

# Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving



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Notice is hereby given that the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving Australia Incorporated will be held at the Narooma Surf Life Saving Club, commencing at 2pm on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

## Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Lifesaver's Prayer
3. One minute of silence for deceased members
4. Apologies and Proxies
5. Minutes of the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting
6. Business arising from the minutes of the 65<sup>th</sup> meeting and report
7. Presentation and adoption of the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Report
8. Notice of Motions  
***“That affiliation be sought for the 2018/19 season with Surf Life Saving New South Wales, and further, and that the articles, constitution, by-laws, regulations and resolutions, together with the awards and equipment of Surf Life Saving Australia Limited and/or affiliated State/ Territory Centres and/or affiliated Branches, can be accepted without reservations.”***
9. Election of Office Bearers for the 2018/19 Surf Life Saving season
10. General Business

Sue Hunt  
Director of Administration

## Life Savers Prayer

O Lord of all good life who has given to us in this land of Australia bathed in sunshine, enriched by the bounties of nature, encircled by the rolling waves,

We ask that You accept the service that we offer as a guardian of the lives of others.

We give thanks for the joy of living, the strength of mankind, the honour of the noble deed.

Help us remember that the value of a single life is of infinite worth in Your sight.

May we ever be alert to the needs of those whose safety is dependent on our vigilance.

Help us at all times to set the example and never to flinch at the call of duty.

Make us ready to match the moment of testing with the spirit of courage and adventure.

Make us strong and steadfast in the service that we have embraced  
Help us to be good mates.

May we never be disheartened by difficulties or discouraged by discipline.

May the standard of our lives be a help to those who look to us for an example.

Help us to offer to You, to our communities, and to those whose safety is dependent on our skills nothing less than the best we can give, asking for no reward save that of knowing that we do our duty and fulfil Your will.

O Lord, Our God accept this prayer.

Amen

## Life Members Far South Coast Branch

WB Annabel\*  
Donald Hay  
Myril Bunt OAM  
Max Hogno  
Arthur Bunt BEM\*  
John "Jim" McGrath  
Paul Caddey  
Paul Morgan  
JJ Caddey\*  
GJ Nicholson\*  
Ron Chesher OAM  
Kerry Parbery  
GC Chewing\*  
DF Pheeney\*

Frank Davey  
Anthony Rettke  
NA Dixon\*  
P Robinson\*  
Steve Dobson  
Paul Smith\*  
PV Dwyer\*  
Fergus Thomson OAM\*  
JA Eadie\*  
Paul White  
Bruce Frost  
Max Young  
Julie Frost

## Junior Activities Far South Coast Branch

W Loutitt

## Surf Life Saving New South Wales

Arthur Bunt BEM\*  
NA Dixon\*  
DF Pheeney\*

Ron Chesher OAM  
GJ Nicholson\*  
Fergus Thomson OAM\*

## Surf Life Saving Australia

Ron Chesher OAM  
NA Dixon\*

\*Denotes Deceased Members



## 2017/18 Executive Committee

President

Tony Rettke

Deputy President

Allan Veness

Jim McGrath

Director of Administration

Sue Hunt

Director of Finance

Wendy Law

Director of Life Saving

Andrew Edmunds

Assistant Director of Life Saving

Cheryl McCarthy

Director of Education

Kel Pearce

Director of Member Services

Sue Hunt

Director of Surf Sports

Andrew Holt

Assistant Director of Surf Sports

Wendy Law

Powercraft Captain

Kieran Harris

Youth Development

Frank Davey

Communications

Jim McGrath

## Patrons

Andrew Constance  
Ann Sudmalis

State Member for Bega  
Federal Member for Gilmore

## Vice Patrons

Mayor Liz Innes  
Mayor Kristy McBain

Eurobodalla Shire Council  
Bega Valley Shire Council

## Presidents of Affiliated Clubs

Batemans Bay  
Broulee Surfers  
Moruya  
Narooma  
Bermagui  
Tathra  
Pambula

Colin Knight  
Allan Veness  
Michael Pheeney  
Ben Bate  
Bruce McAslan  
Alan Birchall  
Steve Hodgson



## President

## Tony Rettke

This past season has been one of our most active for both the Branch and our clubs for many years. In the mix there has been so many highs and sadly some lows.

At the recent Branch awards in Moruya we saw the best of the best of our lifesavers deservingly recognised. In some cases their recognition was due to these highs and lows.

It is again an honour for me to have this opportunity to thank all seven clubs in the Far South for the volunteering the 1000's of hours it takes to patrol our beaches.

One of our biggest changes in leadership at the State centre in Belrose was the appointment of the new CEO Steve Pearce. Steve comes from a background of emergency services and has jumped into his role with SLS boots n all. Steve has injected a new enthusiasm into his staff and several new initiatives. One of the major initiatives was the State conference held in late July this year. The FSC Branch had outstanding numbers attending with representatives from every club.



On the 18th of March this year we saw the bushfires in Tathra and the surrounding district change some people's lives forever. The emotions of the fire victims have been very mixed, from deep sadness for the total loss of so many homes and possessions, through to relief and even joy that there was not a single life lost.

The compassion, care and generosity that was shown from so many good people across the country and from so many clubbies from across the Branch. It has all been truly overwhelming!

The Tathra Surf Club and its dedicated members are to be congratulated. The Surf Club and its members became the town's disaster recovery engine room, both during the time of the fires and for many weeks following. It was the central base to service the Tathra community with welfare

checks, housing the Rubicon work crew and also transformed into the community grocery and supplies store.

The neighbouring clubs of Bermagui and Pambula are to be thanked and congratulated also for stepping up as clubbies do when the community needs us. Their assistance with search and rescue, and for housing and feeding the victims was truly outstanding. Thank you so much to all.

Words cannot express the sadness that the Hallahan family have experience this year with the loss of their wife, mother and grandmother Liz. A more beautiful person and soul I have yet to meet in this world. To my good mate Mike and his beautiful family, I offer condolences from the whole FSC Branch family and community.

### **To our Directors**

These people have a commitment and passion for Lifesaving that extends from their time that is already contributed in their own clubs and patrols.

Deputy Presidents: Alan Veness & Jim McGrath.

Both are major positive contributors to our monthly meetings and always assist and advise when needed.

Director of Finance: Wendy Law, always so dependable and no better person to balance the books. Wendy also heads up our Interbranch team.

Director of Administration and Member Services: Sue Hunt. This year taking out the “Presidents Award for Outstanding Service 2018”, a very easy choice for me due to the incredible work Sue does for our Branch. Sue is also on the Branch and State selection panel for the Junior Lifesaver of the Year and the George Bass Committee.

Director of Lifesaving: Andrew Edmunds. Andrew also headed up our George Bass committee for our very successful and recent 2018 GBM. Andrew is also a State Duty Officer.

Assistant Director of Lifesaving: Cheryl Mc Carthy. Cheryl is also one of our duty officers. As one of our newer members to the team she has injected a level of enthusiasm that has been so inspiring for us all.

Director of Surf Sports, Andrew Holt. Holty was the winner of two major awards this year Lifesaver and Volunteer of the Year, disappointing that he just missed out TV Week’s Gold Logie this year :)



Director of Education, Kel Pearce. Kel will be stepping down next year and we wish him well in his move North.

Director of Powercraft, Kiaran Harris who is one of our very active committee for the GBM and also competed in the Bass this year as a first time sweep for Pambula.

Director of Junior Activities. Frank Davey. Branch Life Member and Leader of our annual Wambirri camp, with another wonderful camp this year with a switch of venue to Pambula SLSC

Communications Director: Jim McGrath. Legend, life member and one of our valued historians of the FSC.



### **Junior Lifesavers**

Yet again, the quality of the nominations from across our Branch for Junior Lifesaver of the Year was outstanding. Their clubs, parents and families should all be very proud. Thank you to our amazing "DoMS" Sue Hunt for getting these amazing young people together for their interviews. This year's winners were;

**Ava Weymans-- Moruya SLSC and Callum Elliot – Broulee SLSC**

### **Special Nippers/Same Wave**

This program is operating in 3 clubs across the Branch, Pambula, Bermagui & Moruya. I have the pleasure of being able to assist Pambula with their program each week and it is my most treasured part of surf lifesaving. Surf NSW have this year introduced this program into the NSW state championships. Thank you to Don Van Keimpema the State Director of Surf Sports for the initiative to make this happen.

### **George Bass 2018**

Wow ! Wow ! Wow ! What an event.

Probably the best GBM I've been involved with. Perfect conditions, good competitor numbers & spirited competition.

To all of the organising committee, especially Sue Hunt and Andrew Edmunds, you all deserve a huge pat on the back. Just outstanding! We are almost 18 months away from the next and already clubs around Australia are contacting us in readiness.



**Commonwealth Queens Baton Relay:** Congratulations to our surf lifesavers who were honoured with selecting to carry the Queens Baton for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. They were Tracy Innes, Darren Browning and Amanda Smith all deserving people.

### **Surf Sports**

Congratulations to the Tathra SLS team for taking out the coveted Jack Beal Trophy. It had been a part of the Broulee silverware for much of the past decade and I'm sure it will be hotly contested in 2019.



It was great to see the numbers on the beach for both the senior and junior carnivals. A big thank you to DoSS Holty and his team for making them happen and run like clockwork.

## **SLS NSW Country & State Championship**

Congratulations to the clubs and competitors that attended. All bringing home points and/or medals

## **Aussies 2018**

Incredible effort from our rowers, Broulee 140 men bringing home Bronze and Batemans Bay bringing home a boatload of Gold medals after winning 120 men, 160 women and Open Men. Special mention goes to Neil Innes for steering his crews to victory

## **Branch Award Winners**

To all the men and women who do outstanding volunteer work to keep their own club on top of its game, thank you. Listed below are the very deserving winners from our FSC Branch Awards of Excellence.

President's Award for Outstanding Service	Sue Hunt	Bermagui
Carnival of the Year	Branch Champs	Pambula
Team of the Year	Phoenix	Batemans Bay
Coach of the Year	Neil Innes	Batemans Bay
Official of the Year	Paul White	Narooma
Club Person of the Year	Loretta Chappel	Tathra
Trainer of the Year	Anthony Vella	Batemans Bay
Administrator of the Year - Myril Bunt	Cheryl McCarthy	Bermagui
Young Lifesaver "Rookie" of the Year	Ryley Spoelder Hanlon	Moruya
Young Branch Person of the Year - Fergus Thomson	Liam Russell	Bermagui
Lifesaver of the Year	Andrew Holt	Pambula
Branch Person of the Year	Andrew Holt	Pambula

## **Sponsorship**

I mentioned the possibility of this in last year's report. It didn't come off for our Branch this season as the funding was directed to a more deserving cause, the victims of the Tathra Bush Fires. Yet again, watch this space for next season. We're working on it.

Lastly, I would like to thank my lovely wife Judy for generously allowing me the time needed to be a part of our amazing Branch team.



## Director of Life Saving Andrew Edmunds

2017/18 has been an excellent year for Life Saving services within the Far South Coast Branch. All clubs worked together, with patrol members volunteering at other beaches to back each other up during emergencies.



FSC clubs continued with patrols in the branch from September through to April. Notably all Eurobodalla and Bega clubs provided 9am to 5pm patrol services over Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays – with an increase of 8 hour patrols in the February period at Batemans Bay and Broulee. Moruya Surf Life Saving Club patrolled a second beach (Shelley Beach) over January and Easter period.

Proactive patrolling has seen a dramatic reduction in rescues, callouts and most importantly coastal drownings. A focus on preventative actions saw a 27% decrease in rescues this season.

The FSC Branch has again been a leading partner in the Surf Life Saving NSW Emergency Response System, responding to 36 incidents from July 2017 to June 2018. All calls were out of hours or away from regular patrolled locations and most were tasked through 13 SURF.

Volunteers responded to incidents day and night covering over 200 kilometres of coastline. On a single day lifesavers responded to incidents from Bawley Point down to Eden. Sadly, we had three fatalities this season in our Branch, however none were at patrolled locations.

Remarkably, club callout crews responded from home or work, to the scene with rescue equipment, recording an average response time of 11.5 minutes. On average their response time improved by two minutes which is remarkable given the time critical nature of drowning. On many occasions, surf life savers were the first agency on scene providing vital rescue and first aid services.

Support operations continued to work well at Broulee and Pambula with RWC patrols and callouts. Bermagui SLSC started running RWC training in the central area, and the branch acquired second hand skis from Central Coast Branch and Illawarra Branch. A big thank you to Don Hay, Darren Browning, Cheryl McCarthy, Kieran Harris for their efforts running these skis.

Surf Life Savers continued to work in very well with the Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter Service based at Moruya airport. The FSC Branch conducted numerous

training exercises with the aircraft, and had operational debriefs after major incidents to improve combined responses.

Moruya SLSC, Broulee Surfers SLSC, Batemans Bay SLSC won the State and National Rescue of the Month in March 2018.



Moruya SLSC won the Club of the Year, Dave Pheeny Patrol Efficiency Award for 2018. Moruya SLSC is recognised for their significant efforts throughout the season to keep the beach going population safe. Moruya are to be commended for their efforts patrolling not one beach, but two over the peak summer and Easter holiday periods, with the club continuing to patrol

Shelley Beach Moruya as well as Main Beach via roving and traditional patrols. The club did not record a single breach of lifesaving standards throughout the season. The club performed almost 2000 patrol hours this summer, recorded 1 rescue at the main beach, 4 first aids, 190 preventions and looked after 2000 swimming/beach patrons over the summer. The Moruya patrol swung into action at the finish line of the George Bass Marathon when Pambula member Wayne Kent collapsed with a suspected cardiac attack. CPR including defibrillation was performed by the patrol (including a number of SRC members), Pambula boaties, and other participants from Mollymook and Grange SLSC, with lifesaving outcomes. They successfully revived Super and he was later flown to hospital for further treatment. In March, members of the Moruya SLSC responded along with members from Broulee and Batemans Bay and a civilian fishing vessel to a boating tragedy off Moruya Heads in very large and dangerous surf conditions. As a team they rescued five persons and bravely conducted CPR on a 13 yo female to no avail.

A big thank you to our Branch duty officers Anthony Bellette, Ken Bellette, Don Hay, Andrew Holt, Bruce McAslan, Harley Dengate, Ben Bate and Andrew Mizzi for their efforts over the year. I'd like to make special mention of Cheryl McCarthy, Assistant Director of Life Saving who for the majority of the season manned our callout phone and managed over 30 incidents.

In March the town of Tathra was stuck by bushfire. The Far South Coast Branch played a considerable role in the emergency response and recovery operations that are ongoing. As fire broke out in the bushland surrounding Tathra, Far South Coast NSW, local surf lifesaving clubs immediately recognised the potential need for emergency support, both on land and water. 13SURF was contacted for SLS Support with 50 persons located behind the golf club near the river or on the beach without transport. Tathra SLSC did beach patrols advising patrons to evacuate the area immediately. Utilisation of FSC assets throughout the emergency included Tathra and Pambula IRB's patrolling the lower reaches of the Bega River for potential evacuees and remaining on immediate standby for potential rescues and evacuations. Communication with Tathra SLSC was very poor due to failed mobile coverage. Bermagui SLSC was used as an impromptu

Evacuation Centre, managed by surf lifesavers and housing up to 320 evacuees at its peak. Tathra SLSC was used as a recovery centre for the emergency. FSC Branch provided Duty Officers at Tathra, Bermagui, the Bega Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and State Duty Officer communicating between all three ensuring hourly SITREPs were sent. The Bermagui SLSC emergency call out team was notified by Surfcom at 1632 of a request from NSW Police (via Sergeant Brendan O'Mahony of Narooma Police) to open the surf club as an evacuation centre (EC). South and West access and evacuation routes for the town of Tathra had been cut off and evacuees were leaving via the Tathra-Bermagui Road to the North. Club President, Bruce McAslan, and Secretary, Cheryl McCarthy, responded to the surf club and opened the facility. By 1645 the first evacuees started arriving. Bermagui SLSC is not an official evacuation centre location as identified in emergency plans of our local government area, Bega Valley Shire Council (BVSC), and members were not trained in evacuation operations nor did they have access to documentation or paperwork to assist. A process was created on the fly in consultation with Sergeant Brendan O'Mahony as evacuees arrived. Bruce and Cheryl were assisted in the immediate response by the following members of the Bermagui SLSC Leadership Team and Patrol Captains: Andrew Curven (Club Captain), Rachel Wallbank (Registrar), Neil Rutherford (Functions Manager), Steve O'Sullivan (Club Vice Captain), Shelley Davis (Nippers Coordinator) Rowan Blake and Euan McKenzie. By the end of the evening 320 evacuees were registered at the Bermagui SLSC EC and private accommodation for 326 people was sourced along with additional offers of hotel accommodation so all evacuees requiring a place to sleep were catered for. Approximately 18 – 20 evacuees chose to camp at the clubhouse on bedding supplied through donations. Surf club volunteers worked together with NSW Police, NSW Ambulance and members of the local community to provide a professional and timely response to the emergency. In the heat of the emergency the whole town was evacuated. 69 homes were destroyed, 30 cabins or caravans destroyed and another 30 dwellings damaged.

Tathra Surf Life Saving Club continues to be used as a Recovery Centre for the Tathra Bushfire relief effort. The surf club housed staff from the Department of Justice and worked as an outreach centre. The SLSC has transformed into a sudo supermarket with emergency stores and suppliers being coordinated by SLS volunteers in support of the broader community.

In 2018/19 I am looking to step down from the Director of Lifesaving role to take on some new challenges. I still be involved as a Branch Duty Officer and assist the new Director wherever possible. I'd like to thank everyone whom I've had the pleasure of working with over the last 11 and a bit years in the Lifesaving portfolio. Our branch has come along leaps and bounds from the humble days of no radio contact at clubs through to today where we have agile and capable callout teams leading the way across the state for emergency response. My mentor Mark McLeay, and presidents Dave Pheeney, Bruce Frost and Tony Rettke have been wonderful leaders to work with. Our lifesavers are among the best in the country, with numerous accolades and recognition. You all should be incredibly proud of what we continue to achieve and pull off. Our motto Vigilance and Service is spot on, the work every single person who wears the red and yellow is proof of our commitment to public safety.

Opened (Date Time stamp)	Primary Service	Location	Description	Further Information
21/07/2017 10:19	FSC - Duty Officers	CAMEL ROCK	SURFER WASHED ONTO ROCKS	13SURF RECEIVED A CALL FROM VKG OAK FLATS IN REGARDS TO A SURFER WHO WAS SEEN WASHED ONTO ROCKS OFF THE HEADLAND. WHILE TAKING DETAILS FOR JOB, INFO WAS ADDED WITH POI WALKING ON THE ROCKS BACK TO SAFETY. CONFIRMED CALLOUT TEAM COULD BE TASKED TO LOCATION. VKG DECIDED TO SEE HOW HE WENT AND WOULD ADVISE IF MORE ASSISTANCE WAS NEEDED. NFAR AT THIS STAGE.
22/07/2017 14:12	FSC - Duty Officers	MORUYA BREAKWATER	CUT AWAY CHUTE FELL INTO WATER	13SURF RECEIVED REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM VKG OAK FLATS. PARACHUTIST CHUTE DID NOT OPEN AND PERSON HAS FALLEN INTO WATER.
22/08/2017 18:28	FSC - Duty Officers	NAROOMA	VESSEL THAT HAS NOT RETURNED	13SURF CALL FROM VKG OF REQUESTING LS23 TO DO A SEARCH OF LAKE WALLAGA FOR A VESSEL THAT DID NOT RETURN.
01/09/2017 08:12	FSC - Duty Officers	MALUA BAY	MISSING SWIMMER	INFO FROM POLICE - MEMBER OF PUBLIC SIGHTED A SWIMMER BODYSURFING, CAUGHT A WAVE AND DIDNT RESURFACE. UPDATE FROM D.O. POI HAD NO FLOTATION DEVICE
03/09/2017 15:09	Moruya	MORUYA HEADS	STAND UP PADDLE BOARDER IN DISTRESS	13SURF CALL FROM VKG SYDNEY REGARDING A STAND UP PADDLE BOARDER IN DISTRESS AT MORUYA HEADS APPROX 1KM OFFSHORE. LS23 WAS TASKED BY POLICE DIRECTLY AND ASKED IF WE HAD ANY OTHER ASSETS WHO COULD RESPOND. POI WAS A 40 YEAR OLD MALE WHO HAD LOST HIS PADDLE AND FALLEN OFF HIS BOARD. POI WAS IN THE WATER FOR 2 HOURS SUFFERING HYPOTHERMIA.
13/09/2017 13:13	FSC - Duty Officers	393 S HEAD RD	PERSON IN WATER NEEDING ASSISTANCE	13SURF RECEIVED REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM VKG OAK FLATS. ONE PERSON OVERBOARD AT MORUYA HEADS. WEARING A LIFEJACKET.
16/09/2017 09:31	Narooma	1.5KM NORTH OF	EPIRB ACTIVATION	13SURF RECEIVED A CALL FROM MACSAR IN REGARDS TO A EPIRB ACTIVATION APPROXIMATELY 1.5KM NORTH OF

		DALMENY		DALMENY. NO FURTHER INFORMATION OR CAD AVAILABLE AT THIS STAGE. CONFIRMED AMSAR HAVE TASKED LS23 DIRECT.
30/09/2017 14:01	Pambula	PAMBULA	TWO KAYAKERS IN DISTRESS	SURFCOM RECIEVED A CALL FROM SUE HUNT, FSC BRANCH REGARDING TWO KAYKAERS REQUIRING ASSISTANCE AT PAMBULA SURF CLUB. 13SURF ALSO RECEIVED A CALL FROM VKG OAK FLATS AT 1413 AND WERE ADVISED OF ALL INFORMATION ON HAND
08/11/2017 15:12	FSC - Duty Officers	NARRAWALLEE	2 X LIFEJACKETS VISIBLE 200M OFFSHORE	13SURF RECEIVED RFA FROM SYDNEY WATER POLICE. INFORMANT SAW 2 X LIFEJACKETS FLOATING 200M OFF HEADLAND AT NARRAWALLEE.
11/11/2017 11:53	Westpac Helicopter - Sydney Region	ROSEDALE BEACH	POSSIBLE MISSING SKIN DIVER	13SURF NOTIFICATION FROM VKG OAK FLATS OF A POSSIBLE MISSING SKIN DIVER AT ROSEDALE BEACH. VKG ADVISED IT WAS PRETTY CALM CONDITIONS. SURFCOM (VINSON) ADVISED WE WOULD TASK LS23 TO COMPLETE A SEARCH.  POI WAS LOCATED SAFE AND WELL ON THE BEACH AND ALL ASSETS COULD STAND DOWN.
15/11/2017 16:57	FSC - Duty Officers	MERIMBULA	SAILBOARDER MISSING OFF MERIMBULA WHARF	INITIAL REPORTS FROM SGT RYAN OAK FLATS OF A WINDSURFER IN DISTRESS OFF MERIMBULA HARBOUR. ADVISED LS23 OFFLINE BUT CALLOUT TEAM CAN BE ARRANGED. VKG TO ARRANGE RESCUE 209 TO ATTEND
17/11/2017 14:43	Pambula	PAMBULA INLET	KAYAKS OVERTURNED 4 POI IN WATER	13SURF RECEIVED A CALL FROM VKG OAK FLATS REGARDING OVERTURNED KAYAKS AT PAMBULA INLET WITH 4 POI IN WATER. VKG CONFIRMED AMBOS WERE ON THE JOB SO WOULD BE ATTENDING. PAMBULA CALL OUT TEAM RESPONDED AND ASSISTED WITH RETRIEVING KAYAKS AND PADDLES FROM HE WATER. DURING THE INCIDENT AN ADDITIONAL POI BECOME CAUGHT IN THE RIP AND WAS RESCUED BY PAMBULA.
21/11/2017 07:17	FSC - Duty	TUROSS	OVERTURNED VESSEL	OVERTURNED BOAT AT TURROS HEAD UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF

	Officers	HEAD		PEOPLE IN THE WATER
26/11/2017 10:29	Broulee Surfers	BROULEE SURFERS	3 PWC CLOSE TO SWIMMERS	REPORT OF 3 PWC'S JUMPING WAVES AND INSIDE TO 500M SWIMMING EXCLUSION ZONE,
26/11/2017 10:51	Narooma	NAROOMA	SUSPECTED SPINAL 13YO M	PATROL ADVISE OF INCIDENT AFTER OCCURRING AND CONCLUDED, 13YO MALE, COMPLAINING OF NECK PAIN AFTER COLLIDING WITH ANOTHER NIPPER IN SURF, PATIENT WAS TREATED AND TRANSPORTED BY AN AMBULANCE THAT WAS ALREADY THERE, PATIENT WAS TRANSPORTED TO MORUYA HOSPITAL CONSCIOUS AND BREATHING.
14/12/2017 06:35	FSC - Duty Officers	TUROSS HEADS	1KM NORTH OF TUROSS BOULEVARD	MISSING FEMALE SWIMMER.
16/12/2017 15:59	Bermagui	BERMAGUI	12 M LACERATION ON LEG.	12-14 M. LARGE LACERATION ABOVE KNEE. C & B.
30/12/2017 15:34	Batemans Bay	BATEMANS BAY	M7 BLUEBOTTLE STING TO LEG	M7 WITH BLUEBOTTLE STING TO LOWER LEG. CONCIOUS AND STRUGGLING TO BREATHE. AMBO CONTACTED.
31/12/2017 13:18	Moruya	MORUYA	50-60YO M MEMBER CPR POSS STROKE	PAMBULA BEACH MEMBER - WAS APART OF THE GEROGIE BASS SURF MARATHON - APPROX 50-60YO M - PATIENT IS A MEMBER OF PAMBULA SLSC - AMBOS ON SCENE COMMENCING CPR - HAS BEEN DEFIBED TWICE - FSC 12 FSC11 ON SCENE - POI CAME INTO THE BEACH AND COLLAPSED - FIRST AID BY MORUYA SLSC, DOCTORS AND NURSE ON SCENE - DOCTORS ARE PART OF THE EVENT - NK WHO CALLED AMBO - AMBOS STILL COMMMECNING
31/12/2017 14:12	Broulee Surfers	BROULEE	32YO FM SUFFERING A BLUE BOTTLE STING	32YO FM SUFFERING FROM A BLUE BOTTLE STING FULLY ALERT C&B - HAVING AN ALLERGIC REACTION - HOLDING HER BREATHE BUT IS STABLE
06/01/2018 13:30	Pambula	PAMBULA	POSS CODE 16 OR SCHOOL OF FISH	INFO FROM NSW 10 RE POSS CODE 16 OR A SCHOOL OF FISH OFF PAMBULA SLSC
15/01/2018	FSC - Duty	WAPENGO	M POI IN DISTRESS	1 M POI 300M NBND OF THE BREAKERS DRIFTING NBND - M NFD



12:20	Officers	LAKE - 300 NTH OF THE BREAKERS	DRIFTING NBND	KAYAK IS DESC AS YELLOW NFD
16/01/2018 06:23	FSC - Duty Officers	CASEY'S BEACH SUNSHINE BAY	1 POI IN TROUBLE OFF CASEYS BEACH	CALL THROUGH FROM ANTHONY BELLETTE IN RELATION TO 1 POI IN TROUBLE OFF CASEY'S BEACH, POI FEMALE HE SPOTTED THE POI WHILST DRIVING TO WORK, POLICE SENDING BATEMANS BAY 15
21/01/2018 16:48	Pambula	NORTH OF PAMBULA RIVER MOUTH	2-3 PEOPLE STUCK IN RIP	
26/01/2018 15:18	Pambula	BETWEEN MERIMBULA AND PAMBULA	CODE 16	SHARK A FEW METRES LONG SIGHTED BETWEEN PAMBULA AND MERIMBULA. NFD.
26/01/2018 16:45	FSC - Duty Officers	WALLAGOO T BEACH	POL ENQUIRING IF WE CAN ASSIST AMB	POLICE RCO ASKING IF WE HAD ASSETS NEARBY TO ASSIST AMB WITH A FEMALE PT SUSP. SPINAL ON BEACH.  NFA VRA RESCUE ENROUTE. FSC DO (EDMUNDS) ADVISED THAT PAMBULA 4WD WOULD BE OVER 40 MINS ATTENDING. NFA
27/01/2018 12:53	Bermagui	BERMAGUI	CONFIRM CODE 16	PATROL REPORTING CODE 16, CONFIRM SIGHTING, CLOSING BEACH.
04/02/2018 07:43	SLSNSW Southern Region HRS South Coast	RICHMOND BEACH HEADLAND	MISSING PERSON IN BUSH, POSS INJURED	POL REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM LS23 REGARDING A POI MISSING IN THE RICHMOND BEACH HEADLAND AREA. POSS FALLEN AND INJURED. POL AND FRNSW HAVE BEEN LOOKING AND NIL FIND SO FAR. ADVISED RCO THAT LS23 ARE NOT ONLINE TILL 900 HOWEVER WILL CONTACT TO GAIN AVAILIBLITY PRIOR. AMB ALSO ON SCENE
05/02/2018 11:20	FSC - Duty Officers	MERIMBULA BOARDWAL	M NOT RESURFACED	VKG HAVE REPORTS OF MALE WHO HAS JUMPED/FALLEN OF BOARDWALK OPP CARPARK NEAR ARTHUR KANE DR

		K		MERIMBULA AND HASNT RESURFACED
11/02/2018 13:04	SLSNSW Southern Region HRS South Coast	PRETTY POINT	POI STUCK ON STH SIDE OF CLIFF	13SURF DOWNWARD NOTIFICATION OF POI STUCK ON THE STH SIDE PRETTY POINT 2 KM STH OF SURF BEACH. POI TRIED TO CLIMB THE ROCKS FROM THE WATERS EDGE AND IS NOW STUCK. POI IS ON THE PHONE TO THE POL STN. HELO REQ BY VKG OAK FLATS
17/02/2018 09:18	Broulee Surfers	BROULEE SURFERS	54YO M DISLOCATED SHOULDER	BROULEE SURFERS ADVISE OF 54YO MALE C&B WITH DISLOCATED SHOULDER. AMBULANCE REQUESTED.
18/02/2018 12:32	Broulee Surfers	BROULEE	MASS RESCUE 15 PERSONS	MASS RESCUE OCCURRED AT BROULEE. ALL PERSONS OUT OF THE WATER NOW. NIL INJURIES. NO AMBO REQUIRED. A.EDMUNDS CONDUCTING A DEBRIEF AND ON SCENE
23/02/2018 19:07	FSC - Duty Officers	TOMAKIN	2 POI IN WATER	MACSAR REPORT 2 POB BROKEN DOWN JET SKI AT TOMAKIN WASHED ON ROCKS. POI IN WATER ATTEMPTING TO SWIM TO SHORE.
25/02/2018 12:04	Pambula	PAMBULA	CODE 16	ADVISING CLOSING BEACH DUE TO DANGEROUS SURF AND SHARK SIGHTING, HAVE LAUNCHED IRB AND HAD A LOOK AND CANT SEE ANYTHING AND THE IRB IS BACK ON SHORE.
03/03/2018 11:07	FSC - Duty Officers	ONE TREE BEACH, TUROSS HEADS	CODE 16 - SHARK CHASING SWIMMER	13SURF DOWNWARD NOTIFICATION REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE REGARDING, 'SHARK CHASED A SWIMMER OUT OF THE WATER'.
11/03/2018 09:11	Broulee Surfers	SHARK BAY, HARBOURVI EW DRIVE	MAN FALLEN ON ROCKS	BROULEE SURFERS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FOR A UNKNOWN AGE POI FALLEN ON ROCKS POSSIBLE STROKE. CONSCIOUS, BREATHING, UNKNOWN BLEEDING AND UNKNOWN ALERTNESS.
18/03/2018 16:44	FSC - Duty Officers	TATHRA	BUSH FIRE	13SURF TASKING FOR SUPPORT FOR MAJOR BUSHFIRE IN TATHRA AREA. REQUEST SUPPORT TO EVACUATE A NUMBER OF PERSONS, EOC LIAISON OFFICER, AND ASSISTANCE WITH OPENING UP EVACUATION CENTRE AT BERMAGUI SLSC.
22/03/2018	FSC - Duty	KIOLA	M DROWNING	VKG OAK FLATS HAVE MULTIPLE REPORTS OF 1 POI POSSIBLY

18:24	Officers			DROWNING IN SURF OFF KIOLA.
24/03/2018 06:56	FSC - Duty Officers	MORUYA HEADS	BOAT OVERTURNED	13SURF NOTIFICATION FOR BOAT OVERTURNED MORUYA HEADS ENTRANCE TO BREAKWALL SIX PERSONS ON BOARD. SLS RESCUED 5, 1 FATALITY 13 YO FEMALE.
28/03/2018 11:10	Bermagui	HORSESHOE BAY, BERMAGUI	1 X PERSON IN WATER MISSING	INFT STATES SHE IS UNABLE TO LOCATE HER FRIEND WHO WAS SWIMMING AT THE TIME
30/03/2018 15:00	Broulee Surfers	BROULEE	F PT ? INJURY	F PT UNKNOWN INJURY 38 YO FEMALE PT STINGRAY BARB TO FOOT.
05/04/2018 17:18	FSC - Duty Officers	TURA BEACH	MISSING M IN SURF	13SURF TASKING FOR A MISSING MALE POI LS IN THE WATER. CAN NO LONGER BE SIGHTED. BELONGINGS STILL ON SAND. INFT IS A FRIEND HOWEVER IS DEAF AND DETAILS ARE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. REQ LS23.
14/04/2018 05:13	Pambula	EDEN MANINAN ROCK	FISHING TRAWLER SINKING 6 POB IN LIFE BO	VKG OAK FLATS CALLED ABOUT A FISHING TRAWLER GOING DOWN AND 6 POB ARE GETTING INTO LIFE BOAT NEAR MANINAN ROCK , TWO FOLD BAY STH POINT , NEAR RED POINT
10/06/2018 10:13	FSC - Duty Officers	PICNIC POINT, WAPENGO	CONCERN FOR KAYAKER	13SURF NOTIFICATION FROM VKG, CONCERN FOR KAYAKER AT PICNIC POINT, WAPENGO NORTH OF TATHRA. WIFE HAS NOT SEEN HUSBAND FOR A WHILE. IS ON A RED KAYAK. NO FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE.
10/06/2018 14:01	FSC - Duty Officers	MORUYA HEADS	PARACHUTE IN WATER	13SURF NOTIFICATION OF PARACHUTE IN THE WATER AT NORTH HEAD. PERSON SWIMMING OUT TO ASSIST NOW

# Director of Member Services

## Sue Hunt

What an amazing season we had in 2017/18. Each year our members step up, we do more, we continue to give, and that is what makes our Branch so great.

The year started off with one of the biggest wins ever..... At the SLS NSW Awards of Excellence in August Bermagui SLSC was announced as the State Club of the Year!!! Woot Wooo!!!. How incredible is that!!! I was super excited to be part of the night and celebrate their awesome achievement. The look on Bruce's face when the announcement was made was priceless.... "that's us... oh that's us. OH THAT'S US!!!!"

Congratulations to the Bermagui Club, their amazing Executive and even more amazing members for embracing change at the Club, helping it to become the Premier Club in our State. This award certainly made some of the bigger Clubs sit up and take notice... and the question on a lot of lips on the night, and since then, was "where the hell is Bermagui?"

We had a couple of small youth programs this season, the SRC to Bronze was a great couple of weekend, and two powercraft awareness program saw over fifty 15-17s from all of the Clubs in our Branch attend.

Again, we had good representation across all of the **SLS NSW programs**. This is always a great opportunity for our members, especially the kids, to head to the City, developing networks, participating in fun hands on workshops and making lifelong friends, see some of their reports following. Attendees this season were;

- **18-25 Development Networking Program**
  - Jack Griffiths – Broulee Surfers SLSC
  - Aaron Flood – Broulee Surfers SLSC
- **Junior Lifesaver of the Year**
  - Ava Weymans – Moruya SLSC
  - Callum Elliott – Broulee Surfers SLSC
- **Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop**
  - Hayden Beaver – Batemans Bay
  - Annabelle Smith - Broulee Surfers SLSC
  - Matt Goddard - Broulee Surfers SLSC
- **26+ Development Program**
  - Steve O'Sullivan – Bermagui SLSC

### **Junior Lifesavers of the Year**

Of all the things I do in Surf Life Saving, sitting on the Junior Lifesaver of the Year panels, in our Branch and at State, is the hardest, but most rewarding job. Having to choose just two is an extremely difficult task. We have so many outstanding young men and women in the movement you want them all to win.



Our 2017/18 Branch winners were Ava Weymans – Moruya SLSC and Callum Elliott – Broulee Surfers SLSC, both exceptional young adults contributing to Surf Life Saving across a broad range of activities in our Branch. Attending the interviews in Sydney may be a little overwhelming for a couple of kids from the country, but the both handled themselves with aplomb, representing themselves, their Clubs and the Branch well.

We also had three highly commended awards this season;

- Scarlett Whitaker – Tathra SLSC
- Elli Beecham – Narooma SLSC
- Riley Stafford – Moruya SLSC

Congratulations to all of you, the future of this Organisation is bright.

### **FSC Branch Awards of Excellence:**

Amazing people... what can I say!!! Congratulations, not only to the winners but to those nominated.



### **SLS NSW Club Conference:**

It's been a few years since SLS NSW put on a conference for our member's but we were lucky enough to get one this year. Clubs from across the Branch filled their allocated 3 position, so representation from the FSC Branch was high.

This opportunity gives us a chance to

network, learn new ideas, or reinforce in our heads that what we are doing is working for us. the focus this year was around changing directions and emerging trends, working

with young people and children (protection, are we on the same page as them), diversity and inclusion (being an organisation that “fits” everyone) and member welfare (with a mental health focus). All of us got something out of the weekend, and hopefully the Branch and the Clubs within it see the benefit.

**GBM 2018:** The biggest hit of the season for me, was, without a doubt the George Bass. What a grand adventure. From the beginning, organising it with an incredibly talented bunch of people and seeing it through to the end was awesome.

Unfortunately for me, two weeks from the start I was flat on my back in an ambulance heading to Canberra. After what I can only describe as an epic sneeze I detached my retina, so was at risk of missing the one thing we had all worked so hard to get off the ground. Being grounded and not being able to drive was bad enough, but missing out was more than I could have beared.

Enter members of the incredible village... I'm not one for playing the damsels, so was a little gobsmacked when so many put their hand up to help. Thanks go to many for allowing me to be part of the adventure, helping me camp and generally poking fun at me “cause who actually blows an eyeball when they sneeze!!” Boaties are an amazingly generous and giving bunch of folks, and few I really need to mention are;

- North Cronulla – Bof, Purds, and the gorgeous Georgia for putting their heads together to get me a driver for the week, ensuring my tent was set up and moved when needed, and that my mattress was just the right pressure. Thank you to the beautiful Carol Swane for ensuring I got from beach to beach and back to the camp ground each day.
- Philippa from Stockton was my camp buddy, camping next to each other, making sure my eyedrops were in, thanks mum 😊
- Chris Briggs – Pambula. To go with my skull and cross bones eyepatch, Chris sourced a parrot for me, although I secretly think it was a rubber chook in disguise. He also made a harness so the bloody thing wouldn't fall off my shoulder, thanks mate
- And the high point... ..the members who pulled together to save the life of one of our valued members, Wayne “Super” Kent – Pambula SLSC. Super collapsed as he stepped out of the boat on Moruya Beach after the first leg. Congratulations for the combined effort of his boat crew, the Moruya Patrol and the fellow boaties and Clubbies nearby, without their efforts we may very well be counting him as one of our statistics.

I don't know how many times over the past few years I've said this, but I truly believe the Surf Life Saving is an extraordinary Organisation, full of extraordinary people, doing extraordinary work. Extraordinary VOLUNTEER work, and it is very evident here, in the FSC Branch.

We have incredible people at this end of the State.

## Wambiri 2018

The move to Pambula Beach proved to be a rip roaring success at the 2018 Far South Coast Wambiri Leadership Camp with twenty seven Candidates and ten Mentors attending. This year, for the first time in 22 years, the camp was removed from its traditional home in Tathra, to the Pambula Surf Life Saving Club. We voted to retain the name "Wambiri", which is an indigenous word for "Seacoast", which we thought most appropriate for our cause.

The move to PSLSC initiated a completely different accommodation format, one that proved to be a masterstroke regarding participant integration. The group rooms format was replaced by, what might be termed, an open plan design. The girls and female adults were accommodated in the first floor auditorium where all of the in house events were to be held, and the boys and male adults were housed in the ground floor gymnasium area. All attendees came armed with bedrolls for this eventuality. This year only our Under 14 Candidates, Leader Mentors from the previous year, and adult Helpers and Facilitators attended.



We found that with the groups being housed "en masse" that no small insular groups were formed and the candidates tended to move more as a united group. As in previous years, our candidates from the various clubs throughout the Far South Coast Branch and this year, four invited Candidates from Mallacoota, in

northern Victoria, were integrated into "Patrols" with each "Patrol" given beach patrol scenarios to review during the weekend and to put into practise at the end of the camp. Leader Mentors were also appointed to assist with the scenarios.

The weekend activities are now pretty much ingrained into the Wambiri Leadership format, one which we find very successful. Dinner, following arrival, was the obligatory BBQ then all were assembled in the auditorium where they were welcomed by the Branch facilitators who explained the workings of the weekend. A number of introductory games were conducted, all attendees were given their camp number, then the candidates were placed in their Patrols and given their scenarios and appointed Mentors. Free time and into bed by 11:00 pm. All slept well, a vast improvement on past experiences.

Saturday morning up at 7:30 am to a hearty breakfast, then free time at the beach. 9:30 am saw the arrival of the Same Wave (formally Special Nippers) contingent for their hour or so of respite care. Our candidates assisted in this worthy cause for the next hour or so, and it must be said that they all enjoyed the experience and appreciated the work and devotion that goes into this programme. There are now three SLS Clubs in the FSC

Branch that conduct this programme so many of our candidates were familiar with this cause. Lunch, and then the task of transferring nearly fifty people from Pambula Beach to Merimbula's Magic Mountain for the Tree Climb Challenge. This we did with the use of the use private transport which worked out very well. The Tree Climb Challenge is just that and provides an ideal platform for leadership and team bonding, and it's a lot of fun.

Back to PSLSC for afternoon tea and a talk on achievement and desire by former Australian Rugby League Front Rower and Moruya SLSC member, Mick Weyman. This was a most interesting talk which elicited a great number of questions from those present. A period of free time, showers etc, led to a Pizza and Picture night. This was a movie selected by the group that meant absolutely nothing to the adults present, then supper and bed.

Sunday morning coincided with the Brats verses Adults competition which is the PSLSC Nippers end of season event in which the Wambiri group were invited to participate. To further their leadership roles, each Wambiri candidate was paired with one of the PSLSC younger Nippers for the duration of the mornings proceedings. This provided a couple of hours of fun and lighthearted competition

for all. Unfortunately, this was the prelude to the well documented Tathra Bushfires. A massive wind practically blew the kids off the beach and kept up it's intensity for some hours. Little did we know of it's effect forty kilometres up the coast, as all mobile phones had been banned for the weekend. We were eventually informed that a number of fires were burning to the north. All candidates pitched in to tidy up the clubhouse while awaiting their parents arrival. This included putting the away furniture, replacing the gym equipment and rolling the surfboats back to their respective areas. Then it was a quick evacuation from the PSLSC, as most of the group were from north of Pambula Beach. Fortunately, all arrived home safely and none of the group were immediately affected by the fires although that, even now, is an ongoing situation with the Tathra residents.

The FSC Branch is eternally grateful to the Pambula Surf Life Saving Club for putting their clubhouse at the Branches disposal for this iconic venture. This move to a Surf Club environment has elicited, for the first time, a huge social media response from the attendees who enjoyed the experience so much they are agitating for a mid year repeat..... Over our dead bodies!!!



Frank, Holty & Jimmy  
FSC Branch Wambiri Facilitators 2018.



# SLS NSW Programs Participant Reports

## Junior Lifesaver of the Year

### Callum Elliott – Broulee Surfers

This year I was fortunate enough to be selected as the male Junior Lifesaver of the year representative for the Far South Coast Branch. I was very excited when I heard the news that I had been selected and was looking forward to going to Collaroy for the JLOTY Camp.



On the 16th April I flew out of Moruya airport for the first time on REX, it was beautiful day and I saw our spectacular coastline all the way to Sydney. When we arrived at the Domestic terminal we were met by Shannon and Naomi who were from

SLSNSW. They walked us to our bus where there were other JLOTY members from various branches.

We drove to Collaroy where we were welcomed by Dlyan who ran the program for the four days we were there. My first impression of the Collaroy Centre was its positioning in an iconic location with a fantastic view of the Sydney coastline. We ate some morning tea before having the official welcome and met the facilitators. That afternoon I had my interview which went well, the panel were really nice and I enjoyed the experience. The next day we woke up and went Collaroy beach for a swim which I enjoyed. We then went to SLSNSW Headquarters in Narabang. This was one of the highlights of the camp for me. We saw Surf COM and the Surf Sports Headquarters. We learnt about how the organisation is run, how they communicate with other Surf Clubs throughout the State and learnt about the career opportunities available through Surf Life Saving. We then moved to the Surf Sports side of the organisation and how the major carnivals such as

State are run. Planning for these events begins months before. Whilst we were there they were in the process of reviewing the NSW State Championship carnival to see what they could do better next year. That afternoon we had a tour of the Westpac Helicopter. This was an amazing experience, I learnt how the helicopter works, how they winch people to safety and about the additional accessories the Westpac helicopter has on it that other standard helicopter don't. For example it has four blades for additional stability, twin engines and additional communication devices. This was another highlight for me.

The next day we drove to Narrabeen and did a high ropes course which was really fun, then we went kayaking blindfolded which was very challenging. That afternoon we did a mental health course which was called Waves of Wellness. We learnt about the risk associated with mental health and how Mindfulness can help calm your mind and focus on what is important.

The next day we had the end of camp presentation. The two people that won the award were really nice and well deserving. It was then time to say goodbye to the many new friends I made.

I would like to thank everyone who helped me get to where I am now and for nominating me for this experience. Thank you to the Broulee Surfers Surf Club for nominating me and to the FSC Branch for the amazing opportunity. Thanks also to NSW SLS and to the facilitators for their efforts. It was really enjoyable and I'm grateful for the opportunity to learn new things and meet new friends.



## Ava Weymans – Moruya SLSC

In April I had the opportunity to travel to Sydney as part of the SLSNSW Junior Life Saver of the Year program for 2017-2018.

To be awarded Female Junior Lifesaver of the Year for Far South Coast Branch and attend



the program was an amazing opportunity and experience. The program helped me build my confidence, improve my communication, teamwork, leadership and organisation skills, make new lifelong friends and learn more about Surf Lifesaving NSW. The experience has inspired me to do more and aim higher so I can make a difference, not just to my local surf club, but also the Far South Coast branch.

In Sydney we did many amazing activities including guest speakers, presentations and off-site visits. I enjoyed the guest speakers as they talked about their experiences in Surf Lifesaving and changes that they have made for the better of the organisation. My favourite speaker was Lara Boyle because

she inspired me to do things in surf lifesaving that I would never have considered beforehand.

We also visited the NSW headquarters and met the people behind the voices of Surfcom. I found this really interesting because we got to see what happens behind the scenes and learn about the opportunities available to us. Other experiences I enjoyed were team building activities, game and movie nights and presentations.

My favourite part about the Sydney experience was going to SLS NSW headquarters and meeting new friends. The headquarters opened my eyes about jobs available in SLS and the different pathways and opportunities I could take. I also enjoyed meeting new people and learning about how other branches work and what other life savers do in their club as an individual.



Knowing that I probably would never have met these people without this experience made it even more worthwhile and really proves that this is a great program.

I think JLOTY is a worthwhile experience because it can help with youth retention and help make better lifesavers. This benefits branches and clubs because junior lifesavers are the future of the organisation and by giving them the experiences and skills that they need to keep the association going.

I am looking forward to applying to attend the YOMs program in the near future because I realise the benefits that this opportunity provides and I will be able to re-connect with my new JLOTY friends and make new ones.

Thank you again for this opportunity  
Ava Weymans



# Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop

## Matt Goddard – Broulee Surfers SLSC

At the YOM camp I learnt many new and important lessons, ranging from behind the scenes of SLSC, to understanding my own mind and Teamwork. I found this camp amazing, inspirational and extremely beneficial for junior SLS members.

At the Camp we had many different activities, each having its own lesson and benefits. We visited SLSC Headquarters, had a visit from the Westpac Rescue Helicopter and a few presentations like the SLSC drone program, Waves of Wellness program and a few others that helped us to understand what makes up SLS and how it is advancing.

One of the most valuable lessons for me was teamwork. We were able to meet new people with similar backgrounds in SLSC and we were able to work with them to achieve a task e.g. build a boat from cardboard and other basic materials to save a teammate from drowning. Everything we did at the camp was fun, understandable, purposeful, and useful to our future endeavours in SLSC.



I would defiantly encourage any junior person that enjoys SLS, and would like to continue SLS in the future, to attend this camp because of all the lessons I learnt, the people I met and experiences I had during this camp will really help me in the future.



## Annabelle Smith – Broulee Surfers SLSC

On the 16th of April I travelled to Sydney with Callum Elliot, Matt Goddard and Ava Weymans. Both Ava and Callum had little experience with flying on their own and as I had had some experience it my job to take care of them during the trip. The four of us sat together on the plane which was a fun experience, giving the JLOTYS the chance to ask lots of questions. We all really enjoyed the flight as it was a clear day and we could see the coast line the whole way to Sydney.

Callum thought it was the funniest thing that we had to catch a bus from the plane to get to the airport. Once we were inside we were met at the gate by Shannon a facilitator (My 2016

JLOTY facilitator) and Naomi the coordinator. The bus of YOMS and JLOTYS had been waiting for us at the terminal. It was an interesting trip with lots of music!

We arrived in Collaroy at 10 and started our first activities. We played icebreaking games and I had the opportunity to catch up with the other participants who came to JLOTY with me in 2016. It was a great opportunity to hear everyone's stories and their passions. Not one person had the same reason for being part of SLS.

Over the four days of being in Sydney we participated in lots of activities and had the chance to meet some pretty amazing people. Lara Boyle and come to talk to us about her journey in SLS and we were extremely amazed by what she had to say. SLSNSW's CEO also came to teach us about the pathways in Surf and what his job entailed. My favourite presenter was Andy Cross not only was he my head presenter at Beach to Bush in 2017. Andy gave us a very good talk about presenting and how to get your message across he also explained how to get over nerves in large groups.

Other activities included the Kon Tiki challenge where we built a boat from plastic and cardboard and sailed it across the Collaroy ocean pool. The Westpac helicopter came and we had the chance to ask questions and have a look at the helicopter. JLOTY and YOM both went offsite to SLSNSW headquarters, there we had the chance to have a Q and A session with representatives of the different sectors.

During the week were apart of beach activity groups this was an activity where we were divided into 5 Clubs in a branch and we were all given a goal. My Club had a goal to expand social capita, we had to use three strategies for this goal:

Opening our club to youth of all abilities. Through activities eg. movie nights, bands, nippers for youths with disabilities.

Qualifying Associate members of the club.

Educating the general public.

We then presented this to the JLOTYS and members of SLSNSW.

YOM was the most amazing experience and I will never forget the friends that I have made. They are all truly amazing people. We challenged ourselves and had some amazing times. The facilitators were inspiring and super fun. There was not one moment where we did not have music playing, we listened to In The Summertime about a thousand times!

I would highly recommend that everyone should give it a go. Whether a competitor or a community member there is something in it for everyone.

Thankyou Far South Coast for giving me the opportunity.



# Lifesaver Exchange Program

## Rowan Blake – Bermagui

Having been endorsed by the club I was very fortunate to be given the opportunity to represent Bermagui on the SLSNSW Country to City Exchange program.

The program was held over Australia day long weekend and incorporated patrols at Bondi and North Bondi, Clovelly, and Maroubra Surf Life Saving Clubs. Being placed in this environment allowed me to witness firsthand how some of the country's biggest clubs operate on the busiest days at the beach.

By combining this with surf rescue development and visiting the Surf Lifesaving NSW Headquarters, Surf Rescue 30 offshore jet boat, and the helicopter base for lifesaver 21 and 22, the participants of this program gained valuable knowledge and experience that can be implemented when returning to their local branches and clubs.

In conjunction with this being in an environment with other like-minded individuals from around the state produced a very enjoyable and positive



environment to be in. This highlighted the community that extends through the greater organisation and culminated in an incredibly enjoyable experience.

Furthermore, the opportunity also allowed me to put into perspective my personal experiences in Surf Lifesaving and at Bermagui and I genuinely believe that the way our club operates, as well as the community that we're a part of, allows Bermagui SLSC to be among the best in the nation, which is something we should be truly proud of given our size and location.



# Director of Surf Sports

## Andrew Holt

This year was a very busy and successful year for our Branch in the Surf Sports department.

### INTERBRANCH

The season started with the interbranch team being selected. They had 2 training sessions before heading North to Stockton SLSC in December. 34 athletes and one official, Glenn Bywater represented us well.

Thanks to all the parents that helped out. A special thanks to Scott Elliot for helping me with the coaching. Thanks also to Wendy Law who organised everything along with her constant support as Assistant Surf Sports Director.

### LOCAL CARNIVALS

This year carnivals were well attended. The weather was not kind to us this season with two carnivals being moved due to large swells. We had a few new events this year which seemed popular. The 1km & 500m beach run were introduced to the Nipper carnivals. We had some novelty events at the Bermagui carnival.

We held our first Far South Coast Branch Surfboat Championship Carnival this season. Surf Life Saving NSW modified their Championship event; "The Best of the Best" carnival became the "The Best of the Best Interbranch Surfboat carnival". Crews could only compete if they were selected by their respective branches. As a result, we ran the FSC Surfboat championship carnival at Moruya. It was fantastic to see so many boats turn up to a FSC carnival, especially in a year that the George Bass Marathon had run. Moruya ran a great boat championship event, and also provided a great relaxing afternoon on their deck afterwards.

I'd like to thank organisers, officials and helpers who made the following carnivals possible –

- Bermagui Nipper carnival
- Moruya Senior carnival
- Moruya boat championship
- Tathra Nipper carnival
- Pambula Nipper carnival
- Pambula Senior carnival

Congratulations to Tathra on winning this years' point score, the Jack Beale Trophy, making them Far South Coast Branch Champions.

The FSC Branch had some outstanding performances this year at major carnivals, congratulations to the following athletes who competed at the following events;

**Country Titles** – Excellent results from Sam Blake, Jackson Blake, Lachlan Blake, Geordie Kemp, Lara Elliott, Travis Stubbs, Riley Miles, Aiden Miles, Elli Beecham, Luella Boulton, Rogue Constable, Melissa Meaker and Nigel Constable. All placing in the top six in their events and some bringing home some bling.

**NSW State Titles** – Again Jackson Blake and Geordie Kemp had an excellent carnival at Swansea Belmont, both finishing top 6 in their events. They were also joined Darren Drewsen, Joe Halsey, and boat crews from Narooma, Moruya, Broulee and Batemans Bay.



Unfortunately for our boaties surf conditions were on the large side and there was a fair amount of carnage, and more than a few injuries.

Neil Innes and his crews from Batemans showed a good amount of skill and good fortune to come away with some good results;

- 180 years Women GOLD: Tracy Innes, Barb Van Luin, Fran Campbell and Megan Douros
- Reserve Women 5<sup>th</sup>: Tracy Innes, Barb Van Luin, Fran Campbell and Megan Douros
- Open Men Bronze: Wayne Coppin, Aaron Jackson, Corey Jackson and Luke Price

**Australian Titles** – The trek to Scarborough WA was to far for most but no deterrent for some of the boaties. Garry Pettigrove and gorgeous wife Jen towed the Batemans Bay double trailer across the Nullabor getting both boats there in one piece and in time for scrutineering.

Well worth the drive with Gary's men bringing home Bronze and Neil Innes and his crews bring home loads of gold.



The **George Bass Surfboat Marathon** was once again a huge success. I'd like to thank my fellow committee members for all their help in running such a great event.

I look forward to next season and I have a few ideas I'll talk about at the AGM.

# Assistant Director of Surf Sports

## Wendy Law

### Interbranch 2017

A team of 34 competitors from the Far South Coast competed in the 2017 Interbranch Championships on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December at Stockton SLSC. The team comprised of members from all Far South Coast Surf Clubs with each representing both their club and branch well.



The team met on two occasions for training, once at Bermagui and again at Broulee. Under the guidance of coaches Andrew Holt and Scott Elliott they trained both on the beach and in the water. Sean Hendry also advised on beach techniques at the Bermagui training. The competitors were able to get to know each other a little before the trip which helped develop team spirit and camaraderie.

A bus left Pambula early on the Friday morning picking up team members along the way north. After a long day the bus reached caravan park at Anna Bay, Port Stephens. After settling everyone into their cabins, dinner was held in the camp kitchen. Following this, the team were all issued their uniforms which looked very smart.

The next morning whilst the competitors were still in bed, a group of parents headed back to the camp kitchen to prepare lunches for the day. After a quick breakfast the team headed off to Stockton Beach for Day 1 of the Interbranch competition.



The conditions were good, and glassy, with a heavy, dumping wave on the sand bar. A good day of competition was had by all with Jackson Blake achieving a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U13 Surf Swim and Patrick Broe achieving a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U13 beach sprint.

A team dinner was held at a local restaurant on the Saturday night which was enjoyed by all. The team were well mannered and good representatives of the Branch.

Day 2 of the competition again saw good conditions with the FSC Branch Team competing well and showing fantastic team spirit. The team appreciated the efforts of our draftee member Emily

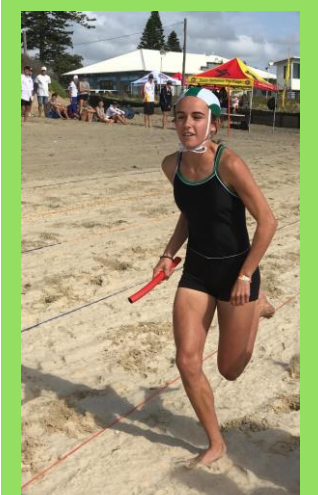
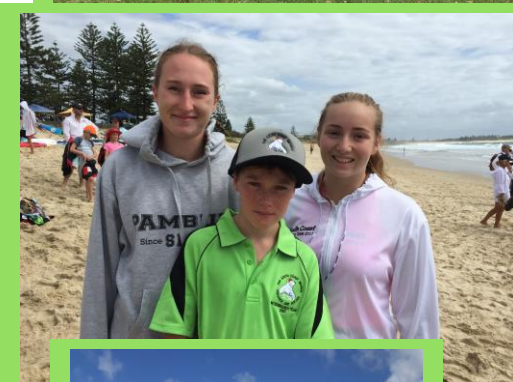
Maythers from North Cronulla who competed well all weekend. It was great to have her as part of our team.

Thank you to Andrew Holt and Scott Elliott for coaching the team, Ian Filmer for transporting the gear up and back, Glenn Bywater for officiating all weekend, and to all of the other parents who helped over the weekend.

A huge thank you to Wendy Law for organising the trip, the accommodation, the transport, the uniforms, the entries and all of the food! Without her efforts the competitors would not have had opportunity participate in such a memorable trip and wonderful experience.

Looking forward to next year!





## Powercraft Captain

## Kiaran Harris

It was a very busy year for our powercraft across the Branch, with the George Bass, a number of training courses and quite a few events that needed water safety.



Our IRB is fully operational and at present lodged at Mourya SLSC.

The RWC currently at Broulee is currently fully operational and has shown its versatility and worth in rescues throughout the season.

The 2 older ones are at Bermagui at present and have been used as back up for water safety duties during the George Bass. Also

they have been utilized for training new RWC operators

The one housed at Pambula is fully operational and finally has a registered trailer, there was a problem from delivery with rego papers not present when it was dropped off. This oversight has been rectified thank you Wendy Law.

The Yamaha RWC provided by state which the paid life savers use over summer and we Branch for the remainder of the season is currently in Sydney at Yamaha due to a recall from Yamaha

We found the need to write an RWC policy this year to ensure use, maintenance and documentation is consistent, thank you to Cheryl for her hard work on this. A log book specific to each ski have been passed on to each club that currently have a RWC and numbers to be applied to each ski to help keep track of servicing requirements and a more accurate recording of operator hours and accountability.

The Branch is awaiting SLS NSW's review on RWCs as to make an informed decision as to the sale of any of our craft.

Thank you everyone it is always a busy season especially with the running of the George Bass





# CLUB REPORTS

## Batemans Bay Colin Knight – President

The 2017 – 2018 season was a memorable one for many reasons.

At the AGM we filled most positions other than president, so the club was helpless coming into the start of the season, with much soul searching I decided to help the club out and take on the role of president with the blessings of the committee.

Over the season the committee have been a great support and together we have built a strong team, one which has guided the club through the current season and hopefully over the next few. Being a novice at running a club and trying to understand the intricacies of SLS policies and procedures which as most know are a little confusing, things weren't easy, however with a lot of help from S Hunt, W Law, C McCarthy and T Rettke I was able to soldier on without going any crazier.

Patrols were maintained throughout the season with reasonable numbers, the running of 2 Bronze courses has helped us out by providing extra members, with some existing members returning to the club we don't look too bad for next season.

The club itself is looking good and we have constant booking requests which will help maintain the club infrastructure into the future. Operationally we are 4 years in front of where we could be, with fairly new patrol equipment, IRBs and motors, we are in a good place in regards to providing care to the general public at the beach and for callouts. The funds allocated by the Federal Government for the BSEF has helped us be in the position

that we are, and thanks must be sent their way.

Club End of Season Presentation was well attended with members being recognised for their commitment and dedication to Surf Lifesaving.

Tracy Innes took out Senior Life Saver of the Year along with Geordie Kemp as Junior Life Saver; Hayden Beaver received the Rookie Award in his first season as a Life Saver.

Other noteworthy awards where N Innes and G Blake with 35 years National Patrol Service Awards. At Branch Presentation



Tony Vella was awarded the trainer of the year, which reflects the amount of time and effort he puts into running his courses.

Nippers has seen a drop in numbers this season, however the commitment shown by Tracy Reedy and Sam Phal in coordinating the kids has been a pleasure to see, the club attended all 3 Nipper carnivals this season and the kids that competed had a load of fun. Thanks must be sent to all the Age Managers and Water Safety for the effort they contributed this season, without them Nippers wouldn't run.

Jackson Blake was a standout this season, taking out the Innes award as Club Champion Nipper and as Branch Champion for Surf events as a under 13, Jackson also competed at Inter Branch, Country's and State carnivals and performed to a high standard.



Clyde ISUZU again have supported the Nippers this season by providing Hi Vis rashies and some much needed Long boards for competition, there ongoing support of grass roots sporting clubs is very much appreciated.

The club appreciates the efforts put in by all Officials and organisers of Carnivals; your selfless dedication allows all competitors the chance to take part in these events.

Senior completion wise our little club has excelled, especially with boat crews, Our National rankings at the end of the Surf Boat Series were: Open Men 4<sup>th</sup>, Reserve Men 6<sup>th</sup> and Masters Woman 1<sup>st</sup>. These outstanding results are in no little way directed at Neil Innes who has taken out Branch Coach of the Year for his efforts with 3 boat crews over the season, along with Branch Team of the Year: Woman's Masters Rowers.

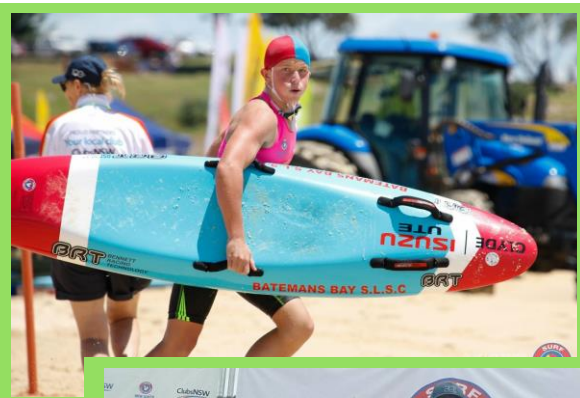


All three rowing crews have performed well above expectations this season with the Open Men's taking out gold at Aussies along with the Masters Woman also taking home gold. The Men's Masters also crossed first to bag gold, the Reserve Men made it to the finals to finish a very respectable 6th at Aussies as well. Dial Before You Dig, have again this season helped support the rowers with sponsorship, their ongoing support is invaluable.

As the club had competitors at: Country's, State and Aussies this season, we would like to thank

Envirobank Recycling, Clubs NSW and our Local Clubs for their support of these major events this season





The 2017-2018 has been another successful season and one that we can all be proud to have played a role in achieving the club's goals. Broulee Beach has been fatality free which is a great result considering visitor numbers were significantly up on last year. A surf club is an emergency service first responder but is also a surf sports club, a social club and also an organisation that fosters and develops the skills of young members. An outline of the club's activities follows.



## Patrols

I thank all patrolling members who have given freely of their time and taken on the responsibility of looking after others on our beach. There were 184 patrolling members who have completed 5,377 patrol hours for the season. 166 preventions, 48 rescues and 21 first aid responses were performed and this shows the importance of the work we do. The records show that 26,878 people visited our beach during patrol hours this year. This is over 6,000 more

than last year.

In addition to scheduled patrols, some members have responded to emergency call outs. One recent example was a boating accident at the Moruya River Mouth where members of Moruya, Batemans Bay and Broulee clubs attended.

## Membership

We are a big club. We have 653 members in total which includes 246 nippers, 211 associates and 184 patrolling members. Within this number is included 123 Canberra based nippers and their families. The proportion of our members who are based in Canberra continues to grow in number and significance within the club. Members all contribute in many different ways and the club thanks everyone for their efforts during the season.

## Trainers and Assessors

The team of trainers and assessors have had a very busy season. There were 593 proficiencies done which included 286 nippers' swims. There were 371 new awards which included 208 nipper awards. Special thanks to Kel Pearce, Mick Lambert, Peter Halpin, Craig Goddard, Nick Goddard and Gary Pettigrove.

Without the trainers carrying out the annual proficiencies and assessing members for new awards, we simply would not have people on the beach capable of patrolling.



## Nippers

We are unique in that we have Nippers made up of two distinct groups. As well as our Broulee based Nippers, there is also a Canberra based group of approximately 120 nippers, plus parents and helpers. The two groups work well together and the contribution of this combined group is vital for the future of the Broulee Club. I thank all parents, water safety volunteers, age managers, carnival officials and all who have played a role in this group. Special mention must be made of Scott and Simone Elliott who coordinate the Broulee based group and Steve Corcoran with his committee who have coordinated the Canberra group. I also thank Bethany Williams for her vision and work in establishing the Canberra Broulee Nippers.

It is important to make special mention of Amanda Smith who after three years as water safety coordinator has retired from that role. Also Scott Elliott and Dave Hosking who have been age managers of their group for the past seven years. Your contributions have been huge and much appreciated.



## Surf Sports

It was a busy year for the club's competitors. There were local carnivals, Country, State and Aussie carnivals. In addition boat crews participated in Ocean Thunder, South Coast boat series and four crews also rowed in The George Bass Marathon. The Broulee Men's Vet team of Morgan Freemantle, Steve Moore, Jeff Dunne, Peter Shaw with sweep Gary Pettigrove were the most successful competitors for the year with a

bronze medal at the recent Aussies Carnival, Branch Vets champions, fourth in the ASRL and winners in the South Coast Boat series. Many other competitors also had good seasons and helped Broulee to be a major force within our branch. Sadly, I have a feeling that we may have lost the Jack Beale trophy for the first time after eight straight years. Thanks to all those who competed and to those who officiated at carnivals.



## Hotondo Homes Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim

The seventh annual ocean swim attracted a record 320 swimmers. The event was held in near perfect conditions and many records were broken. Callum Elliott won the men's open event in 18min 41 sec. This was an amazing swim considering he is still 13 years old. Feedback from competitors was very positive especially with record keeping and water safety.

This event is a major fund raiser for the club and it would not be possible without the work of the swim committee and the Broulee and Mossy Point Community Association. Once again this group was chaired by Gary Pettigrove who contributed a huge amount of effort, time and skill to this event.

## Sunday Swim

The summer series Sunday swim competition has continued to be popular. Up to 50 swimmers have competed on some days and the competition has been hotly contested. Cherise Walker has been the organiser and chief handicapper this season and the club thanks her for her contribution.



## Club Committee

The club committee ensure the smooth running of the club. Each member not only looks after a specific part of the club's activities, but also contributes to making decisions that influence the whole club. Their level of commitment is shown in the many hours of work that they contribute and also in the manner in which decisions are made so that the clubs best interests always is the main consideration.

I would especially like to thank the following people who have shouldered the bulk of tasks in running our club.

1. Wendy Law; who is our secretary and has contributed in the organisation of Nippers (Canberra and local), Surf Sports, training and assessing, assisted our registrar and has also been an official at carnivals.
2. Lynda McKay; who has performed the task as treasurer in exemplary fashion.
3. Andrew Mizzi and Kirsty Campbell; who have organised and overseen the running of patrols during the season.

## General Helpers

Once again a big thank you to all who have quietly done the many tasks required to keep our club running. This includes the bar, BBQs, maintenance of buildings and of our gear, and the boutique. Without these volunteers, our club would find it difficult to function.

## Challenges

Whilst the club continues to grow and to function efficiently, there are a number of challenges we must consider. These include,

- Ensuring we have adequate members on patrol at all times.
- Ensuring that each patrol has people with required awards and skills.
- Increasing participation of members at branch carnivals.

- Increasing the number of carnival officials from our club.
- Retaining members, especially those moving from Nippers to the senior ranks.
- Getting new people to take on the major roles within the club.

Thanks to all for another good year. It is a pleasure to belong and to contribute to such a great organisation.



## Canberra Broulee Nippers      Stephen Corcoran

The Canberra-based nippers had a great 2017-18 season. 130 nippers (about 80 families) joined our program, training at Canberra Olympic Pool and at Broulee every fourth week.

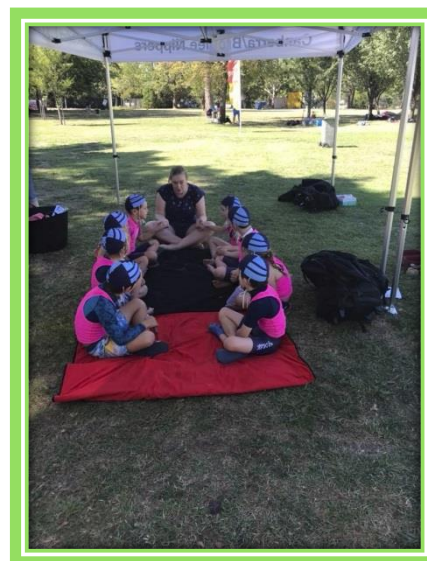
We'd like to thank Wendy Law, Simone and Scott Elliot, Amanda Smith, Gary Pettigrove, Kel Pearce, David Hosking and all the Broulee Age Managers for helping us with proficiency swims, training, showing our Age Managers the ropes, giving our Water Safety parents some pointers and generally helping us acquire the knowledge to run a successful nippers program. Thanks to the Canberra surf boat crews for helping with water safety, and Jacy and Dan Harding for pool rescue coaching.

Our nippers have developed a range of skills in the ocean, and love joining in with the Broulee nippers. When training at the pool, we use those facilities to learn pool rescue techniques including line throw rescues (pictured below), tube rescues (patient tow with fins), brick carry (recovering a submerged object), obstacle swims and board paddling. Our nippers worked towards their Age Awards with demonstrations of CPR and First Aid by club member and life saver Dr Sarah Merefield (pictured at right). Thanks to Dallas and the team at Canberra Olympic Pool for the great work setting up the pool, storing gear and generally hosting us each week.



We were thrilled to receive the Sports Minister's Award for Innovation and a grant from the ACT Government. Our many equipment needs were also supported by fundraising BBQs at Bunnings and at the pool led by the Cox family, and donations from Capital Chemist, Nikias Diamond, The Dock and Grill'd. With this generous support our program is well-placed to ensure a fantastic 2018-19 season. It was heart-warming to see a convoy of Canberra families taking carloads of donations to Tathra fire victims on their way to the Pambula Carnival.

At the annual Bay to Breakers swim we had around 10 nippers and 10 parents from our Canberra group braving the long ocean swim in spectacular conditions, well done to all! During the event, two of our Canberra nippers put their training into practice, sending for help when a spectator on the rocks needed medical attention.



## Training

Parents, nippers and older siblings completing SRC, Bronze and First Aid courses in 2017-18 from the Canberra-based nippers families:

Renata Bridgeman, Paul Barnes, Steve Corcoran, Louise Youngman, Brad van Dam, Tim Newton, Michael Walker, Ann Kristin Raymer, Ian Paterson, Henry Paterson, Daniel Boyle, Emma Corcoran, Stephanie Brettargh, Benjamin Nicholas, Matt Cox, Josh Cox, Matt Woods, Ben Mosely, Jamie Machin, Benjamin Nicholas and from 2016, Ian Laverock and Judy Jensen.



As a new program we also needed to train enough Age Managers to help supervise and lead our 130 participants. The following completed their Age Manager training: Kelly Lance, Cat Walker, Michael Walker, Evan Soper, Greg Leach, Gaëtane Burkolter, Peter Nettlefold, Megan Taylor, Ann Kristin Raymer, Emma Boyle, Glenn Shultz, Jamie Machin, Jess Moore, Grant Mason, Claire Mason, Tim Newton, Sarah Hawkins, John Hawkins, Rob

Ferrero, Jamie Storrie, Kerry Ernst, Christine Palmer, George Villaflor and Paul Cecere. They were joined by our age managers from the previous season, Judy Jensen, Matt Woods, Zoe Fennell and Steve Corcoran.





### Change of Manager

Bethany Williams, founder of Canberra-nippers, decided to step down as manager during the season to move on to her next challenge. Thank you to Bethany for the vision and hard work getting our Canberra program off the ground!

Steve Corcoran will be coordinating the Canberra-based nippers for 2018-19.

Thanks also to the other sub-committee members that helped with organising last season:

Wendy Law, Louise Youngman, Brad van Dam, Evan Soper, Dimitri Nikias, Ian Laverock, Matt Cox, Renee Cox, Renata Bridgeman, Meagan Ferrero and Judy Jensen.



With so many people helping to make it a success, sincere apologies if we missed

thanking anyone.

### Carnivals & Camps

We had several Canberra families put their training into practice at the nippers carnivals in Bermagui, Tathra and Pambula. Thanks to the Broulee team for showing us the way, for help with transporting boards and organising teams.



Thanks to Evan Soper for transporting boards to nipper weekends, carnivals and the Bay to Breakers.

Well done to the families that gave it a go at a carnival: Barnes, Hawkins, Corcoran, Machin, Andrewartha, van Dam, Soper, Turner, Bonansea, Bettanin, Laverock, Paterson, Leach, Bradshaw, Bridgeman, Cox, and Korsten. We hope to see many more Canberra families at carnivals in 2018-19.

Three of our Under 13 nippers, Colette Paterson, Bella Laverock and Emma Corcoran, attended the Wambiri leadership camp at Pambula, where they had the opportunity to: meet other Far South Coast U13 nippers, assist with the Pambula nippers & special

nippers sessions, ride in an IRB and Jet Ski (pictured above) and role play in surf rescue scenarios.

Emma Corcoran was selected to represent the Far South Coast as part of the Inter Branch team to compete at the Inter Branch Carnival held at Stockton Beach, Newcastle in early December 2017.

### Nipper awards

Nippers are awarded based on a combination of points earned through participation, attitude, carnival attendance and results at carnivals. Congratulations to all!

<b>2017-18 Canberra nippers</b>	<b>Age Champion</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>	<b>Encouragement Award</b>
Under 13/14 Male	Jake Machin		
Under 13/14 Female	Emma Corcoran	Bella Laverock	Colette Paterson, Stephanie Brettargh
Under 12 Male	Aidan Williams	Luke Kendall	Jeremy Hughes
Under 12 Female	Oline Raymer	Kate Katheklakis	Lily Ryan
Under 11 Male	Ben Soper	Cameron Cox	Dylan Machin
Under 11 Female	Kate Corcoran	Sophia Hawkins	Zara Turner
Under 10 Male	Joshua van Dam	Jonah Korsten	William Hughes
Under 10 Female	Sari Bridgeman	Poppy Steven	Audrey Fillingham
Under 9 Male	Billy Hoffmann	Benjamin Schultz	Hugh Almond
Under 9 Female	Belle Andrewartha	Sophie Taylor	Chloe Sutton

Far South Coast branch medals for the 1km beach run: Lara Barnes and Kate Corcoran.

### Next season

Planning for the 2018-19 season is already well underway, with most of the parents involved in organising last season returning to help again next season, and some extra parents have joined the organising team. As a relatively new program, it is valuable to have a large number of parents now embarking on their second or third season as age managers or water safety, and so many Canberra families that have trained in Surf Life Saving skills to help teach the next generation.

Looking forward to a great 2018-19 season!





It's been a massive season on so many different levels and all I want to say is how proud I am of everyone that is involved with our wonderful club. I opened my 2016/17 Presidents report with my thoughts on the need for us to allow for a new generation to steer the club in a direction that they perceived would be beneficial to the Moruya Surf Club and the wider community. I am pleased to say that, barring a few minor speed bumps incurred, I believe that we are now well on our way to achieving this goal.

The implementation of the Sign On patrol roster system has enabled people to balance their patrol commitments with family life, a huge advantage to everyone, and has been an enormous success. This roster system, combined with a significant increase in patrolling members, resulted in the club being awarded the Dave Pheeneey Patrol

Efficiency Award for Club of the Year at the FSC Branch Awards Night. This award can also be attributed to some great work by our Training Officers Michael Weyman and Wayne Foster, with more than 20 new members now qualified during the 2017/18 season to patrol our beach.

A George Bass year adds extra excitement to our season and this Bass year was no different. To all our George Bass participants, both boat and ski, I congratulate you on your achievement. I know full well the sacrifices that are made in order to complete the journey and the support that is required behind the scenes to ensure everyone makes it to Eden safely. The list of people to thank is far too long and I don't want to offend by leaving anybody out but I would like to make special mention of Rod Barnes who donated the support boat used. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. I would also like to make mention of how proud I was to be in camp for the final few days and witness the culinary wonders created by Ogre and Dave Paul. Your ability to feed the masses with little to no fuss is scary. Finally, to Gary and Rhonda, thank you is nowhere near enough recognition for your efforts. I can only hope that your return to Bass camp will continue so that your knowledge and experience can be passed on to future generations.



We were fortunate enough to host the Far South Coast Branch Awards night, allowing us to showcase the wonderful improvements that we have made to our Club. A massive

thank you to all members involved in making this night the great success that it was. As mentioned, we were awarded the Dave Pheeny Patrol Efficiency Award for Club of the Year. I would also like to congratulate Ava Weymans on being named FSC Junior Lifesaver of the Year and Riley Stafford on his commendation in this category. Ryley Spoelder-Hanlon was awarded the Far South Coast Branch Rookie Lifesaver. These fine young lifesavers have also been recognised by Surf Life Saving NSW, with Ava being our NSW Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifesaver of the year representative and Ryley a finalist for the NSW Surf Lifesaving Young Lifesaver of the Year. Our club has a proud history of having outstanding young lifesavers, a trend I'm sure will continue well into the future.



Once again the support provided by our management committee to myself and the direction and professionalism they have demonstrated this season through some very trying times has been outstanding. With this said, I would like to make special mention of the work undertaken by Vice President and Registrar Karyn Starmer. The work that you do is above and beyond and is very much appreciated.

During the 2017/18 season the club fell victim to a scam that had a significant impact on our finances. While the end result is far better than what it may have been the most noticeable aspect of the incident was the way that club members rallied to ensure that our economic viability wasn't compromised. As it should be, in times of adversity there is strength in numbers and we as a club are very strong.

Earlier this season I had the opportunity to bring a group of Under 20's Canberra Raiders players down for a pre-season camp, introducing them to our Surf Life Saving culture and the benefits of volunteering. Many of the boys had no idea that people selflessly dedicated their time for the benefit of the community. The life lessons learnt from the time they spent mingling with our Nippers on Sunday morning was invaluable and has inspired a number of the boys to enrol in youth work programs and volunteer at a variety of centres throughout Canberra while they pursue their football careers. I know that the nippers (and some of the nipper parents) enjoyed having the boys help out and hopefully we can continue this pre-season camp in the future. The competitive nature of all athletes, both big and small, was on display for all to see in the events contested and hopefully inspires Nippers to be the best they can at whatever they choose to do. It is very pleasing to see our hardy group honing their skills on a regular basis both at club days and through competing at local carnivals. I would also like to thank everyone involved in our Nipper Program for being part of creating a great culture for the current U/20's playing group who, at the time of writing my report, are placed in the top four clubs in the NSW Jersey Flegg U/20's competition. Stayed tuned.



The Special Nippers Program highlights the dedication and care provided by our wonderful group of volunteers and leadership group. This program is outstanding in what they continue to achieve and the opportunities and experiences that they provide for their participants. To all our weekly helpers, be it for our Friday sippers, nipper water safety, special nippers carers, car parkers etc, your commitment to the club is very much appreciated. A special mention must go to

thank our outgoing Fun Run Committee for your efforts over the past six years. As stated elsewhere, the new committee has some large shoes to fill.

The support and friendship of **Dial Before You Dig (DBYD)** has continued and we are extremely grateful for their extremely generous contribution. Thank you to Chris Holley and Dominic Puiu from DBYD for their assistance and representations on our behalf to the DBYD board.

In my report last year I questioned how many of our current membership base would feel comfortable entering the water when the proverbial hits the fan. While sound beach management by our Patrol Captains keeps critical incidents on our home beach to a minimum, it is the uncontrollable incidents that highlight the skill and dedication of our call out teams. Two significant events resulted in club members from Moruya and surrounding clubs demonstrating how highly trained and committed we are as volunteers.



It is always harder when the realization hits that it is one of your own that is involved, and not a truer word could be spoken. Comments made by police and emergency personnel with regard to how dedicated, skilled and professional all members of the surf lifesaving movement were in response to an incident at Tuross is something that we, as an organisation, should all be very proud of. To everyone that assisted in the search for our beautiful Liz Hallahan, your dedication to selflessly serve friends, family and our community is greatly appreciated.

The second major incident occurred in March of this year and occurred in the Moruya River Mouth. Moruya members Shuan Pike and Michael Weyman, assisted by members from Batemans Bay and Broulee Surf Clubs, successfully rescued 5 people from a capsized vessel. Tragically, a thirteen year old Canberra girl, Georgia Vizovitis, was unable to be revived. Members from the Georgia's family personally attended the club after the incident to thank those involved in the rescue. A very sobering reminder of why we do what we do.

As is the case each year we must reflect on those that we have lost and this year is no different. I pass on my deepest sympathies to all our members and friends that have been affected by the loss of a loved one throughout this season. I would like to take time to recognise four families that have not only been great supporters of surf lifesaving on the Far South Coast, but are wonderful family friends. I have spoken earlier about the tragic loss of Liz Hallahan. While there are so many things that could be said about Liz, perhaps the greatest comfort we can take from her loss is the joy and happiness that is ever present in the smiles and laughter of all participants of the Special Nippers Program. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kerry Parbery, who said farewell to her son Andrew way too soon and to Peter and the Connaughton family on the loss of Narelle. Finally, to the Pickett and Stroud-Watts families.

The recent funeral of Steve on the Gold Coast highlighted what a significant impact he had during his time with us. None more so than the eulogy given by a man that Steve resuscitated at Tallebudgera Surf Club during a boxercise class. It has been well documented that Pik and I shared some time together on a double ski during a George Bass Marathon but more importantly I was able to spend the best part of thirty odd years with a mate. Your flared nostrils and steely look of determination will be sorely missed

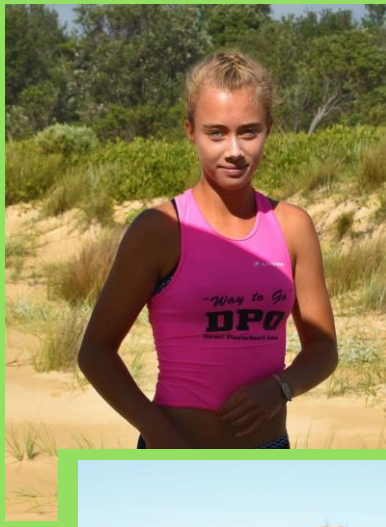


This year's report was by far the most difficult to write both as President of Moruya and a member of the Far South Coast Branch. This season has provided so much tragedy for so many people. Yet through all this adversity, the surf lifesaving movement has continued to look after their respective communities and without hesitation assisted other clubs in times of need. With the care demonstrated amongst clubs, it is hardly surprising that Far South Coast Branch received a nomination for Branch of the year, an accolade very well deserved.



As always, I close my report by thanking all our wonderful members for the time and effort supplied this season to ensure that our core business of keeping people safe has once again been upheld to the best of our abilities and by apologizing if I have missed personally thanking anyone in my report.

Michael Pheeny  
President  
Moruya Surf Life Saving Club Inc

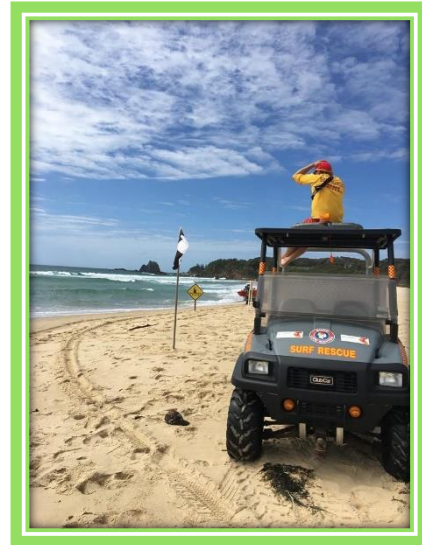


Welcome to the annual report for another season at Narooma Surf Club.

Firstly, I would like to thank our branch executive of President Tony Rettke along with Sue Hunt, Wendy Law, Alan Veness and Andrew Edmunds who worked tirelessly to make sure that our branch and club are operational, compliant and well supported each season despite the ever increasing demands that are being placed on the clubs. On behalf of the entire Narooma club I acknowledge and say thank you to them.

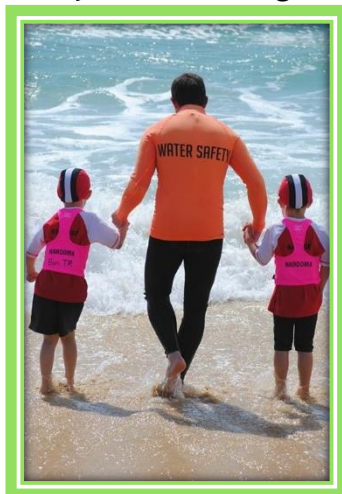
#### Patrols:

I would like to acknowledge at both a club and branch level the time given by our patrol members throughout the season. Many of them gave up large amounts of their weekends and public holidays to ensure our beach remained fatality free again this year. Our priority now and always is to ensure that locals and visitors alike can come to our beautiful part of the coast and enjoy themselves in the comfort of knowing that they are being looked after. This along with the ongoing education of the public to water safety and the development of our nippers will continue to be the primary focus of our club well into the future.



Congratulations to our Male Patroller of the Year Brendan O'Mahony, Female Patroller of the Year Zoe Hart and our Junior Patroller of the Year Ben Rogerson who all received their respective awards at our annual presentation night in May. And a special thank you to our club captain Joe Halsey for all of his effort throughout the season to ensure that patrols ran as well as possible and to our patrol captains for their leadership.

To my fellow training officers Graeme Sawyer and Wayne Mulavey who again this season were significantly involved to ensure that our patrol members requalified and that we gave the best training possible to our new bronze and src members that came through.



#### Nippers:

Our nipper program saw a drop off in numbers from the previous year with Brendan and Leanne Constable stepping back but certainly not away from things. A strong increase in support of parents to help run the program though resulted in an excellent season for the 160 plus nippers who registered. Friday night board training was held again with excellent numbers in attendance and the skill improvement in the kids is really starting to show through.



This season we had an outstanding level of attendance at the branch, interbranch and state carnivals and we are very proud of the following results:

- Junior Branch Champions - 28 kids receiving branch medals, the club dominating in 44 events.
- 8 competitors represented the FSC at Interbranch
- 9 members competed at the NSW Country Titles in South West Rocks
- Narooma won the Dave Pheeny Perpetual Trophy for the Highest Overall Junior Pointscore for the second year in a row.

Our Nipper of the Year at our annual presentation afternoon was Halle Constable.

Anyone who knows Halle knows that she lives and breathes surf life saving in summer and her attitude towards it is a shining example for all the young kids coming through. Congratulations to all those that won Branch Medals and to all of those who competed and were a part of Narooma winning overall points score for the year. While winning is terrific it is the willingness to have a go though that is the most satisfying.

Like every club we acknowledge the parents, grandparents, carers, friends & family members that were involved with our nipper movement. It takes a lot to make this work each week with the running of the program and our age managers and water safety people deserve a very special mention because without them it would not be possible.

### **George Bass 2018:**



Our mighty rowers took to the water again this season and of course the highlight was participating in the George Bass. A hard fought 3rd place overall in the Veterans division behind Wanda and North Cronulla in a division with 11 boats racing was a fantastic result. It wasn't just the rowers who participated in the George Bass though, with Nic Ziviani and Joe Halsey deciding to join forces and race in a tandem ski. What a great team the boys made as they flew down the course and took out line honors. An awesome performance.

A special thanks to the team behind the team.... Cheryl, Carla, Paul, Fleur and the rest of the people who made it possible for the boys to compete over the 7 days.

From all reports the event went extremely well under the guidance of Andrew, Sue, Tony and team and the Narooma Club was grateful for the opportunity to participate again.

Our rowers also competed in a number of other events throughout the summer with some terrific results:

- South Coast Boat Series - 3rd place overall in the Masters division
- 2nd place in the FSC Branch Boat Championships in the Veterans division
- 3rd place in the Pambula Club to Pub Race in the Veterans Division

Around the club:



Our Club Person of the year was awarded to Paul White this year. There could not have been a more deserving winner. Paul did everything possible around the club from meeting attendance, branch representation at meetings, organising the duck race fund raiser and selling tickets, organising for the arrival and departure of entrants in the George Bass, Australia Day BBQ, branch official, No 1 supporter of the rowers (along with Carla) no matter where they compete and on the list goes. Life member and club legend.

The hardworking committee including Ella, Leichelle, Jon, Gilly, Paul, Graeme, Joe, Wayne, Leanne and Brendan did another excellent job this year along with a lot of other people just like in all clubs.

And finally, I want to acknowledge our executive of Glenn Bywater, Belinda Bywater and Fleur Constable. They put in so much effort throughout the season and in the off season. It takes a great deal of enthusiasm, energy and time to run a surf club and without the right people around you it would be near impossible. These three people give our club a wonderful foundation to work from.

Thank you to everyone for the opportunity and honour again this year.





## Bermagui

## Bruce McAslan - President

2017-18 has been a fantastic year!! We started it all off with a bang being awarded “SLSNSW Club of the Year”. What an incredible honour and I’d like to thank our team at Bermagui SLSC for all the amazing work they’ve put in over the past couple of years. Yeah, Team!! I’d also like to recognise the support we have been given by the team at FSC Branch. We’ve had some outstanding growth in active membership (131 to 202 in the past year) and engagement as well as associate members bringing their skill sets to our club and filling roles that don’t necessarily require a Bronze Medallion. I’d first like to acknowledge and thank our team.

### **Our Team:**

All the committee roles were filled this year and we’ve had impressive input from a number of other people who have stepped up and helped out. It is a very strong committee that brings a lot of experience and new ideas. Very innovative! There are a number of people who have gone way above and beyond to make this year a success.

Firstly, I’d like to acknowledge Andrew “Lobba” Curven who is our Club Captain and has been instrumental in whipping up excitement within the club, engaging everyone he has come into contact with. His profile around town and surrounding community generates excitement wherever he goes. Our increased membership and activity within the club are directly related to his enthusiasm. He has been ably assisted by Club Vice Captain, Steve O’Sullivan. Rachel Wallbank is our Registrar but, more importantly, she is first in line to help with whatever task is required. She was awarded the “President’s Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Club” at our recent awards ceremony and for good reason. Whatever job needs doing ... she’s there. A shining example of quiet, strong leadership. Neil Rutherford is our Functions Coordinator/ Licensee and has again done an excellent job of managing functions which are our main source of income for the club. He has worked tirelessly and we’ve had tremendous success as a result and the future is looking very bright on our functions side. Paul McCarthy took on the role of Radio Officer this year and has done a great job with updating our entire radio capabilities with 9 brand new radios plus an additional model dedicated to the marine channel. We had a new Treasurer this year, Maureen Croft, who has combined with the Associate Treasurer, Bronwyn Judge, to bring our finance systems up to speed and make sure that everything



is running professionally and smoothly. Club stalwart, Warren Marshall, continues to provide valuable input as IRB Captain and one of our trainers and Brian Logue has worked hard on keeping our boards and other equipment in good nick. Another major contribution has come from a member who constantly shows that you don't have to be part of a committee to make a significant contribution. Robert Johnson was awarded Bermagui SLSC Club Person of the Year. Along with his patrolling contributions, he has been a tireless volunteer in a number of other ways, lending his skills as a plumber and general handyman, looking after club maintenance, volunteering with Same Wave and still finding time to raise a significant amount of money through recycling since the container deposit scheme was introduced. Robert has been rounding up bottles and cans and turning them in for cash and he's raised over \$4,000 this past season ... that's over 40,000 bottles and cans!! Last but certainly not least is our driving force, Cheryl McCarthy. She has continued to bring an energy to our club that is amazing. Her attention to detail and keen business sense has driven the club to achieve new heights and standards. One of the results of her tireless work is our club being awarded Bronze Level in the SLSNSW Quality Clubs Program. Cheryl has monitored this carefully and ensured that all team members know and understand the requirements for this program so that they can roll them into their day to day activities within the club. Thank you all for your exemplary work!!



We have had close to 7,500 visitors to our beach this year and our team has done a great job keeping everyone safe. We had 5 rescues and two emergency call outs and we've had a strong focus on visitor engagement so that we can educate and pre-empt incidents as much as possible. This is shown in a 40% increase in the

number of preventative actions we've undertaken this year compared to last. We've also doubled our active patrol membership to 43 in the past two seasons, due mainly to our flexible self-select rostering system which is now being trialled by other clubs around the state.

Our leadership team encourages all of our members to be engaged. It doesn't matter if someone does not have a bronze medallion ... there is always something that our members can offer so we cultivate that thought and make direct, face to face asks of people with specific skill sets that are valuable to the club. We have adopted the mantra

“let’s make the club a fun place to be” with the emphasis on a family environment. We are encouraged by the smiles we see on our beach and around our club. So many of our members are coming to the club with the “what can I do to help?” attitude. While we have an emphasis on having fun we will not lose focus on the need to do things safely and professionally. Our new Safety Officer, Maggi, has set up a schedule of “walk about” inspections of the facility and beach as well as raising awareness with our patrollers to be vigilant with regard to safety issues. Prevention is the key.

### **Junior Activities:**

Another area of growth has been in our Nippers program, led by Rose Chapman, Christina Potts and Shelley Davis. They have done an amazing job this year and were supported by an increase in parental and grandparental involvement to support our cohort of 72 Nippers ... the largest contingent in many years!! We had 26 volunteers for water safety, plus a number of age managers and beach support volunteers. We also saw an increase in carnival participants with our largest ever number of competitors across the season with 35 youngsters participating in at least one



carnival this year and many of them participating in all 3. Out of this group we had 2 Branch Champions: Sam Glasson in the U/10 Male 1km Beach Run and Asher Theodorakis in the U/8 Male Sprint. A big shout out to all participants and their support crews! Thanks also go to Sean Hendry and Holly Abbey for bringing a Beach Masterclass to Bermagui to provide some coaching for the athletes and also give the parents and volunteers some handy tips to help out with training in the future. Fantastic job by all!!

### **Functions:**

Our beautiful club house is starting to get a reputation as a wonderful place to hold a social function. Weddings and milestone birthday parties have been the primary events hosted in our functions room. With our spectacular ocean view and the observation platform an ideal setting for a wedding ceremony, demand is growing. Neil Rutherford has done an outstanding job promoting our facility and providing guests with top notch bar and catering services. Our goal is to host an average of one major function per month. We hosted 12 major functions in the past year and we have several already booked for the up-coming season so we are achieving our goal.

### **Community Engagement:**

A key program in our community engagement is our *Same Wave* program for people with additional needs. *Same Wave* saw an increase from 5 participants last year to 13 this year and support volunteers from 12 to 34. It was a great year and lots of fun was had by all. The best part, as always, is looking at all the smiles. We were fortunate to acquire a water wheel chair which was very helpful in getting some of our kids down to the water. It has also been used to assist members of the public to be able to experience the sand

and waves. Just an amazing piece of equipment. Thanks go to the Mumbulla Foundation for the grant money awarded for us to purchase it along with 4 Special Needs Demon Boards and some life jackets.

*The Sunken Anchor* newsletter continues to be a popular way of sharing information with our members and the wider community and contributions are always welcome.

We held Friday Night Sippers in December and January which was a great way to bring locals and visitors into the club to learn about what we do. Everyone is welcome and you don't need to be a member to attend. Sippers focuses on family and fun and is designed to promote the Surf Club as an open, welcoming and accessible place for everyone in the community as well as visitors to our town. We've also received a number of function bookings from Sippers attendees so it helps in a lot of ways.

We also continue to support other community groups by providing water safety for their fundraising and community initiatives. The past year saw us support the annual ReBoot in Bermagui ocean swims as well as the Bermagui Runners Triathlon group. We also had some fun with the CRABS Duck Race with brave contestants riding inflatable ducks down the river! Strong relationships have also been formed with other clubs such as the football club and the cricket club. These relationships provide opportunity to source joint funding for initiatives such as "Same Wave" which complements "Kickability", a similar program for the football club which runs in the winter (football season).

The surf club was also fortunate to become the host of The Umbrellas of Bermagui fundraising program this year. Funds raised were split between the surf club and the

Bermagui Cricket Club. Our thanks to Dennis Olmstead who has run this program admirably for a number of years now. We appreciate him lending his enthusiasm and expertise.



### **Training:**

2017-18 has been another impressive year for training. Part of the goal is to ensure that if members want to be engaged they will be given appropriate training to ensure that they are successful in whatever role they choose. We have focussed on providing the opportunity for people to upskill and growing our numbers in SRC, Bronze Medallion, Advanced Resuscitation and the Silver Medallion Beach Management. We've also had a focus on powercraft this year with a number of new IRB Crew, IRB Drivers and even RWC Operators added to the mix.

Our training team includes:

- Bruce McAslan, Bronze Medallion and new facilitator accreditation for Advanced Resuscitation.
- William Vaughan-Smith who completed his Training Officer Certificate for the Bronze Medallion
- Warren Marshall, IRB Crew and Driver
- Cheryl McCarthy, Bronze Medallion
- Andrew Curven, Vikki Marshall, Rachel Wallbank and Brian Logue who provided subject matter expertise

Thanks to all involved for another wonderful year of training, upskilling and independence. In the past, we have often relied on the engagement of Branch Trainers to help us out and we have taken more steps towards increasing our own capability whilst providing opportunity for others in the Branch to participate at a central base. Thank you to both Tony Vella and Peter Bootes for your continued guidance and advice.

### **Equipment**

We have worked very hard on applying for grants over the last year. As previously mentioned we were successful in acquiring a significant grant from the Mumbulla Foundation for *Same Wave*. Other grants provided for some very substantial acquisitions. We have had a plan to update all our equipment with a further planned depreciation of assets to continually retire and replace on predetermined time lines, ensuring that we allocate funds appropriately so that funding is in place for the new assets. We've taken big steps in the past 18 months towards accomplishing the first part of this plan with new acquisitions including:

- New IRB and motor
- New Can-Am Defender (thanks to BRP and SLSA)
- New Rescue Mannequin for power craft training
- A full set of 9 brand new radios
- New 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit, O2 kit and defibrillator





### **Acknowledgements:**

We have had significant contributions made to our effort this year by every level of the Surf Life Saving movement. We thank our members and volunteers for all the input they have given. At the Branch level, I'd like to thank our Branch President, Tony Rettke, for his leadership and sage advice. Guidance on so many levels from Sue Hunt must also be acknowledged. From a friendly smile and a hug to let us know she is "always there for us" to phone calls and e-mails providing advice to joining our club this year as an active patrol member. Andrew Edmunds and Wendy Law have also provided guidance and advice all along the way on the lifesaving and finance fronts.

One truly outstanding area of contribution that needs to be mentioned was the way in which our club, and our whole community, responded to the Tathra Bushfire emergency. With no training or warning, our call out team responded to the surf club to open up as an evacuation centre. Before long, they were joined by not only other club members, but also by members of the community who heard what was happening and came by to lend a hand. By the end of the evening, we had checked in 320 evacuees at the surf club, providing food, medical support, accommodation and a friendly face in a time of stress. It was the shining example of a strong and capable team and I couldn't have been prouder of the way everyone pulled together to support our friends and neighbours from Tathra.

The success of a club is reliant on so many contributions and we appreciated every piece of input and energy, whether it be large or small. Thanks to everyone who has been a part of the journey.



# Tathra

# Alan Birchall - President

What a year for Tathra. From the ashes of the bushfire, Tathra is emerging again, stronger and a more closely knit community. The Tathra SLSC and it's members played a major part during the disaster and during the recovery period.



Tathra was supported by the FSC branch with sister clubs offering assistance and manpower. We thank them for their efforts, assistance and support during this period.

Tathra had a very successful year in competition, winning the Jack Beale Cup. There is a new energy in the club, and we will only get stronger over the next few years. The Tathra George Bass Marathon was successful for the first time winning the Super Vets mens category.

A special thankyou to the Tathra committee, and all the Tathra SLSC members who have gone above and beyond this year, who have achieved more than I could ever acknowledge. They have done all the work and TSLSC is stronger because of them.

Also a very hardy congratulations to our Club Secretary Loretta Chapple who has been awarded the FSC Branch clubperson of the year. Very deserving of this award.

Lastly, a big thankyou to Sue Hunt who has assisted me, and our club through this last 12 months.





I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those in our club who serve in our committees, patrol our beaches, sell tickets at our raffles, keep watch over our nippers, run the Same Wave program and support our community with fundraising, volunteering and education.



Our season 2017/ 2018 was blessed with fair weather and warm water, with 7 patrol teams covering the season from October 29 to April 29 we ended our summer with no lives lost and one important life saved.

A George Bass year throws extra challenges to all clubs and these were met by Pambula with a rewarding

result for our Ladies Vet Rowing team, a back to back win and a bonus of winning each leg of the event plus a strong rowing form from our men's and composite team. Congratulations to the George Bass Committee and the teams involved in this event.

Pambula Club thanks our major Sponsors Merimbula RSL, Sapphire Club and the Lakeview hotel, the weekly raffles run in these venues provide a necessary and valuable revenue to help sustain our club, allow equipment purchases, attend to maintenance and have assisted in keeping our membership fees in reach for the families bringing kiddies to Nippers each Sunday. Pambula Club donated one week of our raffle income to the Mayor's appeal for aid after the Tathra fires. It goes without saying that the generous time given by our members who man these raffles allows our club to grow and develop.

In this regard, we will be building a new outdoor BBQ shelter and a storeroom/ gymnasium ready for season 2019.

Our club has also been the beneficiary of funds from grants and my thanks to Kerry Bourke for initiating and following through with the grant process.





Thanks also to our Emergency call out team headed by Don Hay and Andrew Holt with all call outs ending in positive outcomes.

Our end of season presentation evening was most successful and congratulations to Andrew Holt and Matt Harvey who took out the major award of Lifesaver of the year. Andrew was also nominated and successful in our Branch presentations as Lifesaver of the Year and Club person of the year, a super accolade of which Andrew was most proud.



## Queen's Baton Relay

I was filled with pride and more than a little overwhelmed in early February, standing on the sidelines and watching Tracy Innes do a leg of the Queen's Baton Relay. Tracy has done, and continues to do, a huge amount of work for Batemans Bay SLSC and in the community, over the past 30 years. Her highest profile is as an incredible leader in the business community and as an elite surfboat rower, but the work she does behind the

scenes is phenomenal. Her endless energy, drive, enthusiasm and compassion is inspiring

Congratulations also to Darren Browning and Amanda Smith both from Broulee, on your selection too, incredible recognition for a job well done.



## George Bass 2018

No words can describe how awesome the 2018 George Bass Surfboat & Ski Marathon was. Eighteen months in the making we have to congratulate the committee, who in their second GBM organised an epic event;

Andrew Edmunds led the charge, ably assisted by Andrew Holt, Tony Rettke, Kieran Harris, Wendy Law, David Butt, Kerry Parbery, Kerry McKee, Nick Ziviani and myself. The team met all challenges head on and anticipated many before they occurred.

Thanks also to Tony Haven, Event Referee and Byron Dengate, Ski Referee, for giving up their time and making the event even more successful.

25 boat crews from across the Country; Darwin, Perth, Noosa, Grange SA, Torquay, Sydney Crews (North Cronulla, Wanda, Coogee, Avalon Beach, Warriewood and Long Reef), Illawarra (Bulli and Wollongong City), our neighbours at Mollymook finally made it to their first GBM, and of course our local crews, Pambula, Tathra, Narooma, Moruya and Broulee. Added to the Boaties were 12v ski paddlers, these guys, and one lady have our absolute admiration, 198km of the most spectacular coastline on a ski....WOW!!!!

250 competitors, their families and support crews (approximately 1800) made the 2018 GBM even more fun. I'm sure they contributed greatly to the local economy while they were here.

Thanks also to our sponsors Pharmacy 777, Dial Before You Dig, Bega Valley Shire Council, Eurobodalla Shire Council, and the local Clubs across our region.

I could rave on about how great it was but instead have a look the photos, they tell the story better than I could.

Sue Hunt  
Administration  
FSC Branch SLS & GBM Committee



Day 1		
Division/Crew	Corrected finish time	Place
<b>Vets Women</b>		
Darwin	3:02:10	4
Pambula	2:52:28	1
Broulee	2:58:33	2
Avalon Beach	3:04:54	5
Torquay	3:01:18	3
<b>Open Women</b>		
Broulee	2:42:58	2
Broulee Capitals	2:44:57	3
Moruya	2:44:58	4
North Cronulla	2:40:00	1
<b>Masters Men</b>		
Broulee/Capitals	2:40:45	6
Bulli	2:42:37	8
Grange	2:44:51	9
Narooma	2:36:53	4
Noosa	2:43:53	10
North Cronulla	2:32:18	1
Pambula	2:42:34	7
Tathra	2:35:40	3
Wanda	2:35:00	2
Warriewood	3:01:08	11
Wollongong City	2:39:34	5
<b>Open Men</b>		
Bulli	2:28:06	1
Coogee	2:31:50	4
Long Reef	2:30:31	2
Mollymook	2:30:53	3
Pambula	2:39:28	5





Ski Paddlers	Corrected finish time	Place
Craig Vipond	2:56:54	7
David Schofield	2:57:13	8
Gavin Granger	2:53:45	6
Jacqui Keogh	3:16:06	12
Warwick Ward	3:11:36	9
Nathan Vipond	3:04:30	10
Nick Kirby	2:39:13	3
Paul Buttel	2:31:52	2
Simon Stenhouse	2:40:28	4
Stephen Bunney	2:49:58	5
Jack Patison	2:32:19	1
Double Skis		
Cowled & Ireland	0:00:00	2
Ziviani & Halsey	0:00:00	1



Day 2		
Division/Crew	Corrected finish time	Place
<b>Vets Women</b>		
Darwin	2:30:26	4
Pambula	2:23:48	1
Broulee	2:38:11	5
Avalon Beach	2:29:33	3
Torquay	2:26:28	2
<b>Open Women</b>		
Broulee	2:09:12	2
Broulee Capitals	2:15:43	4
Moruya	2:11:54	3
North Cronulla	2:03:45	1
<b>Masters Men</b>		
Broulee/Capitals	2:02:52	8
Bulli	2:04:11	9
Grange	1:54:58	4
Narooma	1:53:32	2
Noosa	1:58:41	7
North Cronulla	1:52:11	1
Pambula	2:06:12	10
Tathra	1:55:47	5
Wanda	1:58:10	6
Warriewood	2:16:59	11
Wollongong City	1:54:08	3
<b>Open Men</b>		
Bulli	1:45:55	1
Coogee	1:51:58	2
Long Reef	1:56:03	4
Mollymook	1:53:32	3
Pambula	1:59:00	5

Ski Paddlers	Corrected finish time	Place
Craig Vipond	2:02:23	8
David Schofield	2:03:28	7
Gavin Granger	1:55:56	6
Jacqui Keogh	0:00:00	11
Warwick Ward	2:23:15	10
Nathan Vipond	2:21:55	9
Nick Kirby	1:41:42	3
Paul Buttel	1:33:34	1
Simon Stenhouse	1:43:32	5
Stephen Bunney	1:51:39	4
Jack Patison	1:41:13	2
<b>Double Skis</b>		
Cowled & Ireland	1:41:00	2
Ziviani & Halsey	1:35:45	1



Day 3		
Division/Crew	Corrected finish time	Place
<b>Vets Women</b>		
Darwin	2:11:41	4
Pambula	2:04:00	1
Broulee	2:07:36	2
Avalon Beach	2:14:28	5
Torquay	2:09:45	3
<b>Open Women</b>		
Broulee	1:56:29	2
Broulee Capitals	2:00:20	4
Moruya	1:57:00	3
North Cronulla	1:53:09	1
<b>Masters Men</b>		
Broulee/Capitals	1:58:26	8
Bulli	2:00:56	9
Grange	1:49:03	2
Narooma	1:49:21	3
Noosa	2:18:32	11
North Cronulla	1:49:25	4
Pambula	1:56:11	7
Tathra	1:50:32	5
Wanda	1:48:49	1
Warriewood	2:12:12	10
Wollongong City	1:53:21	6
<b>Open Men</b>		
Bulli	1:46:45	1
Coogee	1:49:07	3
Long Reef	1:47:48	2
Mollymook	1:51:27	4
Pambula	2:09:32	5

Ski Paddlers	Corrected finish time	Place
Craig Vipond	2:03:34	7
David Schofield	2:12:03	8
Gavin Granger	1:57:00	4
Jacqui Keogh	2:13:22	11
Warwick Ward	2:12:17	9
Nathan Vipond	2:06:01	10
Nick Kirby	1:46:37	3
Paul Buttel	1:44:20	1
Simon Stenhouse	2:03:20	5
Stephen Bunney	1:41:05	6
Jack Patison	1:46:28	2
Double Ski		
Cowled & Ireland	1:44:12	2
Ziviani & Halsey	1:41:05	1



Day 4		
Division/Crew	Corrected finish time	Place
<b>Vets Women</b>		
Darwin	4:05:48	3
Pambula	3:56:20	1
Broulee	4:11:59	5
Avalon Beach	4:07:56	4
Torquay	4:01:31	2
<b>Open Women</b>		
Broulee	3:22:40	2
Broulee Capitals	3:24:03	3
Moruya	3:37:36	4
North Cronulla	3:15:46	1
<b>Masters Men</b>		
Broulee/Capitals	3:31:02	9
Bulli	3:21:05	6
Grange	3:10:05	5
Narooma	3:01:08	3
Noosa	3:24:05	7
North Cronulla	2:57:29	1
Pambula	3:31:02	8
Tathra	3:07:55	4
Wanda	3:00:16	2
Warriewood	4:06:31	11
Wollongong City	3:46:13	10
<b>Open Men</b>		
Bulli	3:12:40	1
Coogee	2:55:29	2
Long Reef	2:56:09	3
Mollymook	2:56:11	4
Pambula	3:30:55	5

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Craig Vipond	3:52:42	9
David Schofield	3:16:18	6
Gavin Granger	3:09:43	5
Jacqui Keogh	4:02:00	10
Warwick Ward	3:47:25	8
Nathan Vipond	3:28:20	7
Nick Kirby	2:43:17	3
Paul Buttel	2:37:14	1
Simon Stenhouse	0:00:00	11
Stephen Bunney	3:00:15	4
Jack Patison	2:40:04	2
Double Skis		
Cowled & Ireland	2:48:31	2
Ziviani & Halsey	2:36:10	1



Day 5		
Division/Crew	Corrected finish time	Place
<b>Vets Women</b>		
Darwin	4:29:00	5
Pambula	4:07:40	1
Broulee	4:14:10	2
Avalon Beach	4:23:38	4
Torquay	4:19:29	3
<b>Open Women</b>		
Broulee	3:53:43	3
Broulee Capitals	3:55:52	4
Moruya	15:50:12	2
North Cronulla	3:47:16	1
<b>Masters Men</b>		
Broulee/Capitals	3:39:56	6
Bulli	3:49:23	10
Grange	3:40:56	7
Narooma	3:33:58	4
Noosa	3:46:48	9
North Cronulla	3:30:52	1
Pambula	3:43:37	8
Tathra	3:32:03	2
Wanda	3:32:34	3
Warriewood	4:29:58	11
Wollongong City	3:37:07	5
<b>Open Men</b>		
Bulli	3:22:46	1
Coogee	3:30:40	4
Long Reef	3:25:15	2
Mollymook	3:27:55	3
Pambula	3:34:30	5



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David Schofield	4:22:39	8
Gavin Granger	3:55:07	5
Jacqui Keogh	4:38:16	10
Warwick Ward	4:38:10	9
Nathan Vipond	4:04:00	6
Nick Kirby	3:32:58	3
Paul Buttel	3:21:41	1
Simon Stenhouse	0:00:00	11
Stephen Bunney	3:45:10	4
Jack Patison	3:30:28	2
Double Skis		
Cowled & Ireland	3:35:04	2
Ziviani & Halsey	3:19:55	1



Day 6		
Division/Crew	Corrected finish time	Place
<b>Vets Women</b>		
Darwin	2:52:46	3
Pambula	2:47:30	1
Broulee	2:53:55	4
Avalon Beach	3:02:32	5
Torquay	2:51:49	2
<b>Open Women</b>		
Broulee	2:40:06	3
Broulee Capitals	2:40:57	4
Moruya	2:39:49	2
North Cronulla	2:36:01	1
<b>Masters Men</b>		
Broulee/Capitals	3:05:01	6
Bulli	2:42:47	10
Grange	2:28:10	4
Narooma	2:27:02	2
Noosa	2:32:03	8
North Cronulla	2:27:56	3
Pambula	2:35:00	9
Tathra	2:27:56	5
Wanda	2:24:08	1
Warriewood	2:58:01	11
Wollongong City	2:31:50	7
<b>Open Men</b>		
Bulli	2:20:05	1
Coogee	2:21:57	2
Long Reef	2:22:04	3
Mollymook	2:27:22	4
Pambula	3:08:19	5

Ski Paddlers	Corrected finish time	Place
Craig Vipond	2:51:30	8
David Schofield	2:49:35	7
Gavin Granger	2:35:25	4
Jacqui Keogh	3:03:03	9
Warwick Ward	3:04:12	10
Nathan Vipond	2:48:36	6
Nick Kirby	2:26:08	3
Paul Buttel	2:18:35	1
Simon Stenhouse	0:00:00	11
Stephen Bunney	2:39:10	5
Jack Patison	2:24:29	2
Double Skis		
Cowled & Ireland	2:16:55	2
Ziviani & Halsey	2:16:10	1



Day 7		
Division/Crew	Corrected finish time	Place
<b>Vets Women</b>		
Darwin	2:13:01	4
Pambula	2:06:35	1
Broulee	2:08:34	2
Avalon Beach	2:14:16	5
Torquay	2:09:53	3
<b>Open Women</b>		
Broulee	1:59:45	2
Broulee Capitals	2:01:44	4
Moruya	2:00:31	3
North Cronulla	1:55:20	1
<b>Masters Men</b>		
Broulee/Capitals	1:55:20	4
Bulli	1:59:34	9
Grange	1:56:34	7
Narooma	1:56:05	5
Noosa	2:02:47	10
North Cronulla	1:51:07	1
Pambula	1:58:04	8
Tathra	1:54:24	3
Wanda	1:52:27	2
Warriewood	2:15:15	11
Wollongong City	1:56:26	8
<b>Open Men</b>		
Bulli	1:47:47	1
Coogee	1:50:50	3
Long Reef	1:49:31	2
Mollymook	1:43:33	4
Pambula	2:00:11	5

Ski Paddlers	Corrected finish time	Place
Craig Vipond	2:02:40	6
David Schofield	2:04:06	8
Gavin Granger	1:59:05	5
Jacqui Keogh	2:22:13	10
Warwick Ward	2:13:13	9
Nathan Vipond	2:11:00	7
Nick Kirby	1:41:58	2
Paul Buttel	1:50:10	1
Simon Stenhouse	0:00:00	11
Stephen Bunney	1:50:10	4
Jack Patison	1:45:12	3
<b>Double Skis</b>		
Cowled & Ireland	1:44:29	2
Ziviani & Halsey	1:41:07	1



<b>Overall</b>		
<b>Division/Crew</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Accumulated Time</b>
<b>Vets Women</b>		
Darwin	4	21:24:52
Pambula	1	20:18:21
Broulee	3	21:12:58
Avalon Beach	5	21:37:17
Torquay	2	21:00:13
<b>Open Women</b>		
Broulee	2	18:44:53
Broulee Capitals	4	19:03:36
Moruya	3	13:50:02
North Cronulla	1	18:11:17
<b>Masters Men</b>		
Broulee/Capitals	7	18:40:34
Bulli	8	18:40:34
Grange	5	17:44:37
Narooma	3	17:17:59
Noosa	9	18:46:49
North Cronulla	1	17:01:18
Pambula	8	18:32:40
Tathra	4	17:24:17
Wanda	2	17:11:24
Warriewood	10	21:20:04
Wollongong City	6	18:18:39
<b>Open Men</b>		
Bulli	1	16:44:04
Coogee	3	16:51:51
Long Reef	2	16:47:21
Mollymook	4	16:50:53
Pambula	5	19:01:55

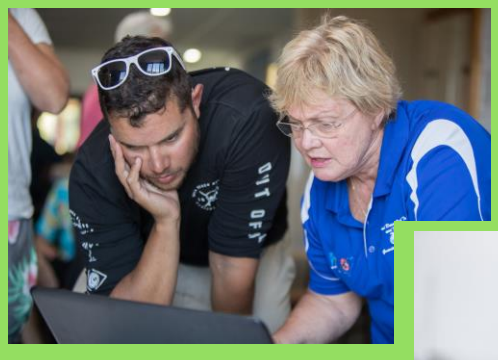
Ski Paddlers	Place	Accumulated Time
Craig Vipond	7	20:01:11
David Schofield	6	19:45:22
Gavin Granger	5	18:26:01
Jacqui Keogh	10	19:35:08
Warwick Ward	9	21:30:08
Nathan Vipond	8	20:04:22
Nick Kirby	3	16:31:53
Paul Buttel	1	15:57:26
Simon Stenhouse	99	6:27:26
Stephen Bunney	4	17:27:26
Jack Patison	2	16:20:13
Double Skis		
Cowled & Ireland	2	13:50:11
Ziviani & Halsey	1	13:10:12

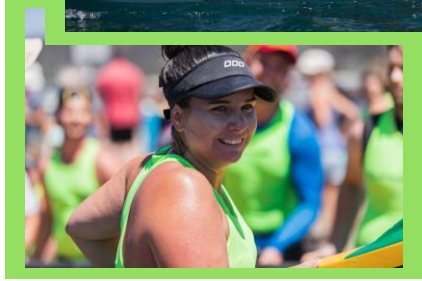












# SLS NSW

## 2016/17 Award Winner

Club of the Year – Bermagui SLSC

# 2017/18 FSC Branch Awards

## Nominees & Winners

### Junior Lifesaver of the Year

### The Bruce and Julie Frost Trophy

Ava Weymans – Moruya

Callum Elliott – Broulee Surfers

### President's Award for Outstanding Service to the FSC

### Branch

Sue Hunt – Bermagui

### Carnival of the Year

Pambula Combined Branch Championship

Tathra Junior Carnival

Bermagui Junior Carnival

**Winner: Pambula Combined Branch Championship**



## Team of the Year

**“Phoenix” Ladies Boat Crew – Batemans Bay**  
**Vets Men Boat Crew – Broulee Surfers**  
**Nic Ziviani & Joe Halsey – Narooma**  
**Bermagui SLSC Fire Evacuation Centre**  
**Tathra SLSC – Bush Fire Emergency Response**  
**Vets Ladies GBM Boat Crew – Pambula**

**Winner: “Phoenix” Ladies Boat Crew – Batemans Bay (Tracy Innes, Barb van Luin, Fran Campbell, Megan Douros, Neil Innes)**



## Coach of the Year

Neil Innes – Batemans Bay SLSC  
Gary Pettigrove – Broulee Surfers SLSC  
Brad Coppin – Moruya SLSC  
Nicholas Huggins – Tathra SLSC  
Chris Briggs – Pambula SLSC

**Winner: Neil Innes – Batemans Bay SLSC**

## Club Person of the Year

Simone Elliott – Broulee Surfers  
Paul White – Narooma  
Robert Johnson – Bermagui  
Loretta Chapple – Tathra  
Andrew Love – Pambula

**Winner: Loretta Chapple – Tathra**



## Training Officer of the Year

Peter Halpin – Broulee Surfers  
Wayne Foster – Moruya  
Anthony Vella – Batemans Bay  
Sharon George – Tathra  
Kerryn & Gavin Granger – Pambula

**Winner: Anthony Vella – Batemans Bay**

## “Myril Bunt” Administrator of the Year

Sue Hunt – Bermagui (nominated by Batemans Bay)

Wendy Law – Broulee Surfers

Cheryl McCarthy – Bermagui

Karyn Starmer - Moruya

**Winner: Cheryl McCarthy – Bermagui**



## Young Branch Person of the Year The Fergus Thomson Trophy

Geordie Kemp – Batemans Bay

Annabelle Smith – Broulee Surfers

Ryley Spoelder- Hanlon – Moruya

Liam Russell – Bermagui

**Winner: Liam Russell – Bermagui**



## “Rookie” Life Saver of the Year (15-19 years)

Scott Senior – Broulee Surfers

Ryley Spoelder- Hanlon – Moruya

Jack Newton – Narooma

Liam Russell – Bermagui

Jack Robbers – Tathra

Connor Leayr - Pambula

Winner: Ryley Spoelder- Hanlon – Moruya





## Lifesaver of the Year

Peter McKay – Broulee Surfers  
Rowan Blake – Bermagui  
Nicholas Huggins – Tathra  
Andrew Holt – Pambula

Winner: Andrew Holt – Pambula

## Branch Person of the Year

Andrew Holt – Pambula  
Scott Elliott – Broulee Surfers  
Katrina Maguire – Moruya  
Paul White – Narooma

Winner: Andrew Holt – Pambula



## 2017/18 Surfs Sports Awards

### The "Jack Beale" Trophy

Tathra SLSC

### Official of the Year

Paul White – Narooma SLSC

### Branch Competitor of the Year

Jackson Blake – Batemans Bay SLSC

### Special Award for Consistency & Effort

Melissa Meaker – Tathra SLSC

### Male Competitor of the Year (pointscore)

Joe Halsey – Narooma SLSC

### Female Competitor of the Year (pointscore)

Ruth Burgess – Bermagui SLSC

### Carnival Competitors of the Year

Moruya Senior Carnival: Ruth Burgess – Bermagui SLSC

Tathra Senior Carnival: Scott Senior – Broulee Surfers SLSC

### Pointscore Champions

U15:	Luella Boulton – Tathra SLSC
U17:	Alec Radford – Broulee Surfers SLSC
U19:	Scott Senior – Broulee Surfers SLSC
Masters:	Ruth Burgess – Bermagui SLSC

## 2017/18 FSC Branch Junior Champions

U/8 Male Wade	Louis Hayward BROULEE	George Van Zyl NAROOMA
U/8 Female Wade	Topaz Dudley NAROOMA	
U/8 Wade Relay	PAMBULA A	
U/9 Boys Wade	Oskar Cookson PAMBULA Kymiah Stewart NAROOMA	
U/9 Female Wade	NAROOMA	
U/9 Wade Relay	TATHRA	
U/9 swim teams	BROULEE A	
U/10 swim teams	PAMBULA B	
U/11 swim teams	BROULEE A	
U/12 swim teams	PAMBULA	
U/13 swim teams	BROULEE A	
U/14 swim teams	MORUYA A	
U/9 Male Surf	Ryan Grant BROULEE	
U/9 Female Surf	Lara Elliott BROULEE Sam Blake BATEMANS BAY	
U/10 Male Surf	Rogue Constable NAROOMA	
U/10 Female Surf	Harry Barrington BROULEE	
U/11 Male Surf	Mia Jones NAROOMA	
U/11 Female Surf	Jack Caldwell PAMBULA	
U/12 Male Surf	Halle Constable NAROOMA	
U/12 Female Surf	Jackson Blake B/BAY	Patrick Broe PAMBULA
U/13 Male Surf	Kyarna Boulton TATHRA	
U/13 Female Surf	Aiden Miles NAROOMA	
U/14 Male Surf	Phoebe Rankin MORUYA	
U/14 Female Surf	Jesse Jenkins MORUYA	
U/9 Male Board	Lara Elliott BROULEE	
U/9 Female Board	Jontae Thompson PAMBULA Rogue Constable NAROOMA	
U/10 Male Board	Harry Barrington BROULEE	
U/10 Female Board	Jade Wilson NAROOMA	
U/11 Male Board	Jorge Constable NAROOMA	Travis Fairweather BROULEE
U/11 Female Board	Halle Constable NAROOMA	
U/12 Male Board	Jack McCaughtrie NAROOMA	
U/12 Female Board	Niamh O'Duibhir	Jackson Blake B/BAY
U/13 Male Board		
U/13 Female Board		

	<b>PAMBULA</b>	<b>Angus Patmore NAROOMA</b>
U/14 Male Board	<b>Aiden Miles NAROOMA</b>	
U/14 Female Board	<b>Elli Beecham NAROOMA</b>	
	<b>Harry Barrington BROULEE</b>	
U/11 Ironman	<b>Mia Jones NAROOMA</b>	
U/11 Diamond Lady	<b>Jack Caldwell PAMBULA</b>	
U/12 Ironman	<b>Halle Constable NAROOMA</b>	
U/12 Diamond Lady	<b>Samuel Jenkins MORUYA</b>	
U/13 Ironman	<b>Kyarna Boulton TATHRA</b>	
U/13 Diamond Lady	<b>Aiden Miles NAROOMA</b>	
U/14 Ironman	<b>Teagan Firle JINDABYNE</b>	
U/14 Diamond Lady	<b>Asher Theodorakis BERM</b>	<b>Connor Potts NAROOMA</b>
U/8 Male Sprint	<b>Ava Whitby PAMBULA</b>	
U/8 Female Sprint	<b>TATHRA</b>	
u/8 Sprint Relay	<b>Luke Drewsen BROULEE</b>	
U/9 Male Sprint	<b>Isabella Evans PAMBULA</b>	
U/9 Female Sprint	<b>TATHRA</b>	<b>PAMBULA</b>
U/9 Sprint Relay	<b>Sam Blake BATEMANS BAY</b>	
U/10 Male Sprint	<b>Bianca Boag PAMBULA</b>	
U/10 Female Sprint	<b>NAROOMA A</b>	
U10 Sprint Relay	<b>Travis Stubbs NAROOMA</b>	
U/11 Male Sprint	<b>Evie Blankenstein TATHRA</b>	
U/11 Female Sprint	<b>TATHRA A</b>	
u/11 Sprint Relay	<b>Archer Whitby PAMBULA</b>	
U/12 Male Sprint	<b>Eliza Gray NAROOMA</b>	
U/12 Female Sprint	<b>PAMBULA A</b>	
U/12 Sprint Relay	<b>Zack Ogilvie PAMBULA</b>	
U/13 Male Sprint	<b>Kailey Jorgensen NAROOMA</b>	
U/13 Female Sprint	<b>PAMBULA</b>	
U/13 Sprint Relay	<b>Aiden Miles NAROOMA</b>	
U/14 Male Sprint	<b>Elli Beecham NAROOMA</b>	
U14 Female Sprint	<b>NAROOMA A</b>	
U/14 Sprint Relay	<b>BROULEE</b>	
<b>March Past</b>	<b>PAMBULA A</b>	
<b>All Age Relay</b>	<b>Sean Peard BROULEE</b>	
U/8 Male Flags	<b>Laura Ovington NAROOMA</b>	
U/8 Female Flags	<b>Luke Drewsen BROULEE</b>	
U/9 Male Flags	<b>Emily Spooner NAROOMA</b>	
U/9 Female Flags	<b>Sam Blake BATEMANS BAY</b>	
U/10 Male Flags	<b>Rogue Constable NAROOMA</b>	
U/10 Female Flags		

U/11 Male Flags  
U/11 Female Flags  
U/12 Male Flags

U/12 Female Flags  
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U/13 Female Flags  
U/14 Male Flags  
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500m run U/8 Male

500m run U/8 Female  
500m run U/9 Male  
500m run U/9 Female  
1km run U/10 Male  
1km run U/10 Female  
1km run U11 Male  
1km run U/11 Female  
1km run U/12 Male  
1km run U/12 Female  
1km run U/13 Male  
1km run U/13 Female  
1km run U/14 Male  
1km run U/14 Female  
U9/U10 Board Relay  
U11/U12 Board Relay  
U13/U14 Board Relay  
U9/U10 Beach Realy  
U11/U12 Beach Relay  
U13/U14 Beach Relay  
U8/U9/U10 Buchanan  
Relay  
U11/U12 Cameron Relay  
U13/U14 Cameron Relay

Travis Stubbs NAROOMA  
Sophie Bolton MORUYA  
Flynn Whitby PAMBULA  
Halle Constable  
NAROOMA  
Ollie Meaker TATHRA  
Kailey Jorgensen  
NAROOMA  
Aiden Miles NAROOMA  
Elli Beecham NAROOMA  
Ryder Woods PAMBULA  
Laura Ovington  
NAROOMA  
Zane Ziviani NAROOMA  
Isabella Evans PAMBULA  
Sam Glasson BERMAGUI  
Kaeleigh Peard BROULEE  
Kai Morgan TATHRA  
Kate Corcoran BROULEE  
Archer Whitby PAMBULA  
Abby Fraser PAMBULA  
Samuel Jenkins MORUYA  
Lillyan Potts NAROOMA  
Rhys Flood BROULEE  
Elli Beecham NAROOMA  
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NAROOMA A

Millie Tyrrell NAROOMA

Lara Barnes BROULEE  
Mitchell Beby BROULEE



## 2017/18 FSC Branch Senior Champions

<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>FSC Branch CHAMPION</b>
1km Open male run	Joe Halsey NAROOMA
1km Open female run	Mel Meaker TATHRA
1km U15 male run	Christian Filmer BATEMANS BAY
1km U15 female run	Luella Boulton TATHRA
1km U17 male run	Alec Radford BROULEE
1km O40 male run	Paul Farmilo BROULEE
1km O40 female run	Mel Meaker TATHRA
Taplin Relay	TATHRA
Male Double ski	NAROOMA
Female Double Ski	PAMBULA
Mixed Double ski	TATHRA A
Lifesaver Relay	TATHRA
Open Male Ski	Liam O'Neill PAMBULA
U17 male ski	Craig Senior BROULEE
U19 Male ski	Scott Senior BROULEE
o/30 Male ski	Nick Huggins TATHRA
O/40 Male Ski	Andrew Scully MORUYA
O/40 Female Ski	Ruth Burgess BERMAGUI
O/50 Male Ski	Darren Browning BROULEE
O/60 Male ski	Justin Gouvernet TATHRA
Open Female ski	Ainslie Scully MORUYA
U15 Male Swim	Riley Stafford MORUYA
U15 Female Swim	Luella Boulton TATHRA
U17 Male Swim	Alec Radford BROULEE
U17 Female Swim	Jessie Campbell Jones PAMBULA
U19 Male Swim	Scott Senior BROULEE
Open Male Swim	Jessie Hoyland Meaker TATHRA
O40 Male Swim	Paul Farmilo BROULEE
O40 Female Swim	Ruth Burgess BERMAGUI
O50 Male Swim	Peter McKay BROULEE
Open Female Swim	Emma Prowse PAMBULA
U15 Male Board	Christian Filmer BATEMANS BAY
U15 Female Board	Luella Boulton TATHRA

<b>U17 Male Board</b>	Craig Senior BROULEE
<b>U17 Female Board</b>	Jessie Campbell Jones PAMBULA
<b>U19 Male Board</b>	Scott Senior BROULEE
<b>Open Male Board</b>	Joe Halsey NAROOMA
<b>Open Female Board</b>	Jessie Campbell Jones PAMBULA
<b>O30 Male Board</b>	Nick Huggins TATHRA
<b>O40 Male Board</b>	Ben Potter TATHRA
<b>O40 Female Board</b>	Mel Meaker TATHRA
<b>O50 Male Board</b>	Peter McKay BROULEE
<b>O60 Male Board</b>	Justin Gouvernet TATHRA
<b>U15 Diamond Lady</b>	Luella Boulton TATHRA
<b>U17 Ironperson</b>	Craig Senior BROULEE
<b>U15 Male Sprint</b>	Christian Filmer BATEMANS BAY
<b>U15 Female Sprint</b>	Elli Beecham NAROOMA
<b>U17 Male Sprint</b>	Riley Miles NAROOMA
<b>U17 Female Sprint</b>	Nimmitty Ford TATHRA
<b>U19 Male Sprint</b>	Scott Senior BROULEE
<b>Open Male Sprint</b>	Joe Halsey NAROOMA
<b>Open Female Sprint</b>	Nimmitty Ford TATHRA
<b>O40 Male Sprint</b>	Darren Drewsen BROULEE
<b>O40 Female Sprint</b>	Mel Meaker TATHRA
<b>O50 Male Sprint</b>	Peter McKay BROULEE
<b>O60 Male Sprint</b>	Justin Gouvernet TATHRA
<b>U17 Mixed Sprint Relay</b>	BATEMANS BAY
<b>Mixed Open Sprint Relay</b>	NAROOMA A
<b>U15 Male Flags</b>	Sam Reedy BATEMANS BAY
<b>U15 Female Flags</b>	Elli Beecham NAROOMA
<b>U17 Male Flags</b>	Oscar Reedy BATEMANS BAY
<b>U17 Female Flags</b>	Nimmitty Ford TATHRA
<b>U19 Male Flags</b>	Scott Senior BROULEE
<b>Open Male Flags</b>	Joe Halsey NAROOMA
<b>Open Female Flags</b>	Nimmitty Ford TATHRA
<b>O40 Male Flags</b>	Darren Drewsen BROULEE
<b>O40 Female Flags</b>	Mel Meaker TATHRA
<b>O50 Male Flags</b>	Peter McKay BROULEE
<b>O50 Female Flags</b>	Karen Senior BROULEE
<b>O60 Male Flags</b>	Justin Gouvernet TATHRA

# SLS NSW Country Championships

## South West Rocks

Beach Flags	1101 U/15 Male Beach Flags	Grand Final	1	Geordie	Kemp	M	Batemans Bay SLSC
Beach Flags	1742 U/10 Male Beach Flags	Grand Final	1	Sam	Blake	M	Batemans Bay SLSC
Beach Sprint	189 U/15 Male Beach Sprint	Grand Final	1	Geordie	Kemp	M	Batemans Bay SLSC
Board Race	1687 U/13 Male Board Race	Grand Final	3	Jackson	Blake	M	Batemans Bay SLSC
Board Race	1690 U/10 Male Board Race	Grand Final	3	Sam	Blake	M	Batemans Bay SLSC
Board Rescue	132 U/17 Male Board Rescue	Grand Final	5	Lachlan	Blake	M	Batemans Bay SLSC
Iron Man	127 U/17 Ironman	Grand Final	3	Lachlan	Blake	M	Batemans Bay SLSC
Iron Man	1666 U/13 Ironman	Grand Final	1	Jackson	Blake	M	Batemans Bay SLSC
Surf Race	112 U/17 Male Surf Race	Grand Final	2	Lachlan	Blake	M	Batemans Bay SLSC
Surf Race	1614 U/13 Male Surf Race	Grand Final	1	Jackson	Blake	M	Batemans Bay SLSC
Surf Race	1617 U/10 Male Surf Race	Grand Final	1	Sam	Blake	M	Batemans Bay SLSC
Surf Race	2618 U/09 Female Surf Race	Grand Final	2	Lara	Elliott	F	Broulee Surfers SLSC
Beach Flags	1741 U/11 Male Beach Flags	Grand Final	3	Travis	Stubbs	M	Narooma SLSC
Beach Flags	2738 U/14 Female Beach Flags	Grand Final	1	Elli	Beecham	F	Narooma SLSC
Beach Sprint	1324 30-39 Male Beach Sprint	Grand Final	5	Nigel	Constable	M	Narooma SLSC
Beach Sprint	1716 U/14 Male Beach Sprint	Grand Final	3	Aiden	Miles	M	Narooma SLSC
Beach Sprint	188 U/17 Male Beach Sprint	Grand Final	6	Riley	Miles	M	Narooma SLSC
Beach Sprint	2720 U/10 Female Beach Sprint	Grand Final	6	Rogue	Constable	F	Narooma SLSC
2km Beach Run	2561 U/15 Female 2km Beach Run	Grand Final	2	Luella	Boulton	F	Tathra SLSC
Beach Sprint	289 U/15 Female Beach Sprint	Grand Final	3	Luella	Boulton	F	Tathra SLSC
Rescue Tube Race	2220 40-49 Female Rescue Tube	Grand Final	5	Melissa	Meaker	F	Tathra SLSC
Surf Board Riding	278 U/15 Female Board Riding	Grand Final	1	Luella	Boulton	F	Tathra SLSC



# SLS NSW State Championships

## Swansea Belmont

Surf Race	U/13 Male Surf Race	3	Jackson	Blake	M	Batemans Bay SLSC	-
Surf Boat	180 Yrs mi Female Surf Boat	1	Frances	Campbell	F	Batemans Bay SLSC	Phoenix
Surf Boat	180 Yrs mi Female Surf Boat	1	Megan	Douros	F	Batemans Bay SLSC	Phoenix
Surf Boat	180 Yrs mi Female Surf Boat	1	Tracy	Innes	F	Batemans Bay SLSC	Phoenix
Surf Boat	180 Yrs mi Female Surf Boat	1	Barb	Van Luin	F	Batemans Bay SLSC	Phoenix
Surf Boat	180 Yrs mi Female Surf Boat	1	Neil	Innes	M	Batemans Bay SLSC	Phoenix
Beach Flags	45-49 Male Beach Flags	2	Darren	Drewsen	M	Broulee Surfers SLSC	-
Beach Flags	U/15 Male Beach Flags	5	Geordie	Kemp	M	Batemans Bay SLSC	-
Beach Sprint	U/15 Male Beach Sprint	5	Geordie	Kemp	M	Batemans Bay SLSC	-
Surf Boat	Open Male Surf Boat	3	Wayne	Coppin	M	Batemans Bay SLSC	Team A
Surf Boat	Open Male Surf Boat	3	Corey	Jackson	M	Batemans Bay SLSC	Team A
Surf Boat	Open Male Surf Boat	3	Aaron	Jackson	M	Batemans Bay SLSC	Team A
Surf Boat	Open Male Surf Boat	3	Luke	Price	M	Batemans Bay SLSC	Team A
Surf Boat	Open Male Surf Boat	3	Neil	Innes	M	Batemans Bay SLSC	Team A
Surf Boat	Female Reserve Grade Boat	5	Frances	Campbell	F	Batemans Bay SLSC	Phoenix
Surf Boat	Female Reserve Grade Boat	5	Megan	Douros	F	Batemans Bay SLSC	Phoenix
Surf Boat	Female Reserve Grade Boat	5	Tracy	Innes	F	Batemans Bay SLSC	Phoenix
Surf Boat	Female Reserve Grade Boat	5	Barb	Van Luin	F	Batemans Bay SLSC	Phoenix
Surf Boat	Female Reserve Grade Boat	5	Neil	Innes	M	Batemans Bay SLSC	Phoenix
2km Beach Run	Open Male 2km Beach Run	4	Joseph	Halsey	M	Narooma SLSC	-

# SLSA Aussies 2018

## Scarborough WA

Event	Club	People	Team	Round	Place
180 yrs min Female Surf Boat	Batemans Bay SLSC	Barb Van Luin, Tracy Innes, Megan Douros, Frances Campbell Sweep: Neil Innes	Phoenix	Grand Final	1
140 yrs min Male Surf Boat	Batemans Bay SLSC	Wayne Coppin, Joshua Currall, David Fleming, Shaun Green Sweep: Neil Innes	Team A	Grand Final	1
160 yrs min Male Surf Boat	Broulee Surfers SLSC	Pete Shaw, Stephen Moore, Morgan Freemantle, Jeffrey Dunne Sweep: Gary Pettigrove	Shores	Grand Final	3
Open Male Surf Boat	Batemans Bay SLSC	Wayne Coppin, Aaron Jackson, Sam Funch, Luke Price Sweep: Neil Innes	Team A	Grand Final	1
Reserve Grade Male Surf Boat	Batemans Bay SLSC	Joshua Currall, David Fleming, Shaun Green, Andy Pustavrh Sweep: Neil Innes	Team A	Grand Final	6

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