....	IRBD.....	33
Barber	Todd.....	IRBC.....	36
Brady	Ella.....	BM.....	11.02
Dale	Regan	BM.....	32.5
Hawke	Jordan	BM.....	29.5
Lewis	Charlie.....	BM.....	25

PATROL 14

NAME	POSITION	HOURS	
Dale	Jason.....PC/IRBD...	42.5	
Macintosh.....	Sally.....PC	33	
Dale.....	Amanda.....VC/IRBC	36.52	
Rooke.....	Erin	IRBC	24.5
Wishart	Donna	IRBC.....	22.57
Baczkowski.....	Molly.....	BM.....	42.5
Bell	Lucy.....	BM.....	21
Binns.....	Alice	BM.....	41
Dekker	Natasha.....	BM.....	27.5
DiBiagio.....	Elena.....	BM.....	24
Hume	Ruby.....	BM.....	24
Richardson.....	Naomi.....	BM.....	32

PATROL 15

NAME		POSITION	HOURS
Solan	Tim	PC	28
Moran	Alan	VC/IRBD	66.75
Riley	Stephen	IRBC	20.5
Spencer	David	ARTC	32
Riley	Luke	BM	20
Tan	Helen	BM	20.5
Valentine.....	Leanne	BM	20.5
Verity	Rachel.....	BM	16

PATROL 17

NAME		POSITION	HOURS
Purnell	Louise	PC	31
Petersen	Neil	VC/IRBD..	40.5
Brown.....	Ashley.....	IRBC	26
Heffernan.....	Mark	ARTC.....	26
King	Simon	BM.....	26
Peters	Felicity	BM	30.5
Taylor.....	Simon.....	BM.....	30.5

PATROL 18

NAME		POSITION	HOURS
Stilwell.....	Evan	PC	32.5
Valentine.....	Sophie.....	VC/IRBD	40
Nesbitt.....	Jack	IRBC	32.5
Fredrikze	Harmen.....	ARTC.....	20
Baierl	Laura Anna.....	BM.....	29
Holmes	Sophie.....	BM.....	28
Neasmith	Tara.....	BM.....	22.5
Stilwell	Victoria.....	BM.....	27.5

PATROL 19

NAME	POSITION	HOURS
Mayall	Matthew.....PC	27.5
Barns	Paris.....VC/ARTC..	36.5
Taggart	Blake.....IRBD.....	32
Curnow.....	Thomas.....IRBC.....	23.5
Barber	Amelia.....BM.....	16
Buckingham	Isabel.....BM.....	12
Casey.....	Olivia.....BM.....	20.5
Cutrie	Eliza.....BM.....	58.5
Scott	Chloe.....BM.....	24.5
Young.....	Daisy.....BM.....	15.5

PATROL 20

NAME	POSITION		HOURS
Bidencope.....	Ross.....	PC	24
McGilchrist	Henry.....	VC	18
Cole.....	Fergus.....	IRBD.....	23
Pinheiro.....	Leonardo.....	IRBD.....	12.5
Dickinson.....	Taylor.....	IRBC.....	16.5
Schaut.....	Harrison.....	IRBC.....	15
Head.....	Virginia.....	ARTC.....	26.5
McKay.....	Bernadette....	ARTC.....	31
Campbell	Colin.....	BM.....	31
Mitton.....	Michael.....	BM.....	11
Riches.....	Jack	BM.....	18

PATROL SUBS

NAME		HOURS
Harper.....	Jean.....	2
Dalglish.....	Ian.....	3.5
Wood.....	Nicholas.....	4
Wellings.....	Nathan.....	4.5
Brown.....	Jason.....	5.75
Friend.....	Xanthe.....	8
Quinlan.....	Patrick.....	8
Stanley-Jones.....	Michael.....	15.5
Hopton.....	Robert.....	25
Pidgeon.....	Robert.....	27.5

NIPPERS WATER SAFETY

NAME		HOURS
Dwight.....	Hamish.....	1.5
Letts.....	Marlena.....	1.5
Morley.....	Isobel.....	1.5
Waters.....	Tom	1.5
Wood.....	Ella.....	1.5
Drain.....	Dale.....	3
Lee.....	Danielle	3
Murray	Shannon.....	3
Pottie.....	Mark.....	3
Stewart	Stirling.....	3
van der Vegt	Anton	3
Egerton	Kara	5.5
Egerton	Patrick	7

VOLUNTARY

NAME		HOURS
Dieters	Rob	3.5
Lucini.....	Lon	3.5
Cowan.....	Sean	4
Carter	Tammy	4.5
Clarke	Andrew	4.5
Dawson	William	4.5
Searl.....	Geoff	6
Richardson	Robert	7.5
Warrener	Darren	7.5
Warrener	Zoe	7.5
Lane.....	Sophie.....	8.5
Bath	Nick.....	14.5
Stutchbury	Richard.....	19.5

100% PATROL ATTENDANCE

NAME	Patrolled Rostered Hours	NAME	Patrolled Rostered Hours
Adoncello	Remo 28	Heffernan.....	Mark..... 26
Alston.....	Julia..... 28	Kennedy.....	Andrew 32
Alston.....	Richard..... 28	King	Simon..... 26
Baczowski.....	Alex 28.5	Letts.....	Darren..... 31.5
Barber	Todd..... 32.5	Mahn.....	Alan..... 28
Barns	Paris 32	Mills	Nina 28
Buddin.....	Catherine 28	Molloy.....	Lucas..... 29.5
Byrnes.....	Cain 31.5	Moran	Alan..... 28.5
Campbell	Colin 26.5	Nehama.....	Marc..... 36
Carter	Angela..... 31.5	Nesbitt.....	Jack 32.5
Clerke.....	Adam..... 32	Nolan.....	Claude..... 24.5
Dale	Amanda..... 32	Peters	Felicity..... 26
Dale	Jason 36	Richardson	Naomi 32
Dale	Regan 32.5	Stilwell	Evan 32.5
Gamble.....	Wilson 28.5	Taylor.....	Simon..... 26
Hayes.....	Deb 31.5	Ward	Geoff..... 27.5
Head.....	Virginia..... 26.5		



EMERGENCY CALL-OUT TEAM

Overall, all it was quieter this year than the last couple for the Emergency Call Out Team, for which we are all grateful. Conditions were generally not favourable with cold, raining, high winds or high sea and sometimes a combination of all of these.

Again, and again our team responded to the calls for assistance from the Surf Lifesaving tasking system. With a closer involvement with Emergency Services, we have seen our team offer their support even greater distances from Avalon Beach Surf Club. Further upskilling has supported increased capability of our team to support the increased needs of SLS in our local community and build a stronger synergy with Emergency Services.

We had a team that responded all the way to Nowra. This team did some moving around different SES bases through Western Sydney on their return to Sydney. Terry Barber, who whilst living up in Ballina over summer, was in the thick of the action at Lismore during the floods and was the Surf Lifesaving Liaison at the emergency response centre, maintaining this role every day for nearly three weeks. Through his skills and knowledge of surf life saving he managed to co-ordinate and save hundreds of lives and bring people to safety whilst homes were being destroyed. He did all of this whilst the water level was slowly rising on his own property. Thankfully the top back step was as deep as it got.

Our team continue to gain recognition from the Surf Life Saving Northern Beaches Branch for our efforts seeing our very own Zachary Dale and Todd Barber win the Rescue of the Year. An awesome outcome and well done gents!! While the boys were on patrol for the rescue on this day, we see time and time again at all hours of the day the speed and effectiveness of our Club for out of hour rescues. Avalon Beach is often called out before Clubs that may be closer to the incident at the time.

Again, the whole team are to be thanked and commended by us all for their professionalism and courage that they continue to show when answering a range of callouts representing Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club and the broader SLS movement as a leading emergency service team. We are hoping to further develop skills in this area with courses in conjunction with other emergency services this coming summer.

Call outs this year:

14/8 Responded to an upturned vessel at South Avalon
21/9 Responded to a paddle boarder in distress North Avalon
2/3 Responded to flood assistance tasking at Nowra
8/3 Responded to flood assistance tasking at Narrabeen
25/5 Responded to a rock fisherman in distress at Whale Beach
4-6/7 Responded to flood assistance at Western Sydney

Thank you and well done team!



RESCUE OF THE MONTH

Each year some rescues stand out from the crowd and as such get nominated for the Surf Life Saving Northern Beaches Branch 'Rescue of the Month'. While many people would see this as doing what we have all been training to do and part of the role as volunteer life savers, the reality is many volunteers will have limited exposure to scenarios that may have a serious or tragic outcome. Preventions are key to this limited exposure for many of our members and acknowledgement to you all for such a successful year in doing this.

Below we have shared three of the nominations put forward this year. While all have been acknowledged by Surf Life Saving Northern Beaches Branch, the Rescue of the Year gained the greatest celebration. Credit to the Club on nurturing the skills and capability of all our members to have this level of success, recognition and calibre of people willing to put themselves at risk to help another person in need of assistance. The ultimate reward is the thanks from the individual/s helped when in need.

2 JANUARY 2022

Nomination - Peter Carter, Tammy Carter, Nathan Wellings, Jason Dale, Laura Baierl, Amanda Dale, Sally Macintosh, Eliza Cutrie, Andrew Clark, Gary Cooke, Deb Hayes, Felicity Peters, Matt Pellet, Remo Adoncello, Ross Bloore, Simon Taylor, Bernadette McKay, Ella Brady, Todd Barber, Zac Dale, Regan Dale, Jordan Hawke, Charlie Lewis, Donna Wishart, Erin Rooke, Simon Taylor, Anthony Hearne, Alice Binns, Molly Baczowski, Naomi Richardson, Natasha Dekker, Nick Sampson and Rob Hopton.

On this extremely busy day just after New Year's Eve, Avalon Beach had 1-to-1.5-meter swells driven by cyclone (Seth) which pushed water over the bank into a gutter before the shoreline. The gutter rip on its own, drifting outside the flags, had a strong pull catching swimmers off guard. North Avalon on low tide had people being pushed off the small bank into a quick moving rip. With a similar story on the southern rip near the pool, and with the North Easterly swell, it looked mostly unappealing to those not familiar with the surf. With what was believed to be the largest attendance on the beach in years, a call out for more support was made via the Surfguard SMS system. This resulted in the arrival of several additional supporting patrolling members that allowed us to keep the beach open with the belief we could continue to support anyone in need. Avalon Beach's average patrol size is 11, which swelled to close to 30 patrolling members through a combination

of people staying on from the morning patrol and 10-15 members that responded to the call out. Some rescues throughout the day were at the northern end of the beach in the rip running with the rocks, with the vast majority of rescues in the middle of the beach due to the fast moving inshore gutter sweep from north to south. All rescues took place over about five hours as the tide dropped. In total, 71 rescues were completed during the course of the day with three during the morning patrol and 68 in the afternoon.

3 JANUARY 2022

Nomination - William Dawson

A rip was running along the rocks adjacent to the ocean pool at South Palm Beach with a stiff wind of about 10-15 knots. The lifeguards had finished for the day. A father and daughter were both caught in the unusually strong rip at Kiddie's Corner, had drifted some distance and were still being taken out. Will and another surfer helped to bring the girl in by taking turns padding her back whilst she held on to their board, and the other surfers brought the man back in. They were not local and seemed totally unaware of the danger they were in. It was scary to watch how quickly it all unfolded but thankfully had a happy outcome. I was very proud watching Will put all his new knowledge to the test and staying cool and calm at the same time.

19 MARCH 2022

Nomination - Todd Barber and Zac Dale

Sydney Northern Beaches Branch Rescue of the Month winner – March

Sydney Northern Beaches Branch Rescue of the Year – 2021-2022

Surfcom put call out for Avalon Beach to support a mayday call from a 35ft motor power cruiser taking on water. With 45km winds and 4-5-metre swell, Todd and Zac launched the IRB in support of the call. With swift navigation in challenging conditions, they made their way through the surf break and began the tricky navigation to the boat in need. Upon arriving at the scene Todd and Zac found three people clinging to what was remaining above water of their large boat. They quickly managed to get all three patients on board the IRB. Within minutes of getting all onboard, the boat sunk out of sight. Shortly after other support teams including the SNB RWC and Whale Beach SLSC IRB arrived. The Avalon IRB communicated with Surfcom to arrange a transfer onto a Marine Rescue vessel who took all the patients on board for a safe return to calm waters.

FLOOD DISASTER SUPPORT

The environment continues to test the resilience of our emergency call out teams with the most recent flooding in Western Sydney requiring emergency services support on 3 July. Approximately 14 IRBs and crews responded to SLSNSW's call for support across NSW with Avalon Beach SLSC's Jason Dale and Nick Sampson putting their hand up to assist.

The following day, Nick and Jason were posted to Liverpool SES base. It was clear from the onset SES wanted to work with SLS and utilise the additional SLS assets available. Being assigned to a particular SES team, both emergency services teams shadowed each other to multiple taskings throughout the day. One of those tasking was dropping food supplies to an isolated gentleman. Nothing prepared Nick and Jason for what was to happen next.

After being stood down for the day and on their way to a hotel they found themselves caught in flash flooding themselves and for close to three hours switched gears back into life saving mode. Below is a raw detailed timeline of the night by Nick and Jason.

In summary, Jason and Nick evacuated close to 100 vehicles comprising young, elderly and highly emotional people to safety. Their rescue support varied from pulling people out of car windows and carrying to high water to simply escorting and directing people to evacuation assembly points. Their standout moment was rescuing an elderly woman from moving water who was swept off her feet along with a policewoman who had jumped in to assist. Jason and Nick, working together, were able to gather them before being swept into a raging creek. Support continued with the SES evacuating a childcare centre as one of the last efforts of the night.

The following day the boys returned to Liverpool SES and were quickly tasked again to Londonderry along the Nepean River. Working with the SES, the boys found themselves rescuing sheep and goats. Due to the filthy conditions of the water, they had to be decontaminated by the Fire Brigade. A new experience for both!

On the third day Jason and Nick were tasked to Gosford SES. With an early tasking to Wollombi many hours were spent attempting to get to 11 people seeking evacuation. Unfortunately, the risks were too high resulting in being stood down after 5 hours. It was understood extraction by air was being considered. On returning to the SES base a late tasking found our boys with two other crews doing an SLS independent evacuation only 10 minutes from their location resulting in three adults and three pets evacuated just before dark.

The three days were exhausting, unfortunate and rewarding at the same time. This experience has provided an opportunity to give feedback to SLS in how to work with Emergency

Services units, SES in particular, as well as giving our Club Captains valuable insight that will be brought back into our Club and community.



Summary

An incredibly intense situation with over 100 cars worth of people evacuated. Without the involvement of SLS operators this could have very easily been a fatal incident. 50 cars were cleared by SLS during extreme conditions. The whole event took less than four hours. The scene the next day was still a war like zone with 25-30 cars unable to move due to flood damage. SLS operators were commended on scene by all the attending agencies for their skill and work ethic.

Recommendations to SLS

Create a flood response team with a higher skill level and adequate training. Appropriate SLS branded PPE including branded steamers, wet weather jackets that keep people dry, similar to duty officer jackets. Patrol jackets were completely inadequate. Branded vehicles to use on shift and transporting to staging locations. The incident we were involved in was 1km from staging area and people should not have to have personal vehicles in any dangerous situation. Increased access to GRN radios.

SLS ran a professional operation and put a few other agencies to shame. SLS response could be a vastly improved operation with clearer instructions from other agencies. Commendation to all the support staff in the office who did an incredible job supporting the teams on the ground.

4TH JULY RECOUNT:

7:00am:	Muster at SES Liverpool.
10:00am (approx.)	First tasking.
11:00am:	Supply drop simple task.
12:30pm (approx.)	Tasking to flooded car 2 Persons of Interest (POI).
12:45pm:	Stand down - all POI accounted for.
1:15pm:	Tasked to flooded street with multiple cars.
1:30pm:	Arrived on scene, assessed and couldn't locate any cars or POI. Stood down.
5:00pm:	Off Shift pack and leave SES base for hotel.
5:15pm:	Observed lots of water on side roads and heavy traffic.
5:30pm:	Reported scene to Liverpool FIC (Andrew Lindop) advising heavy traffic and water rapidly rising.
5:35pm:	Drove car to highest point in road exited car as noticed a car stuck and POI trapped inside. Got PPE on and waded into about waist high water. Evacuated POI and got to high ground.
5:45pm:	Assessed situation as six more cars required assistance. Most POI were accompanied as they walked from their car. One POI carried.
6:00pm:	Started an assembly point on the road for all the POI. A further seven cars drove into flood water attempting to stop with no success.
6:15pm:	Advised Liaison Officer – Metro ICC (Kieran Menzies) of current situation via phone as no GRN radio in the personal vehicle. A further eight cars were evacuated and approx. 75 cars stuck surrounded by rapidly rising flood waters. Only assets on scene were Off-Duty SLS operators, Jason and Nick.
6:15pm:	Nick and Jason went to separate ends of the immediate area in an attempt to support other POI's in need and to prevent further vehicles entering and becoming inoperable from water.
6:20pm:	Fire rescue on scene to help with an initial POI Nick and Jason had supported earlier. With matter dealt with they moved on and left scene. Jason directed traffic to prevent further cars from entering location.
6:30pm:	Jason supported approx. ten car occupants to a nearby bus stop at higher ground as vehicles were either bogged in median strip or inoperable from the flooding.
6:30pm:	Assessments completed approx. 500m each direction of initial scene. Located Highway Patrol Police and Nick updated the situation to date. Police advised there was a car 200m up the road with people trapped. Nick attended. Water about 0.7m-1.4m. Located 2 POI both non-swimmers. Car door jammed shut. POI wound down window. 1 POI at a time was removed from the car and transported to higher ground via 1 person carry. Whilst carrying 2nd POI, Nick unsuccessfully attempted to stop a small car from entering the flood water. After completing the original rescue, Nick moved to the new car and was able to get door open. 1 male and 3 toddlers were carried over three trips (toddlers first) to an evacuation high point.
6:50pm:	Updated SLS SOC via Hanna Clare, JD and NS reconnect and continue together.
7:00pm:	Metro police arrive on scene, conducted an incident update, and made the decision to evacuate remaining 50-70 cars of all occupants. SLS operator worked with NSW police to complete task. Some cars in depths of 0.8-1m deep at this stage with the majority of occupants non-swimmers.
7:30pm:	Police rescue and SES arrive on scene to add more personnel. Working in teams as all agencies collaborated to complete the evacuations of mostly elderly and young children from cars. Water was moving at a pace which required a 2-man team to move most POI. Almost all POI non-swimmers.
7:45pm:	Elderly female slipped attempting to move through flood water 0.8 deep, washed by the flow of water. NSW Police dived and grabbed and kept afloat with both now racing towards the deep-water section. Jason, Nick and police rescue operator who were in the deep section created a barrier and scooped up both the POI in the water. Both POI collected and moved to the evacuation point and transferred to NSW ambulance for shock.
8:00pm:	SES Unimog requested assistance to evacuate a kindergartion approx. 100m up a side street. 10 POI varying ages. Police Rescue, SES and SLS rode on Unimog to scene through high flood water vehicle at max height. 7 toddlers, 2 teachers, 1 parent and 1 baby all OK physically, however, anxious and scared. Able to walk all POI to Unimog and transport to evacuation point to return to families and waiting parents.
8:30pm:	Updated SLS Incident controller (Andrew Cribb) and waited on scene for water to subside enough to drive car out.
9:15pm:	Water at a level to safely leave incident.

EDUCATION REPORT

Congratulations again to our education team on another successful season despite all the obstacles thrown at them. Not only was there Covid to deal with but also a tsunami warning, shark alarms, thunderstorms and torrential rain events resulting in poor water quality, debris and dangerous surf conditions.

Despite this, our Club's Trainers and Assessors were able to work through the season with a creditable 138 new awards for Avalon Beach SLSC members.

At the start of each season the Trainers' primary aim is focused on the Bronze proficiencies. It's a huge task ensuring patrolling members have completed these by the end of December, so a huge thanks goes to Steve Broderick who took on the role of Skills Maintenance Co-Ordinator. With help from Rick Mitchell and other trainers, the proficiencies were completed.

While the Bronze Medallion courses did not have the usual quantity of candidates, the quality of the training was exceptional. Newly endorsed trainers, Rosemary Morgan-Smith and Charlotte Broderick led the way, running two successful Bronze Medallion courses while also mentoring probationary trainers Helen Tan, Sophie Valentine and Mia Clendinning. Of course, they'd acknowledge the assistance of Steve Broderick, Steve Early, Mark Head and Rick Mitchell when required.

Once again Dave Roberts took the reins of the SRC and Cadet Bronze Medallion courses with the assistance from many parent helpers. Altogether Dave trained 31 candidates to successfully complete their course this season. After 10 years of training close to 500 candidates, Dave will be having a well-deserved break from training next season. A huge effort! Thanks again, Dave.

Some other season highlights included 26 Advanced Resuscitation Technique awards, most being trained by Louise

Lindop, and 54 First Aid Certificates, with Mike Stanley-Jones and Andrew Clark completing the Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue award towards the end of the season.

Congratulations also to Jack Roberts and Harrison Schaut for completing the Gold Medallion, while Steve Broderick, Rosemary Morgan-Smith, Nicholas Parker and Jack Roberts earned Silver Medallion Beach Management awards.

Due to Covid, no Club members could travel to our sister club in Singapore. It was proposed to run a Zoom Bronze Medallion course however, most of the Singapore Nippers season was cancelled with many of the candidates returning to their native countries. ABSLSC Trainers are looking to a possible return to Singapore next season.

The IRB team, led by Alan Moran, ran an efficient skills maintenance program and had several candidates training for IRB Driver and Crew awards. Due to Covid and surf conditions, no new IRB awards were gained by Club members, but the team already have assessments booked in for next season. The IRB team is always looking for new drivers and crew, so let Alan or Terry Barber know if you're keen.

Congratulations to Helen Tan on recently becoming an Endorsed Trainer. We're eager to build our Education Team. Please let us know if you're interested.

This season we also welcomed two new Bronze Assessors – Steve Early and Mark Head. This role is not highly visible, except on assessment day, but is essential for the continued running of courses across the branch.

The Education team also thanks Club President Bernadette McKay, Club Administrator Leanne Austin and the Board of Management for continued support during a difficult season.

Michael King | Director of Education



EDUCATION AWARDS

GOLD MEDALLION

Jack Roberts
Harrison Schaut

SILVER MEDALLION AQUATIC RESCUE

Andrew Clark
Michael Stanley-Jones

SILVER MEDALLION BEACH MANAGEMENT

Steve Broderick
Rosemary Morgan-Smith
Nicholas Parker
Jack Roberts

BRONZE MEDALLION

Finn Arnold
Rosie Brennan
Kai Calleja
Sam Cooper
Arabella Cox
Russell Forster
Luciano Franco
Adam Hellyer
Tallulah Lewis
Max Molloy
Tess Moran
Gordon Morrison
Jae Morrison
Patrick Noble
Rachel O'Driscoll
Bruce Oscroft
Larry Pace
Ava Roberts
Jasmin Robinson
Dax Stanley
Stirling Stewart
Zoe Warrener
Aidan Welch
Emma Yap

FIRST AID

Remo Adoncello	Nina Mills
Christian Beulen	Rick Mitchell
Ross Bloore	Alan Moran
Matthew Brennan	Tess Moran
Rosie Brennan	Rosemary Morgan-Smith
Charlotte Broderick	Gordon Morrison
Steve Broderick	Jae Morrison
Colin Campbell	JoAnn Mullally-Forster
Pete Carter	Sue Muller-Hawkins
Tiffany Chapman	Jeff Nesbitt
Andrew Clark	Patrick Noble
Arabella Cox	Rachel O'Driscoll
Taylor Dickinson	Bruce Oscroft
Emma Dunlop-Jones	Finlay Parker
Hamish Dwight	Isla Pegler
Steve Early	Felicity Peters
William Elliott	Jack Roberts
Russell Forster	Harrison Schaut
Debra Hayes	Dax Stanley
Mark Head	Mike Stanley-Jones
Mark Heffernan	Evan Stilwell
Michael King	Giles Stoddard
Tallulah Lewis	Helen Tan
Alan Mahn	Kevin Veale
Matthew Mayall	Zoe Warrener
Bernadette McKay	Aidan Welch
Lachie Mills	Warwick Willcoxson

ADVANCED RESUSCITATION TECHNIQUES

Remo Adoncello	Lachie Mills
Ross Bloore	Rick Mitchell
Rosie Brennan	Alan Moran
Charlotte Broderick	JoAnn Mullally-Forster
Pete Carter	Jeff Nesbitt
Andrew Clark	Felicity Peters
Arabella Cox	Jack Roberts
Steve Early	Mike Stanley-Jones
Deb Hayes	Evan Stilwell
Mark Head	Helen Tan
Mark Heffernan	Zoe Warrener
Michael King	Warwick Willcoxson
Louise Lindop	
Bernadette McKay	

ASSESSOR – BRONZE MEDALLION/SRC

Steve Early
Mark Head

TRAINING OFFICER CERTIFICATE

Helen Tan

TRAINING OFFICER - ADVANCED RESUSCITATION TECHNIQUE (ART)

Steve Early

TRAINING OFFICER - BRONZE MEDALLION/ SRC

Helen Tan

SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE

Olivia Austin
Charlie Brown
William Dawson
Zara Delahunty
Henry Donald
Ethan Edwards
Xavier Finkeldey
Max Flaye-Poulson
Millie Hutchins
Sophie Lane
Toby Legge
William Neufeld
Hamish Nosworthy
Samuel Pace
Joshua Parr
Hattie Plowman
Olive Robinson
Poppy Sarsfield
Jakob Stephenson
Evie Waters
Ella Wood

PUBLIC OFFICER AND GOVERNANCE PANEL REPORTS

The Club at every turn actively aspires to excellence, innovation and best practice. To our knowledge we continue to be one of the very few clubs to have appointed a dedicated Public Officer and an independent Governance Panel.

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.

In the past year the Public Officer's role continued early on with monitoring and advice in relation to COVID-19 lockdown and other restrictions, and as those restrictions eased, with multiple short term federal and state government assistance programs. Consideration was also given to effects on the Club of the withdrawal over time of those assistance packages. 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 during the pandemic. Surf Life Saving NSW formed a financial committee and reviewed the published financial statements of many clubs for the prior financial year. 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.

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

During the year further matters were addressed in relation to workers compensation insurance matters, and particularly in relation to ensuring coverage for members and deemed workers engaged in duties other than those covered as designated life saving duties. In overlap with other responsibilities your Chairman was also occupied on committees for revision of the Club's constitution, strategies in conjunction with Council for the proposed withdrawal from lease and licence of the former restaurant and café operator and collection of outstanding money, consideration of structure of lease and licence and calling for tenders for a new operator or operators of the restaurant and café, and at the time of writing, consideration of proposed contents of a licence for part time office operations for third parties in the clubhouse.

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



ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Our 2021 AGM took place in a wholly virtual environment (a Club first!) as the extension of the Greater Sydney Covid lock down was announced. At short notice, members Sally Macintosh, Donna Wishart and Terry Barber set up and managed the technical side of running a virtual AGM enabling those involved in more formal duties such as presenting or, in my case, minute-taking, to perform our roles with confidence.

Membership renewals would usually open immediately after the AGM, however, with the uncertainty of how long the lockdown would extend, the introduction by SLSNSW of a vaccine mandate for all front-line volunteer members, a Clubhouse in lockdown, the suspension of training and access to Club equipment and a total ban on community sport, it is fair to say it was an unexpected start to the season.

Covid safe plans and refund policies were busily rewritten, the Club Captains determinedly assembled, reassembled and juggled patrol team formation and Nipper membership renewal was suspended in response to the ever-changing Covid landscape.

Membership renewals were lower this season, down 15.5% from last year's record year. Who can tell if it was the extended lockdown, the vaccination mandate, or the dire weather we had in the lead up to, and throughout the season. Even our welcome back/welcome to the season BBQ, organised by our new Social Coordinator, Pep Martins, was bumped from September to December, eventually taking place on a freezing and wet summer's day. The La Niña cocktail on offer was aptly named!

If it wasn't Covid, it was freakish weather events and flooding playing havoc with the season and causing the Ocean Swim/ Around the Bends swim to be cancelled due to poor water quality. It was a trying time for our patrol teams with bad weather seeing many wet weather patrols huddling under the patrol tent.

Patrol Audits are aimed at promoting best practice patrol methods and throughout the season assessors take to the beaches to spot check our volunteer beach patrols to ensure compliance across a range of disciplines including beach management and set-up, uniforms, gear and equipment and practical assessment. It was a proud moment when our Club was jointly awarded the Patrol Audit Award at SLSNSB's Awards of Excellence with a whopping 98% score. This Award reflects the efforts of every one of our patrolling members – a fantastic achievement.

Our patrol teams were supplied with a new patrol shirt this season thanks to new national sponsors. The rollout was seamless, however, the question was asked by Club Trainer, Steve Early, who has a professional background in supply chain consulting across apparel and circular economy (post-

consumer waste) recycling, "What happens to all the old patrol shirts?"



As an emergency services uniform, a patrol shirt can't be donated in Australia. Rather it must be disposed. There is currently no national strategy in place to collect and recycle redundant patrol uniforms. Rather, each Club is left to undertake their own initiative in this space. SLSNSW offered their head office as a drop-off centre and have implemented various strategies in the past; donate to SE Asian countries that provide lifeguard services, made into tote bags, or incineration.

As a movement we can do so much better than this!

Steve is off to a SLS Leadership Conference in a couple of weeks and will ensure that this topic gets a good hearing. I hope that future annual reports will have exciting new strategies and the adoption of fabric recycling firmly in place for the recycling of all future uniforms.

Our suburb celebrated its centenary this season and our members got on board to acknowledge this milestone with a group "100" photo. Thanks to all who came down to participate and Tim Hixson who always happily obliges when asked if he can photograph a Club event. We will be celebrating our own centenary in 2025 and invite anyone interested in joining the organising committee to make themselves known.

We were fortunate to host two life-changing events for our members and community this season; Communication with Kindness workshop and Tomorrow Woman's Gather event. These programs are part of the suite of services offered by mental health charity Gotcha4Life and Man Anchor and are made possible through the revenue raised by fundraisers such as the 24-hr Row, initiated and locally co-ordinated by members Mel and Nathan Wellings. It was powerful to see our community engage and benefit from these sessions.

The onsite restaurant closed in June 2021 for a winter hibernation, failed to reopen after lockdown and eventually announced their permanent closure and withdrawal from their lease. The handful of functions bookings in the Ocean Room were serviced by their mobile catering team. We eagerly await news of a new restaurant and cafe operator who can invigorate what would have to be the most enviable dining location in Avalon Beach.

Motivated by the loss in revenue of the Ocean Room event space, we began to look at other opportunities to maximise the hire of our Clubhouse and a fortuitously timed approach

by a coworking group wanting to expand their services will likely see the Bangalley Bar converted to a coworking space every Monday – Wednesday.

Opening our Clubhouse in this way aligns with our strategic vision to be a place for our community, was well supported by our membership poll, and will see a currently underutilised asset (daytime hire of the Bangalley Bar) benefiting members and the local community. After two years of lockdowns and disruption, a change in corporate attitude towards working from home, it is exciting to think that our Clubhouse will be a hive of a different kind of activity during the week.

Venue hire was impacted by the lockdown (more on this in a separate report) and during this downtime, Bangalley Bar managers, Nick Sampson and Jason Dale, introduced new technologies to replace laborious bar admin tasks such as staff and volunteer rostering, product pricing and stock control and revolutionising bar administration. These platforms have now linked into the Club's accounting platform, Xero, providing almost seamless timesheet and payroll processing. Winning!

The Bangalley Bar also received a small refresh with some new greenery and festoon lighting. It is yet to see how well the plants will stand up to the harsh conditions but so far so good with many hirers complimenting the new look.

The Club rolled over to Microsoft Outlook this season with new email addresses for the management team and member-facing Officeholder roles. Whilst primarily used as an email

service, we are exploring how we can incorporate this technology to make volunteer admin load easier.

A small committee reviewed the Club's Constitution this season as a new template was rolled out by SLSNSW incorporating the (not so) new SLSA membership categories and various other recommended changes. The Constitution is 38 pages long and I owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Kevin Veale and Bernadette McKay, who joined me on an 11-month journey as we examined and debated each and every single word. And there are 12,564 words! Thank you also to Life Member, Bruce Muston, Richard Cole and Phil Ayers, SLSNSW for reviewing the final versions.

Assembling the Annual Report with Deputy President Richard Cole and Emma Long, Penguin Creative, is a labour of love. It's an opportunity to reflect on the season that was and the stories within and this year is especially poignant for me as I am standing down after seven years as Director of Administration.

In 2014, the Club was re-establishing itself after the disrupted years of rebuilding the new Clubhouse. It was a time of renewal and change and I am proud to have played a part, along with the management team, who have accomplished a great deal over those years; the automation of manual processes and the move to online applications for electronic banking, cloud document sharing/storage and membership renewals and a new website. It was an era of documentation; Constitution rewrites in 2016 and 2022, development of the strategic plan, by-laws, policies and procedures.

Annual governance and compliance within volunteer organisations present ongoing administrative obligations. Preparation of insurance renewals, Australian Charities and NFP information statements, maintaining appropriate licensing requirements and ensuring the Club is aligned with Branch, State and National surf lifesaving policies is an unheroic, but essential, responsibility of this role. Public Officer, Kevin Veale, has provided invaluable counsel during the preparation of these essential compliance responsibilities.

There are many who deserve recognition in this Club and to every age manager who has gently encouraged their Nippers to be confident in the water, every trainer and coach who has imparted their knowledge, every member that has stepped up and lent a hand often quietly and unseen, and each patrolling member who has supervised our beach, cared for our community, prevented an injury or saved a life, thank you.

After 70 x Board of Management meetings agenda preparation and minute-taking, give or take a meeting, and soon to be seven AGM coordination and minute-taking, I have also had the pleasure of organising four Life Member and Service Award luncheons recognising the achievements and tenure of some of the most remarkable members of the Club, along with the Club of the Year "gold" celebration.

There have been many highlights, but my proudest moments were seeing the 'One Club' culture, born in 2015, recognised with the Club of the Year Award in 2018, collaborating with the Northern Beaches club admins, "admin mafia", to share ideas

on how to administer our Clubs more effectively, seeing the core values of Surf Life Saving - to save lives, create great Australians and build better communities – roll out in an unexpected way through the 2020 Bushfire Appeal under the leadership of Louise Lindop and, lastly, just how impactful seven amazing Nipper mums can be at fundraising, along with the support of a generous community, that was the Carols Silent Auction whirlwind.

It has been a privilege to have held a leadership role in this wonderful Surf Club family and work with so many dedicated individuals and I encourage all members to put your hand up and get more involved at an operational level. The Board of Management are an exceptional team who are all passionate about this Club, the members within and keeping our community safe on the beach.

Thank you to the four Presidents I have served alongside; Christine Hopton, Richard Cole, Ashley Cardiff and, especially, Bernadette McKay who have each guided the Club in their own way through its many triumphs and challenges. Thank you to each Board of Management member, present and past for your wise counsel, forward thinking approach, robust debate when required and most importantly, your sense of humour. You are the engine room of this great Club.

Leanne Austin | Director of Administration



THE LONG TAIL OF COVID

As last season's Annual Report was shipped off to the printers, a new strain of Coronavirus, "Delta", was beginning to circulate in Sydney after an infected flight crew member passed the strain to a local limousine driver.

The snap lockdown of two weeks, intended to minimise the increasing transmission, mostly throughout the eastern suburbs of Sydney, quickly extended by a fortnight and would eventually lead to a lock down of Greater Sydney lasting 107 days. Viewers tuned in to the 11:00am TV broadcast as then Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, together with Dr Kerry Chant, NSW Chief Health Officer and Brad Hazzard, Minister for Health, would outline daily case numbers: how many cases were linked to a known source, or unknown source, how many Covid deaths, hospitalisations and vaccinations had occurred in the preceding 24 hours. It was grim viewing as the infection, hospitalisation and death rates escalated daily. At the time of writing this report, 10,322 Australians have now died from, or with, Covid (depending on your perspective). Just under 8.5 million Australians have now been infected, though it is suspected that infection rates are considerably higher as those reported are linked to confirmed PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test results. By comparison to many countries around the world, Australia has fared exceptionally well.

Our community underwent colossal changes to lifestyle including the introduction of stay-at-home orders and curfews (9:00pm – 5:00am except for authorised workers, emergency or medical care workers), mandatory QR code check-ins were introduced, outdoor exercise limited to one hour per day, retail moved to click and collect, restaurants/café's to take-away sales only and schools moved back to online learning. Even the unstoppable construction industry was forced to close completely for a two-week period as escalating cases in the Fairfield, Canterbury-Bankstown and Liverpool, local government areas (LGAs), with a high concentration of construction industry workers, saw infection rates spike dramatically in those areas.

Authorised workers who needed to travel outside of their LGA were required to carry a permit and special powers were given to police including the ability to lockdown entire apartment blocks whilst health authorities assessed Covid risk, or order residents found outside their LGA or curfew back to their homes. Over 51,000 fines relating to a breach of the public health orders were issued since March 2020, and more than 25,000 during the height of the outbreak in August last year. Interstate borders were slammed shut with some remaining closed until only recently – welcome back citizens of West Australia!

Vaccines had been available since February 2021 but with lagging vaccination rates, a vaccine incentive was rolled out across NSW as various freedoms were promised only to those who were double vaccinated, medically exempt or under the age of 16 once vaccination targets of 70%, 80% and 95% had been reached.

In line with Emergency Services protocols, the Surf Life Saving movement announced a vaccination requirement for all members aged 13 years and above, unless medically exempt, for anyone participating in a Frontline Volunteer Activity that required the member to be the holder of a SLS Lifesaving, Emergency Care or Powercraft Award; Bronze Medallion, SRC, ARTC, IRB Driver, IRB Crew, RWC Operator, radio operator and UAV Operator). This policy also applied to:

- Members enrolled in a training course or assessment for any SLS Award (excluding Junior Nipper Awards)
- Support Operations Personnel
- Surf Sports Officials
- Trainers, Assessors or Facilitators
- Age Managers
- Surf Sports Coaches

With the surf life saving season due to start in September and our Junior Activities program scheduled for October, our Board of Management and Covid committee met by Zoom frequently to discuss how we could safely provide the volunteer services for which our movement is renowned.

These were challenging times and thankfully, our patrol season opened on time due to the extraordinary efforts of our Club Captains, Jason Dale and Nick Sampson who hastily restructured patrol teams to ensure compliance with SLSNSW's covid-safe practices.

During lockdown, the Club received ten function cancellations and a further seven functions were deferred to a later date with most resulting in later cancellations. All venue hire deposits were repaid in full. On a positive note, the closed Clubhouse enabled Building Manager, Rob Hopton, to coordinate some necessary refurbishment of the Ocean Room and Bangalley Bar floors.

11 October was declared "Freedom Day" by our new Premier, with stay-at-home orders removed, mask wearing abolished in outdoor settings and non-essential businesses (retailers, hairdressers, hospitality) were allowed to open to those who could prove their vaccination status. Covid Safe check in and proof of vaccination was required with stores requiring their queue forming, mask-wearing customers to display their green tick of approval on their smart phone to show they were double vaccinated, before being permitted entry.

As vaccination rates continued to climb, Greater Sydney achieved 80% double vaccination on 16 October and on Monday 18 October, again for the double vaccinated only, restrictions on numbers attending gatherings were eased, community sport resumed, visitor limits to households were increased, there were no rules for outdoor gatherings with fewer than a 1000 people, and indoor square metre capacities were increased.

NSW Health Orders seemed to change from week to week, but over the following weeks, restrictions were relaxed ahead of schedule as indoor swimming pools and nightclubs reopened and dancing and vertical drinking, (drinking whilst standing) was permitted both indoors and outdoors. The 14-day quarantine requirement for Australians returning home from abroad was abolished but it would take until 21 February 2022 until Australia's international borders were reopened to vaccinated travellers.

Those who had chosen to remain unvaccinated were finally given their basic freedoms on 15 December as all indoor density limits were lifted and QR code check-in and mask wearing abolished in all but high-risk areas such as hospitals, public transport and airports where they still remain.

Following NSW Government advice, our Clubhouse opened its doors to vaccinated members on 11 October 2021 adopting an honesty entrance policy. Community hire was also welcomed back with restrictions on class sizes and permitted activities offered only to double vaccinated participants. Some of our community hirers elected to wait until there were no barriers to participation and it took until the following February for the return to (almost) pre lockdown volume.

Nipper membership renewal, which had been delayed until community sport was allowed to resume, opened on 11 October and the Club's brand new Nipper Registrar, Fiona Nguyen, did a super-human job processing the membership renewals of our Nipper families, as well as guiding our new members through the registration maze over a three week period. The Nippers program kicked off on Sunday 31 October, after only a two week delay to the planned start.

The Bangalley Bar reopened in November 2021 and our first function was the long-awaited memorial service for two of our Club's greats, Don Imison and Reg Wood on Saturday 12 February 2022. This was followed by a raft of Covid catch-up functions and unprecedented venue hire enquiry as delayed weddings and celebrations wanted to all get underway.

For many of us whose lives have now returned to a new "normal", the memory of last year is almost surreal. For some, the scars of this time will likely be felt for years to come, especially by those who lost loved ones they could not farewell

or who died alone, those who became unwell without support of family or friends, singles and the elderly enduring unbearable loneliness, loss of employment and financial stability, those forced to remain in abusive and violent environments, first time parents raising newborns without family support, and children who have now had three years of interrupted education.

For others, lockdown was an opportunity to slow down, embrace a simpler life, spend more time with immediate family, catch up on unread books, enjoy the myriad of online courses available, or simply enjoy a peaceful lunch in the garden on a weekday!

As we go to print in 2022, Covid fatigue has set in and news of Covid cases had mostly disappeared from the headlines, surpassed by Russia's war on Ukraine, tension in the Indo-Pacific, global sanctions, supply chain issues, inflation, interest rate rises and extreme weather events causing flooding to many parts of NSW.

As new Covid variants circulate around the globe; Gamma, Omicron, BA.2.75, BA.4 BA.5 Covid is once again starting to hit the headlines with 137,260 active cases in NSW, and more than 70,000 new infections reported nationally over the weekend. There is a reluctance to reintroduce mandates and masks and the message coming from Canberra is "take responsibility, make your own choice".

Community is precious, even more so in turbulent times. We are all fortunate to live and volunteer within a community and for a community that looks out for each other when and however we can, creates connection, either virtual or socially distant when needed the most, and shows respect, trust and tolerance for people's choices during these extraordinary times.

Leanne Austin | Director of Administration



IRB REPORT

It was yet another quiet year. Training courses were shut down early this year and our Surf Swim event was also cancelled due to Covid and poor weather conditions. There were only three drivers who completed their course, but never got to do their exam. Steve Riley, Nic Parker and Taylor Dickenson have all exhibited great skills and will do their assessment shortly. I'm extremely confident that they'll have no trouble completing it.

With everything going on many of the events we supply safety boats for didn't happen; only Whale Beach and Newport managed to have their swims. Jase Brown, Pat Quinlan, Nic Parker and myself provided water safety at Newport's Swim event. Jase and Pat backed up for Whale Beach's Big Swim and were joined by Neil Petersen and Xanthe Friend.

We didn't have to supply a boat for State Championships this year but still had four shifts to cover. Xanthe, Pat and Neil did another stint, along with Donna Wishart, Johnny Harper, Rob Pigeon and Erin Rooke.

We purchased two Mercury outboard motors again this year, which have just recently arrived. As always this was done with the invaluable help of Avalon RSL Club. Their donation of an engine each year goes a long way helping us provide a reliable rescue service.

We also have two fresh boats on order. Unfortunately, there is a long wait time for new craft. One has been in the works for a while but is still unlikely to make it here in the coming season. The second boat is probably going to be a year after that. Whenever they do arrive it will be good to retire our older IRBs. Though one of them, Phil, has done yeoman's service. For many years our main race boat and for the last few seasons the first choice on patrol.

This year we lost Pete Akehurst. As long as I've been at the Club he was the IRB Race Captain and before then Pete held many other roles as well. Not giving too much away he managed to save us from ourselves many times without acting like a task master. An elegant and seemingly effortless leader. I say seemingly because I'm sure we made him sweat! He seamlessly made my job easier, both at the Club and professionally and I'm sure that easy ongoing assistance crossed into all aspects of his life.

As always, we'd love to have more members gain their IRB awards. If you're thinking about it, please get in touch. There are courses being run all the time and if you're willing to do it I will make it happen.

Alan Moran | IRB Captain



JUNIOR CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Whilst the 2021-22 season has wrapped up quickly for patrols on the beach, the season never truly stops. This season for youth hasn't been the easiest one with all sorts of roadblocks such as Covid restrictions, rainy weather conditions and flooding etc. Despite this there's still been some outstanding achievements from our young Club members.

Huge congratulations to those that have completed their SRC and Bronze Medallion, and our awarded 'Cadets of the Year', Sophia Randall and Stirling Stewart.

A special mention to the dedication of some of our members who trained our youth members and kept them safe throughout the whole process. A big thank you to the water safety team, Ashley Brown, Bernadette McKay, Nathan Knight, Trent Delahunty, Cameron Lane, Vanessa Edwards and James Nosworthy and our incredibly dedicated trainers, Dave Roberts, Charlotte and Steve Broderick, Rosemary Morgan-Smith, Mark Head, Helen Tan and Mia Glendenning.

What every youth member should know is that regardless of age or experience there's all sorts of opportunities within our Club. I highly encourage everyone to give something new a go, develop new skills and meet more people. You'll have fun on that journey and do things you never thought were possible. If there's anything in particular you've been thinking about, whether that's competing in events such as beach sports (flags, relays or sprints), surf boats or IRBs, training and education, or becoming more involved in the Club, reach out to any one of our senior members and you'll get the chance to give it a shot.

Whilst the year has been relatively quiet due to numerous challenges, there's also been many lessons learnt and plenty of new ideas and plans for next season which will give our Club youths more opportunities for fun and involvement. Exciting times coming for the year ahead.

See you all back soon on the beach.

Sophie Valentine | Junior Captain



YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES MAKERS WORKSHOP

This season, I had the honour of returning to Surf Life Saving New South Wales' youth program as the co-ordinator of the Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop (YOMs). Over the course of the four days, young members from NSW's 11 branches come together to build their practical skills, develop as leaders, build friendships with peers from different walks of life, and learn about the pathways that Surf Life Saving has on offer.

Having attended the program and represented Avalon Beach as a participant during the 2017-2018 season, it's been immensely rewarding to work with members of the team who ran the program and opened so many doors for my cohort. Together, we worked to build an even more inspiring experience for the organisation's most promising young members.

While La Niña and the water quality in April put a stop to many of the beach activities we had planned, the participants made the most of the week's theory workshops. Our facilitation team were blown away by the determination and initiative on display from the program's participants. Many of these high school-age leaders are already advising their club's Boards of Management and sitting on special committees.

Watching the 30-odd participants share their ideas around improving emergency and floodwater rescue training, improving the environmental sustainability of club life,

increasing youth retention and communication within the organisation was incredibly inspiring.

These young leaders and the plans they developed through collaboration were incredibly impressive and will no doubt be major assets to Surf Life Saving in the coming years. It's always an absolute privilege to work on the Youth Opportunity Makers and Junior Life Saver of the Year programs.

Harrison Schaut and I will also be attending a Winter edition of SLSNSW's State Development Camp before the new start of the new season. An intensive education program, "Dev Camp" will see a slightly older group of youth members from across NSW respond to no-notice rescue scenarios. Participants also earn their First Aid, ARTC, IRB Crew, and IRB Drivers awards – all in the space of a week!

Based on a program developed by Surf Life Saving Tasmania, it's also a great opportunity to observe innovation in the education space. No doubt, we'll return with notes on the latest, cutting-edge ideas around scenarios and training.

With Surf Life Saving NSW putting so many resources towards the development of our youth members, rest assured that the future of the organisation is in good hands!

Henry McGilchrist



SLSNSW's Facilitator team (left) alongside all participants of the 2022 Youth Opportunity Makers and Junior Life Saver of the Year programs.

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

It was an outstanding year for publicity this year, with a range of publications appreciating a seemingly endless supply of newsworthy stories from the Club and other sources, reporting on the great work of our Club's volunteer surf lifesavers.

Publicity about the Club's activities to inform the community is an essential activity of the Club. Good publicity can attract new members, sponsors, donors, builds Club spirit and recognise members' good work. Together with surf safety advice, these generate local community support and goodwill for the Surf Club.

The following publicity about the Club's surf life saving activities, community service and successes this year were promoted by the Club across its social media platforms as well as other media channels outlined below:

- A dramatic IRB rescue by Zach Dale and Todd Barber of three people from a cruiser that sank off South Whale Beach/ Careel Head in strong winds and large choppy swell - publicised in Pittwateronlinenews.com.au, and Pittwater Life magazine - nominated for SLSSNB March Rescue of the Month.
- A record 83 rescues over the three-day Australia Day weekend from a "perfect storm" of conditions. The first sunny weather of the year brought larger visitor numbers than usual to the beach (people were also not travelling interstate or overseas due to Covid restrictions or hesitancy). Increased visitation coinciding with large surf, more dangerous than usual beach conditions, and reduced patrolling numbers due to Covid infections among members. Non-rostered members stepped up to make sure the beach was covered at all times - published in Pittwateronlinenews.com.au, and Pittwater Life magazine - Patrol 2 nominated for SLSNB January Rescue of the Month
- SLSNB Rescue of the Month Award Winner Darryl Johnson's rescue of two swimmers on the North Coast - published in Pittwateronlinenews.com.au, and Pittwater Life magazine.
- SRC Will Dawson's after patrol hours rescue of swimmers in a rip at Palm Beach – Pittwateronlinenews.com.au.
- A feature article on Life Member Warren Young OAM 40 Years of service – published on the Front Cover of Pittwateronlinenews.com.au, and a two-page spread in Pittwater Life magazine
- Story on Life Member Roger Sayers OAM receiving his OAM at Government House - published in Pittwater Life magazine.
- Feature Story on Life Member Peter Carter and family Club members – two-page spread published in Peninsula Living magazine.

- Feature Profile of the Week story on Melinda Akehurst – published in Pittwateronlinenews.com.au <https://www.pittwateronlinenews.com/Melinda-Akehurst-Profile-Surf-Life-Saving-Official.php>.
- Profile story about the Club's new President Bernadette McKay – published in Pittwater Life, and Pittwateronlinenews.com.au.
- Two Tribute articles to Life Member Peter Akehurst by IRB competitors at Round 2 of the State IRB Titles Bulli/Sandon Beach – published in Pittwateronlinenews.com.au.
- Tom Waters Volunteer of the Year Award, and Nathan and Mel Wellings Innovation Award winners Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches - published in Peninsula Living magazine, Northern Beaches Review, and Pittwateronlinenews.com.au.
- Several articles about this year's annual 24-hour row for mental health initiative of Mel and Life Member Nathan Wellings – published in The Fitz Files inside back page Saturday SMH, Pittwateronlinenews.com, Peninsula Living magazine, Pittwater Life magazine, Northern Beaches Review.
- School excursion of primary school children to the Surf Club educating them about surf safety, the Surf Club's history, and surf lifesaving methods, explained by Geoff Searl OAM and Warren Young OAM – published in Peninsula Living magazine, and Pittwateronlinenews.com.au.
- Feature story by Geoff Searl OAM Club Historian and President Avalon Beach Historical Society about the history of the Surf Club's colours – published in Pittwater Life magazine.
- Four full Display Panels publicising aspects of the Surf Club's history under headings Avalon Beach SLSC, the IRB, Sharks, and Arrival of the Malibu surfboard, at the Avalon Beach Historical Society photo exhibition for the 100th anniversary of Avalon Beach over the three-day June long weekend at the community centre.
- Report on the official opening of the ABHS historical photo exhibition. Geoff Searl OAM outlined Long Service Member Brian Friend OAM ("Friendly")'s Bravery and numerous other Awards. Brian Friend OAM recalled changes during his 55 years in Avalon Beach, including significant increases in Surf Club membership and patrol numbers, and Warren Young OAM and Roger Sayers OAM roles – Pittwateronlinenews.com.au.

- Tim Hixson's photo of members for 100 years anniversary of the suburb Avalon Beach – published on Front Cover Pittwateronlinenews.com.au.
- Feature article on Surf Life Saving Northern Beaches by SLSNB Branch, outlining three surf lifesaving innovations that occurred at Avalon Beach – published in Northern Beaches Review.
- Story about Ash Cardiff stepping down as President and new President Bernadette McKay – published in Peninsula Living magazine and Pittwateronlinenews.com.au.
- Life Members Reg Wood and Don Imison's send off – published on Front Cover Pittwateronlinenews.com.au <https://www.pittwateronlinenews.com/Reg-Wood---Don-Imison-Tribute-Avalon-Beach-SLSC.php>.
- Regular reporting on competition results of our Surfboat and IRB crews – Pittwateronlinenews.com.au.
- Surf safety message warning people of dangerous conditions at Avalon Beach following an early morning close call for a swimmer before patrol hours witnessed by Warren Young OAM – Pittwateronlinenews.com.au.
- Feature story on café and restaurant arrangements at the Club quoting the President – published in Pittwater Life magazine.
- Pre-publicity on the annual Surf Swim and Carols at the Beach, and subsequent publicity of cancellation of the swims due to poor water quality and visibility, and the carols due to Covid crowd safety concerns, with loss of funds to the Club for the third year in a row – published in Pittwateronlinenews.com.au and Pittwater Life magazine.

- Report on the 96th AGM - Pittwateronlinenews.com.au.
- Anzac Day Club members' participation - Pittwateronlinenews.com.au.
- Start of Nippers - publicity information in Pittwateronlinenews.com.
- Surf forecasts for patrols and surf safety messages for the public - Realsurf.com, ABC 702 radio.
- Northern Beaches Council works on the northern side of the Clubhouse praised by Robert Hopton – Pittwater Life magazine, Peninsula Living magazine.
- Story about the Commonwealth Bank Avalon Beach Branch donating \$500 to the Club – published in Pittwater Life magazine.
- Story about McGrath Pittwater donating portion of a house sale proceeds to the Club – published in Northern Beaches Review.

With the fantastic amount of material regularly coming up this year, just getting stories out in a timely manner to print and online publications was at times almost a full-time job. But it is a labour of love - ensuring as far as possible that members and the Club receive the public acknowledgement and recognition in the wider community that they deserve.

A reminder to Committee members, Patrol Captains, Club members and competition managers: 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 so members can receive the public acknowledgement they deserve. Thanks.

Roger Sayers OAM | Publicity Officer, Life Member

IN THE NEWS

Dramatic Rescue Of 3 People By Avalon Beach SLSC After 35 Ft Power Cruiser Capsized And Sank Off Careel Head



Near Drowning At Avalon Beach Saturday Morning 2 Hours Before Surf Patrols Start



Peter "Digger" Akehurst Tribute At IRB Competition On South Coasts' Sandon Beach



WELCOME NEW ASRL PRESIDENT - NICK SAMPSON



NEWS ALERT
NEW ASRL PRESIDENT
NICK SAMPSON - TWO YEAR TERM

Don Imison Tribute Avalon Beach SLSC



Melinda Akehurst Tribute Surf Life Saving Official



Kiama Downs Ducks Into Top Spot At IRB Series Round 2 - Avalon Beach SLSC Honours Peter 'Digger' Akehurst - Newport SLSC Rises To 4th Spot



NEW SOUTH WALES

ABOUT US
GET INVOLVED
BEACH SAFETY
NEWS & EVENTS
FIRST AID COURSES
SHOP
CONTACT US

AUSTRALIANS TO JOIN LIFESAVING EVENT

2021 24 Hour Race for Mental Fitness supporting [SpectraLife](#). Over 2,000 surf club members part in this year's event that was postponed from August.

It's time to make it more than just a race. Event organisers are excited to see the commitment from all the money for such an important cause.

MEMBERS
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Perfect Send Off For Two ABSLSC Club Legends - Life Members Reg Wood And Don "Imo" Imison



Melinda Akehurst



2022 Annual Newport Surf Boat Carnival

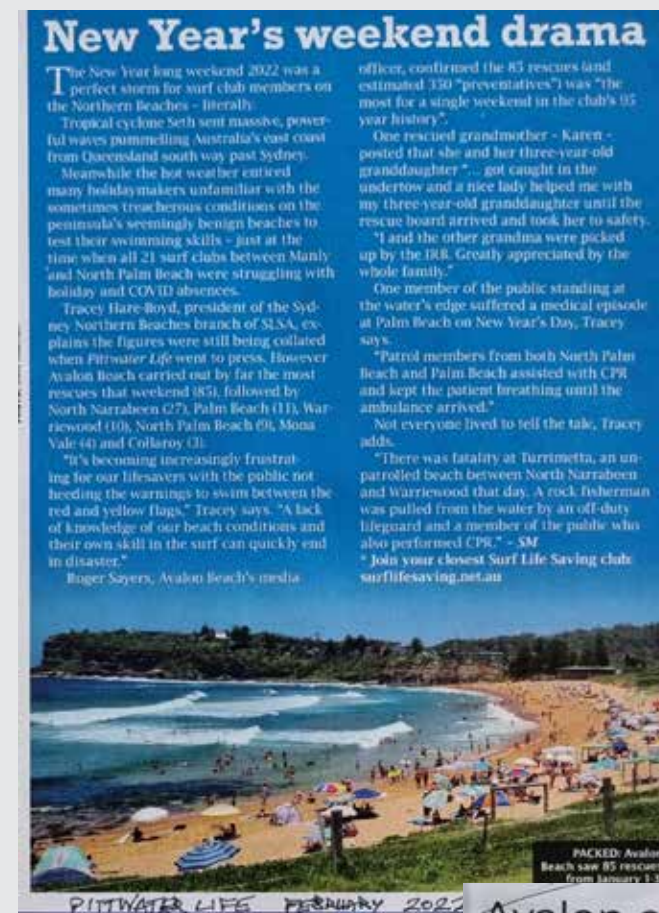


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FIRST AID REPORT

In first aid news this season, we now have two defibs in waterproof/dustproof cases so we can leave one in the tent and one in the ATV. We also have extra first aid kits, oxys and spinal boards too so we can have both the tent and ATV fully equipped and ready to instantly respond to an emergency. It's important that the ATV has one of everything because, in an emergency, time is vital and it's too easy to leave something behind in the rush.

Our oxy bags have been upgraded and the new blue oxy bags have plenty of space inside so the oxy can be set up ready for use in the bag saving precious seconds.

The other big change in first aid is the addition of haemostatic bandages in the major trauma kit. The idea is they'll staunch the blood flow in wounds that can't be treated with normal dressing or a tourniquet. They must be kept dry prior to application and, upon contact with the wound, form a gel that contains clotting factors. They should be applied to the surface for stomach or chest wounds and held in place. For other wounds such as a fin chop to the buttocks stuff the wound with the dressings to staunch the flow of blood. Haemostatic bandages are very expensive so make sure you only use them for major traumas. Do not use them for superficial cuts or grazes!

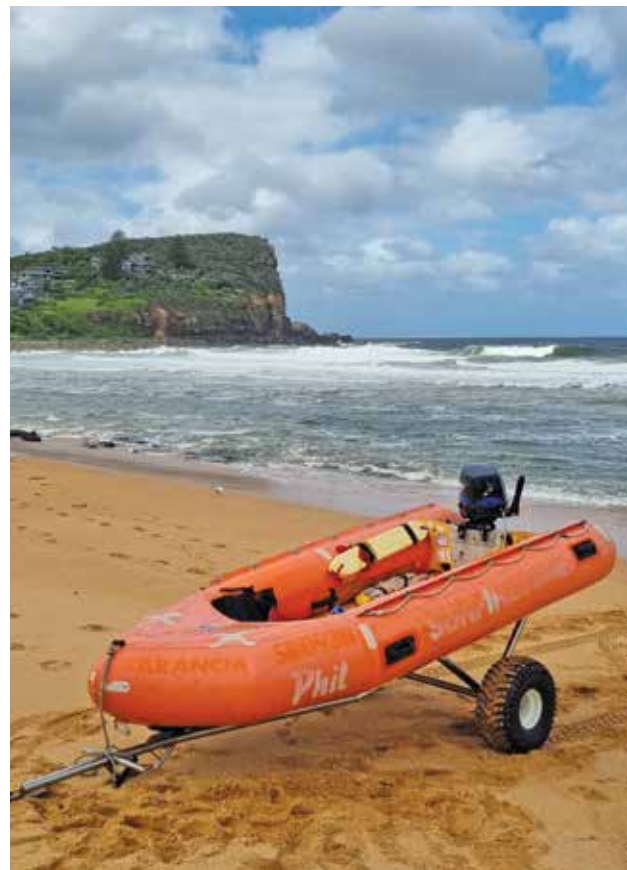
Warwick Willcoxson | First Aid Officer

GEAR STEWARD REPORT

A special thank you to all the Club members who have taken good care of the rescue boards, racing mals and other Club emergency equipment during the season.

Leading up to the start of the season, a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to get all the equipment ready for summer. We purchased four new Bennett Rescue boards which for the first time included chip and dent tape around the nose and left and right tail sides for added protection. Over the winter, board and gear repairs and replacements will be happening. There will be two new 'soft' rescue boards added after a request from the training department for those finding it challenging to start off on the hard boards. Please let me know if there is any damage to the boards or Club gear, or if you would like to borrow a board for some training outside of normal hours.

Neil Petersen | Board Captain and Gear Steward



CROSSFIT AVALON BEACH REPORT

What a year... just when you thought it couldn't get any weirder! For our CrossFit Members it was all about adapting to life with the threat of Covid, isolation and how do I negotiate health and fitness.

We're so proud of all our guys as most experienced Covid at some point in time but thanks to their health and fitness were able to return to training with little to no interruption. It left me in no doubt how important the role health and fitness plays, not only in your physiology, but psychology too. Our members seemed to have fared better all round and all attributed that to their training.

Our patrolling members again showed way more confidence in performing their duties. This is the wonderful byproduct of increasing cardiovascular and respiratory function as well as increasing strength.

Whilst it was another tough season for Boaties they all gave it 100% and came home with some great results at the Australian Titles (covered on the results highlights page). All the crews had a pretty good season overall and we look forward to contributing to their program next season.

We are so proud of Coach Maree whom this year made it to the Quarter Finals of the CrossFit Games. To achieve this Maree had to qualify in the Top 10% in her age group worldwide, a remarkable effort when you consider there was upwards of 35,000 just in her age group. Maree completed 5 grueling workouts over three days and just missed out on a semi-finals spot. In the pursuit of furthering her athletic career, Maree has now joined the Starr Strength Program run by renowned strength and conditioning coach, Luke Starr. We'll be watching her over the coming months as she strives for that next step.

On a general level we continue to push the boundaries of health and fitness. We strive to continually update our knowledge and keep our members informed. CrossFit is at the forefront of battling chronic disease and it remains a focus for all within the CrossFit Community.

We've another big year ahead with plenty planned and if you are not already a part of it we welcome you to join our family, get fit, get strong, get healthy and inspire your kids and those around you.

Brent and Maree Williams | Crossfit Avalon Beach



HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Heritage Committee completed two important projects this year, restoration and reframing of the Club's faded and missing historical photos and installation of a plaque for Ken "Davo" Davidson Memorial Garden.

RESTORATION AND REFRAMING OF THE CLUB'S FADED AND MISSING HISTORICAL PHOTOS

John Stone of John Stone Photography restored or reproduced 14 photos which were in extremely poor condition or misplaced during the move to the new Clubhouse and saved them from being completely lost to the Club. These were rehung where the existing faded photos were located, pending completion of the cataloguing work below.

The restoration work was undertaken free of charge by John. Print and frame costs were minor especially given the significance of the recovery work.

KEN "DAVO" DAVIDSON MEMORIAL GARDEN

A plaque has been installed at the small garden near the entrance to the Club, named the Ken "Davo" Davidson Memorial Garden. Life Member Ken Davo provided 70 years of service to the Club and devoted a considerable amount of time caring for the garden and grass in front of the old Club for many years.

ONGOING WORK PLAN

Action to complete cataloguing the Club's heritage items, a considerable task in itself, to display more items currently stored in the office, and to provide storage for items not on display, are the next items to be undertaken as part of the Committee's ongoing work plan.

The Committee meets as required. It met once this year (via Zoom due to Covid), as much of the Committee's non-physical work can be conducted by email and phone calls. Its physical work was partially disrupted again due to Covid impacts on members, suppliers etc.



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, on the basis that no 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 Club has a wealth of historic items such as photos of the first IRB, Warren Mitchell's OAM and Innovation Awards, Australian SLS Titles Gold Medals, vintage toothpick surfboard and surf ski, surf reels, trophies, awards and so on. The Club adds to these items all the time as for example new awards like the State and National Club of the Year Awards are achieved, and as a result of members' innovative ideas and the Club's involvement in the community.

Such items of memorabilia play an important role. Club memorabilia is not just for the benefit of present members, but for former members, their families, and for future members and the general public. In telling the Club's story they can inspire others, add to a sense of belonging, help recruit new members, and they support the Club's Mission "to save lives, create great Australians and build a better community."

The committee consists of four Life Members (Pete Carter, Warren Young OAM, Bob Head, and me as Chair), Club Historian and President Avalon Beach Historical Society (Geoff Searl OAM), Building Committee liaison and Deputy President (Richard Cole), Club President (Bernie MacKay) and Director of Lifesaving (Nick Sampson). The Committee's aim is to ensure that Club history is not lost, damaged items are repaired where possible, and heritage items are maintained in proper condition on an ongoing basis.

Roger Sayers OAM | Life Member, Chair Club Heritage Committee



BUILDING REPORT

Year 8 AR (After Renovations) has again been a difficult year, with our clubhouse being locked down in some form or other for some five months because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The following dates show the timeline in 2021-2022 and how this impacted the use of the building:

- 26 June 2021 The Building was locked down through to 24 January 2022. We were able to provide Patrols at the beginning of the 2022 season with all members being separated by 1.5m and wearing masks for most of the season.
- The Change Rooms were closed for a substantial part of this period, opening around the first week of December.
- We were able to have the 24-Hour Row on the 31st October after being postponed from August.
- Our community hiring and the Bangalley Bar were closed for most of this time impacting on the Club's income.
- Nippers, competitions and competitive sports were cancelled, all of which recommenced in late January 2022.

Covid Safety Plans for all activities were required, with everyone under strict guidelines that were to be followed. Our Trainers undertook the necessary training with only a few people at a time. This placed much pressure on them to ensure that all members were provided the opportunity to achieve their goals.

However, acknowledgement and thanks must be made to the following:

- Covid Committee - Robert Hopton(chair), Leanne Austin, Richard Cole, Bernadette McKay, Nick Sampson, and Johnny Harper
- The Bar reopened early November 2021, thanks to the Bar Staff - Nick Sampson, Jason Dale plus lots who have worked hard to generate customers.
- Our amazing early morning swimmers - Geoff Marles, Warren Burgess and Ross Cornwell who volunteered to clean and disinfect the Club's Change Rooms daily for some 3 months.
- Leanne Austin who has shown great focus and aptitude in getting the community and function hires back to pre-Covid levels once the restrictions were completely lifted in December 2021.

Again, as in the previous year, all usage of the Club was guided by the restrictions placed on us by NSW Health. Without the acceptance of these by our members and the public we would not have been able to operate, so a big thank you to all for your understanding and commitment to ensure that we could operate in a safe environment.

This year, all major activities to be held at the Club from June 2021 through to January 2022, were cancelled. The building looked and felt quite deserted, and it was with great excitement that we managed to again host the 24 Hour Row in late October.

Unfortunately for the second year running, the Club's big three events, Carols at the Beach, The Lion Island Challenge and the Surf Swim were cancelled. We hope that the Club will be hosting these events in 2022-2023.

As for the past years, the response from members in keeping the Club rooms and sheds clean and organised has been fantastic – our caretakers Johnny and Xanthe, Alan Moran and the Boaties in ensuring that the interiors and the sheds have been kept cleaned and ready to go, Col Campbell for his maintenance work around the building - to all, thank you for continuing to make our clubhouse such a resounding success.

The following are my comments on the main areas in the Club and how they are functioning.

- The Bangalley Bar has accommodated all the events outlined in this report and in other sections of the Annual Report. Outdoor heating through portable gas heaters is now available, with festoon lighting and potted plants installed on the balcony. The boaties have continued to outperform.
- The Ocean Room floor was sanded, the first time that this floor has had any treatment to it since the opening of the building in 2014.
- Ceilings cracks have been repaired.
- The office has provided our highly capable Director of Administration, Leanne Austin, a great environment to ensure that the Club's business is managed and that the necessary reports for branch and NSW are all completed in a timely manner.
- The Hall of Champions honour boards and photos will be updated once the IRB competition results come in the later part of 2022, with new lighting proposed.
- The Member change rooms are working well.
- The Nippers canteen continues to work well.
- The IRB/board shed, the boat shed and the patrol shed have all stood the test of time.
- The garbage shed is now under the Club's control as the restaurant has closed. New locks have been attached, hopefully keeping random drop offs into the bins.
- The Gym has had issues with Covid-19, with Brent working very hard to keep his business thriving. All Club members should remember that it is open and that it's there to be used.

The restaurant operator and Council have come to a commercial arrangement for the termination of the lease, which will see the space declared vacant and tenders for a new operator published in due course. We hope that this part of the building will come alive for the opening of the season.

Members would also be aware that there is a proposal for the Bangalley Bar to be hired out for a shared workspace operator, Monday through to Wednesday. More information on this can be found in the Administration report. This will help give more life to the building, as well as raising funds for our surf life saving equipment.

The building is accommodating all the functions for which it was designed. It is fantastic to see it being used, enjoyed and treated with respect. Thank you all for your contributions throughout the year.

I sincerely hope that 2022 and onwards there will be no lockdowns and that we will have access to the Club 365 days every year.

Robert Hopton | Building Manager/Safety Officer/Covid Marshal



CARETAKER'S REPORT

Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club is both our residence and the place of our second jobs. Under the headings below is a summary of the year just passed.

CLEANING

Our regular cleaning schedule has changed from last year. Brian Wetherall and Grahame Mitchell now undertake a large percentage of our paid cleaning role. Both Grahame and Brian also help us when we are unable to make a scheduled clean. Our unpaid cleaning roles remain unchanged.

MAINTENANCE

The harsh environment of Avalon Beach is quite taxing on the building. Maintenance and repairs remain a constant part of what we do. Sometimes however, we are not the first people to notice a fault. Therefore, we welcome any feedback or reporting of building issues. 0424 320 203 or 0400 260 138 are the numbers to call. We consider ourselves to be very approachable and would look upon any feedback as a favour to us. Thank you in advance.

VANDALISM

Vandalism has been minimal this year. There has been some minor and senseless damage here and there although nothing compared to previous years. Graffiti has been almost non-

existent this year too. The inside of the public toilets is getting some spray redecorating though. It appears that our policy of removing graffiti as soon as possible, has been a very successful deterrent. If you do notice any, please inform us quickly so we can act in a prompt manner.

One thing that has increased is rubbish. This seems to have increased with people's familiarity of the balcony area.

TRESPASSERS

Trespassers continue to be an issue. This is more of an issue when the water gets colder. Most incursions are from surfing kids who have previously done activities that make them familiar with the Club.

PERSONAL

Xanthe and I got married in April. Woo hoo.

GENERAL

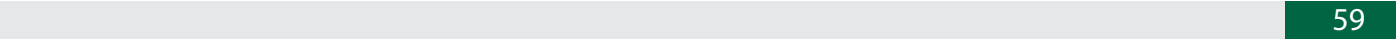
Being a Caretaker can be a testing position that has made many previous Caretakers bitter and twisted. If you're not careful it can really get to you. Most don't last long at all. I believe we hold the record for Avalon Beach. We are proud of what we do and have achieved. We hope to continue for a while yet.

Xanthe and Johnny | Caretakers

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A man in a red swimsuit and swim cap is running on a sandy beach, giving a thumbs up. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. In the background, there are other people on the beach, including a man in a yellow shirt with 'SURF RESCUE' and 'DHL' on it, and a woman in a blue swim cap. A red and yellow flag is visible in the background, and the ocean is in the distance under a blue sky with clouds.

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24 HOUR ROW

The 24-Hour Row for mental health has gone from strength to strength. 2021 was our fourth event and we're so proud it has continued to grow despite the pandemic. It started as an Avalon Beach boaties mental health fundraising and awareness initiative but in five years it has grown into a nation-wide event that involved 35 clubs and over 2,000 people who raised a total of \$158,027 last year.

At Avalon Beach, we are proud to have raised over \$50K over the past four years and \$10,334 this year, enough to fund five mental fitness workshops. We have seen these funds come back into our community through two programs so far, Communication with Care and Tomorrow Woman Gather.

In 2021 the event focused on raising money for mental fitness organisation Gotcha4Life. The organisation powers programs and workshops that engage, educate and empower communities with the vision of zero suicides. For those who have attended programs at Avalon Beach you will know how impactful they are, and those who are yet to attend make sure you get involved in the next one.

We're so proud of all the Club members, family and friends who continue to support this event. To keep more than two ergos going for a 24-hour period requires everyone to do their bit from signing up, to fundraising and showing up to row.

We were stoked to see a big group turn out for the start and the final hours on Sunday morning to support the final rowers. It's the little Avalon Beach initiative that now helps thousands of people each year.

From our youngest Nippers to some of our local legends, our President Bernie and Avalon Public School Headmaster Andy Rankin, Australian Rugby Sevens Captain Shani Williams and Olympic rower Georgie Rowe, the weekend yet again was an incredible success. Event founder Mel Wellings completed her first hour rowing in the event, impressing Nath and perhaps securing her a spot in a 2023 surf boat crew.

Congratulations to Lachie Mills for taking out the men's distance award with an impressive 15.989km and Sophie Holmes in the women's with 15km.

The 24-Hour Row is back again for 2022 on the weekend of the 10-11 September. It's an amazing opportunity for anyone of any age or fitness level to get involved with the Club and a good incentive to stay fit over winter. You don't even have to be a member. Jump onto the event website www.24hourrow.com.au and register in the Avalon Beach SLSC team for our fifth year or contact the Club if you're keen to help over the weekend.

Mel Wellings and Sally Macintosh



SWIMSOBER OCTOBER

We had 63 people join in SwimSober October – a month of daily activity in the water, while remaining sober for 31 days. Emerging from Covid lockdowns, this was a great way to get back out there, with Nippers, Age Managers, parents and Committee members getting involved. Not only was SwimSober a fun way to get active, stay healthy and meet new people, but we had several members achieve multiple firsts – from their first time swimming past the break, first time on a board, first time launching off the rock platform, to Nippers who swam out to see the Port Jackson sharks at Little Av or navigated their way across Avalon and back as they developed their ocean swimming confidence over the month.... And who could forget the fancy dress antics that came with it - most notably by the ever-enthusiastic Team Elliot! Well done to all.... and as we look forward to next October you are always welcome to join us for WetDry July for more of the same!

Gem Lehman | SwimSober October Coordinator



THE DOUG CRANE CLASSIC

The Doug Crane Classic honours the life and enormous contribution Doug made to the Club. The race is held on the last Sunday before Christmas as this was the day Doug completed his last patrol before retiring. The DCC decides the Club's best swimmers and is a hotly contested event.

This season another Warrener name was added to the Doug Crane Paddle. Zoe joins her father Darren and brother Lachlan by winning the Women's event in a close contest with Gem Lehman 2nd and Krystal Elliott 3rd.

The 1200 metre swim was held in tricky conditions, but Ashley Brown made it look easy, winning for the fourth time in a row. 2nd was Craig Leistad and 3rd Evan Stilwell.

Thanks to Club Legend and starter Warren Young OAM, Jeff Nesbitt and Lifeguard - Red Dog for extra water safety. Special thanks to Don McCredie, DMC Industries, for all the wonderful surf and swimming accessories he donated for this event.

Tim Hixson | Swim Handicapper



PITTWATER OCEAN SWIM SERIES

The 10th year of the Pittwater Ocean Series had its fair share of issues as two clubs were unable to stage their events. Bilgola, initial date 16 January, coincided with the Tongan Tsunami. They had another go for 13 March, this time a combination of floodwaters/large swell/torrential rain/water debris/contaminated water – take your pick – put a stop to the event. Our own Around the Bends and Avalon Beach Surf Swim was cancelled for the third year due to floodwaters/large swell and contaminated water!

Newport, the first event on 02 January, attracted 38 swimmers for the 400m, 122 for the 800m and 296 for the 2km Pool to Peak.

Mona Vale, 23 January - 134 swimmers for the 1km and 227 for the 2.26km

The Big Swim, 30 January – 227 swimmers for the 1km Little Big Swim and 1108 for the Palm Beach to Whale Beach Big Swim.

Many thanks to Northern Beaches Council and the individual Club sponsors for their support. Let's hope we can get back to normal in 2023.

Warren Young OAM | Pittwater Ocean Series



SUNDAY SWIM

A difficult season with multiple East Coast lows, stormy weather, lingering filthy water with logs, medusa jellyfish and reportedly sharks lurking just off the beach.

These persistent conditions provided a real test for our Sunday Swimmers and understandably numbers declined. The tough as nails core group powered on and some emerging talent surfaced with Charlie Brown, Stephanie Allsop, Sally Macintosh and Skye Towner all showing good improvement.

This year in particular our IRB crews and patrol members tried hard to accommodate us.

Great mental and physical hardiness was exhibited by our regular swimmers. In all sorts of conditions they challenged themselves most Sundays.

1st place went to Bob Richardson who again proved his reliability and commitment scoring a huge total of 56 points.

2nd place was Catherine Buddin who showed similar qualities and was the closest guess four times, 3rd Sally Macintosh who brought her energy and sense of fun to the swim.

After a couple of unpleasant seasons, I encourage all members to think about getting back in the water, doing a bit of swimming training and building on your swimming fitness. Swimming might be the most basic of beach skills but it is also the most important.

The Sunday 11:00am Swim is an excellent way to get fit and you can get tips and advice by coming early or staying back after the race.

Remember you can wear flippers, wetsuits just about anything but a watch in our 'guess your time' swims and you can win a \$20 voucher from our fabulous sponsor **Swell Café**.

Tim Hixson | Swim Handicapper



RAINBOW BEACHES

We were proud to participate in our first “Rainbow Beaches” event this season. This event, now in its second year, is an initiative of Lifesavers with Pride, and an opportunity to promote the key message that “everyone is welcome at the beach”.

Lifesavers with Pride was formed in 2006/2007 as an advocacy to promote a welcoming, inclusive and progressive lifesaving culture open to all Australians irrespective of age, sex,

ethnic background, sexual orientation or economic status. In 2019, on the eve of Mardi Gras, SLSNSW entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Lifesavers with Pride to entrench a safe, fair and inclusive environment for everyone.

On 27 February, Avalon Beach became a vibrant and colourful place as our Nippers and Age Managers were zined with

bright colours and formed a rainbow tribute on the beach. Patrol tents were flying rainbow flag bunting and a special thank you to our patrol members who showed their support by wearing rainbow lanyard whistles and wrist bands.

It was a gentle step in the right direction to openly support diversity in its many facets at our Club.

As we are undertaking our next 5-year Strategic Plan shortly, we have an opportunity to broaden our current value statement to truly reflect the changing community profile and represent the diversity of membership at our Club.

I hope that in future seasons, awareness, participation and engagement will be even bigger and brighter.

Leanne Austin | Director of Administration



ANZAC DAY REPORT

A much smaller than traditional, but dedicated, Surf Club contingent took part in this year's Anzac Day march to honour those who served the Australian community and to pay respects to the sacrifices of servicemen and women.

It was the first Anzac Day march held for over two years. Following so many planned Club events during the year that had to be later cancelled because of general community Covid restrictions, it seems that many families had either been cautious of making a commitment to participate, or had taken advantage of the first good weather in ages and gone away on holidays, or were in Covid isolation themselves. Club numbers were significantly depleted with no Nippers.

The Club was clearly out of practice for Anzac Day. Someone had forgotten to bring the Club flag for members to march behind, so we placed President Bernie in patrol uniform out in the front as our "flag", so that the community, which turned out in large numbers to watch and applaud, didn't mistake us for the scouts or footie club on the way from the Primary School to the cenotaph outside the RSL.

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

Lest we forget.

Roger Sayers OAM | Life Member



NET ZERO SURF CLUB 2023

Over the past two years we have been working on a plan to make the Avalon Beach Surf Club Net Zero on carbon emissions by 2023.

The plan has key objectives with a planned approach across a three year time period.

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.

GOALS

- Energy efficiency, carbon reduction
- Reduce the power bills for Avalon Beach SLSC
- Provide leadership in carbon reduction and energy efficiency in the SLSA community
- Knowledge sharing across other clubs in NSW and Australia



THE 3 YEAR PLAN

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"> • Raise money from Community Events • Apply for applicable grants (Local) • Vendor selection for solar installation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial costs pre and post solar panel installation 	COMPLETE
Year 2-3 2021-2022	Battery purchase to sustain evening activities such as events and opening of the Bangalley Bar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise money from Community Events • Apply for applicable grants (Local and Federal) • Vendor selection for battery • Installation of batteries • Creation of a 'blueprint' for knowledge sharing • Educational activities for Nippers in Climate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial costs pre and post battery installation • Documentation shared and available to other Clubs • Delivery of educational materials for Nippers 	IN PROGRESS
Year 3 2023	Review usage and adjust for panels / batteries Offset gas usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of cost savings • External assessment and accreditation of Carbon Neutrality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offset purchase of gas usage • Accreditation achieved 	COMMENCE 2022
Year 3 onwards 2023 and beyond	Community Solar investigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigation of 'Community Solar' capability • Potential fundraising for other community buildings to benefit from excess energy production from the Surf Club (may involve more solar panels) • Investigate installation of charging station for electric vehicles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EV Charging station • Community Solar status in progress 	IN PROGRESS

PROGRESS TO DATE

Following the completion of Stage 1 of our Net Zero Surf Club Project, with the installation of our 33.3 kW system in March 2021, we are now moving to Stage 2. Stage 1 was completed with the very generous support of McGrath Pittwater, Northern Beaches Council Environmental Grants and the money raised from the 2020 Silent Auction, organised by Junior Activities volunteers.

PERFORMANCE

While COVID 19 has meant that the use of the Club, and associated energy usage, is anything but typical we are pleased to report that the solar system is performing exceptionally well, with 47.74 MWh of energy generated at the time of this report. The system has a convenient web-based app that allows us to monitor performance. The good news is that the system is producing far more energy than we use. In 2021 we produced 30.56 MWh with 26% self-consumed and 74% exported. These figures are reflected in dramatically reduced power bills. In terms of consumption, we still imported 56% of our energy, primarily due to night-time usage. The battery system will address this imbalance by storing the excess energy produced during the day for use during the night.

NBC ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2021/22

ABSLSC were successful in our application for the above grant, with \$4,500 + GST being provided by Northern Beaches Council for stage two of our "Net Zero Surf Club 2023" for the purposes of supplying and installing batteries.

ITEM	PROPOSED FUNDING	ACTUAL FUNDING	COST OF SYSTEM
McGrath sponsorship	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
NBC Environment Grant	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	
ABSLSC Contribution	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
2020 Christmas Silent Auction	\$5,500.00	\$24,981.96	\$23,050.91
TOTAL	\$25,000.00	\$44,481.96	
BALANCE			\$21,431.05

NET ZERO SURF CLUB PROJECT – STAGE 2

Stage 2 was approved by the ABSLSC Board of Management in principle in December 2021. We are currently exploring battery options including an option for possible Virtual Power Plant connectivity. A Virtual Power Plant (VPP) is a network of energy storage systems that are centrally managed by software to provide energy to the grid during times of peak demand. Virtual Power Plants allow renewable energy to be harnessed quickly and locally, keeping the network stable and reducing reliance on fossil fuels. VPP systems generally have larger rebates for excess energy production, leading to overall cost savings.

We are currently crunching the numbers to determine the best system for the Club. We plan to install the system as soon as possible, hopefully in the next few months. The location of the batteries will depend on the chosen system.

Thank you again to McGrath Pittwater, Northern Beaches Council and all the local businesses who donated to the 2020 Christmas Silent Auction for helping to make our Club Net Zero on emissions. Thanks also to all the volunteers who have put time and effort into fundraising for this project.

Richard Cole and Leena Wood



BANGALLEY BAR REPORT

The Bangalley Bar has seen great growth in patronage compared to the recent Covid disrupted years. With increased volume visiting and enjoying the Bangalley Bar, the need to adapt and improve has been critical to maintain this success into the future.

Employing bar staff has been a great move to drive stability, reliability and professionalism and to work closely with the return of functions to the Club. We are seeking more local staff for the ever-increasing demands of private functions especially as the Ocean Room soon returns to the Club's management for weekend hire.

Volunteer bar staff still manage and staff our regular public opening hours, Friday (from 5:30pm) and Sunday (from 3pm). This same team of volunteers are generally heavily involved around the Club holding various roles, patrolling, plus competing and training across a variety of disciplines. We appreciate all their time and effort to keep the Bangalley Bar open to the public. Thank you, your energy makes it a great place to come.

A variety of musical entertainers lifted the atmosphere during Sunday openings with dance vibe DJ's, bands, solo cover players and even a harpist in the line-up of talent. We will continue this as we move into warmer seasons. Look out for coming details to plan your next visit with friends.

The addition of food on many Sunday afternoons, in collaboration with Alfonso's Wood Fire Pizzas, gained a great response by those consuming them and, in the attendance, to do just that, consume! Alfonso not only brings great food, but such a fun energy and we hope this relationship continues. The introduction of an electronic food ordering system has improved the efficiency and speed for both the staff and the consumer. We will explore alternate food options for weekend openings with the aim to permanently offer a variety of options over the course of each month.

Investment has been critical to support all that's been mentioned. We have seen improvements to point of sale functionality with new software and hardware introduced as well as a new staff rostering system, which has been invaluable operationally. Recent additions of stools, outdoor lighting, outdoor heating and pot plants has improved the atmosphere and enjoyment of the Bar.

Thank you all for your support and see you for a drink soon.

Jason Dale and Nick Sampson | Bar Managers



SURF SPORTS



SURF SPORTS REPORT

It was good to get back to some sort of normality with the resumption of most competition following the Covid-19 disruptions, though some events were still restricted and run to minimise the chance of any outbreaks at the beginning of the season. Thanks must go to all our competitors and members who have complied to run these events safely.

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. It's great to see so many names and faces competing for the Club this season at the major carnivals including the Branch and Aussie titles. Thanks must go to the leaders of the different sections including Matt Mayall for looking after the boat section and Leo Pinheiro who has taken on the role of Masters Captain. Also, special mention to Jean Harper who co-ordinated a lot of the Masters' beach competitors.

There were some great results across the board with medals in both water and beach events at the Branch titles, which all points to a bright future ahead. Our junior members achieved some good results at the Age Championships, however, the flood emergency followed by extreme weather conditions forced the postponement and then cancellation of the State titles. The carnival committee deemed that the amount of runoff and therefore pollution coming down through Queenscliff lagoon provided too great of a risk to the health of the competitors.

The highlights of the year were provided later in the season at some of the major carnivals. The Reserve Men's surf boat crew, The Pinkies, taking out gold medals at the ASRL Open and then going on to also win the Gold medal at the Australian Championships at North Kirra. It was an outstanding achievement and congratulations must go to the crew made up of Tom Curnow, Matt Mayall, Nick Sampson, Andy Bright and sweep Nathan Wellings. Still on the Aussies, congratulations must also go to Jean Harper who also took out a Gold Medal in the 55-59 yrs Male Surfboard Riding event and Aisha Ferris who took home a silver medal in the 50-54 yrs 2km Beach run.

The IRB race team has also gone from strength to strength with big participation numbers at all the carnivals in the last year and several teams in contention for premiership success. 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. If anyone has interest in becoming involved through Surf Sports pathways, then please don't hesitate to contact me for advice or information.

Looking forward to a big year again next season.

Ashley Cardiff | Director of Surf Sports



MASTERS CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The 2021-2022 Avalon Masters' season proved to be challenging for both training and competition due to very unusual weather conditions, as well as Covid-19 public health orders and restrictions. Persistent wet weather, with historical levels of rainfall, resulted in floods and beach closures due to pollution. Nevertheless, our Masters' competitors kept up with their training sessions as much as possible by selecting training days and choosing locations less affected by pollution and debris.

Our Masters' competitors only had the opportunity to compete at two carnivals, the Northern Beaches Branch carnival and the Aussies. Several events were postponed then cancelled, including the NSW State Championships that were to be held locally at Queenscliff.

The location and dates for the Branch carnival was postponed and in doubt until it suddenly materialised at North Curl-Curl and Collaroy in late January, with reduced overall participation. A small number of committed Masters' paddler/swimmers and runners took the opportunity and did very well bringing home our best collection of results for the season.

The water events for the Masters' Branch carnival were held the same day as the Open events resulting in a reduced number of races. The Masters competed in the afternoon after the Opens facing more challenging conditions (a moderate northeaster weather running, dropping tide and strong sweep).

Building on last year's experiences, our female Masters' paddler/swimmer trio (Louise Purnell, Aisha Ferris and Julia Jones-Hughes) stuck together against the difficulties of interrupted training and were again rewarded with Gold Board race for Aisha, Silver Surf Race for Julia, Silver for the

trio's Swim Team, and Bronze for the trio's Board Relay. Ashley Brown, the Masters' solo male to participate in the event was rewarded with Gold for the Surf Race.

The Masters' beach team (Leanne Valentine, Louise Purnell, Pepita Martins, Xanthe Friend, Jean Harper, Ross Bloore and Michael King) did really well with the most medals, three Gold, seven Silver (including Silver for the Open Beach Sprint Relay for the girl team Leanne, Louise, Pepita, Xanthe) and five Bronze medals.

The small number of Master competitors that attended Aussies this season enjoyed magnificent weather and surf conditions for the Masters' events. The competitors at Aussies were the girl's trio Louise, Aisha and Julia, and Ashley Brown, Pat Quinlan, and Gem Lehman (competing for Newport in order to form teams) and for beach events the duo Jean and Xanthe.

The standard of competition at Aussies is high as usual and there was also a 15% increase in competitor numbers from the year before. The girls made the finals in the individual board and swim races and placed 6th for the 130 years board relay. Aisha got Silver in the 2km Beach Run. Jean made finals placing 5th Beach Sprint and 6th Beach Flags. Ash gained Bronze in the Swim race and a second over the line for Iron. Gem got Silver for Board Rescue and Bronze in the 2km Beach Run. Pat Quinlan managed to gain Bronze in the Ski Relay and Ash Brown Bronze for 130 years Taplin. In surfing, Jean Harper achieved Gold in the short board riding.

Considering adversities imposed by unusual weather conditions and ongoing Covid-19 restrictions this was a memorable season for the Masters.

Leo Pinheiro | Masters Captain



2022 BRANCH MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEDAL	EVENT	NAME
Gold	50-54 years Female Board Race	Aisha Ferris
Gold	50-54 years Female 2km Beach Run	Leanne Valentine
Gold	50-54 years Female Beach Flags	Xanthe Friend
Gold	55-59 years Male 2km Beach Run	Jean Francois Harper
Gold	45-49 years Male Surf Race	Ashley Brown
Silver	130 years Female Swim Team	Louise Purnell, Aisha Ferris, Julia Jones-Hughes
Silver	40-44 years Female Surf Race	Julia Jones-Hughes
Silver	45-49 Female Beach Sprint	Pepita Martins
Silver	50-54 Female Beach Sprint	Xanthe Friend
Silver	45-49 years Female 2km Beach Run	Louise Purnell
Silver	50-54 years Female Beach Flags	Leanne Valentine
Silver	55-59 years Male Beach Sprint	Jean Francois Harper
Silver	55-59 years Male Beach Flags	Jean Francois Harper
Silver	Open Beach Sprint Relay	Leanne Valentine, Xanthe Friend, Louise Purnell
Silver	45-49 years Male Board Race	Ashley Brown
Bronze	40-44 years Female Board Race	Julia Jones-Hughes
Bronze	130 years Female Board Relay	Louise Purnell, Aisha Ferris, Julia Jones-Hughes
Bronze	50-54 years Male Beach Sprint	Ross Bloore
Bronze	200 years Male Beach Relay	Ross Bloore
Bronze	50-54 years Female Beach Sprint	Leanne Valentine
Bronze	55-59 years Male 2km Beach Run	Michael King
Bronze	170 years Beach Sprint Relay	Jean Francois Harper, Michael King, Ross Bloore



2022 AUSTRALIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEDAL	EVENT	NAME
Gold	50-59 Male Short Board	Jean Francois Harper
Silver	50-54 years Female 2km Beach Run	Aisha Ferris



BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

It was another fantastic season from our Surf Boat Rowers. We had over 40 rowers make up our team this year ranging from 16-year-old new rowers to our Masters' rowers. It has been a pleasure to be part of this team as the feeling and vibe within the team was amazing. It's a huge credit to our sweeps and coaches for building an inclusive environment that everyone loves to be around. Coming out of a couple of Covid disrupted seasons it's been tough keeping everyone interested but they did a fantastic job.

Our season wouldn't happen without the support of several people and organisations. Firstly, to our sponsors **Brown Brothers Skip Bins, Active Tree Services, Crossfit Avalon Beach, Edcon Steel, Ocean Swell Electrical, EcoDownunder** and **Voss Store**, thank you for your continued commitment to our group. We wouldn't be able to compete at each carnival without our wonderful officials, Ashley Cardiff and Melinda Akehurst. Both were officials at all carnivals this season, including the Aussies. Ashley was appointed in several senior roles during the season including chief judge at the NSW ASRL State and Referee at the SNB Branch titles where he did a fantastic job. We also had the support of Jason Dale at the Aussies this season. Jason assisted the carnival organisers and the ASRL in the set up and pack down of the carnival each day. His efforts were noticed far and wide and he was a great ambassador for our Club.

This season nine crews competed:

OPEN WOMEN

Brumbies | Naomi Richardson, Elena Di Biagio, Lauren Petersen, Simone Polly. Sweep, Nathan Wellings

Australian Championships Quarter Finalists
Newport Carnival2nd
Freshwater Carnival4th
Bilgola Carnival1st
North Steyne Carnival.....3rd
SNB Branch Championships6th
North Cronulla State Team selection.....3rd
ASRL Open Quarter Finalists
NSW ASRL Championships.....5th

Another fantastic season from our Open Women. A familiar face was added to this crew with Ellie (Elena Di Biagio) joining after a few years off. They started well with a win at a local carnival, and they kept building from there. These girls are great role models for our younger crews and are awesome to have under the tent. Well done girls on a great season.

RESERVE MEN

Pinkies | Thomas Curnow, Matthew Mayall, Nicholas Sampson, Andrew Bright. Sweep, Nathan Wellings

Australian Championships 1st
ASRL Open 1st
SNB Branch Point Score 1st
SNB Branch Championships 2nd
Newport Carnival 2nd
Freshwater Carnival 5th
North Steyne Carnival..... 5th

An unforgettable season for the Pinkies. They started the season well with some consistent results at the local carnivals which earned them a 1st place in the SNB Branch Point Score. The boys went on to take out the ASRL Championships in February at Elouera, then after many years of trying they finally won the Australian Championships on the Gold Coast in April. Certainly, a year the boys won't forget. Well done guys!

RESERVE WOMEN

Avalon Beach Cluster | Ella Brady, Sally Macintosh, Gem Eastwood, Donna Wishart. Sweep, Nathan Wellings

NSW ASRL Championships Quarter Finalists
SNB Branch Championships 4th
Bilgola Carnival 3rd
Freshwater Carnival 4th

A strong season for our Reserve Women's team. They attended most of the carnivals and had some strong results including a 3rd at the Bilgola carnival and quarter finals spot at the NSW ASRL Championships. Well done girls, see you next year.

U23 MEN

Hueys | Jordan Hawke, Lachie Mills, Charlie Lewis, Regan Dale. Sweep, Pete Carter

Australian Championships Quarter Finalists
SNB Branch Championship 2nd
Bilgola Carnival..... 5th
Newport Carnival 4th
Freshwater Carnival 4th

First season in the U23 division for these boys. Same crew that won many events in the U19 division and didn't look too phased rowing up in the U23 division. They rowed well at all the local events and scored a 2nd place in the SNB Branch Championships. A very successful event at the Aussies coming away with a quarter finals spot in their first go at the U23 division. Nice work boys.



Trash Boys | Adam Paddington, Fin Horntvedt, Zach Dale, Todd Barber. Sweep, Matthew Mayall

NSW ASRL ChampionshipSemi Finalists
Bilgola Carnival6th
Freshwater Carnival8th

I had the pleasure of sweeping these boys this season. A wonderful group of boys that were a pleasure to coach. These boys are very dedicated to their training which paid off when they just missed out on the final at the NSW ASRL Championships. A good offseason leading into the 2023 season should see them earn some great results next year. Well done boys.

U23 WOMEN

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

Australian Championships4th
Young Guns2nd
Newport Carnival2nd
Freshwater Carnival3rd
Bilgola Carnival.....3rd
North Steyne Carnival.....2nd
SNB Branch Championships2nd
Queenscliff State Team selection2nd
North Cronulla State Team selection.....2nd
ASRL Open Quarter finalists

Final season in the U23 division for the Chaos crew this season. The girls had a great off-season which showed in their results. They made nearly every final this season which is a massive effort. Their most notable result was at the Aussies; the girls were leading for most of the way and were extremely unlucky to have other crews catch waves which saw them sneak up to our girls and take the win away. We hope to see them compete next season in either the Reserve or Open Women's division. Well done girls on a fantastic season, you should be very proud.

Boofheads | Izzy Buckingham, Molly Bell, Anja Carlen, Ella Brady. Sweep, Pete Carter

North Cronulla Carnival5th
Bilgola Carnival5th
Freshwater Carnival7th
Newport Carnival9th
Queenscliff Carnival 10th

Our number one hype crew! These girls all moved away to Newcastle this season for university but were committed to come back and compete when they could. Their energy under the tent was certainly missed when they were not around and was noticed by many when they were around. They were the first to put their hand up to fill in with other crews at carnivals so they could compete. A nasty injury at the Aussies saw their campaign cut short but they will be back, I'm sure! Well done girls.

U19 WOMEN

Aperols | Angela Carter, Olivia Casey, Eliza Cutrie, Tallulah Lewis. Sweep, Nathan Wellings

Australian ChampionshipsSemi Final
Young Guns2nd
Newport Carnival3rd
Freshwater Carnival2nd
Bilgola Carnival.....1st
North Cronulla State Team selection5th
NSW ASRL Championships.....7th

This is the second year this crew has been together. A great off-season saw these girls place well at all the local carnivals early in the season. Unfortunately, due to mid-season injury, , their season became quite disrupted, but they managed to get back together to compete at the Aussies where they came away as semi-finalists. Well done girls on a fantastic season. We hope to see you next year.

HCMFs | Ruby Hume, Molly Baczkowski, Alice Binns, Lucy Bell. Sweep, Pete Carter

Australian Championships6th
NSW ASRL Championships.....6th
Bilgola Carnival.....4th
Newport Carnival5th
Freshwater Carnival5th

A brand-new crew of 16-year-old girls with heaps of energy was a great addition to our boaties group this season. They put in all season with their training and managed to come away with some very impressive results including a berth in the Australian Final in their first season rowing. Certainly a crew to watch in the coming years in the U19 Women's division. Well done girls. I can't wait to see what you do in the next couple of years!

Thank you Brent and Maree from **Crossfit Avalon Beach**. Their continued commitment to our boaties over the past decade has helped each and every rower that we have had in that time. Thank you for helping write our gym programs, meal plans and of course the dreaded Wednesday hill sprints.

Thank you to the ABSLSC Board of management for their support. It is great to know that the leaders of the club support this group in such a large way.

We are always looking for additions to our group. Surf boat rowing is a great sport that caters for all ages and levels of fitness. If you feel like you would like to give it a go or even just come down and see what all the excitement is about, please get in touch with one of our sweeps. We would love to take new people rowing and try to build new crews around people that are keen to give it a go.

Bring on season 2022-2023!

Matthew Mayall | Surf Boat Captain

FROM PINK BITS TO AUSSIE CHAMPS



There is something to be said for teamwork which transcends the world of sporting endeavours. This is never more so than in the sport of surf boat rowing. It is a sport where you spend so much time with each other training, competing, travelling and just hanging out, that you just have to be best mates.

The Pinkies (originally the 'Pink Bits') have been together on and off for over a decade now and season 2021-22 has seen the culmination of that friendship morph into incredible results.

The crew is made up of Tom Curnow, Nick Sampson, Matthew Mayall and Andrew Bright with sweep, Nathan Wellings, in control at the back.

It all started under the watchful eye of Club legend and former sweep Rick Millar who took the boys as juniors and taught them the craft and discipline required to be a great crew. There was training hard on the water, road runs up Plateau Rd and plenty of laughs and adventures in between. With not too much success in those early years, the groundwork was being laid for later results. They rowed and competed throughout the Northern Beaches, and carnivals far and wide, winning the SNB surfboat points premiership across numerous divisions.

The first of their major successes was when they were selected to represent Australia, no less, as the U23 development crew, winning the 2016 World Championships, a major accomplishment for Avalon Beach.

After this early honour the boys had a couple of years to navigate different age groups as Tom and Andy competed with success in the Reserve Men's division whilst Nick and Matt still qualified for the Under 23's. During this period the boys took on mentoring roles to new and upcoming boys and girls crews at the Club. Matt took on the role of Boat Captain, whilst at this stage Nick was Director of Surf Sports and then Club Captain. Andy took on a career change as an electrician and Tom was excelling in the construction industry. Nath was a constant during this time, sweeping and coaching numerous crews.

The couple of years that followed were a bit of a mixed bag and competing in the Open Men's division proved challenging. There were some injuries and their results were inconsistent. Matt started on sweeping and took his Master's Women's crew to a Gold medal at the Aussies on the Gold Coast.

As the world emerged from the challenges of Covid-19 over the last few years, the crew decided to reunite and row in the

Reserve Men's division. They trained well and had some good results and were consistently making finals appearances in most of the carnivals they entered.

Alongside their surf boat commitments, the boys got engaged, had children, continued to encourage and train with the junior crews and Nick was appointed president of the ASRL (Australian Surf Rowers League).

Their big rowing achievement early in this season was their success at the ASRL Open carnival held at Elouera in February, with a dominant display by the boys, including a win in the final. This was the second time in four years Avalon Beach had success in this division at the ASRL Open and was a sign of bigger things to come.

The NSW State Championships didn't go ahead due to the adverse weather conditions in March this year, but the crew got some good racing experience filling in at Ocean Thunder as well as training hard in the gym and on the water.

The combination of mates rowing and training together was beginning to pay off as the season drew to a climax at the Aussie Titles on the Gold Coast. The early rounds are always a challenge and it is sometimes a matter of just surviving through to the elimination rounds. The large and unruly surf also added another element to the mix, but the Pinkies have always been more than comfortable in bigger conditions. It actually suits their rowing style, while Nathan is more than confident in bigger surf. To have multiple crews competing for Avalon Beach on finals day is a fantastic achievement for the Club and having earlier crews compete in finals perhaps took some of the pressure of the boys when they went to the starting line.

History will show they won the Reserve Grade championship of Australia, however, it won't be able to show the dominance of their performance in that final as they crossed the line with daylight in second place. The emotion and excitement combined with a sense of relief and accomplishment was on display that Sunday and has given another achievement for our younger rowers to aspire too. This achievement and the Gold medal that goes along with it, is something that will bond the five members of the crew together for a lifetime.

I am sure Rick was looking over the boys that day with immense pride and joy, but also plotting what's next for the Pinkies.

Ashley Cardiff | Director of Surf Sports



IRB COMPETITION

The IRB Race team competed at all rounds of the NSW IRB Premiership Series, as well as the State Championships this winter season, travelling to Terrigal, Bulli, Broulee and Ocean Beach for the Series and South West Rocks for State. This year saw an increase in the number of clubs competing in the series, so competition was very fierce, with all of the rounds going over two days because of the number of entries. We had mixed results in most rounds and made numerous finals at most carnivals. The State Championships were conducted in South West Rocks, with the weather being very kind and allowed 2 days of racing in sunny conditions, the course was challenging because of the sandbar. Our Masters and Rookie teams had a good season with appearances in finals at most of the rounds. The Avalon Beach IRB Race team finished 9th

on the overall points score at State and finished well in the Championship Series, which is a great result with the small team that competed. As always the Clubs has to provide officials for each of the rounds, so I would like to thank Mel Akehurst, Ash Cardiff and Steve Brodrick for giving up their time so that we could compete.

Well done to the whole team! Of particular note was the 45+ Mass Rescue final where we had 3 separate teams qualifying and every member of the team participating in the event.

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

Terry Barber | IRB Competition Manager

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEDAL	NAME	EVENT
Gold	Zac Dale, Todd Barber, Sophie Valentine	IRB Rookie Surf Rescue
Silver	Todd Barber, Zac Dale, Alan Moran, Jason Dale	IRB U23 Mass Rescue
Silver	Jean Harper, Alan Moran, Richard Cole, Giles Stoddard, Xanthe Friend, Todd Barber	IRB 45+ Teams
Silver	Zac Dale, Todd Barber, Sophie Valentine, Jason Dale	IRB Rookie Mass Rescue

NSW IRB PREMIERSHIP

MEDAL	NAME	EVENT
Gold	Jean Harper, Alan Moran, Xanthe Friend	IRB 45+ Surf Rescue
Gold	Jean Harper, Alan Moran, Jason Dale, Richard Cole, Giles Stoddard, Xanthe Friend, Todd Barber	IRB 45+ Teams
Silver	Jean Harper, Alan Moran, Xanthe Friend, Angela Carter	IRB 45+ Mass Rescue
Silver	Zac Dale, Todd Barber, Sophie Valentine	IRB Rookie Surf Rescue



JUNIOR CLUB



JUNIOR ACTIVITIES REPORT (NIPPERS)

The Avalon Beach Nippers had a phenomenal season despite significant challenges and changes which had an impact week-to-week. Our season had a delayed start time of two weeks, but once the ball got rolling there was no stopping the enthusiasm and fun for our Nippers and Age Managers, even when dealing with less-than-ideal conditions for a significant portion of the season.

Whilst there were significant changes in the Junior Activities Committee (JAC), the focus remained on developing water skills and confidence. The Avalon Beach Nippers philosophy is to build this through fun and engaging activities in the water as much as conditions would allow. Whilst the sand may have been dampened by consistent storms and rough seas, the excitement was not for our Nippers with sessions being run for fresh-faced Nippers whenever it was safe to do so. Our Nippers were exposed to a variety of activities including surfing at Palmy, jump rock, our signature obstacle courses, board races, flags and sand sprints. All of these are complimented by teachable moments to help educate the Nippers on beach safety and awareness as well as a respect for our natural environment.

Nippers continues to thrive through the efforts of volunteers, willing to put their hand up to help pitch in when needed, including canteen duty, age managing, water safety and

logistical support in getting boards and equipment where needed. I thank our Junior Committee Members and Coaches for the countless hours investing in our young people to make the lifesavers of tomorrow. Without the time and devotion put in by Fiona Nguyen, Mike Stanley-Jones, Tom Waters, Anna Trybocka, Maria Pellet, Cam Lane and Gem Lehman, Avalon Beach Nippers would not be able to run. Particular thanks go out to Fiona, Anna and Maria, who stepped into their respective roles as Registrar, Canteen Manager and Nippers Communications Manager in a year where the only constant was change.

Our dedicated group of diverse Age Managers, all with a great variety of skills, continued to engage with over 360 kids. The team of enthusiastic Age Managers, many of them new recruits donning the red shirts for the first time, turned up each week putting the needs out our Nippers ahead of their own comfort to demonstrate to the kids of Avalon Beach that a community is made of parents, grandparents and community members committing small acts of sacrifice for the benefit of others. It is great to see diversity growing amongst Age Managers as a wide range of community members put themselves outside of their comfort zone – whether that meant herding 50 kids down the beach or gaining their Bronze Medallion to enable them to Age Manage more confidently.



For the new Nippers starting U6s, the wild and wet weather that took over the 2021-2022 season did nothing to dampen their spirits. Their water consciousness, willingness to give anything a go, and energetic attitude brought pride and a bit of extra sunshine to their newly minted Age Managers. They tackled the pool and the boards like the little champions they are, with waves bigger in the pool than many of them had come across on the beach. It was truly amazing watching how great they are in the water. Old favourites like Tug-of-War and buckets brought out their competitive spirit, but new initiatives, like Three for the Sea, showed our responsibility to our local environment in reducing litter.

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. Whilst we may not always have a large contingent at carnivals, we have a group of well-trained competitive individuals trained, coached and organised by Gem Lehman and Cam Lane. Whilst there are so many of our kids who deserve a special mention, Ethan Warner won a Gold for Flags and a Bronze Medal for Beach Sprints at the State Carnival in his first year of competing. Ethan was presented with this season's Avalon Beach Nipper "Norman Cook Best Carnival Competitor Award". Well done Ethan!

In consultation with Palm Beach SLSC, we continued hosting some Nippers groups at Palm Beach each weekend. The purpose of this programme is to:

- Enable the kids to experience beach conditions at a different beach
- Enable the less confident kids more time on boards in Kiddies Corner
- Challenge the kids to have fun at Jump Rock
- Undertake snorkelling beside the ocean pool
- It also provided more water areas back at Avalon Beach to enable the groups there to spend more time in the water.

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 \$10 voucher for every Nipper, as well as a \$500 sponsorship of a Major Prize to the Age Group of the Year, the U13s.

Avalon Beach SLSC showed great resilience and grit through this season, and we hope for even greater successes as a Club in the years to come.

Thank you to everyone for a brilliant season. We look forward to next season with you and your kids.

Dale Drain | Director of Junior Activities



JUNIOR AWARDS

OVERALL SURF CLUB AWARDS:

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

Sophia Randall
Stirling Stewart

**WATER WARRIOR
AWARD**

Solomon Mayer
Madelyn Lane

**ROLAND LUKE
ENCOURAGEMENT
AWARD (U14S)**

Will Dawson
Ella Wood
Sophie Lane

**NORMAN COOK
BEST CARNIVAL
COMPETITOR**

Ethan Warner

AGE GROUP AWARDS:

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Scarlett Palmer
(U11/12s)

U6

BRAVEST NIPPER

Scarlett Ross

BEST IN WATER

Maddy McKinnon

TEAM PLAYER

Billy Pritchard

MOST ENERGETIC NIPPER

Bradley Anderson

U7

BRAVEST NIPPER

Margaret Knight

BEST ON BOARD

Rosie Pilgrim

MOST ENERGETIC NIPPER

Eaton Eckett

U8

MOST IMPROVED

Griffin Gregory

BEST AND FAIREST

Emily Clark

ALL-ROUNDER

James Smith

Ines Stockbuerger

U9

BRAVEST NIPPER

Sophia Mills

OCEAN SWIMMING

Max Lake

**PERSONAL BEST
EVERY WEEK**

Ben Ling

Mila McGeachie

U10

Lucinda Morrison

Leo Flaye-Poulson

Alice Perry

Jake Pszczonka

U11/12

Hannah Yap

Flynn Dwight

Grace Trout

Zoe Alphandary

U13

Maya Clements

Amelie Clements

Annabel Challis

Mateo Hiney

2022 COMPETITION REPORT

2022 was another disrupted season, but while the floods, tsunami warnings, wild weather and Covid chaos washed out a few carnivals and training sessions, they did nothing to dampen the spirits of our Competition Team!

With a growing team of enthusiastic competitors, Avalon Beach delivered results both in the water and on the beach, while also maintaining our reputation as the 'friendly club' who are all about teamwork and giving it a go.

In the first carnival of the season, our mini but mighty team put in a massive effort entering every event they could, challenging their fitness and giving it their all to kick off the summer.

The board carnival at Freshwater delivered some very challenging results, with many kids not making it 'out the back'. Undeterred, our team of superstars gave it their best. While we didn't deliver any podium finishes, the spirit, courage, commitment and camaraderie shown by our Nippers is really something for our Club to be proud of.

The beach is where we excelled this season though. With strong distance runners, sprinters, flag champions and relay teams, the red, white and green defied our small numbers to achieve some big results.

BRANCH

Ethan Warner

Gold in U10 Beach Sprint, Gold in U10 Beach Flags

Gus Decker

Bronze in U10 Beach Sprint, Bronze in U10 Beach Flags

Sophia Gough and Bianka Jans

Silver in U11 Beach Mixed Relay

STATE

Ethan Warner

Gold in U10 Beach Flags, Bronze in U10 Beach Sprint

Willow Toll

Bronze in U11 Beach Sprint

Congratulations to our competition team award winners: Ethan Warner as Carnival Competitor of the season and Madelyn Lane as our Water Warrior.

A huge thank you to our team of parents who helped out with whatever was asked of them. From being dragged by eager kids to attend regular training sessions (in all sorts of weather!), early morning tent placement at carnivals, long days officiating, to always being there as the best ever cheer squad or the occasional shoulder to cry on. You are THE BEST!

As we countdown to next season, we wish all our team a fit and healthy 'off season'. We also look forward to more adventures on the beach and in the water in the coming season.

Gem Lehman and Cam Lane | JAC Competition Managers



U14 SRC SQUAD

We had 22 successful SRC graduates complete their SRC course this year. We had a full range of abilities to work with, from the highly proficient kids who have come through the Nipper program from the U6s to those that joined us for the first time for SRC. We only had a six-week window to get everyone up to scratch both in the water and on the land which included resuscitation/rescue technique plus knowledge of surf rescue signalling. Pleasingly everyone took to the task at hand and put in the effort needed to pass the SRC course. We now have over 20 more young people out in the local community who can perform a surf rescue and resuscitate someone if the need arises. Well done to Will Dawson, Sophie Lane and Ella Wood who were nominated as the SRC graduates of the year.

A very special thank you to Dave Roberts for leading the training. Dave certainly has a special way in getting the kids to learn. Thank you to our wonderful Age Managers Ash Brown, Don Legge, Charlie Wood, Nathan Knight and Trent Delahunty. The kids had a blast and learnt so much thanks to your experience, guidance and care. Finally, a big thanks to all our U14 Nippers who turned up each week showing their fun spirit, braveness, competitiveness, will, desire and commitment. It was a pleasure to watch you all grow in confidence in the water. Well done and we now look forward to seeing many of these SRC awardees progress to the Bronze Medallion in years to come.

Tom Waters on behalf of the U14 Age Managers



MEMBERSHIP

ACTIVE MEMBER
(15-18 YRS)

Finn.....Arnold
Molly.....Baczkowski
Lucy.....Bell
Alice.....Binns
Rosie.....Brennan
Kai.....Calleja
Angela.....Carter
Sam.....Cooper
Natasha.....Dekker
Taylor.....Dickinson
Priya.....Ferris-Halliday
Alec.....Finkeldey
Luciano.....Franco
Ethan.....Hardwick
Ruby.....Hume
Oscar.....Lane
Tyson.....Letts
Tallulah.....Lewis
Bebe.....Longhurst
Claude.....Nolan
Finlay.....Parker
Isla.....Pegler
Luke.....Riley
Ava.....Roberts
Jasmin.....Robinson
Pia.....Robinson
Hannah.....Stephenson
Stirling.....Stewart
Samuel.....Stoddard
Claudia.....Vincent
Zoe.....Warrener
Aidan.....Welch

ACTIVE MEMBER
(18YRS AND OVER)

Remo.....Adoncello
Freya.....Alston
Julia.....Alston
Laura Anna.....Baierl
Amelia.....Barber
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Ross.....Bloore
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Matthew.....Brennan
Peter.....Brennan
Charlotte.....Broderick
Stephen.....Broderick
Ashley.....Brown
Douglas.....Bryden
Joshua.....Bryden
Isabel.....Buckingham
Neil.....Buckingham
Catherine.....Buddin
Cain.....Byrnes

James.....Campbell
Anja.....Carlen-Jorgensen
Olivia.....Casey
Tiffany.....Chapman
Ben.....Chinnock
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Mia.....Clendinning
Adam.....Clerke
James.....Clerke
Fergus.....Cole
Sally.....Colley
Thomas.....Colley
Gary.....Cook
Sean.....Cowan
Eliza.....Cutrie
Amanda.....Dale
Jason.....Dale
Regan.....Dale
Zachary.....Dale
Tom.....Dempsey
Elena.....DiBiagio
Pia.....Dorer
Dale.....Drain
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Hamish.....Dwight
Stephen.....Early
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Kara.....Egerton
Patrick.....Egerton
William.....Elliott
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Shannon.....Fletcher
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Jordan.....Hawke
Debra.....Hayes
Virginia.....Head
Mark.....Head
Anthony.....Hearne
Adam.....Hellyer
Sophie.....Holmes
Sonia.....Holtheuer
Finlay.....Hornrtvedt
Margit.....Jeppesen
Steven.....Jones
Julia.....Jones-Hughes
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Simon.....King
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Charlie.....Lewis
Lon.....Lucini
Sally.....Macintosh
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Matthew.....Mayall
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Sean.....McCormack
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Henry.....McGilchrist
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Patrice.....Mican
Chloe.....Mills
Nina.....Mills
Lachie.....Mills
Stuart.....Minnock
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Rosemary.....Morgan-Smith
Dan.....Morley
Gordon.....Morrison
Jae.....Morrison
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Sue.....Muller-Hawkins
Shannon.....Murray
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Marc.....Nehama
Jack.....Nesbitt
Patrick.....Noble
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Rachel.....O'Driscoll
Bruce.....Oscroft
Adam.....Paddington
Melissa.....Paice
Larry.....Paice
Grant.....Parker
Nicholas.....Parker
Matt.....Pellett
Felicity.....Peters
Lauren.....Petersen
Neil.....Petersen
Robert.....Pidgeon
Leonardo.....Pinheiro
Simone.....Polly
Louise.....Purnell
Naomi.....Richardson
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Stephen.....Riley
Jack.....Roberts
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Jon.....Ruiz Del Portal
Harrison.....Schaut
Chloe.....Scott
Tim.....Solan
David.....Spencer
Dax.....Stanley
Rebecca.....Steinert
Victoria.....Stilwell
Stephanie.....Stoddard
Giles.....Stoddard
Rachel.....Strong
Blake.....Taggart
Helen.....Tan
Simon.....Taylor

Ray.....Teale
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Sophie.....Valentine
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Geoffrey.....Ward
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William.....Collins
Max.....Compton
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Dennis.....Doyle
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Jo.....Hume
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Mark.....Willcocks

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Henry.....Donald
Ethan.....Edwards
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Xavier.....Finkeldey
Joy.....Frost
Millie.....Hutchins
Lucy.....Johns
Sophie.....Lane
Toby.....Legge
Toby.....Lehman
Marlena.....Letts
Isobel.....Morley
Fenton.....Morley
Hamish.....Nosworthy
Samuel.....Pace
Ben.....Pegler
Hattie.....Plowman
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Poppy.....Sarsfield
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Lachlan.....Austin
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Vanessa.....Baker
Daniel.....Baker
James.....Baker
Matt.....Baker
Kieron.....Barton
Prue.....Barwick
Andrew.....Barwick
Skye.....Beckett
Matthew.....Beckett
Kylie.....Bell
Anna.....Berg
Arne Ronny.....Berg
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Ben.....Bianco
Justine.....Biggs
Rebecca.....Billing
James.....Billing
James.....Black
Joanne.....Blackbourn
Vanessa.....Blanc
Paul.....Blanc
Geoff.....Blee
Duncan.....Bond
Paola.....Borges
Helder.....Borges
Lynda.....Bourke
Caroline.....Brakell
Grant.....Brakell
Michelle.....Bridger
Amanda.....Brodie
Kari.....Browne
Nick.....Bryant
Karen.....Buckingham
Melissa.....Byrne
Ryan.....Byrne
Lisette.....Calleja
Jeffrey.....Calleja
Karen.....Cameron
Grant.....Cameron
Alicia.....Campbell
Melanie.....Campbell
Stuart.....Campbell
Matt.....Caplicki
Geoff.....Challis
Natasha.....Chinnock
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Cam.....Clark
Katherine.....Clarke
Andrew.....Clarke
Rob.....Clements
Melissa.....Cogle
Wade.....Cogle
Priscilla.....Cole
John.....Colley
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Mona.....Dalvand
Peter.....Daly
Sarah.....Daly
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Tamara.....Davis
Claire.....Dawson
Howard.....Dawson
Nelson.....De Carvalho
Fiona.....Decker
Mark.....Decker
Trenton.....Delahunty
Matthew.....Dent
Annette.....Donald
Amanda.....Drain
Fay.....Du Chateau
Myles.....Du Chateau
Barbara.....Duvnjak
Claire.....Dwight
Simone.....Eckert

Harvey.....Eckett
Vanessa.....Edwards
Daniel.....Elliott
Rebecca.....Farrell
Sara.....Fischer
Robert.....Flaye
Josie.....Forster
Adam.....Forster
Fiona.....Forsyth
Craig.....Forsyth
Hayley.....Francis
David.....Francis
Emily.....Franco
Miles.....Fraser
Timothy.....Frogley
Melinda.....Frowde
Harriet.....Gee
Spili.....Geftakis
Andre.....Gimenez
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Alan.....Gough
Jacquie.....Green
Liz.....Greene
Chris.....Greene
Christopher.....Gregory
Heidi.....Gulla
Imogen.....Hajdu
Gregory.....Hajdu
Paul.....Harding
Jenny.....Harrington
Tim.....Harrington
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John.....Harris
Clare.....Harrison
Luke.....Harrison
Kathryn.....Hawkins
Ric.....Hawkins
Thomas.....Hayes
Meg.....Hayne
Matthew.....Hayne
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Becky.....Herdman
Mark.....Herdman
Lydia.....Hicks
Michael.....Hicks
Eliza.....Hills
Colin.....Hills
Mark.....Hiney
Georgia.....Hoch
Lynton.....Hoch
Astrid.....Horvath
Brandon.....Horvath
Michelle.....Houtman
Joanne.....Hutchins
David.....Hyman
Emily.....Jackson
Nik.....Jackson
Paul.....Jans
Alexander.....Jarvie
Frederic.....Jaunault
James.....Johnson
Nicole.....Kennedy
Michele.....Kerr

Ben.....Kerr
David.....Kerr
Alicia.....King
Katherine.....King
Victoria.....King
James.....King
Tom.....King
Claire.....Kingston-Jones
Nick.....Kingston-Jones
Leroy.....Kirk
Jo.....Knight
Eric.....Knight
Ariadne.....Krausmann
Nicola.....Kugler
Timo.....Kugler
Penelope.....Lake
Mel.....Lamb
Carlton.....Lamb
Lisa.....Lane
Alison Jean.....Laurich
Thomas.....Laurich
Don.....Legge
Cate.....Lewis
Sijie.....Li
Lauren.....Ling
Shuyang.....Liu
Rebecca.....Lodge
Anna.....Lohe
Julia.....Lukas
David.....Lukas
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Claire.....Mahon
Erica.....Mahon
Christopher.....Mahon
Simon.....Mahon
Kiersten.....Mason
James.....Mason
Melinda.....Matthews
Christof.....Mayer
Ashley.....Mccarthy
Urszula.....McCormack
Najka.....McGeachie
Cameron.....McGeachie
Lorraine.....McIntosh
Emma.....Mckinnon
Toby.....Mckinnon
Mia.....Mcleod Street
Rob.....Mcquade
Gavin.....Merwood
Anthony.....Mills
Lionel.....Minter
Kylie.....Mitchell
Renee.....Mitchell
David.....Mitchell
James.....Mitchell
Ashleigh.....Moore
Kirsten.....Morley
Melanie.....Moss
David.....Moss
Cassandra.....Mow
Michael.....Muehlheim
Tina.....Murro
Kate.....Murcutt

Myles.....Murray
AngelaNathanael
NedNegus
Elissa.....Neufeld
Rod.....Neufeld
Lee-AnneNewcombe
Rob.....Newcombe
MartinNewham
JaneNewman
CraigNewman
Fiona.....Nguyen
SkyeNolan-Brown
JennieNoonan
Sascha.....Norman
David.....Norman
ElizabethNoyes
Jonathon.....Noyes
SharonOscroft
Alex.....Pace
Simon.....Pak Poy
Oliver.....Palmer
HenryParry-Okeden
JodiParsons
ToddParsons
SarahPayne
Mahalia.....Payne-Rimmer
Elise.....Peck
JamesPeck
NicolaPegler
MariaPellett
GabriellePerry
LucasPerry
AlisonPettinger
KirstenPilgrim
Adam.....Pilgrim
MargaritaPlayoust-Colley
Robert.....Plowman
David.....Poppleton
RadkaPottie
Anna.....Pritchard
ChrisPritchard
SummerPrivitera
Michael.....Privitera
KrystalPszczonka
Sarah JaneQuach
DanielleRainey
Natalia.....Ramirez
StuartRandall
Robert.....Rattray
ArabellaRayner
Julia.....Regitz
TimRegitz
Catherine.....Riches
Alex.....Riches
Lauren.....Roberts
BenRoberts
LauraRobinson
SashaRobinson
JasonRobinson
Justin.....Robinson
KrisRobinson
DavidRodgers
BelindaRoets

Sarel.....Roets
Kristin.....Rollison
Nicholas.....Rollison
Catherine.....Rose
Damien.....Rose
Patrick.....Ross
Renate.....Roth
Christopher.....Sadrinna
Aidan.....Sarsfield
MartinSchaut
CraigSchlitter
ClaireScott
KarenScott
Simon.....Scott
Jacqueline.....Scruby
Michael.....Scruby
BriannaSeale
Rupert.....Sharp
Jessica.....Shaw
BrandonShaw
Charles.....Shea
Alethea.....Sheehan
ChrisSheehan
AnatoliiShuvalov
Rebecca.....Simpson
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GenevieveSmart
Emma.....Smith
SueSmith
Andrew.....Smith
MartylnSmith
Jessica.....Smithard
Jessica.....Smouha
Charles.....Smouha
Johnna.....Stephens
ShaneStephens
Rebecca.....Stevens
Michael.....Stevens-Jones
Fionna.....Stewart
StephaneStockbuerger
ChrisStreet
Josh.....Titley
SkyeTowner
AnnaTrybocka
Bree.....Turner
Adam.....Turner
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Winnie.....Van Donk
Rik.....Van Donk
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LinnWolf
YaniWolf
Amanda.....Wolthers
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CraigWomersley
LeenaWood
CharlieWood
Annabel.....Woolcott
Zhining.....Yang
AlanYap
LauraZiolkowski
BrianZiolkowski

Harrison.....Abrahams
William.....Abrahams
MilaAgne
Lillian.....Alphandary
Zoe.....Alphandary
Patrick.....Alphandary
BradleyAndersen
Charlotte.....Annesley
Chloe.....Annesley
Malie.....Archer
CameronArnold
Lillian.....Arnold
Patrick.....Arnold
TahliaBaker
Noah.....Baker
Ava.....Barker
Aijay.....Barns
Gracie.....Barton
Sophie.....Barwick
River.....Beckett
StormBeckett
Mace.....Behdasht
EdenBerg
Nala.....Beulen
Indi.....Bianco
KylaBianco
Koa.....Billing
Ryder.....Billing
MarloweBlack
Zara.....Blanc
BirdieBlee
Camilla.....Borges
StephanieBrakell
Ryan.....Brennan
Imogen.....Bridger
CharlieBrown
Macy.....Brown
Annabel.....Bryant
Lucinda.....Bryant
EllieByrne

Ava.....Byrnes
Grace.....Byrnes
DarachCameron
DougrayCameron
OliviaCampbell
AlexanderCampbell
Annabel.....Challis
ZacChinnock
ArloClark
Emily.....Clark
Lachlan.....Clark
Abby.....Clarke
VivienClarke
BenClarke
AmelieClements
Maya.....Clements
FletcherCogle
OrlandoColley
Finn.....Cowan
Gus.....Creighton
HenryCreighton
Lachlan.....Creighton
BonnieCullen
Alice.....Daly
OscarDaly
WinterDavies
MatildaDavis
BellaDawson
EdwardDawson
Poppy.....Decker
Gus.....Decker
Zara.....Delahunty
MarloweDent
Hunter.....Dent
AlinaDrain
Callisto.....Drain
OscarDu Chateau
Flynn.....Dwight
Louis.....Dwight
Eaton.....Eckett
Millie.....Egerton
FelixEgerton
LeoFlaye-Poulson
MaxFlaye-Poulson
SiennaForster
Arlan.....Forster
Harley.....Forster
Jackson.....Forsyth
William.....Forsyth
EthanFrancis
Reese.....Francis
Otylia.....Franco
Elettra.....Franco Manning
IslaFraser Morley
Louis.....Fraser Morley
OliveFrogley
AbbeyGeftakis
OctaviusGeyle
BroderickGood
Edsel.....Good
Sullivan.....Good
Grace.....Gough
MollyGough

Sophia.....Gough
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GriffinGregory
LucaGriffiths
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ChloeGulla
LucasGulla
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Eve.....Harrington
JosephHarris
SummaHarrison
Eve.....Hawkins
TristanHayes
SiennaHayne
CharlieHerdman
ZacHerdman
Mathilda.....Hicks
ChantelleHills
LucaHiney
Mateo.....Hiney
ClaudiaHoch
Lauren.....Hoch
Archie.....Hooper
HaileyHorvath
HughHorvath
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Freya.....Jackson
Oliver.....Jackson
BiankaJans
TristanJans
Elkha.....Jarvie
ClaraJaunault
LouisaJaunault
Joen.....Johnson
XantheJones
QuinnJones
Polly.....Jones-Hughes
Lillian GraceKennedy
ArcherKerr
Toby.....Kerr
Emily.....King
Frankie.....King
OliveKing
Archie.....King
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CharlieKing
CocoKingston-Jones
Daisy.....Kingston-Jones
Ella.....Kingston-Jones
LuluKnight
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Banks.....Kugler
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Aria.....Lake
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Baxter.....Lamont
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Patrick.....Lane
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JamesLing
Johnny.....Lukas
Brody.....Ma
Rae.....Macintosh
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Charlotte.....Mccarthy
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ZygmuntMcCormack
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Sofia.....Merwood
Sophia.....Mills
Alice.....Minnock
Rosie.....Minnock
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ScarlettMitchell
JakeMitchell
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Louis.....Pace
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Jake.....Pszczonka
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Evie.....Roberts
William.....Robertson
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OliveRobinson
AriRobinson
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NateRobinson
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ZacRose
ClaraRoss
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Kitty Mae.....Ruiz Del Portal Greene
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AsherSadrinna
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WillowToll
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Taj.....Trout
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Tim	Hixson	Brenton	Williams
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Donald	Mitchell
Warren	Mitchell
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VALE

PETER "DIGGER" AKEHURST

ROBYN FRIEND

BRIAN SPROULE

TRACEY TRINDER

TREVOR PALMER

Life Members, Reg Wood and Don Imison, scattering of ashes was delayed due to Covid Health regulations, but they were finally given a good send off by the Club this season.

PETER AKEHURST

Life Member Peter Akehurst passed away peacefully on 18 May 2022.

Pete qualified for his Bronze Medallion on 30 November 1975. He received his 40-year SLISA Service Award in 2015 and was still actively involved in Club activities until the last couple of years.

I've known Pete and his family for over forty years in Av. He was a fellow Life Member, my accountant and my friend.

Having three daughters like the Akehursts, our family regularly benefited from helpful parenting advice - passed on by his wife Judy at the tennis courts. :)

Pete held many positions in the Club over the years, including Club Captain, IRB Captain and Chief Instructor, but the role he enjoyed the most was Anything To Do With IRBs... especially Anything To Do With Racing IRBs.

He competed in IRBs and trained many IRB Drivers (including me) and crews for surf rescues and racing, passing on skills and knowledge with good humour.

He was always experimenting with some new idea to do with the propellers, the motor, or whatever, to increase the speed of the boat, so our Club could come away from an event with more medals than the other clubs.

His enthusiasm was infectious to anyone else hooked on IRBs and he devoted a lot of his time to training and improving the performance of competitors through constant practice.

In the process he developed better surf lifesavers and better people. There are many, many young adults who benefitted

from Pete's willingness to devote his time to them earlier on. Pete fulfilled the Club's objectives - to save lives, create great Australians and build a better community - in spades! It didn't matter if the medal results eluded the teams "this time"... there was always the next time to look forward to. Always positive.

Pete was well known and well respected throughout the Australian surf lifesaving Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) community.

He organised and ran ABSLSC's premier annual Warren Mitchell IRB Carnival, which attracted competitors from all over Australia for many years because of Avalon Beach's - the Home of the IRB - reputation for always turning on a big surf for the event.

The NSW IRB fraternity said farewell to Pete, with Judy and other family members in attendance, at the second round of State IRB racing at Bulli Beach on the south coast on 28 May 2022.

Digger Akehurst was well known in IRB racing. Before racing commenced, Avalon Beach SLSC's IRB "Digger", named in his honour, did a drive by tribute, in front of all clubs' competitors lined up on the sand. This was followed by a minute's silence.

Pete was a good Club member and a good bloke. He will be missed.

Rest in Peace, Pete.

Roger Sayers OAM | Life Member



BRIAN SPROULE

Brian Sproule joined Avalon Beach SLSC in the early 1950s at the instigation of his mate Reg Woods through the Police Boys Club.

He gained his Bronze Medallion in the 1952/53 season and became an instant member of the patrol which won the coveted Busch Trophy (for winning the inter-patrol R&R competition). Brian also wasted no time joining the boat crew, becoming a member of the crew which launched the new 'J.Cooper' that same season.

Even though he was awarded his Instructor's Certificate only two years later (in 1954/55), it seemed Brian was destined to become a 'boatie'. A further two years later and Brian became Boat Vice Captain to good mate Brian Sheehan and in 1957/58 was promoted to Boat Captain, the first of a 5-year stint.

Just to show his versatility, during that time he managed the Junior Beach Football Team (1964/65) and swept the boat crew to semi-finals in the Branch Championships.

As Club Captain during the 1966/67 season, he couldn't resist the 'pull' of the boats and swept the junior crew to victory in every restricted carnival throughout out season. The Club was desperately in need of a new boat so in 1969 Brian Sproule and Ron Searl went guarantors and the 'Norman Cook III' was born. In that same year (and probably for the first time in the Club's history) he also 'secretly' swept a keen all-girl crew at North Avalon, knowing the hierarchy would frown at such an activity. My sister Diana was one of the rowers.



Due to a harmless prank which backfired and an over-zealous President at the time, Brian left our Club and joined Newport SLSC. He was welcomed with open arms and became their Power Boat Captain in 1971.

Brian was only ever known as 'Splasha', a nickname he earned from the rather unique swimming style he employed whilst pulling a belt for training through Redleaf Pool at Coogee in the 1950s.

Brian and Robyn married in 1965 and after 33 years in Newport moved to Sussex Inlet in 1998.

Severe dementia later stole both his mind and life and he passed away on 29 April aged 85 years. He left behind two daughters, Heather and Tannis with six grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Geoff Searl OAM | Club Historian



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, Maroochydore.
- Inaugural Mayor of Pittwater’s Award of Courage in Lifesaving – Nick Wood – 1998.
- First Australian Championship event on Avalon Beach – Australian IRB Rescue Championships 19–21 June 1998.
- First dedicated 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 – Channels - 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.
- SLSNB 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 Curlewis, 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	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CLUB CAPTAIN	CHIEF INSTRUCTOR
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	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CLUB CAPTAIN	CHIEF INSTRUCTOR
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 Bidencepe	K Veale	P Carter	R Mitchell
2002-03	M Heffernam	R Bidencepe	R Dodds	C Davison	T Barber
2003-04	M Heffernam	R Bidencepe	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

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. Dagleish, 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
2012	Silver	C. McGuckin	55-59 Male Board
		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
		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
	Bronze	A. van der Wallen	Masters Male Short Board
		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
	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
2020	Cancelled due to COVID-19 global pandemic	B. Tilbury, S. Macintosh, K. Munro, D. Wishart, N. Wellings (S)	180+ Female Surf Boat
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
2022	Gold	M. Akehurst, R. Frost, S. Macintosh, S. Stoddard, M. Mayall (S)	160+ Female Surf Boat
		J. Harper	50+ Male Short Board
		J. Harper	55-59 Male Short Board
	Silver	T. Curnow, M. Mayall, N. Sampson, A. Bright, N. Wellings (S)	Mens Reserve Grade Surf Boat
		Aisha Ferris	50-54 Female 2km Beach Run

Financial Report

AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC For the year ending 30 April 2022

ABN: 81 096 313 417

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AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC For the year ended 30 April 2022

	2022	2021
Revenue		
Government and Other Grants	81,062	104,748
Donations	22,137	43,353
Revenue	323,106	311,993
Total Revenue	426,305	460,095
Gross Surplus	426,305	460,095
Other Income		
Other Income	3,589	5,690
Total Other Income	3,589	5,690
Expenditure		
Affiliation and Capitation Fees	82,404	99,512
Carnival Fees	22,129	15,477
Depreciation Expense	51,838	63,987
Repairs and Maintenance Expense	40,127	10,649
Cost of Sales	53,720	52,904
Other Expenses	85,611	105,117
Bad Debt Expense	14,690	15,900
Total Expenditure	350,519	363,545
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax Adjustments	79,375	102,240
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax	79,375	102,240
Net Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) After Income Tax	79,375	102,240
Current Year Other Comprehensive Income, Net Of Income Tax	-	-
Current Year Total Comprehensive Income	79,375	102,240

Statement of Financial Position

AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC As at 30 April 2022

	NOTES	30 APR 2022	30 APR 2021
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2	321,417	266,445
Trade and Other Receivables	3	70,573	12,700
Inventories		32,243	31,546
Total Current Assets		424,233	310,691
Non-Current Assets			
Plant and Equipment, Vehicles	4	91,743	103,492
Land & Buildings		80,742	89,656
Total Non-Current Assets		172,484	193,148
Total Assets		596,717	503,839
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	5	60,223	46,720
Total Current Liabilities		60,223	46,720
Total Liabilities		60,223	46,720
Net Assets		536,494	457,119
Equity			
Retained Earnings		536,494	457,119
Total Equity		536,494	457,119

Statement of Changes in Equity

AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC For the year ended 30 April 2022

	2022	2021
Equity		
Opening Balance	457,119	354,879
Increases		
Surplus for the Period	79,375	102,240
Total Increases	79,375	102,240
Total Equity	536,494	457,119

Statement of Cash Flows

AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC For the year ended 30 April 2022

	NOTES	2022	2021
Operating Activities			
Cash Receipts From Operating Activities		380,171	483,865
Cash Payments From Operating Activities		(284,194)	(293,681)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities		95,976	190,184
Investing Activities			
Proceeds From Sales of Property, Plant and Equipment		5,645	-
Payment for Property, Plant and Equipment		(46,720)	(56,397)
Interest Received		71	54
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities		(41,004)	(56,343)
Net Cash Flows		54,972	133,841
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		266,445	132,604
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		321,417	266,445
Net change in cash for period		54,972	133,841

Notes to the Financial Statements

AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC For the year ended 30 April 2022

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 are 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.

	2022	2021
2. Cash on Hand		
Bank accounts/(overdraft)	321,417	266,445
Total Cash on Hand	321,417	266,445

	2022	2021
3. Trade and Other Receivables		
Trade Receivables	70,573	12,700
Total Trade and Other Receivables	70,573	12,700

	2022	2021
4. Plant & Equipment, Vehicles		
Plant & Equipment		
Plant and equipment at cost	734,415	706,832
Accumulated depreciation of plant and equipment	(642,673)	(603,339)
Total Plant & Equipment	91,743	103,492
Total Plant & Equipment, Vehicles	91,743	103,492

5. Trade & Other Payables

Other Payables		
Income in Advance	8,032	6,463
Wages Payable	3,908	4,128
Venue Hire in Advance	6,560	6,964
Customer Deposits	7,531	7,971

GST	5,713	2,550
Key Deposits Members	13,630	13,390
PAYG Withholding Payable	1,272	602
Superannuation Payable	1,971	430
Trade Creditors Seniors	11,607	4,221
Total Other Payables	60,223	46,720
Total Trade & Other Payables	60,223	46,720

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

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

	2022	2021
Cash flows from operations		
Profit for the year	79,375	102,240
Depreciation	51,838	63,987
Interest Received	(71)	(54)
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(57,873)	14,672
- (increase)/decrease in inventories	(697)	(2,561)
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	13,503	11,900
- other	9,900	-
Total Cash flows from operations	95,976	190,184

7. Fundraising Appeals

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

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 2022.

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 \$79,375 for the year ended 30 April 2022, with a positive equity position of \$536,494.

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 SLISA pronouncements, including proposals for staged relaxation of lock down and other restrictions.

The timing and extent of these measures, and the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Association's operations are not presently known.

The Association is currently reviewing its operations to determine any possible cost efficiencies and alternative trading operations. The Committee has determined that the going concern assumption is appropriate for the preparation of the financial statements.

Declaration By Members of the Committee (responsible Persons' Declaration)

AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC

For the year ended 30 April 2022

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 2022, 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 2022 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

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

Treasurer: 

Ashley Brown

Dated: 30/06/2022

Compilation Report

AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC

For the year ended 30 April 2022

Compilation report to AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 April 2022, statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1.

The Responsibility of the Committee Members

The committee of AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet its needs and for the purpose that financial statements were prepared.

Our Responsibility

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

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



Tomas Weiszer

Chartered Accountant

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Dated: 30th June 2022

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AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC
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Independent Auditor's Report

For the year ended 30 April 2022

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 2022, 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 2022 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 2022 being the year to which they relate;
- b) the financial statements and associated records have been properly kept during the year ended 30 April 2022, 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 2022 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 Associations 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 Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

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Dated: 30 June 2022

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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 2022

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 Commission 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 2022, 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: 30 June 2022

Income and Expenditure Statement

AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC
For the year ended 30 April 2022

	2022	2021
Income		
Bar Income Functions	46,042	17,984
Bar Income Members	29,612	42,712
Boats Donations	5,000	-
Canteen Sales Nippers	5,640	6,019
Carnival Income Nippers	1,636	2,657
Sponsorship	-	10,050
Community Room Hire - Ad Hoc Hirers	4,774	3,080
Community Room Hire - Regular Hirers	12,440	31,370
Course Income Members	4,354	6,158
Function Bar Staff Income	13,064	6,524
Function Cleaning Income	2,570	1,410
Function Room Hire	25,704	14,040
Gain on Disposal of Assets	1,909	-
General Donations Seniors	17,137	8,918
General Fundraising Nippers	-	3,636
Grants	40,812	42,098
Gym Fees	17,400	17,036
Interest Received	71	54
IRB Donations	-	4,000
IRB Fundraising	-	273
Key Fees	-	278
Manuals and Training Materials	27	-
Memberships Nippers	54,248	65,678
Memberships Seniors	26,340	23,712
Other Income	3,589	5,690
Sponsorships	34,444	3,364
TWG Club Room Hire	33,396	33,083
Uniform Sales Nippers	6,720	17,144
Government Subsidies	40,250	62,650
Function Room Hire - Discount	(3,563)	(2,260)
Donations	6,279	38,426
Total Income	429,894	465,785
Gross Surplus	429,894	465,785
Expenditure		
Accounting	250	-
Administration Fees SLSA	49,824	70,957
Affiliation Fees Seniors	100	128
Annual Report / AGM	3,833	3,869
Auditing Fees	2,027	2,027

	2022	2021
Bank Fees	166	1,386
Bank Fees SLISA	5	615
Capitation State	20,307	18,145
Capitation Branch	12,173	10,282
Carnival Entries Boats	17,309	10,310
Carnival Entries IRB	543	-
Carnival Entries Masters	1,214	2,723
Carnival Entries Nippers	2,228	2,375
Carnival Entries Seniors Other	835	69
Carols at the Beach	-	3,185
Cleaning Expenses	20,528	10,747
Depreciation Board&Ski Nippers	2,655	7,611
Depreciation Boards & Skis Snr	3,855	4,368
Depreciation Buildings	8,914	7,741
Depreciation FurnFixtFit Nippe	855	855
Depreciation FurnFixtFitt Snr	7,604	6,981
Depreciation OfficeGenGym Snrs	1,182	1,398
Depreciation Patrol Equipment	3,846	6,009
Depreciation Powerboats	13,249	14,792
Depreciation Surfboats	9,680	14,233
Direct Labour - Bar Staff	6,789	-
Direct Labour - Cleaning Staff	323	-
Donations	-	1,155
Bank EFTPOS Fees	1,561	1,497
Electricity and Gas Expenses	3,549	7,838
First Aid Supplies	6,628	5,861
General Expenses	5,011	5,363
Insurances	9,071	9,656
Licensing Fees	345	1,012
Maintenance Building	28,379	4,661
Maintenance General	1,133	805
Maintenance Patrol Equipment	884	1,043
Maintenance Powerboats	533	296
Maintenance Surfboats	9,012	1,692
Ocean Swim	440	216
Opening / Closing Stock Bar	(362)	(8,025)
Opening/Closing Stock Uniforms	(3,695)	5,464
Patrol Equipment Fuel Supplies	1,110	1,364
Printing Postage & Stationery	938	285
Alcohol Purchases Bar	31,990	33,379
Purchases Canteen	1,284	2,696
Purchases Uniform	10,255	11,201
Security Fees	-	651
Social Function Expenses	5,702	854
Software Applications	3,749	1,608

	2022	2021
Sponsorship Expenses	1,471	218
Superannuation Expenses	5,504	5,273
Telephone & Communications	1,140	1,104
Training & Awards	9,983	5,532
Travel & Accommodation	5,700	4,839
Waste Removal	638	273
Maintenance Board Repairs	186	2,152
Other Purchases Bar	7,313	5,926
Carnival Uniforms	8,390	-
Doubtful Debts Provision	(22,322)	18,872
Uniforms - Club Use Only	4,158	3,889
Food Purchases - Bar	5,860	8,190
Bad Debt Expense	14,690	15,900
Total Expenditure	350,519	363,545
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax Adjustments	79,375	102,240
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax	79,375	102,240
Net Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) After Income Tax	79,375	102,240



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