

Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving



67th Annual Report & Financial Statement
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Notice is hereby given that the 67th 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 25th August 2019.

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Lifesaver's Prayer
3. One minute of silence for deceased members
4. Apologies and Proxies
5. Minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting
6. Business arising from the minutes of the 66th meeting and report
7. Presentation and adoption of the 67th Annual Report
8. Notice of Motions
"That affiliation be sought for the 2019/20 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 2019/20 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	Julie Frost
	Max Young

Junior Activities Far South Coast Branch

W Loutitt*

Life Members Surf Life Saving New South Wales

Arthur Bunt BEM*	Ron Chesher OAM*
NA Dixon*	GJ Nicholson*
DF Pheeney*	Fergus Thomson OAM*
	Donald Hay*

Life Members Surf Life Saving Australia

Ron Chesher OAM*
NA Dixon*

*Denotes Deceased Members

2018/19 Executive Committee

President	Tony Rettke
Deputy President	Allan Veness
Director of Administration	Sue Hunt
Director of Finance	Wendy Law
Director of Life Saving	Cheryl McCarthy
Director of Education	Sue Hunt
Director of Member Services	Andrew Edmunds
Director of Surf Sports	Andrew Holt
Assistant Director of Surf Sports	Wendy Law
Powercraft Captain	Andrew Curven
Youth Development	Frank Davey
Communications	Jim McGrath

Patrons

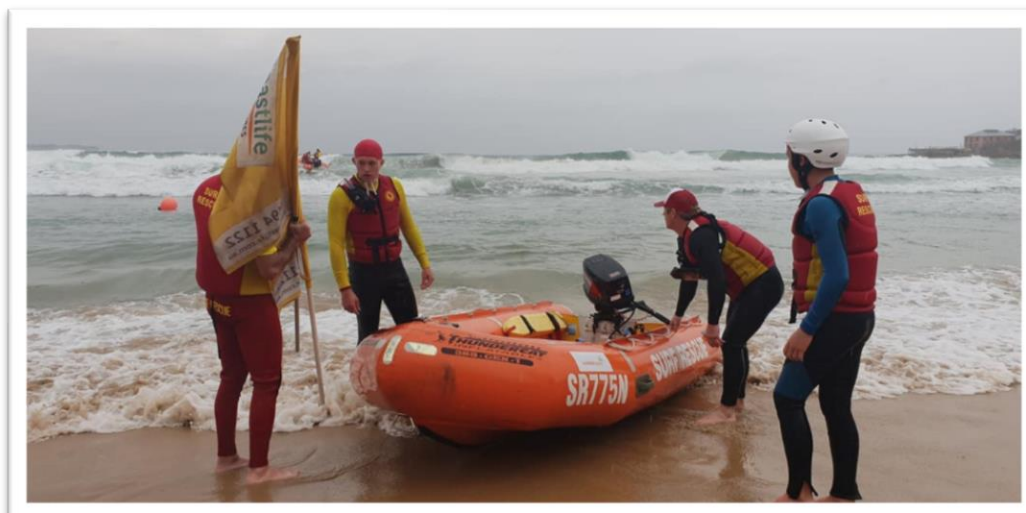
Andrew Constance	State Member for Bega
Fiona Phillips	Federal Member for Gilmore
Dr Mike Kelly	Federal Member for Eden-Monaro

Vice Patrons

Mayor Liz Innes	Eurobodalla Shire Council
Mayor Kristy McBain	Bega Valley Shire Council

Presidents of Affiliated Clubs

Batemans Bay	Colin Knight
Broulee Surfers	Allan Veness
Moruya	Michael Pheeneey
Narooma	Ben Bate
Bermagui	Bruce McAslan
Tathra	Alan Birchall
Pambula	Steve Hodgson



Surf Life Saving NSW is saddened to hear of the recent passing of Moruya Life Member and Far South Coast stalwart Ron Chesher OAM after a long illness.

He was 95.

Ron is remembered not only for his immense contribution to the Surf Life Saving movement but his dedication to his local community over many years that made him a popular figure in the idyllic seaside town of Moruya.

Described as a lifesaver's lifesaver, Ron's journey in the organisation that became a true passion needs to be viewed in the context of the world he came of age in.



As a young man he signed up to do his duty in the Second World War seeing action in New Guinea and returning to become an active member of the RSL and Rotary, always concerned about the welfare of his fellow soldiers.

Moruya Surf Club, like many other clubs, did not have the numbers to sustain itself with the country focused on the war effort.

In 1942 the flags were lowered, and they would not be raised again until 1946, with a young Chesher playing a pivotal role in the successful reformation of the club and taking on the role of President in 1951.

He obtained his Bronze Medallion in the 1947/48 season and his Instructors Certificate the following season.

In his two decades as President, Ron would be a driving force for Moruya and a strong advocate for the Far South Coast in general, going on to serve as Branch President.

At a club level he would serve on many committees, coached the R&R and March Past team, and was involved in a major rescue that utilised a surf boat.

Ron was a rare breed in that he would be involved in only one club throughout his life; Moruya DNA ran through his veins.

Throughout his time in Surf Life Saving he would acquire Life Membership at every level.

In 1959 his beloved club would bestow that honour on him. In 1967 the Branch would follow suit, while in 1972 the State Centre (Surf Life Saving NSW) would also elevate the popular lifesaver to that exalted status. In 2016 the set was complete as he became a Life Member of Surf Life Saving Australia.

Outside of the movement he and his family were involved in retail, and he is credited for opening the first supermarket in town.

For his services to the community and for his efforts in Surf Life Saving he was awarded an Order of Australia Medal appropriately during his country's Bicentenary celebrations.



“Ron was a mentor of men and was determined to give everyone access to the opportunities he himself had,” said long-time friend Bert Hunt who filled Ron’s considerable boots as President from 1974.

Hunt who first crossed paths with Chesher in 1963, said the latter’s community spirit and vision marked him out even then.

“He had a wonderful feel for what a lifesaver should be, and I think the skills I developed over the years are a testament to his guidance.

“What impressed me most was his willingness to share his advice and I could

always count on him for an opinion.

“Even in his later years Ron cared deeply about the future of Surf Life Saving. It was his great passion and he was certainly aware of all the developments in technology,” said Mr Hunt.

“He wasn’t one of those who believed everything was better in his day and the advancement in rescue equipment genuinely excited him.

“He has left a lasting legacy and will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him,” he concluded.

Surf Life Saving NSW would like to extend its condolences to Ron’s family including wife Heather and his children.

Throughout his life Ron’s love of the ocean and of Surf Life Saving was clear, and as a man who didn’t let his war experiences define him, arguably his greatest legacy was his spirit of generosity and dedication to his hometown.

It’s a fitting legacy for a man who believed passionately in community.

Vale Ron Chesher OAM - For a life well lived.

VALE

Don Hay

16/03/2019

It is with great sadness that Surf Life Saving NSW advises the passing of Life Member Donald Hay of Pambula SLSC.

Don was an outstanding surf lifesaver, leader and major contributor to the development of the Far South Coast Branch for almost 40 years.

Described as a visionary, he was central to every aspect of club life; lifesaving, education, inclusive programs, surf sports and support operations. Don's impact was far reaching and an inspiration to all.



Don gained his Bronze Medallion in 1980 at his local club. He quickly became integral to the club, taking on leadership and development roles across all areas. This included Powercraft and Surf Boat Captain, as well as First Aid, Radio and Chief Training Officer roles before being elected onto the Board of Examiners in 1983.

By 1994 he was elected President of Pambula SLSC where he served 17 consecutive years, driving

the construction of the new clubhouse, building the club's public profile and continuing to advance his skills as a lifesaver. Don served two further years as President from 2014-2016.

Don achieved his Gold Medallion in 1996. Not only was it a great personal achievement, but a first for the Branch.

In 1999 Don received the prestigious NSW Volunteer of the Year Award for his service to Surf Life Saving. In the same year he was invited to join the SLSNSW team to travel to Greece to train and assess lifesavers. It was the beginning of a long and strong relationship with the country and the expansion of lifesaving for the Greek people.

In surf sports, Don worked to bring the NSW Country Championships to the Far South Coast. In 2005 Pambula hosted the event and Don worked closely with Richie Lytham to deliver the successful inaugural event.

The same year, Pambula SLSC initiated the Special Nippers Program, later renamed the Same Wave Program. It was one of the first inclusive surf programs in the country, leading the way with fun, educational and supportive opportunities for members living with disability.

Don was a strong leader and passionate about his Branch, initiating a support operations group in 2008. He was one of the first Duty Officers and attended hundreds of out-of-hours emergency callouts including assisting with the Tathra bushfires in 2018.

After being awarded SLSNSW Life Membership in November 2018, the ABC spoke to Don about what being part of the organisation meant to him. He was a proud and hard working volunteer.

“The red and yellow plays a very significant part in people’s lives these days and we are recognised within the community for keeping people safe,” said Don.

“Every time I come down here and put on the red and yellow shirt or jump on a jetski to rescue someone, I feel like I’ve done something good. Instead of hearing someone has drowned as a result of a rip, is that they have been pulled out to go back to their family and have the rest of their life with them. There’s just no better feeling.”

To Far South Coast President Tony Rettke, Don was not only a valuable surf lifesaver and member of the Branch, he was also a good friend.

“Don will be remembered in the community as a champion,” said Tony Rettke. “His personal achievements in Surf Life Saving are unmatched within our Branch and are up there with the very best in NSW and Australian lifesaving.”

He concludes, “Don, you have fought the battle for longer than most could have ever handled. You will be missed more than you would ever have believed, and you have left your mark on so many. Thank you.”



On behalf of all members, Surf Life Saving NSW offers our sincere condolences to Don Hay’s family and friends including his wife Maria and son Jack.

Don was 53 years-old.



President

Tony Rettke

Another great SLS year on the FSC comes to an end. I can't remember another year where our Branch has been more innovative & engaging with our members.

The kick off for the 2018-19 season as always was at our August AGM at Narooma with good number of lifesavers in attendance. It's always so good to have the support of our State Member for Bega and Minister for Transport and Roads, Andrew Constance. The Branch is thankful to have Andrew as an active patron of the SLS movement. The support of he and his government over the next 4 years has moved to the next level, with a cash injection of over \$4m to assist SLS across all Branches in NSW.

The Branch committee elected for the past season was much the same as the previous season with only a few changes.

- Sue Hunt thankfully remained in Admin, while also taking on Education.
- Cheryl McCarthy has moved from Deputy to the Director of Lifesaving
- Andrew Edmunds moved from Lifesaving to Member Services.
- Andrew Curven (Lobba) took on the Powercraft role :)
- Wendy Law remains in Finance and Deputy of Surf Sports.
- Andrew Holt remains in Surf Sports.
- Al Veness remained as Deputy Presidents
- Frank Davey remains in Junior Activities.

Having this cracking crew leading our Branch, especially with the enthusiasm and passion from our 3 ladies, Sue, Wendy and Cheryl, we moved from strength to strength as the season unfolded.

SLS NSW Awards of Excellence 2018

Geez, what a night. FSC was represented by no less than 20 well behaved clubbies. As the presentation unfolded it appeared that the FSC and its clubs were going to take home their fair share of silverware, AND some. Congratulations to;

- Cheryl McCarthy - NSW Administrator of the Year
- Canberra Broulee Nippers – Community Education Program of the Year
- The Bay, Broulee & Moruya - Rescue of the Year
- Pambula, Tathra & Bermi "Tathra Bushfire Response - Service Team of the Year
- Last but not least - NSW "Branch of the Year "



SLSA Awards of Excellence 2018

As if the recognition from the State Awards wasn't enough, our Clubs also left their mark at the National Awards evening. With several finalists, Canberra Broulee Nipper were winners on the night bringing home the SLSA Community Education Program of the Year.

SLS NSW State Conference

As the President of the Branch I must say how proud I was to see the level of representation from all 7 clubs across our branch. Also, so good to have full representation from our branch Directors. Good people. Thank you so much.

Introduction of UAV's (Drones)

Both the Pambula and Tathra SLS Clubs have welcomed these game changing machines with open arms. Throughout the past season, the feedback I have received from our beach goers has been very positive. We also have a UAV as part of our FCS duty officers kit with most of our duty officers now trained up as UAV pilots.

Lifesavers and Marine Rescue team up

A big congratulations to the Bermagui call out crew who have developed and initiated an absolute SLS first.

During the season they have teamed with Marine rescue in using their large Marine rescue vessels to carry our fully equipped and much smaller SLS IRBs. The IRBs can be launch and retrieve at any time the crews desire. To be able to use the marine rescue vessels and their crews in this fashion gives our SLS rescue teams an unlimited range when we need to search our extensive FSC coastline.

There has also been some very successful trialling combining the large Marine Rescue vessels and our SLS UAV's. Similar to the IRBs, these UAV's can be launched and retrieved at any time. Again, giving us an incredible search range when required.

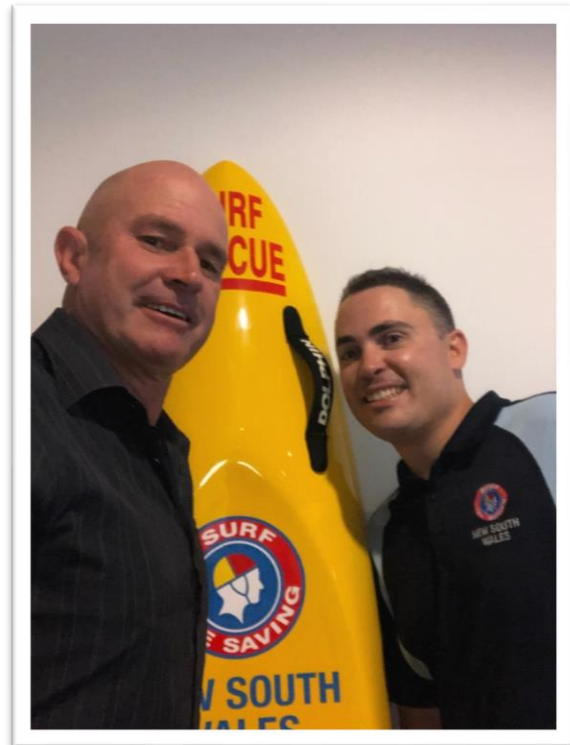
Don Hay

Pambula's Don Hay was awarded at the highest level in SLS NSW. Don was presented with Life Membership of SLS NSW. The 26th of January (Australia day) was the perfect time to bestow Don with this honour. Among the guests were Member for Bega Andrew Constance, SLS NSW President David Murray and CEO of SLS NSW Steven Pearce.

Sadly, Don's health continued to deteriorate quite rapidly over the following weeks. On the 16th of March Don lost his battle.

I know that anyone who has had the pleasure of meeting Don, whether it be in and around the SLS movement, or otherwise would certainly have great memories of this champion man.

Don's personal achievements in SLS are unmatched within our Branch and, are up there with the very best within the State and Australian Lifesaving. Don was one of our original FSC Branch duty officers. He was a facilitator for RWC and IRB. One of the Pambula call out crew and Don has attended more rescues than I could count.



He has been a very active member of the Pambula club committee for so many years as their President as well as numerous other positions.

The passion and love that Don had for his family, the Pambula surf club and the broader Pambula community was at a level that I was truly envious.

I so enjoyed every time that I was around Don and I am certainly a better person from those experiences.

Don, you have fought the battle for longer than most could have ever handled. You will be missed more than you would ever have believed, and you have left your mark on so many.

Junior Lifesavers

Our two Junior Lifesavers of the Year, Tasman McKenzie – Bermagui & Oliver Meaker – Tathra. Congratulations to you both, our movement has a great future.

Strategic Planning Workshop

At the end of June the leaders of our Clubs and our Branch attended a Strategic Planning day in Narooma. Those that attended generously contributed to the direction and the future of our SLS Clubs and the FSCB. A great day!



Combined Portfolio Directors Conference:

On the weekend of the 6th and 7th of July approximately 50 Branch Directors and Presidents from all of the SLS Branches in NSW gathered in Belrose at our State Headquarters.

The FSC was proudly represented by the best in our Branch from Administration, Lifesaving, Member Services and Sport. A huge thank you to Sue Hunt, Wendy Law, Cheryl McCarthy and Andrew Edmunds for giving their weekend to our SLS movement. Another State Conference that was blessed with the typical FSC positive attitude. Thanks guys.

Branch Awards of Excellence 2019

The best of the best lifesavers and volunteers in our Branch gathered at Broulee in June in front of a full venue at Tomakin.

Guests included our NSW minister for transport Andrew Constance, his wife Jen, the Mayor of Eurobodalla shire Liz Innes, Councillor Thompson and his wife, also from the Eurobodalla shire.

A big thank you to the Broulee Club for organising such a great night. Congratulations to Broulee who were presented with the Jack Beale on the night only after prizing it out of Tathra's hands on stage.

To all of the winners and nominees, congratulations.

We now look forward to presenting our best in the Branch at the next level, the SLS NSW Awards of excellence in Sydney. To be a finalist in the NSW Branch of the Year, again, is something to be very proud of. The good news is that we already have no less than 30 lifesavers from the FSC booked to attend. I'm thinking this is going to be another fun awards night.

7 Great Clubs!

We may be one of the smaller Branches, but definitely one of the strongest. This is most certainly due to the strengths of our Clubs.

I'd like to take this opportunity to formally thank all 7 Club Presidents and their committees for the consistent efforts that SLS leaders need to make to keep their patroller numbers up with their toes in the sand, their nippers and cadets focused and of course everything it takes to not just keep the doors open but to continually move this iconic organisation forward.



To Presidents Col, Al, Mick, Ben, Bruce, Alan and Steve. Thank you.

Finally, I would love to thank my wife Judy for having the patience and consideration to allow me to be able to fulfil and enjoy my role as one of the FSC Branch crew. Thank you Jude xo

Director of Life Saving

Cheryl McCarthy

The 2018-19 season has been one of success with our patrollers again achieving the most important goal of zero deaths between the flags. We've seen a 20% decrease in rescues (57 this year down from 71 last year) and we continue to increase our focus on preventions. Our 7 Club Captains have done a great job of supporting and encouraging their teams throughout the season.

With 184 beaches in the FSC Branch, our call out teams and support operations have responded to 35 13-SURF call outs and our teams continue to receive accolades for their quick and professional responses with several out of hours call outs seeing teams on the water in less than 10 minutes from the initial call.



FSC Support Operations encompasses Duty Officers, Rescue Water Craft (RWC) operations, search and rescue UAV operations and emergency call outs. For every call out that comes in we have the closest available Duty Officer take the lead. They're the first ones tasked to respond and always the last ones off duty and their willingness to drop what they're doing and respond is greatly appreciated. The FSC

team is consistently recognised by the State Operations Centre for the professionalism and swiftness of our responses and I'm exceedingly proud of the work they do. Duty Duty Officers for the 2018-19 season:

- Anthony Bellette (North)
- Ken Bellette (North)
- Harley Dengage (North)
- Andrew Edmunds (North)
- Andrew Mizzi (North)
- Ben Bate (Central)
- Bruce McAslan (Central)
- Cheryl McCarthy (Central)
- Andrew Holt (South)
- Don Hay (South)

We also had some new recruits join us towards the end of the season. Welcome to the team:

- Euan McKenzie (Central/South)
- Nick Huggins (South)
- Emma Prowse (South)

Thanks to you all and my thanks also to your families. It's not easy to have plans interrupted at the drop of a hat and their ongoing support of your role is much appreciated.

Support Operations also couldn't run as smoothly as it does without the work of those who keep the RWCs in good shape. Being able to rely on your equipment is essential in a rescue, both for the safety of those in the water but also for our team members. Thanks to Darren Browning, Don Hay, Kiaran Harris, Andrew Mizzi and our Branch Powercraft Coordinator, Andrew Curven, for your work during the season.



The loss of Don Hay with his passing in March left a gaping hole in our Duty Officer ranks that we'll never be able to fill. Don was instrumental in starting the Duty Officer program on Far South Coast and his skill, experience and mentorship is irreplaceable. As a sign of respect for Don his call sign – Far South Coast 17 – has been formally retired in his memory. On behalf of the whole Support Operations team I extend our condolences to Maria, Jack and Don's extended family.

Across our patrols and many call out responses we had a strong competition for Rescue of the Year. This year we set up a Rescue of the Year committee for the first time to choose the winner. The committee consists of the Director of Lifesaving, Branch President and three Duty Officers and the team joining myself and Tony Rettke this year was Anthony Bellette, Andrew Mizzi and Emma Prowse. The overwhelming winner of the 2018-19 Rescue of the Year was three young Batemans Bay patrollers – Lexus Knight, Angus Knight and Sam Reedy. The three teenagers stepped up in a big way on Christmas Day near the end of their patrol. Lexus and Angus were in the water when they noticed two men in trouble about 50m outside the flags. They signalled for help and quickly made their way to the men. One was already unconscious and face down in the water and the other was clearly panicking. A nearby body boarder offered his board to assist while Sam Reedy was on his way with a Rescue Board having seen the call for help. The three of them managed to get both men into shore where they were met with other members of their patrol team with first aid equipment and oxygen. The team performed first aid until NSW Ambulance officers arrived and the man was conscious and breathing when he left the beach for air transport to Canberra for further treatment.

When the time came, not only did Angus, Lexus and Sam recognise the seriousness of the situation but they followed their training beautifully. So impressive was their response that day that all three have since received the NSW Premier's Award for Courage and Bravery. Well done to all involved on the patrol team that day, you set a great example for all of us.

The other annual award to note was the Lifesaving Club of the Year which went to Tathra SLSC. A number of factors go into the scoring for this award including patrol compliance, patrol data entry, use of the Operations App, call out team responses, communication with the Director of Lifesaving and rescues vs prevention statistics. Tathra scored highly on all fronts and the lifesaving operations were well led by Club Captain, Nick Huggins, and Club Vice Captain, Justin Gouvernet. Congrats to all.

FSC Branch was one of six areas across the state to welcome UAVs (drones) this season. Initial roll out was in Tathra and Pambula and was part of the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Shark Management program. Data from all flights was tracked and reported and will form a valuable part of DPI research moving forward. We also received two drones as part of the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Drone Program which are located in the northern and central parts of the Branch to be used by Support Operations for search and rescue. Both of these are stationed with Duty Officers and are also used for water safety at events and carnivals. We now have 29 pilots across the Branch and anticipate more drones and pilot training in the coming seasons.



The drones were part of two search operations down in Eden in January and March the additional capability they bring is exceptional, both in terms of the additional perspective and clarity they add from their vantage point in the air but also in reaching more remote areas safely and with minimal risk for our team. The success of their role in the search in January resulted in us being requested by Police Rescue NSW to join them along with State Emergency Service and NSW Rural Fire Service

volunteers for a land search. With SLSNSW's new formal status as an emergency service organisation (ESO) this was a valuable opportunity to work together with other ESOs and highlighting new capabilities at the same time.

On the topic of new capabilities, Bermagui SLSC call out team developed an important new capability in collaboration with Marine Rescue Bermagui (MR). Lead by Bermagui SLSC's Euan McKenzie and Denise Page from MR, the teams successfully trialled transporting an IRB on the back of the MR vessel BG30. With the remoteness and distance we face down on the Far South Coast, this capability will be critical in our ability to get search and rescue crews quickly and safely to many locations. More importantly, the teams have formed a strong working relationship that has since led to on-water trials flying drones off the back of BG30. With the high likelihood of the need to work with MR volunteers out on the water during searches it's important to build strong relationships and knowledge of and respect for each other's capabilities through training initiatives. Well done to all involved



In an effort to continue to hone the lifesaving skills of our teams and provide valuable member development opportunities, FSC Branch hosted the ALBERT powercraft program and a Silver Medallion Aquatics Rescue (SMAR) course during the season. Over 50 people from our Branch attended the ALBERT in Tathra and 24 completed the SMAR course. The skills, knowledge and networks that participants took away from these courses are invaluable to our Branch and I'd like to thank Sue Hunt for all of the work she put into organising and coordinating both programs. Well done Sue and all involved.

Support for UAV operations, new training initiatives and uptake of the Patrol Operations App across many of our clubs are just some of the ways in which FSC Branch is looking to the future and willingly exploring new and innovative approaches to lifesaving. Thanks to all for your energy and willingness to give new things a try!

Finally, I'd like to extend condolences on behalf of all FSC Branch lifesavers to the family, friends and club mates of Ross and Andy Powell from Port Campbell SLSC in Victoria. Their tragic deaths during an emergency call out on Easter hit many of us hard and was a reminder to us all of the hazardous conditions we often face during call outs and we thank them for their selfless service and their sacrifice.

I'll continue to keep you all updated during the season through the Lifesaving Monthly Updates. Thanks again to all for a great 2018-19 season.



Director of Education

Sue Hunt

2018/19 started off with a bang...ALBERT came to town. ALBERT or Australian Life Boat Emergency Rescue Training has been an awesome initiative introduced by the North Coast to increase the rescue skills of the everyday lifesavers on the beach, and how we deal with emergencies

78 FSC volunteers converged on Tathra for this Program to share their knowledge, improve skills, and network. As we rolled out of our swags on Saturday morning, we were confronted with what can only be described as “challenging conditions”, but this didn’t deter our hardy members who patrol and perform rescues in conditions similar to these on most patrols.



Annual skills maintenance sessions were also conducted for IRB Crew, IRB Driver and RWCs, with three new RWC Operators being signed off over the weekend.

The program was so successful that Tathra has been named the Southern Zone training base for the next three seasons...watch out for ALBERT 2020.

The concept of all of Branch training was met with mixed thoughts from our seven Clubs. Those with limited Trainers, Assessors and Facilitators embraced the idea, whilst the other Clubs took a while to see the benefits and realise that the concept was reducing workloads of our Volunteers. The result has been a standard of consistent training across the seven Clubs, something we hope to continue with into the new season.

Across the Branch in the 2018/19 season our Clubs completed a good number of qualifications;

26	Advanced Resuscitation Techniques [AID]
77	Bronze Medallion
11	Duty Officer
32	First Aid [AID]
10	Gold Medallion (Advanced Lifesaving)
31	IRB Crew Certificate
27	Junior Activities Age Manager Course
1	Radio Operator Certificate
1	Rescue Water Craft Operator Certificate
25	Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue
21	Silver Medallion Beach Management
20	Silver Medallion IRB Driver
57	Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)
4	Training Officers
29	UAV Pilot



Another highlight for our training this season was the SMAR (Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue) Course held at Bermagui in March. After cancelling one prior to Christmas we weren't hopeful of a second on getting off the ground. 25 participants from all seven Clubs turned up providing a backdrop for a full-on fun weekend. Facilitator Tony Vella led participants through their paces, with search and rescue techniques, night searches and a bridge jump or two from the Bermagui Bridge.....not an essential part of the training, but fun no less.

Youth Powercraft days/weekends were proven to be successful again. This is our 5th season of running them and results speak for themselves.....15 new IRB Crewpersons aged 15-18 from one weekend at Moruya. The kids love that

these sessions are focussed on them. There are no adults infringing on their learning and they can do it with their mates.

Our biggest challenge this season was the TAE upgrade. This, industry requirement, has been a nightmare for all of us, not just us in surf lifesaving. We've had three years to get the upgrades done, but as volunteers we struggle to keep a balance between our surf life and our "real" lives, and some things just end up on the back burner. This was one of those things.

Training options in the Far South are very limited. Registered Training Organisations with the capacity to train the upgrade package are very reluctant to travel past Mollymook or out of Canberra, and to train on weekends, so our members have had to travel to ensure the Branch has some Assessors and Facilitators into the future. The pressure on this small group will increase from here on and it is even more important for our Clubs to embrace all of Branch training options.

Thanks to all of our Trainers, Assessors and Facilitators that have put their hands up in 2018/19, without you there would be no lifesavers on our beaches.

Thanks also to those that have supported our TAFs; content experts, administrators, Club Captains, you have eased their workloads. And the biggest thank you goes to those that have hosted and catered for our courses feeding our participants is essential.

Look forward to working with you all in the 2019/20 season.

Director of Member Services Andrew Edmunds



Well 2018/19 has certainly been another fabulous year on the Far South Coast – the 2018 SLSNSW Branch of the Year!

Member Welfare

In May 2018 I was pleased to represent the branch as part of the SLSNSW review into Mental Health, Welfare and Critical Incident Support working groups. This panel will continue its work over the coming season with a thorough review of training, resources, and procedures

to improve the state's organisation response to critical incidents. The plan primarily deals with psychological support available to members following critical incidents in a lifesaving context. Much more work is to occur in this space including SOPs reviews, updates to training material and rollout throughout the 2019/20 season.

Working with Children Checks and compliancy – it was great to see the branch reaffirm our commitment and importance on safeguarding children, with a healthy debate and discussion around resources available.

Member Recognition

2018 Surf Life Saving Australia Award Recipients:

Congratulations to Broulee Surfers SLSC on winning Community Education of the Year Award for their Canberra/Broulee Nippers initiative. Broulee Surfers SLSC recognised the need to educate and provide a service for the nation's largest inland city. The club aimed to provide junior surf lifesaving activities accessible to Canberra residents. The club set about training and educating both Nippers and their parents in water skills and age manager skills. The program took place at the Canberra Olympic pool, where there is also a large sand area perfect for sprints and beach flags. Families would then travel to Broulee beach every third or fourth weekend for activities on the beach, and pool rescue events were also organised at the Canberra Olympic pool to challenge the older 7 to 13-year-old age group. The club regularly seeks feedback from the age managers to ensure continuous improvement. The program opened the joy of surf lifesaving to a large inland community.

Meritorious Award Group Certificate of Merit Bronze Insert – Tathra SLSC – Peter George, Tony Rettke, Valerie Schmid-Oke, Matt Alternator, Neroli Dickson, Sharon George and Max Harris. On the 21st January 2017, two members of the public heard cries for help from rock fisherman who had been washed into the ocean. Emergency services were alerted, and Tathra SLSC immediately launched their IRB to attend the scene. Five fishermen had been washed off the rocks into large swells.

Two members of the public assisted two fisherman from the water and two other fisherman managed to pull themselves to safety while the IRB attended to the unconscious fifth man. Swells were so large that the IRB was required to tow the man further out to sea before they could safely pull him into the boat. The IRB then took the

man back to the nearby boat ramp where patrol members treated the fishermen for 25 minutes before an ambulance arrived.

2018 Surf Life Saving NSW Awards Recipients:

- Branch of the Year – Far South Coast
- Services Team of the Year –Tathra, Bermagui and Pambula Callout teams- Tathra Bushfires response 2018.
- Community Education Program of the Year – Broulee Surfers SLSC
- Administrator of the Year – Cheryl McCarthy (Bermagui SLSC)
- Rescue of the Year – Broulee Surfers, Moruya, Batemans Bay SLSCs

2019 Far South Coast Branch Recipients:

From a recognition perspective, it was fantastic to have Broulee Surfers host our annual presentation night in June. Many thanks as always to MC Tony McCabe and Kerry Parbery, Pam Hughes, Sue Hunt, the awards committee, and Gary Pettigrove who welcomed everyone on behalf of the host club, for their efforts in pulling together a successful evening. Congratulations to all members nominated and successful winners:

Member Development

Youth Opportunity Makers:

The Far South Coast was again very well represented at the 2019 Youth Opportunity Makers, we'd like to thank SLSNSW again for their professionalism and tremendous support which we're becoming accustomed to experiencing. Feedback from participants as always has been that the Surf Life Saving development programs are fantastic and highly valuable. Congratulation to all who attended. YOM participants were:

Liam Russell	Bermagui
Jai Curven	Bermagui
Jesse Campbell-Jones	Pambula
Darcy Coppin	Moruya

18-25 DNP Program:

This year was combined with Surf Life Saving QLD Lifesaving Excellence Program. Congratulations to attendees:

Emma Prowse	Pambula
Ainslie Scully	Moruya

SLSA Masterclass:

Nominations are yet to be confirmed, but congratulations to our FSC nominated member. Fingers crossed for success at SLSA level.

Scott Kemmis	Broulee Surfers
Nick Huggins	Tathra

Junior Life Saver of the Year

We were blessed to have such a fantastic number of finalists for Junior Life Saver of the Year. Many thanks to Frank Davey, and Sue Hunt who joined me on the selection panel.

Finalists were:

Tasman McKenzie	Bermagui
Liam Mahony	Narooma
Kyarna Boulton	Tathra
Oliver Meaker	Tathra
Ruby Coppin	Moruya
Samuel Jenkins	Moruya
Kai Holt	Pambula
Niamh O'Dubhir	Pambula
Emma Cochrane	Broulee Surfers
Hannah Campbell	Broulee Surfers.

Congratulations to Tasman McKenzie and Oliver Meaker who were selected as our Junior Life Savers of the Year. Highly commended were Hannah Campbell and Ruby Coppin.



Wambiri

In March this year the Far South Coast Branch again held its development camp Wambiri, for the 2nd season at Pambula SLSC. Many thanks to Pambula SLSC for hosting, and of course Frank Davey, Sue Hunt, Andrew Holt and Jimmy McGrath for all their efforts in pulling the camp together. Over 65 children and youth leaders took part in the weekend team building and training, with an additional 8 participants from Mallacoota.

Lara Boyle from Sydney Northern Beaches was our guest speaker and by all accounts did a fantastic job. She was highly relatable and well received.

Vale Don Hay

FSC branch lost a giant this season. Very sad to hear of the passing of Don Hay. Don was a champion of surf lifesaving. One of the original branch duty officers has been instrumental in FSC coordination and responses to the 13SURF network. He was a facilitator for RWC, lrb night operations and of course a stalwart of the Pambula SLSC and emergency call out team. Donnie, Jack and Holty received a SLSA meritorious award for their daring efforts on dusk at Short Point Merimbula in large hazardous conditions.

Don was instrumental in the redevelopment of the Pambula SLSC, the club's centenary celebrations and general club life. He's been involved in all facets – competition, training, the George Bass, Callouts, the works.

Just about every 13SURF job south of Tathra you'd be stoked to get Don on the end of the phone. His calmness, sensitivity and professionalism was always assured.

Despite his ongoing battle with illness over the years, Donnie was always there to provide advice, calm and measured guidance and share his expertise for the better of others.

He never did end up getting his flight in LS23 but was always willing to offer an extra set of eyes! A testament to the great man he even picked up the chopper crew one call out at Merimbula, got them dinner and as they didn't have shoes- gave Rob the pilot his own thongs he was wearing.

Thank you for everything you blessed us with. Deepest condolences to Maria and Jack and all the Pambula SLSC community.



Thank you again to all our members, club presidents and directors, Far South Coast President Tony Rettke and Director of Admin and Education Sue Hunt, Director of Life Saving Cheryl McCarthy, Director of Finance Wendy Law, SLSNSW staff including Claire Bevis, Louise Cook, Naomi Stevenson, Lara Boyle, outgoing director Trent Thomas, and new director Kerry Clancy for a fantastic season and bring on 2019/20.

Participant Reports

Junior Lifesaver of the Year



Tasman McKenzie – Bermagui SLSC

Things I enjoyed on this camp were meeting new friends. On the camp I became friends with a large group of girls and boys, who I still maintain contact with via social media.

I enjoyed the wide range of activities that we participated in while we were on this camp. These made the camp educational but also fun. These activities

include our free-swimming time at the beach, the water (mud) slide, and the bubble soccer. I found this camp extremely fun and an eye-opening experience that has shown me all aspects of Surf Life Saving Australia and the opportunities that come with it.

I would suggest this program to any young Surf Life Saver who would like a challenge. I value this camp greatly because it has given me the knowledge and courage to put my ideas forward and pass on knowledge. I am very grateful for this opportunity and I think this program will greatly help the next generation of Surf Lifesavers.

Thankyou Tasman



Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop



Liam Russell – Bermagui SLSC

On the 15th of April this year I was fortunate enough to be able to represent the Far South Coast Branch (the best Branch in Australia) in Sydney alongside the other leaders from across NSW.

My time at YOMS was worth it, I was a little sceptical as I was the oldest one going and was afraid that would affect my time there. It didn't. Not only did I meet some of the most beautiful human beings going around but I also created friendships that will last a lifetime.

We were always kept busy and always engaging in activities whether being mentally challenged (how can we better the future of SLS Australia) and also physically challenging (laser tag, insane water slide and of course

bubble soccer but nothing a trip to the chiropractor didn't fix to re-align my spine back into place after giving out a few big hits and also receiving my fair share as well.)

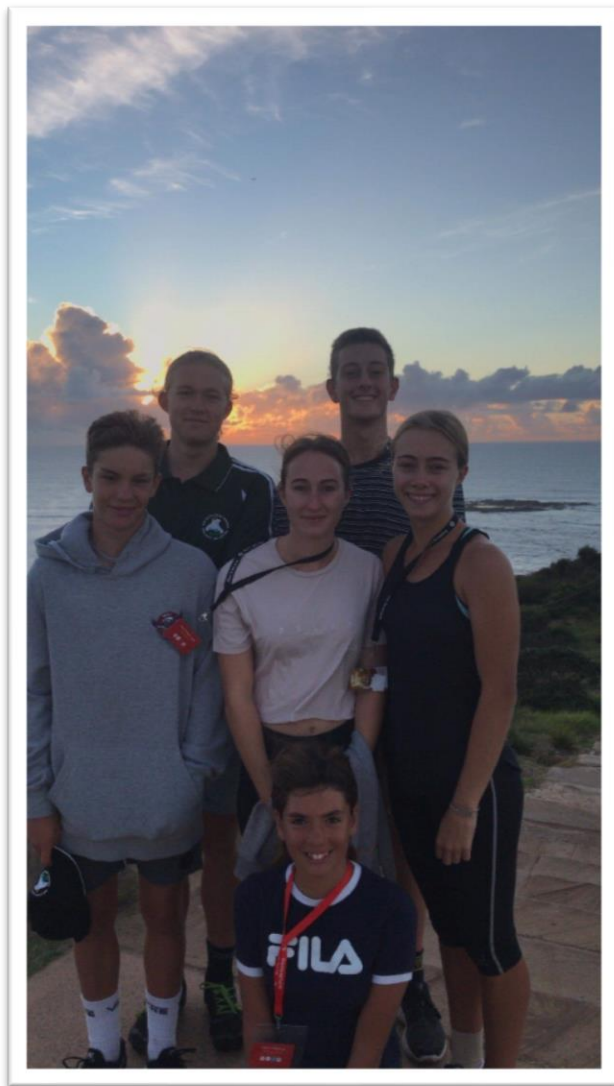
From the time we stepped off that plane to the time we hugged and said our goodbyes not once did I not enjoy my time at YOMS. The facility and facilitators were amazing, and no one was left out nor ignored, we were all valued members. In conclusion my time at YOMS was amazing and something I don't regret, I learnt so much about myself and how to become and better person and how I can influence and build not only in SLS but in life as well. For anyone thinking about entering I say give it a crack as it'll be a tonne of fun!



Jessie Campbell-Jones – Pambula SLSC

During the school holidays on the 15th to the 17th of April, I participated in a surf lifesaving program Youth Opportunity Makes. This program is a selective camp for 15 to 18 year olds across NSW who demonstrated leadership skills in there club and branch. There were 4 kids from Far South Coast Branch that got selected.

On the Monday we flew up to Sydney together and caught a bus to our camp in Collaroy. We began doing lots of team building skills and games to get to know one another. During the three days, we met CEO of SLS NSW Steve Pearce, he gave us an insight in what we will be seeing in a couple of years. Steve is really trying to push for us young kids to make a difference and to start getting into leadership roles as we are the future for surf lifesaving.



We also met CEO of Westpac Helicopters Steve. He was explaining to us the importance of standing up for what we believe in and just to give it a go. Both of the Steve's were giving us pointers on how to get past the surf club committees, yes we will have push backs but we shouldn't give up, the more we push the more likely we will get something done.

We did lots of first aid and rescue scenarios using radios and had a base which was meant to be Surf Com, we had to find objects only using instructions from surf com. We had first aid scenes with blood these people getting treated had life threatening injuries. We were trialling new types of rescue tubes that are used around the world. We had to trial them to see if it was easy for the public to use.

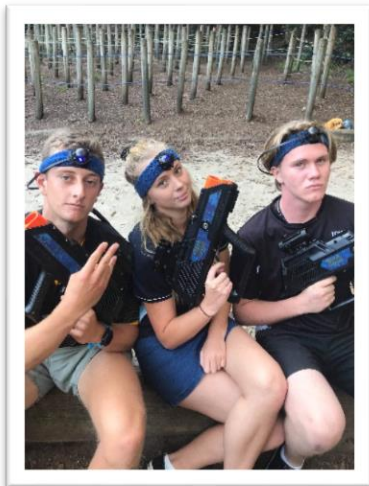
This camp was very fun and was a great insight in how to become a leader. It was educational in both leadership skills, first aid skills and making friends with other branches and sharing knowledge about surf lifesaving.

Darcy Coppin – Moruya SLSC

In the Autumn holidays myself and three other members from our branch travelled to the Northern Beaches in Sydney and participated in the Youth Opportunity Makers (YOM) camp. As a branch, we got the chance to fly from Moruya to Sydney through Rex Airlines.

Each day we participated in group team building activities, morning fitness and a beach session. Each person we met had some interesting stories to tell about themselves. We learnt some of the different pathways throughout Surf Life Saving. Lara Boyle came and shared her journey in SLS, Lara shared her achievements and goals both within the surf and beyond.

This camp is a great opportunity to grow further knowledge within Surf Life Saving. I was thrilled to have this opportunity and any person given the opportunity should take. This camp gave us many opportunities to meet new friends and possibly make life-long friendships. I look forward to speaking to my fellow peers within the branch and share my experience.



18-25 Development Networking Program 2018

In conjunction with SLSQ Leadership Excellence Program

Emma Prowse - Pambula SLSC & Ainslie Scully - Moruya

Earlier this season we had the privilege of representing SLSNSW at the 2018/2019 SLSQ Leadership Excellence Program held in Brisbane. The program was aimed at 18-30 year old members who were identified as being young leaders within their respective clubs, branches and states.

The theme of the program was 'own the unknown' and as participants we come together to participate in a wide range of 'unknown' professional and personal development sessions to prepare us for a variety of leadership roles within the SLS movement. We heard from a number of inspiring guest speakers from both within and outside the organisation, we were challenged physically at Enoggera Army Barracks and participated in complex disaster management scenarios. We were also provided with opportunities to network, not only with key contacts within SLSQ and SLSNSW, but also with other young members passionate about the SLS movement.

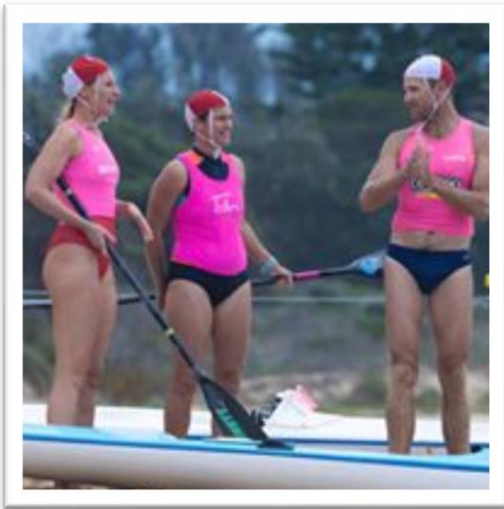
I can't recommend this program highly enough and would encourage anyone with the opportunity to apply in the future.



Director of Surf Sports Andrew Holt

This season we again tried several new innovations in our Far South Coast Branch carnivals trying to again increase attendances at our local carnivals. We held our Inaugural Enduro carnival at Batemans Bay and a Youth Colour carnival at Pambula and both received great reports. In addition, we kept our 1km beach run events included, and our attendances at FSC carnivals increased 10% overall on previous seasons, which was a great thing to see. Particularly when many other Branches are facing decreasing competitor numbers.

The first carnival of the season was held at Bermagui for our nippers. Despite very cold water, and some timing issues with new events, all competed well, demonstrating much bravery and determination. Unfortunately, the weather turned nasty and the carnival was cut short, with only half of some events completed and no team events being run. Thank to Bermagui Surf Club for hosting an eventful day under trying circumstances.



The next carnival was our Senior Enduro carnival hosted by Batemans Bay Surf Club. Many of our FSC long distance swimmers and paddlers took part in their first Branch carnival in many years. The sea fog made it difficult to see the turning cans way out at sea, but with a couple of RWCs and the Branch IRB on the course, the competitors weren't alone. Many backed up after their Masters events to compete again in the Open events. Most keen to see the event repeated next season. Thank you to Batemans Bay Surf Club who managed to capably host us even with an official gathering of politicians happening at the same time.

Our Far South Coast Branch Champion Surf Boat Crews were decided using the results from the Narooma round of the South Coast Boat Series in December. This was mainly due to the lack of any free weekends to run boat events. The calendar is becoming ever more crowded with each passing season. Two of our Champion crews went on to compete at Queenscliff in January at the NSW Best of the Best Interbranch Surfboats. Narooma had Reserve Men and Broulee had our Reserve Women. Along with four other drafted crews from North Cronulla, Mona Vale and Bilgola Clubs, all crews had a great day of competition and bonded well as a Branch Team.

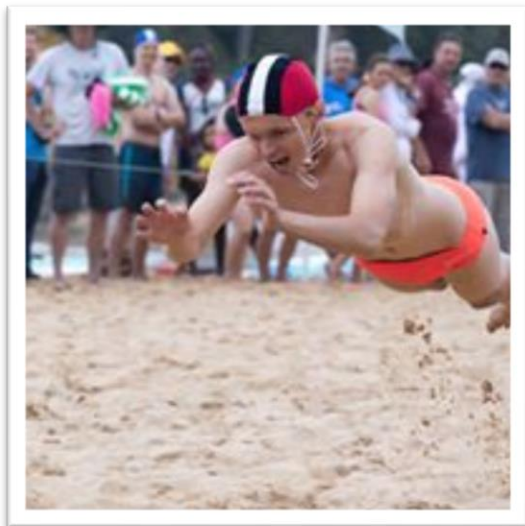
Our Far South Coast Interbranch Team travelled north in December to compete again with another wonderful weekend had by all. (See separate report).

Pambula hosted our Inaugural Youth Carnival on Australia Day in January. It was a Colour Carnival, which meant that no one competed



for their own Clubs but rather were all allocated into Coloured Teams. After many team events and a close team points finish, the U15s to U19s present all said they would definitely like to have another one next season. The event was set to coincide with the presentation of Don Hay's SLSNSW Life Membership, and all competitors stayed for the formalities afterwards and to bear witness to the amazing man Don Hay had been. He will be sorely missed in the Far South Coast.

Tathra Surf Club hosted our first combined carnival for the season along with a successful social event on the Saturday night. Pennants were presented to those winners from the day's competition, which was another first. Two Victorian Clubs (Lakes Entrance and Sea Spray) attended this weekend as well and added great competition to our events. Textbook weather conditions lasted all weekend with small surf waves, an inshore gutter and gentle rips either side of the sand bank. The board area was set up so that competitors could either take the rip out or take the sandbank out. A difficult decision for some. The agreeable weather enabled us to get ahead of the program and then include those team events that we had missed at the Bermagui carnival. The Junior board Relay was a big hit with U8 runners between each leg. Thanks, Tathra, for hosting a spectacular event.



Our Far South Coast Branch Championships combined carnivals were held late this year and hosted by Broulee Surfers Surf Club. The forecast from a week out had been terrible and things were not looking good. However, on the day, the expected rain and cold wind did not show up, much to everyone's relief. Conditions were again from the textbook with 21-degree water, light winds and an incoming tide. Again, the board paddlers had the choice of running the sandbank and then taking on the waves or going hard in the rip and catching the current straight to the cans. A tactical decision needed to be made. Broulee also hosted a popular Saturday night social

function, and the leftovers meant the Sunday BBQ on the beach had amazing gourmet chicken and salad cups and roast beef and gravy rolls. Thanks to Broulee for hosting a well-run event.

Both the Junior point score Dave Pheeney trophy and the Jack Beale Senior point score trophy were won by Broulee Surfers Surf Club this season.

The Branch had many competitors and boat crews representing their Clubs at the Sydney Water Series, NSW Country Championships, State Championships, Aussie Titles, and the World Titles, and some amazing results were achieved.



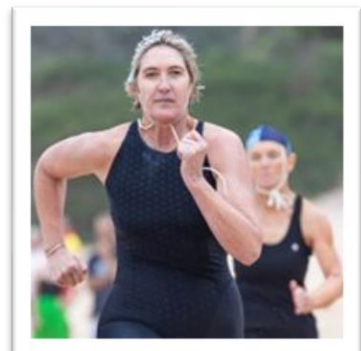
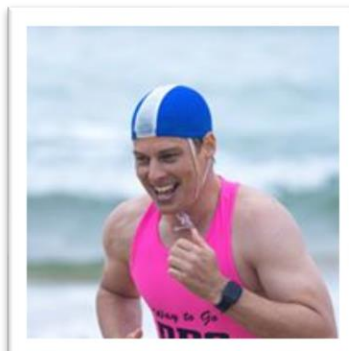
The whole Far South Coast Branch thanks the small band of Surf Sports Officials that make all the carnivals happen. Aply assisted by the Water Safety personnel, these volunteers make our competition possible and makes it safe. Glenn Bywater from Narooma was awarded the Surf Sports Official of the Year Award.

Our competitor of the year award went to Elli Beecham of Narooma for some awesome medals on the beach at all levels of competition.

Thanks to everyone for a successful season. Hopefully next year we can again increase our attendances and have even more members enjoying our FSC Surf Sports in 2019-2020.

Andrew Holt
Director of Surf Sports

Wendy Law
Assistant Director of Surf Sports



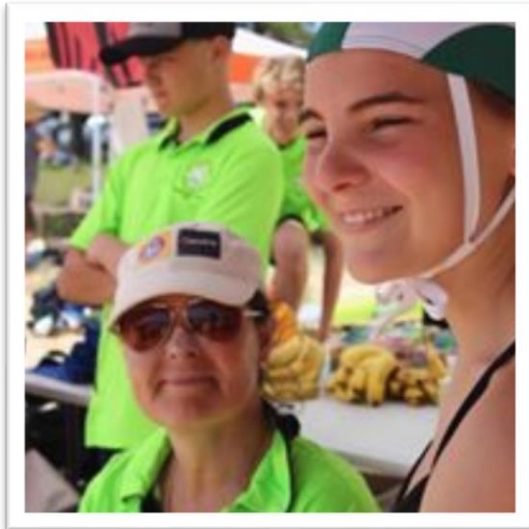
Assistant Director of Surf Sports Wendy Law

Interbranch 2018 – Black Head SLSC

This season Interbranch was held at Black Head SLSC near Forster and we sent a team of 33 athletes including 3 draftees. Sadly, two more team members had to withdraw on the day we left because of injury and illness. Tarni Evans injured her leg and Craig Senior came down with pneumonia. In addition, we had many adults accompany us to help in various capacities.

We had difficulty selecting our junior water competitors this time because the previous season we had ended up with very few Branch carnival water events running in actual surf conditions because of bad weather; events were instead relocated to still water venues. As a result, we held a trial/training day early in the season at Bermagui beach to try and find the best competitive team. Scott Elliott and Andrew Holt ran coaching

drills for those that could make it. Andrew was still recovering from leg surgery resplendent in black pressure stockings on the sand!



Breaking with tradition this year, we left a day early and had a full day to recover from the trip north, and train at the Black Head beach. Huge thanks go to Glenn Bywater and Fleur Constable for sourcing a sponsor for the team so that we could make this happen, while not making the weekend too costly for team members. Thanks also to Southern Phone for their support and the loan of their marquee for the event.

We stayed at Smugglers Cove at Forster and had down time on Friday after training with LaserTag and mini golf activities enjoyed by all.

Our draftees this year were Emily Maythers from North Cronulla (drafted for the 3rd time), Keaton Pollington from Terrigal and Tom Clancy from Cooks Hill. They all stayed the weekend with us and enjoyed our Far South Coast team fun. Keaton's family deserve a special mention (despite their car breaking down on the way up on the Thursday) they stayed and helped with just about everything from making lunches to packing the gear back into the bus every day.

Black Head beach conditions were kind both days and the whole team performed well and supported each other as they do every year.

We held onto 10th spot in the State ranking.
Some outstanding individual results;

- Patrick Broe (Pambula) 1st in U14 sprints
- Sophie Bolton (Moruya) 2nd U12 flags
- Elli Beecham (Narooma) 2nd U15 flags

- Geordie Kemp (Batemans Bay) 3rd U17 flags
- Luella Boulton (Tathra) 5th U17 flags (and competed in all water and beach events by herself again)

The Interbranch trip would not be possible each year without the dedicated parent helpers who step up to help.

Geoff Boulton (water safety and chaperone) Glenn Bywater (chaperone & official) Gab Stayte & Penny Blankenstein (chaperones & lunch makers) Shaun Jorgensen helped everywhere and chaperoned.

Nigel Constable & Troy & Kristy Beecham who towed the gear trailer and sorted packed and unpacked and packed and unpacked all the gear.



Brendan Constable spent hours handling boards on the water's edge both days, and helped coach and chaperoned.

Sophie's parents, Katrina Maguire & Steve Bolton grabbed the ice each day to keep everything cold and took some great team photos.

And lastly, Andrew Holt, our Team coach, for the training days, for logistics, for coaching, for directing our lost bus driver, and for spending 50 hours on the bus with kids all the way north and back again.

I know I said on that weekend that it was my last Interbranch trip ever, and I don't know whether it was the massive group hug as I left the beach on the Sunday or the fact that this coming year's event is so close to home (Bulli), but I have reconsidered and will be back to see one more year with this amazing team.



Interbranch Surfboats 2019 – Queenscliff SLSC



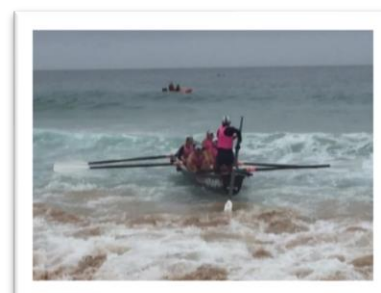
Team Polar Bear rocked the day at Queenscliff. Only two of our FSC Branch crews were able to make the trek to Queenscliff, but we were lucky enough to draft a few crews of note.

Team Captain Brendan Constable said that it was great to see the crews working together, getting boats from one alley to the next and to get the equipment on and off the beach at the end of the day

As Team Polar Bear's nominated Official for the day Sue Hunt was honoured with an invitation to read the Official's Oath, alongside Damien Daley from Queenscliff who read the Competitors oath.

FSC Branch Crews 2019

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| Open Men | North Cronulla Purds |
| Open Women | North Cronulla Blueys |
| Reserve Men | Narooma |
| Reserve Women | Broulee |
| U23 Women | Bilgola Rippers |
| U19 Men | Mona Vale Fluffy ducks |



Powercraft Captain Andrew Curven

Thanks to SLSNSW for the addition of a new Sea Doo GTX 155 this season. This brings us to a total of 6 RWCs across the Branch with three primary, one of which is based in Pambula and shared with Australian lifeguard services and 2 which are mostly used for training and additional water safety for events.



The new Sea Doo was run in at Bermagui and was found to have a left-hand bias that needed continued correcting, it has since been rectified and runs great although we have found it to be maybe a bit too long for shorter people to do water pickups as you need to swing and learn a lot further back to get the rescued onto the sled. This could be the source of a possible injury. The larger hull size is definitely

more comfortable in chop but in surf it may come down to personal preference, I personally prefer the smaller hulls. All up it's a great addition to our fleet of RWCs.

It's been a busy year for the RWCs and IRB all of which were used at our carnivals and water safety at various events across the Branch.

- Two RWCs and the IRB were used in a search in Eden in January for a missing man and were supported by IRBs from Pambula SLSC.
- One RWC was used in a joint training with Marine Rescue at Bithry Inlet joined by crews from Tathra and Bermagui in IRB's.
- Two RWCs and the IRB were used at the ALBERT program in Tathra and the IRB also went to ALBERT at Garie SLSC in Sydney Branch where I had the pleasure of flipping one IRB among the 11 that went over, luckily ours wasn't one of them.
- We had two RWCs in for major repairs this year one of which was due to improper wash down procedure.

At the moment all six and the IRB are fully operational. 2 RWCs are based in Broulee 1 in Bermagui and 2 in Pambula including the ALS ski and the other one is moved around based on what's going on in the Branch, currently it's also at Bermagui. The Branch IRB has been stationed north of the bridge in Batemans Bay for the majority of the season. It has been used on 4 call outs where the location meant it would clearly be the quickest powercraft to arrive. South Coast Branch also knows the location so can call on us when anything comes up in the southern end of their Branch.

I would like to see all RWC drivers attend the 2019 ALBERT program, there is a lot to learn from these guys and not just handling but maintenance as well. We need to encourage as many IRB drivers to attend as possible, it's a great program.

Thanks again to Tony Vella for our great training and I would also like to thank the late great Donnie Hay, Cheryl, Frank, Harley and Kieran for their help over the season.



Wambiri 2019 – Frank Davey

Sue Hunt had dinner on Sunday evening with Lara Boyle, presenter from Wambiri. Lara raved about the program stating that SNB does not have anything as awesome as Wambiri. She will be back next year, with participants. Nothing succeeds like success.

Last year's Far South Coast Wambiri Leadership Camp was a revelation. This year's Camp was beyond expectation with 64 participants in total, consisting of 42 Candidates and 22 Mentors. The mentors in this programme are returning candidates from the previous year.

The word "Wambiri" is an Indigenous term for "Seacoast" which we think is a most appropriate name for our Camp.

Our eternal gratitude goes out to the Pambula Surf Life Saving Club for the use of their facilities for the duration of the camp. This is our second year at this venue, the twenty third year of Wambiri overall. The previous camps were conducted at a venue in the neighbouring town of Tathra.

Pambula Surf Life Saving Club is constructed on two levels, which is most convenient for our accommodation purposes. The females, candidates and adults, are housed in the auditorium on the first floor where all the in-house events are held. The males, candidates and adults, are housed in the ground floor gymnasium area. All attendees are advised to come armed with bedrolls. The gymnasium floor is covered with soft fabric tiles.



We found that housing the attendees under these circumstances was most conducive to the candidates forming larger friendship groups, considering that the candidates come

from all SLS Clubs from the FSC Branch and from Mallacoota SLSC from North Eastern Victoria. This year we also had candidates from the Jindabyne Junior SLSC.

The weekend activities are now pretty much ingrained into the Wambiri Leadership Camp format, one which we find very successful. Arrivals are to be between 4pm and 6pm. Dinner is now the obligatory BBQ, then sweets. Following dinner, all are assembled in the auditorium and are welcomed by the Branch facilitators who explain how the weekend will work and what is expected of all attendees. As noted in the Camp Information folder, all mobile phones are handed in, well actually, they are collected. A number of familiarity games for the candidates are conducted, which are based around their communication skills. As a result, all candidates get to meet one another, to a greater or lesser degree, receive their number for the weekend and are placed in a Patrol. Each Patrol, under the guidance of a couple of mentors, is given four event beach patrol scenarios for which they are given an hour to solve. There is a very small prize for the best result. We were also impressed, in this outing, by a few of the candidates who showed remarkable leadership skills by taking up a petition to have the mobile phones returned. This, of course, was doomed to failure, but received a nod of commendation from the facilitators. Free time and into bed by 11:00 pm. All slept well after a bit of toing and froing.

Saturday morning all were well and truly up before 7:30 am for a hearty breakfast of cereal, bacon, eggs, and of course, baked beans, spaghetti and toast. 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 and how it operates. Lunch of salad, rolls and fruit, and then the task of transferring nearly seventy people from Pambula Beach to Merimbula's Magic Mountain for the Tree Climb Challenge, in the pouring rain. This task was accomplished with the use of the use private transport, as we did last year. This 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. All who undertake the Tree Climb Challenge must fill out a waiver which must be presented prior to the event itself. A bit more documentation to keep us honest. Thankfully the weather cleared during the Challenge, which was a bit of a bonus for us and the venue staff. We returned to the surf club by the means with which we came, for afternoon tea and a bit of free time for showers etc.

Our keynote speaker for the night was the most delightful Lara Boyle, a former Lifesaver of the Year. And what a great and interesting presentation she delivered on all things Lifesaving and the problems that might occur just living life and how some of these problems might be approached. Needless to say, Lara had plenty of work to do answering questions and talking generally on her presentation. Not only was she a great presenter, but Lara was pretty handy in helping out around the camp as well. We would have her back at any time. Lara's presentation was followed by the now obligatory Pizza dinner and movie night to top off an exciting and fulfilling day. Those who took some rocking the previous night needed none that night.

Sunday morning for a 7:30am breakfast, similar to that of the previous morning, found many of the candidates a little tardy in rising from their beds, but eventually all were up

and about. With breakfast completed the plan for the morning was to assist with the Pambula club's nipper programme, incorporating a number of water events. A section on Power Craft Awareness was extremely well received with all taking an active part.

A lot of tired people fronted up for an appetising lunch, then Certificates were presented to the Candidates, Mentors and Facilitators. All assisted with returning the club back to working order, the mobile phones were returned, the parents arrived, and everyone went home, with all but the drivers asleep before they reached the gate.

We look forward to a repeat performance next year.

Our Time at Wambiri 2019 –

By Colette and Emma (Canberra/Broulee Nippers Co-Captains),

Over the weekend of the 15th-17th March 2019, four of the Under 14 Canberra-Broulee Nippers including Emma and I departed for 'Wambiri', a two night camp all about developing our leadership and of course surf lifesaving skills. After participating as U13s last season we were Wambiri leaders this season. Judy Jensen kindly came with us as parent helper, and despite the pouring rain on day 1 we managed to have an amazing time, meeting so many new people from across the FSC Branch. The camp started with awkward icebreakers but ended with teary goodbyes.

Colette- My favourite part of the camp was mingling with other like-minded people from as far as the NSW-VIC border. I also loved the foam surf boards at Pambula Surf Club. They were a hot commodity with people waking up at the crack of dawn just to get one. I also enjoyed the Jet Ski ride but I really wish it had been longer, and doing the Tree Climb with friends was also super fun! Wambiri was awesome and I am really sad that I can't go back. But I recommend it to all nippers when they have the chance. It's a great experience.

Emma- My favourite part of the camp was how it presented me with the opportunity to connect with and get to know other people from around the branch, making friends that would last long after the camp. I also really enjoyed the Magic Mountain tree climb challenge, they opened the venue just for us because it was pouring rain, and it was a great bonding experience. We had the NSW Lifesaver of the Year from the previous season come to talk to us about motivation and overcoming challenges and topped it all off with making us all do the embarrassing "peel the banana" dance.



Pictured are (L to R) Harrison, Bella, Colette and Emma.

ALBERT 2018 – Tathra SLSC October 2018

Australian Life Boat Emergency Rescue Training..... better known as ALBERT, was a cracking weekend!!!

Potentially the most successful “all of Branch” program that we have enjoyed. 78 members of all ages and stages of their SLS journey converged on Tathra to upgrade skills and knowledge. Designed to improve all areas of rescue capability the program included;

- IRB Driver/Crew Skills
- Search and Rescue Management
- Rejuvenate IRB involvement
- Club Equipment & IRB Scrutineering
- Water Safety Supervisors
- Training the Trainers
- Shared knowledge and skills
- Promote Experienced Input
- Promote RWC & UAV
- Build confidence
- Make ready for new Patrol
- Search and Rescue Drills
- Venue Specific Drills



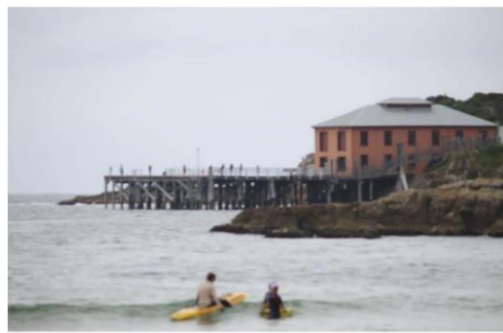
Thanks to the ALBERT team Mike Crawley, Robert Readman, Isabella Reinke, Matthew Saunders, Gilbert Olzomer, Damien Woods and Nixy and Ron Krite (Sydneyiders) for travelling from the top of the State to facilitate this weekend.

Due to the distances our members need to travel we quite often miss out on programs such as this, evident in the number that attended, so we must also thank SLS NSW for funding this program, giving FSC members the opportunity to participate in such a valuable learning experience.

Thank you Tathra SLSC for hosting us and to the Branch Committee for allowing us to have this opportunity, and to Jeff Brichacek who catered for the weekend, feeding the masses.

Everyone that attended had an absolute blast and we are looking forward to the 2019 programs return.





CLUB REPORTS

Batemans Bay Colin Knight – President

The 2018 – 2019 Season was a good one for the club in many ways.

At the AGM we filled every position, with decent numbers attending, it was good to see many regular faces taking on roles within the club.

Over the season the committee have again been a great support and together we have built up a stronger team, one which has guided the club through the current season and hopefully over the next few. Notable additions to the club during off season, were the installation of a Solar Power System, which has greatly reduced the clubs Greenhouse Footprint along with lowering the clubs electricity running needs, this was obtained through the Local Government Solar Communities Grant scheme, Thanks to SHASA (Southcoast Health and Sustainability Alliance) and MESA (Micro Energy Systems Australia) for helping put



together the application and doing the installation. We also completed our Disabled Access to the Southern side of the Club House; this has allowed those Members of the public with mobility restrictions easier access to the club and to the beach. This was made possible through the SR Grants Unit from the NSW Government. The project was completed with members of the club pulling together to get the works completed.

Patrols were maintained throughout the season with reasonable numbers, the running of 1 Bronze courses has helped us out by providing extra members, with some old members returning to the club we don't look too bad for next season.

Over this season the club members have contributed: 2,300 hrs on patrol, keeping safe 3,000 swimmers and 10,000 beach goers. Been involved in 10 rescues, 100 preventions and provide first aid 4 times, all occurring outside of the flagged area. All members of the club are very proud of what they have achieved, a successful and fatality free season at Malua Bay.

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 over the season. Thanks to Andrew Constance (Hon Member for Bega) and Matt Devane (Clyde Isuzu rep) for attending and helping present the clubs major awards.

Joel Doble took out Junior Life Saver, with 110 hrs on patrol and many other hours spent doing water safety and attending training courses, Joel showed everyone what commitment can achieve.

Vincenzo Fotia was awarded Rookie of the year in his first season as a Life Saver. A more enthusiastic member would be hard to find; he was so proud to receive his uniform after completing the Bronze course that he donned it straight away. With over 40Hrs of patrolling and water safety duties with nippers and for promoting the SLS movement at any chance he could take, Vincenzo was also awarded the Senior Lifesaver of the year.



Nippers has seen a drop in numbers this season, however the commitment shown by

Nicky and Russel Alan 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.



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.

This season the club hosted the first Senior Carnival for the year, this one was going to be a bit different, with all events being held over endurance distances. The surf conditions on the day certainly made things challenging, with 1.5 – 2m swell, every competitor was pushed, some to their limits. All that attended enjoyed the day, and thanks must be sent to all officials, who throughout the year volunteer their time to set-up and run all carnivals hear on the FSC.



Senior completion wise our little club has excelled, especially with boat crews,

Masters Women: 180 – Tracy Innes, Barb Van Luin, Danielle Heron, Megan Duros – Sweep Neil Innes

- State 180 Masters Gold
- ASRL 180 Masters Gold
- ASRL Reserves Bronze
- Aussies 180 Masters Silver
- World Titles 180 Masters Gold
- World Titles Reserves 4th

Open Men's – Wayne Copin, Corey Jackson, Aaron Jackson, Luke Price, Sam Funch– Sweep Neil Innes

- Aussies Silver
- State Silver
- ASRL Silver

Neil Innes as sweep, has made the last 6 consecutive years at Aussies, He has made 5 Open Men's finals in that time and won 4 medals 1 Gold, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze. Over the

years that Neil has been sweeping for Batemans Bay he has amassed 17 medals at Aussies, covering: Master's and Open divisions. This is a fantastic effort in any Surf Sport discipline, not to mention any sporting activity, to be competing at that level for that long is simply brilliant. The whole club is super proud of what Neil has achieved and hope he has a few more years left in him.

Dial Before You Dig, have again this season helped support the rowers with sponsorship, their ongoing support is invaluable.



Batemans Bay club "Call Out" Team have carried out many, out of hours rescues and searches this season, not all ending well, they have all been the go to team for the northern end of our Branch and have always carried out their extra duties with care, dedication and a passion for helping others in need. Members of the call out team were thanked for their commitment at Parliament house earlier this season for their assistance during an incident at Moruya Bar along with members of Broulee and Moruya SLS clubs.

As the club had competitors at Country's, State, Aussies and Worlds this season we would like to thank all of the sponsors who have helped support and promote SLSNSW and SLSA throughout the season.



The 2018-2019 year has been another very successful season for our club. The Club managed to successfully meet our patrolling commitments, run a successful nippers programme, be successful in surf sports and have a good time whilst doing all these activities.

The club also celebrated its 40th anniversary. Celebrations were held on the 17th and 18th of May. Many of the original members and their supporters were able to attend the celebrations and the tales of their trials and efforts in setting up the club were great to hear. It was also important to recognise the role of the Broulee Board Riders in establishing our Club. This is where the Broulee Surfers SLSC name comes from.

Patrols

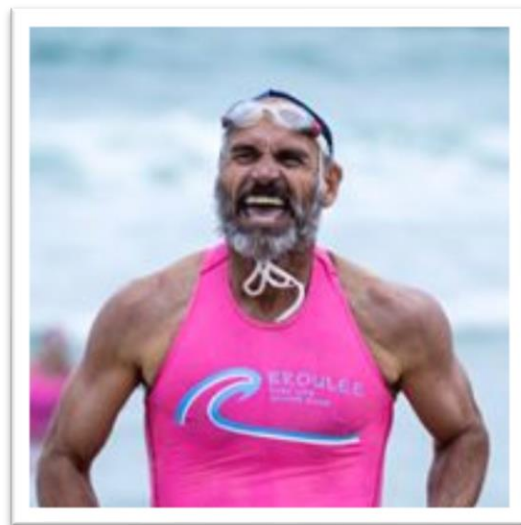
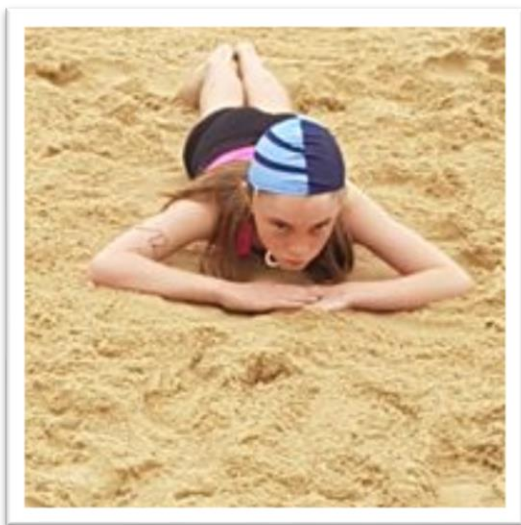
This year we had 175 patrolling members. Over 25,000 people visited our beach during our patrolling hours. Our members conducted 187 preventative actions, 18 rescues, 30 first aids and 12 marine stings. Fortunately, we were again fatality free for another year. In addition to rostered patrols, several emergency call outs were also responded to. I thank all patrollers for freely giving their time, skill and knowledge. I also thank them for the professional manner in which they have all conducted themselves whilst on patrol. It is important to note that 34 members attained 100% patroller status this year. This included several who have attained greater than 5 years as 100% patrollers.

Membership

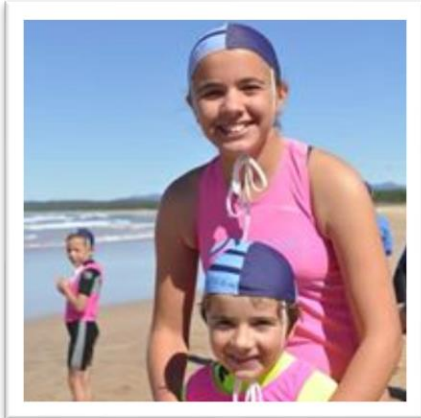
We continue to be a very big club. We have a total of 639 members which includes 175 patrolling members and 259 Nippers. We are fortunate that our Canberra based membership continues to grow and their contributions to all aspects of our club are significant and much appreciated. I think the distinction between Canberra based and locally based members has become less, and we operate as one united, cohesive unit.

Trainers and Assessors

awards Trainers and assessors are responsible for annual proficiencies and the delivery of new to our members. Without these people, the club would simply not have people capable of patrolling our beach. There were 638 proficiencies which included 122 bronze medallion proficiencies and 339 Nipper swims. There were 593 new awards



which included 238 age awards, 54 coach and official units, 13 new Bronze medallions and 12 SRCs. We also had 12 IRB crew and 9 IRB driver new awards. The Club thanks Mick Lambert, Peter Halpin, Gary Pettigrove and James Flick for their hard work and professionalism.



Nippers

It has been great seeing our Nippers on the beach with parents, water safety and age managers. Everyone seems to have a great time and the skills both on the sand and in the water are fantastic. Many nippers have better skills than many of our older members. Scott and Simone Elliott have been our Nipper coordinators for many years and have run the program with great skill and success. They always seemed calm and in complete control. The club thanks them for the huge effort they have put into our Nippers. They have now passed on this role to Jason Domeny who is doing a great job. I would also thank Steve Corcoran and his committee who have continued to coordinate the Canberra Broulee Nippers group.



Surf Sports

It might be a bit early, but I think our club may have got the Branch silver back. The Jack Beale trophy for seniors and the Dave Pheeney Trophy for the Nippers hopefully will be in our cabinet after June. It was great to see so many Broulee caps at the recent Branch carnival held on our beach. It showed a big commitment by many of the members.



In addition, the Canberra based rowers had a great year. The Capitals women gained gold in the 120 category and the Vets gold in the 160s. The open women's crew won the South Coast Boat Series as did the Vets men's crew and Vets women's crew. At the ASRL the Vets women won silver and at Aussies masters the Vet women came 4th. At FSC branch championships The Capitals open women were first, The Vets women first and the Vet men were second.

Hotondo Homes Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim

The eighth annual ocean swim attracted a record number of 413 entries. The event had perfect conditions and it was a great success. It is an important event as it is a major fund raiser, a great community event and it also allows the club to work in conjunction with the local community association. Many thanks to the organising committee once again ably chaired by Gary Pettigrove. Thanks also go to Hotondo Homes and Darren Phillips for their continued support of the event.

Sunday Swim

The summer Sunday swim series was again popular and successful. It was well supported with a large number of participants all competing strongly. Cherise Walker

once again was the time keeper, handicapper and organiser. Again, she has done a great job.

Grants and Extensions

Once again, the club was successful in gaining a Surf Clubs Facility Grant for \$350,000. This will enable the stage 2 extension to commence. We were also successful in a \$4,000 Dept of Family and Housing Grant to properly fit out our office. Our grant writer Claire Forbes and Wendy Law are to be congratulated for their successful application writing.

Club Committee

A successful club is the result of dedicated members and also a strong committee. They take responsibility for various aspects of the club's running and also contribute to overall decision making. They all contribute knowledge, wisdom and many hours of hard work. I wish to thank all members and acknowledge their contributions.

The following people have performed the most essential roles in our club.

1. Wendy Law who is our secretary and chief organiser. She is involved in almost every aspect of the club's operation. She contributes huge amounts of time and has an incredible knowledge of all things to do with surf lifesaving.
2. Lynda McKay who has once again been a fantastic treasurer.
3. Andrew Mizzi and Kirsty Campbell who have been joint club captains. They have taken responsibility for organising and overseeing the running of patrols and call out team.
4. Gary Pettigrove has contributed as vice president, chair of the ocean swim committee, coach and trainer/assessor.

General Helpers

There are a number of people who quietly get things done around the club. This may be refuelling IRBs, organising repairs to equipment and our buildings, running the bar, cooking BBQs, organising deliveries of food and alcohol etc. The list goes on. The Club thanks all those people for their contributions.

This has been my seventh year as president. It has been a great pleasure to work with so many dedicated people and to see the club grow and be successful.

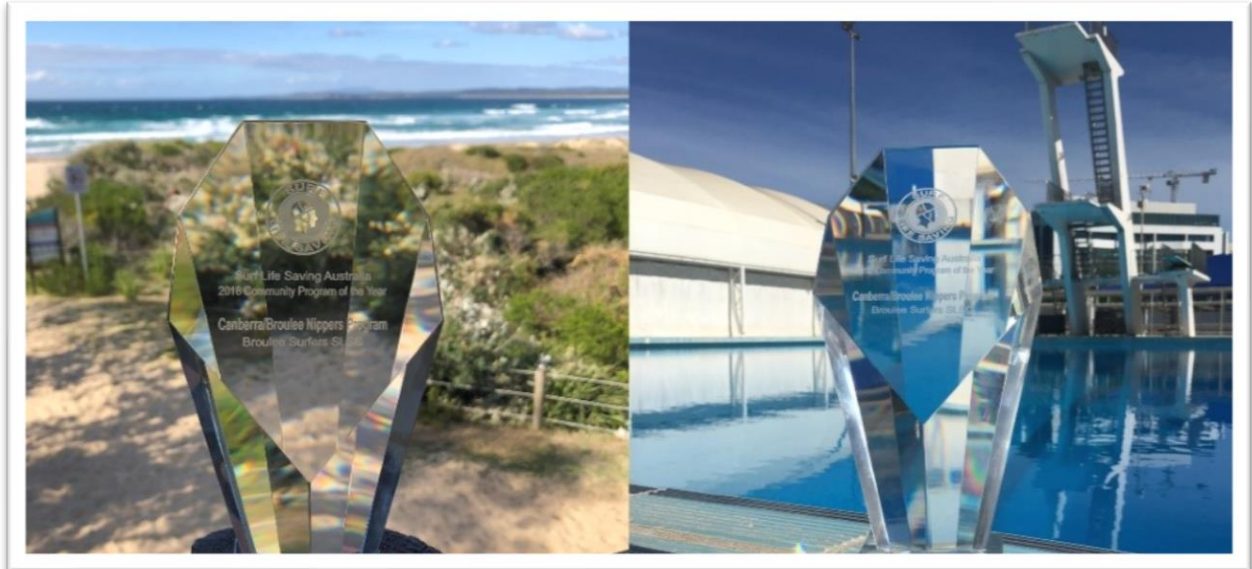
Thank you all for your support.

Allan Veness



Canberra Broulee Nippers Stephen Corcoran

The 2018-19 season was a great year, both 'on and off the field' for the Club's Canberra/Broulee Nippers (CBN) program. The Club was awarded the SLS NSW state award and SLSA national education award for community program of the year. Well done to all involved!



This year 131 nippers from 77 families registered, training mostly at Canberra Olympic Pool, with every third week at Broulee or a carnival. Participation at the beach was excellent this season with 49 CBN joining another 49 Broulee-based nippers to enter the Branch Championships at Broulee in April 2019.

The CBN parents and Under 14 SRCs formed a new patrol team (Patrol 2) for the 2018-19 season, patrolling on a Saturday, followed by nippers on a Sunday before returning to Canberra. This was a valuable addition to the program, to put the training into practice and to gain patrol experience.

The CBN subcommittee would like to thank Wendy and Dave Law, Jason Domeny, John Papadimitriou, Kirsty Campbell, Andrew Mizzi, all the Broulee-based Age Managers and Water Safety, Dr Sarah Merefield, Dan and Jacy Harding, James Flick and Sean Hendry for delivering a great season and showing us the ropes at nippers and on patrol.



CBN was fortunate to have generous sponsors Capital Chemist, Nikias Diamond, AusCERT Building Certifiers and The Dock restaurant, and many other individuals and businesses providing equipment, accommodation discounts and services. With their generous support, and a grant from the ACT Government, we have been able to ensure the nippers and BM/SRC trainees have the correct equipment to train with, and to cover the cost of pool hire, team hoodies and essential equipment.

During the season the emphasis was on putting the training into practice – both at carnivals and on patrol. An example was when one of our nippers, Xade Borwick, was at a pool in Tuggeranong with his family, when he rescued a toddler that had fallen into a corner of the pool that was out of sight of lifeguards. Xade demonstrated quick thinking and it resulted in a good outcome.

Training

Well done to CBN parents, nippers and older siblings who completed courses in the 2018-19 season:

- Silver Medallion: Steve Corcoran, Matt Cox, Judy Jensen, Grant Mason
- Advanced Resuscitation: Judy Jensen
- Bronze Medallion: Josh Cox, Matt Cox, Matt Kendall, Greg Leach, Katrina Leach, Kelly Lance, Grant Mason
- SRC: Harrison Biddell, Bella Laverock, Lily Mackay, Colette Paterson, Ann Kristin Raymer
- Age Manager award: Kathryn Andrewartha, Marcel Andrewartha, Jennie Armstrong, Paul Barnes, Renee Cox, Caitlin Fillingham, Yvonne Gonzalez, Angela Hughes, Matt Kendall, Katrina Leach, Ben Mosely, Jen and David Robertson, Mahdi Turner, Yvonne Soper, Richard Szymanski
- CBN Co-Captains for 2018-19: Emma Corcoran and Colette Paterson.



Thanks to the CBN sub-committee members that helped to organise the season: Steve Corcoran (chair) Wendy Law, Judy Jensen, Louise Youngman, Brad van Dam, Dimitri Nikias, Matt Cox, Renee Cox, Jennie Armstrong, Greg Leach, Mahdi Turner, Sarah Hawkins, Ian Laverock, Renata Bridgeman, Evan Soper, Meagan Ferrero and Vanessa Lynch.



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

Carnivals & Camps

The strong attendance, brave efforts and positive attitudes of our nippers was awesome to see – skills and confidence in the surf are improving every season, with CBN contributing valuable points to help ensure the return of the Dave Pheeneey Trophy to the Broulee cabinet. Thanks to the Broulee team for showing us the way, for help with transporting boards and organising teams.

Four of our Under 14 nippers, Harrison Biddell, Emma Corcoran, Bella Laverock and Colette Paterson attended the Wambiri leadership camp at Pambula

SLSC, where they rode jet skis, did a tree climbing challenge and met young life savers from other clubs – a great experience and something for the Under 13s to look forward to next season. Thanks to Judy Jensen for being a parent mentor at Wambiri. The nippers enjoyed an inspiring visit from Capital Chemist ambassador, Rio gold medallist para athlete Scott Reardon.

Nipper awards

Nipper awards are based on a combination of points earned through competition 'points days' at the pool, FSC carnivals and attendance. Under 9s and above are competitive, while Under 7 and 8 age groups are non-competitive. Congratulations to all on a terrific season!

2018-19 Canberra/ Broulee Nippers	Age Champion	Runner Up	Encouragement Award
Under 14 Male	Harrison Biddell		
Under 14 Female	Emma Corcoran	Colette Paterson Lily Mackay	Bella Laverock
Under 13 Male			Luke Kendall Jeremy Hughes
Under 13 Female			Oline Raymer
Under 12 Male	Ben Soper	Blake Biddell	Cameron Cox
Under 12 Female	Kate Corcoran	Ruby Clark	Zara Turner Holly Mackay Jessica Hoffmann
Under 11 Male	Joshua van Dam	Aiden Mosely	Oliver Taylor
Under 11 Female	Sofia Szymanski	Amelia Kolano	Annalise Hammond
Under 10 Male	Dylan Num	Patrick Clark	
Under 10 Female	Sarah Leach Chloe Turner	Belle Andrewartha	Chloe van Dam Madison Hammond Sophie Taylor
Under 9 Male	Alexander Fillingham	Charlie Cecere	Levi Elliot
Under 9 Female	Olivia Ferrero	Lara Barnes	Isabella Armstrong Audrey Hawkins

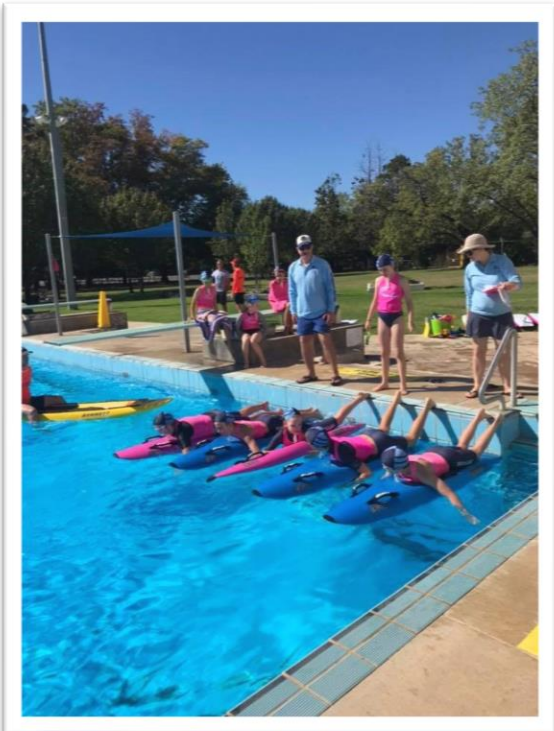


Far South Coast Branch medals

Several CBNs were overall branch champion in an event (aggregate across the three carnivals): Lara Barnes, Emma Corcoran, Kate Corcoran, Olivia Ferrero, Lily Mackay, Zara Turner and Madison Hammond.

Finally, to cap off the season we organised a pool rescue training day with SLS NSW coach Sean Hendry, and local pool rescue experts Dan and Jacy Harding, a great opportunity for members of FSC clubs to learn about pool rescue competition.

Well done to all on a great season, look forward to seeing you in 2019-20!



Once again it is with great pleasure that I present to you my report for the 2018-19 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.

I would like to also thank all our committee members for your tireless efforts throughout a very long season. I have openly shared my view that a new generation needs to steer the club into the future and I believe we have achieved that goal. The unity displayed at last year's AGM has forged a very strong bond amongst the current committee that I hope will continue well past my tenure as President. With this said, there is always room for more help. It takes many people to make a club successful and to share the load we are establishing a Nippers/Junior Activities committee for the 2019'20 season. If you are available to help please email Amanda Stafford. Email: landastafford@yahoo.com.au. The quality time you spend with your children will forge lifelong memories.



I believe that the strength of any organisation can be measured by how much they enjoy spending time with each other. I also believe that a Surf Club can best serve the community when it has a balance of dedicated competitors and experienced patrolling members. While our numbers at carnivals are not huge, they are growing and I thank the efforts of Andrew Scully and his band of merry people who have trained and competed this year. I would also like to congratulate Samuel and James Jenkins, Mikko Rhee, Ava Weymans, Riley Stafford and Sophie Bolton who were selected to represent the Far South Coast Branch at the NSW Interbranch Carnival held at Blackhead Beach on the mid-north coast. Exposure to competition at this level is invaluable and the friendships made are for life.

I would also like to make mention of the amazing achievements by our U19 and U23 crews competing against the best in the country at the Australian Titles on the Gold Coast. By all reports you rowed extremely well and congratulations to all of you who trained hard all season. A massive thankyou to all the families and supporters who help make the season such a success.

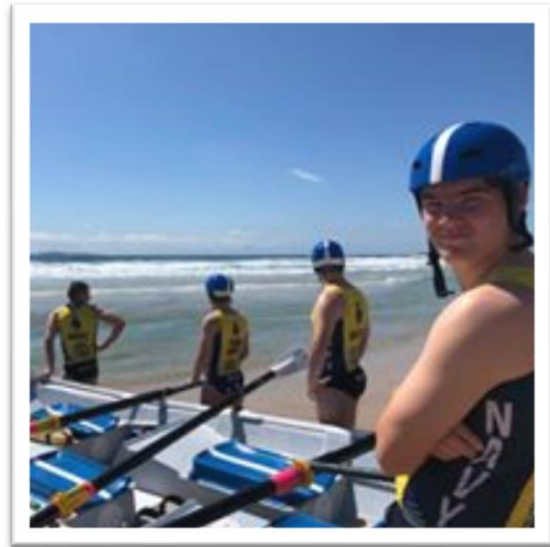
Congratulations to all the nipper award recipients and the following senior award recipients, presented at our End of Season presentation party.

- Club Beach Champion: Darcy Coppin
- Club Surf Champion: Riley Stafford
- Crew of the Year: U23s Bert Hunt, Jarrod Bloomfield, Gavin Olive, Peter Wheatley
- Club Champion: U23 Surf boat crew
- Dave Pheeny Scholarship: Maddie Bolton

- Club Captain's Award: Ryley Spoelder-Hanlon
- President's Award: Wayne Foster
- Club Person of the Year: Amanda Stafford

Our club was well represented at Wambiri this year. This experience is a vital link for the transition from Nippers into the Senior Club and I thank Ruby Coppin for the following update of the time spent at camp this year:

Wambiri (update provided by Ruby Coppin on behalf of the Moruya Wambiri crew) Last weekend (15-17 March 2019) 10 of the U13 and U14s went down to Pambula to attend the Wambirri leadership camp. We did a range of activities including; the magic mountain tree climb, helped out with the Pambula nippers on Sunday morning, a range of different team building activities and of course had heaps of fun riding boards and swimming in the surf. We would like to give a big thanks to Scott McLeod for driving us all down, we are all so appreciative and thanks for putting up with our loud voices and songs.



Once again, our Special Nippers Program highlights the dedication and care provided by a wonderful group of volunteers. This program is outstanding and the opportunities and experiences that you provide for the participants are unmeasurable. Thank you to Mike and Bridie for your dedication to this truly amazing program

Over the years our club has had some very special people who put in major efforts to develop and keep the club on a strong course. At the start of this season the Moruya SLSC received the very sad news that Ron Chesher, a giant within the Moruya Community and the lifesaving movement, had passed away.

Ron was a WWII Digger, serving his country in New Guinea. He was a staunch RSL and Rotary member but always he was a backbone member of our surf club. After WWII, Ron was the first President when the club was reformed in 1947, a position he held with drive and dignity for some 30 years. He was, at various times, Branch Superintendent and Branch President. Such was the respect he commanded at every level of SLS, he has been honoured with Life Membership of Moruya SLSC, Far South Coast Branch, NSW SLS and SLSA, a feat few achieve.

In July 2017, a gathering of past and present Moruya Surf Club Members as well as a number of Rotary Club Members, family and friends, joined Ron (Mr. Big) to celebrate his 70 Years Membership of MSLSC. At every opportunity he would talk about our surf club with a keen interest to its workings and future. We were also there to witness the presentation of the Inaugural Distinguished Service Award presented to Heather Chesher for all her years of dedicated work for the Club but, more importantly, her many years of being Ron's backup and support in his Surf Lifesaving work. I take this opportunity to thank Life Member Max Hogno for arranging this celebration for Mr Big.

We pay our respects to Ron's wife Heather, who has been his staunch life supporter and Janelle and Peter their children who have done so much to support their father in his final travels.

Vale Ron Chesher, you have been a wonderful leader and servant of the Moruya Surf Club and the Far South Coast Branch.

It was also with great sadness that we informed members of the passing of Keith Pickett.

Keith was a club Life Member, a past President and member extraordinaire, giving his whole adult life to surf lifesaving at both club and branch levels, firstly as a competitor and also as an official. If you have lived or passed through Moruya at any time in your life, you met Keith and knew that if you passed the Keith test, you could stay and be welcome. The club's thoughts are with Gillian, Wayne, Patria and Keith's grandchildren.

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.



As another season ends, the stark realisation that a new season is hurtling towards us is both frightening and exciting. With a new patrol agreement to be signed, we are once again given the opportunity to serve the community we all love and care for. While there is still work to be done to secure what we believe to be the most beneficial agreement for the club and the general public, we are close. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the FSC Branch Committee both past and present for your assistance with this agreement. I would also like to thank Bert Hunt for his tireless efforts working behind the scenes to secure suitable beach access at Shelly Beach. Your dedication to ensure quick access for rescue craft is available, should the need arise, is very much appreciated.



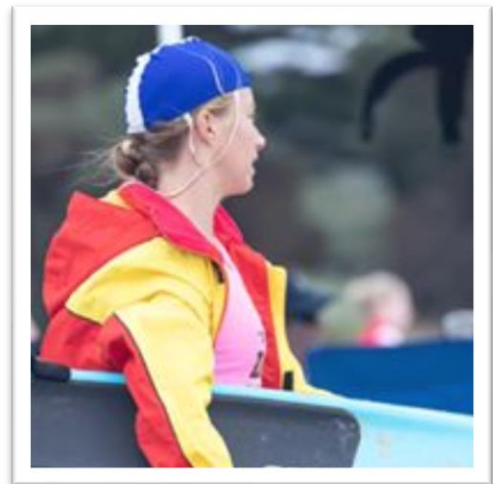
We have experienced a number of significant initiatives that have been implemented this season at Club and Branch Level. These initiatives are designed around keeping our younger members engaged in our wonderful organisation. By all reports the Branch 15-18 youth power craft awareness day, held on our very own beach, was a huge success and is a certain starter on this season's calendar as was the Branch Youth Carnival.

I thank Wayne Foster and Mike Hallahan for their dedication in ensuring all our training requirements are being met and encourage all members to continue to gain additional awards (ARTC, Silver Medallion, IRB Crew or Drivers Certificate) to spread the workload amongst our patrolling members. Congratulations to Ned and Ryley for achieving their gold and silver medallions, respectively.

As they say in the classics, money makes the world go round, and a Surf Club is no different. To all the members who have assisted with our many fundraisers, be it parking cars at the races, rattling tins at the markets, ensuring that our Fun Runners are safe and well or keeping our sippers hydrated, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I would also like to thank and acknowledge the follow sponsors of the club and Surf Life Saving in general.

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.

Support and donations have also been received from many businesses and organisations including **Camerons H Hardware, Southern Phone, IMB Foundation, Moruya Chamber of Commerce, Moruya Rotary and Moruya Lions**. The assistance of **Eurobodalla Shire Council** is also acknowledged and appreciated.



We must also remember that our National and State bodies have been responsible for procuring major corporate sponsors that assists all surf clubs.

- **DHL** - subsidise our patrol shirts
- **Westpac** for their significant sponsorship towards the **Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Service**, the oldest civilian search and rescue service in Australia
- **ClubsNSW**

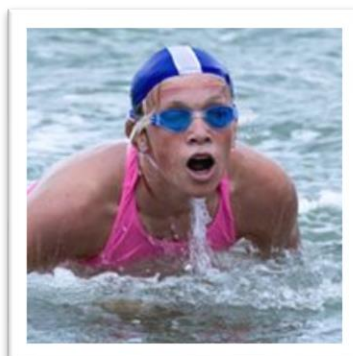
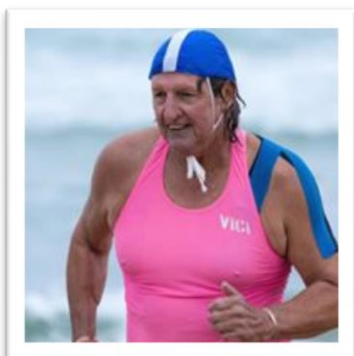
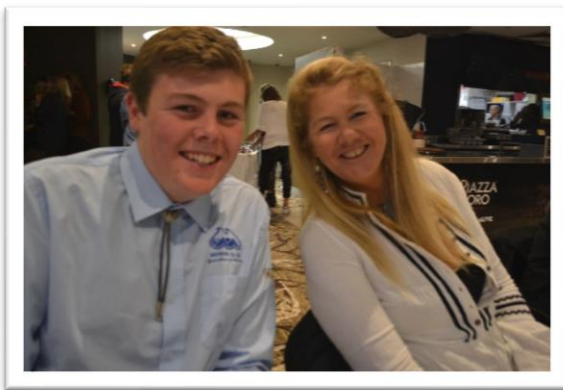
- Surf Life Saving NSW (SLSNSW) & Surf Lifesaving Foundation once again distributed to Moruya SLSC funds from the Guardians of the Surf raffle.



In the closing paragraphs of my report last year, I spoke of how the 2017-18 Season had provided so much tragedy for so many people. I highlighted how the lifesaving movement continued to look after their respective communities without hesitation. It was this caring attitude that enabled the Far South Coast Branch to be awarded, NSW Services Team of the Year - Tathra, Pambula & Bermagui Bushfire Response, SLS NSW Rescue of the Year - Moruya, Broulee and Batemans Bay Support Operations and SLS NSW Branch of the Year.

I highlight these tough times experienced last season as a means to show that we are at our strongest in times of adversity. I also highlight these times as a reminder that sometimes all is not as it seems and we need to make sure that we are checking on each other on a regular basis. We sometimes operate in a highly stressful environment and it's important that all members are aware that there is support available if required.

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.



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

Another season has flown by and before we know it another one will start. As I do each year I would like to start by acknowledging the tireless work of the Branch lead by President Tony Rettke along with Sue Hunt, Wendy Law, Alan Veness and this year Cheryl McCarthy. At a Club level most members do not see the enormous work done behind the scenes in order to make our job easier. These guys ensure that our Branch and Clubs are operational, compliant and well supported season in and season out and on behalf of the entire Narooma club I acknowledge and say thank you to them.



Patrols:

I would like to acknowledge at both our Club and a Branch level the time given by our patrol members throughout the season. As with each year we ask them to give up large amounts of their weekends and public holidays to ensure our beach remains safe and fatality free. Our members do this job admirably. Our priority remains as it 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 Nigel Constable, Female Patroller of the Year Ayrton Patmore, our Male Junior Patroller of the Year Aiden Miles and our Female Junior Patroller of the Year Elli Beecham. Thank you to our patrol captains and especially our Club Captain Troy Beecham who took on the role this year. For the main, our patrols were very well supported in number. Looking forward to next season we will need to complete some pre-season training courses to balance out patrols and hopefully even create another entire patrol which would take the pressure off everyone with less days required for the season.

Thank you to my training officers Wayne Mulavey, Steve Dobbo, Chris Young and Graeme Sawyer 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. The initiative this season to get Ambulance NSW involved in training was extremely well received and Craig Potts the station officer is very keen to again be involved next season.

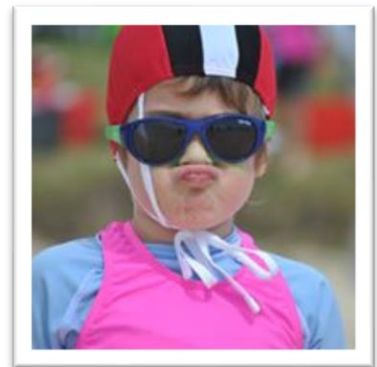
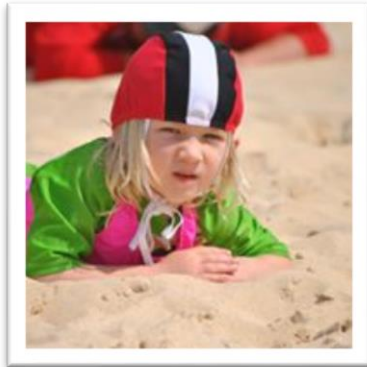
Nippers:

Our nipper program was taken over by Kristy Beecham along with a team beside her and the enthusiasm and energy was as good as ever. Implementation of new ideas was

well received and attendance numbers were very good. The move of Friday night board training back to our beach and club was a great decision but could not have been successful if it was not for the outstanding support of members and parents to ensure that water safety was available and also due to the skill level our nippers have developed over recent seasons. Skills again really improved from commencement in November until completion in late March and the effort of Brendan and Nigel Constable in particular must be acknowledged.

Our Nipper of the Year at our annual presentation afternoon was Jorge Constable. Yes, another year and another Constable coming through the ranks. Just like Halle the year before, Jorge has a fantastic attitude and enthusiasm for surf lifesaving and there is going to be great things ahead in the future for him.

Congratulations to all those that won club and branch medals and to all of those who competed and were a part of nippers this year whether you attended nippers only or joined our club at the carnivals. While winning competitions is fantastic 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.



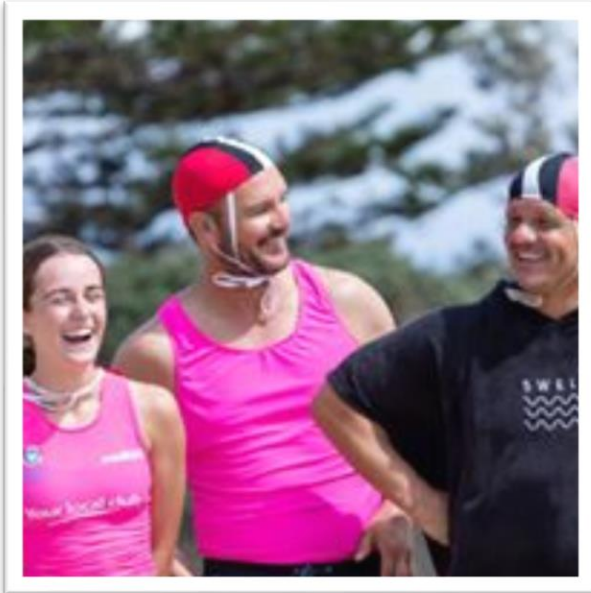
Around the club:

Narooma held the FSC branch surf boat championship in conjunction with the Warilla Bowls Surfboat Championship round in early December. It was awesome to see 30 crews attend the carnival and boy did our beach put on a display. What started out mild and meek at

dawn turned into a smashing on the sand bar by lunch time with some spectacular action. It was a great turnout and we were very proud to put it on.

Finally, after 4 years of planning, approvals, funding and construction we have our new emergency building which is used for our ATV, IRB's and gear trailer. It provides us now with the opportunity to redesign the downstairs of the club house into a far safer and more practical workspace for all of our skis, boards and nipper equipment.

A new IRB was purchased at the start of the season with the help of Narooma Golf Club and Club Narooma who both contributed \$5000.00 towards the purchase. We also purchased a new ATV with great assistance from Geoff and Sue-Ann Newton at South Coast Outdoor Products.



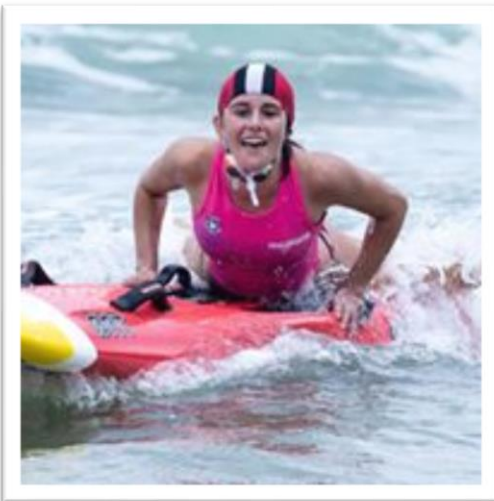
Our Club Person of the Year was awarded to Troy Beecham at our senior awards night in May. The president's award was given to the Beecham Family. They are very deserving winners with all the work they did this season. Kristy and Troy are both committee members as well as Club Captain, Nippers Co-ordinator, patrollers (including Elli) and of course both Troy and Elli compete (though only one of them stands out as an exceptional talent).

Elli was recognized at the Branch awards in June for here outstanding athletic ability along with Aiden Miles and also acknowledged was Glenn Bywater as the official of the year.

Our hardworking committee including Ella, Jon, Gilly, Paul, Brendan, Dobbo, Geoff, Leanne and Brendo did another excellent job this year along with a lot of other people just like in all clubs.

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.



2018-19 has been another banner year!! We have had steady growth and improvement across most areas of the club and it is such an honour to be involved with this team. Our membership continues to be solid and I'm most impressed, not as much by the numbers but more by the culture that everyone is willingly embracing the credo, "the beach is for everyone" and "our club is a fun place to be". I'd like to start by thanking everyone who has been involved this year. We have a really amazing team!! We continue to have participation from individuals who do not possess a Bronze Medallion and do not patrol but contribute their particular skill sets to the betterment of our club. I'd also like to thank the team at Far South Coast Branch who support us in so many ways.

Our Team

All the committee roles were filled again this year and we've continued to increase the number of people who are on committee which means that fewer members are filling multiple roles. It is a very strong committee that brings a lot of experience, new ideas and a spirit of cooperation. Although we may not always agree on every new idea or initiative we have a healthy debate and come to consensus to move the club along in a positive way.



There are a few people I'd like to acknowledge in particular. Andrew (Lobba) Curven (Club Captain) and Rachel Wallbank (Same Wave Program coordinator) for the work they do. They continue to go above and beyond to raise our club's profile in our community and beyond. Andrew also contributes to the FSC Branch as Power Craft Coordinator. Robert Johnson has continued on from his amazing contributions from last year. His monetary contribution to the club through bottle and can round-up and recycling now sits in excess of \$17,000.00. Combined with the time he volunteers through patrol, Nippers water safety, Same Wave volunteer and handyman,

doing repairs and maintenance around the club he sets the standard for club service. Cheryl McCarthy continues to do an amazing job of keeping us all motivated and organised, all while filling roles at FSC Branch and State. She is also one of the driving forces behind innovative and collaborative work with other agencies such as Marine Rescue. We are so lucky to have her and she is an inspiration to us all. Thank you all for your exemplary work!!

We have had close to 10,000 visitors to our beach this year and our team has done a great job keeping everyone safe. Our preventions have increased and we've seen a resultant drop in rescues to 1 this year. We've also had 4 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. Our active patrol membership is up to 49 and they continue to love our flexible self-select rostering system which is now being trialled by other clubs around the state.

Our leadership team encourages all members to be engaged. Again, this year we have continued to grow by recruiting specific skill sets to fill roles regardless of beach skills. 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. 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. Whereas in previous years, so many of our members are coming to the club with the "what can I do to help?" attitude, now we are seeing members coming to the club with the attitude of, "what program can I lead?". We continue to develop programs like "Safeguarding Children", WHS compliance, etc. While we have an emphasis on having fun we will not lose focus on the need to do things safely and professionally. Our 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 as well as raising awareness of "Safeguarding Children" by displaying posters and having chats to our general membership. Recognition and prevention are the keys.



Junior Activities

Another area of growth has been in our Nippers program, led by Shelley Davis. Her team has done an amazing job this year and were supported by an increase in parental and grandparental involvement to support our cohort of 61 Nippers. We had 26 volunteers for water safety, plus a number of age managers and beach support volunteers. We also saw great numbers compete in carnivals. Out of this group we had 2 branch champions: Sam Glasson in the U/11 Male 1km Beach Run and Asher Theodorakis in the U/9 Male 700m run. A big shout out to all participants and their support crews! Thanks to our amazing crew of Age Managers: Amanda Alderman, Shelley Davis, Nadine Hills, Michelle Osgood, Carlin Stanford, Irene Theodorakis and Jacqui Van Teulingen. We couldn't run our Nippers Program without you. Fantastic job by all!!

Functions

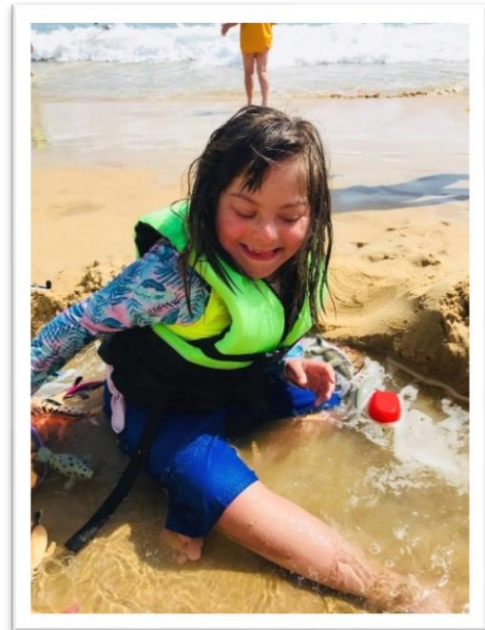
Our beautiful club house is starting to get a reputation as a wonderful place to hold a social function. Weddings and milestone birthday parties have been the primary events hosted in our functions room along with weekly usage by Yoga and other groups. With our spectacular ocean view and the observation 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 full steam ahead.

Community Engagement

A key program in our community engagement is our Same Wave program for people with additional needs. Same Wave saw an increase to 13 participants this year and support volunteers up to 38. It was a great year and lots of fun was had by all. Not sure who has more fun at our Saturday sessions, the participants or the volunteers. Rachel Wallbank has taken the program and moved it to the next level. She has acquired new equipment so there are more activities for all to participate.

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 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 an 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).

As a result of the incredible job our team did with the impromptu evacuation centre after the Tathra fires, Bermagui SLSC has been named the official Evacuation Centre for our community. We have developed a set of guidelines for other clubs to use if they wish and have shared the package with others around the state.

Training

2018-19 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 and/or mentorship to ensure that they are successful in whatever role they choose. With the flexible patrol rostering system we have developed it is important that we encourage as many people as possible to have the ability to fill the necessary roles. We have focussed on providing the opportunity for people to upskill and growing our numbers in SRC, Bronze Medallion and the Silver Medallion Beach Management. This has given us the flexibility to have all roster positions filled, without individuals having to assume more than one role on a given patrol. We've continued to have a focus on power craft this year with a number of new IRB Crew and IRB Drivers joining the mix. Added to this is the constant sharing of resources and ideas with other Chief Training Officers, from around the state, to ensure that we help out with their training issues. Our training team includes:

- Bruce McAslan, Bronze Medallion and ART.
- Warren Marshall, IRB Crew and Driver
- Vikki Marshall, Bronze Medallion
- Cheryl McCarthy, Bronze Medallion
- Stuart Massey, IRB Crew & Driver, RWC Operator
- Andrew Curven, Rachel Wallbank and Brian Logue who provided subject matter expertise.

Lead by Euan McKenzie, we have also started training with other agencies, through a coordinated effort with Marine Rescue, to find skills and abilities that complement each other.

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 also goes to Tony Vella for his continued guidance and advice.

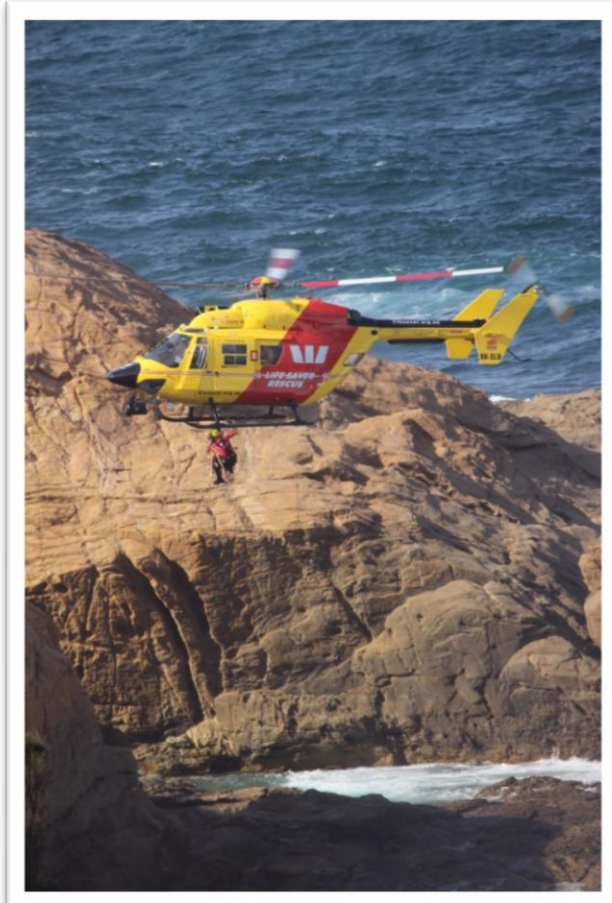
Equipment

We have worked very hard on applying for grants over the last year. As previously mentioned we were successful in acquiring a significant grant for Same Wave. Other grants provided for some very substantial acquisitions. We have had a plan to update all our equipment with a systematic allowance for depreciation of assets to continually retire and replace on predetermined timelines, 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 motor
- New Can-Am Defender (thanks to BRP and SLSA)
- New Rescue Mannequin for power craft training
- A full set of brand new radios
- New 1st 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. Wendy Law has also provided guidance and advice all along the way on the surf sports and finance fronts. 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

2018-2019 has been one of transition for Tathra. Tathra is going through a period of recovery post the bushfire. This has been a slow process for some of our members, some of whom are still waiting to be able to commence their rebuilds. Some have decided the process is too hard and have moved away. Our loss.

We have had a very successful year patrolling. Patrol numbers are strong and we have had a very successful year attracting new members through bronze and SRC squads. Our trainers have been very busy throughout the season. No major rescues and no loss of life on Tathra Beach this season. Always a plus.

Tathra club will be going through a period of renewal over the next few seasons. The committee has been identifying processes in our club that need updating. The constitution needs to be brought into the 21st century as well as how we function as a club. As bureaucracy becomes more complex, and time consuming, we need to make our processes more efficient and our committee positions less onerous. Recent revelations from the BVSC, will need us to work hard to understand where we stand with our leases and who we will have to be dealing with in the future.



Tathra has performed well in surf sports this year, with a surge in interest and enthusiasm to compete in surf carnivals. We fell short of winning the Jack Beale Trophy; congratulations to Broulee; but look out for next year. Tathra junior and senior carnivals were great events, and very successful. The dinner Saturday night was a huge success and I hope will be able to continue this again next year.

ALBERT training was held had Tathra this year. It was well attended by all clubs and was very successful. Hopefully this will become an annual event here, with it being confirmed for Tathra in the 2019-20 season.

The George Bass and all that is involved with that will be upon us soon. Tathra's boat crews are training hard, and we expect them to be very competitive again this year.

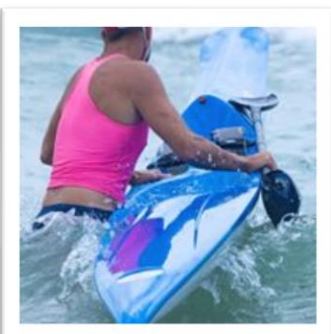
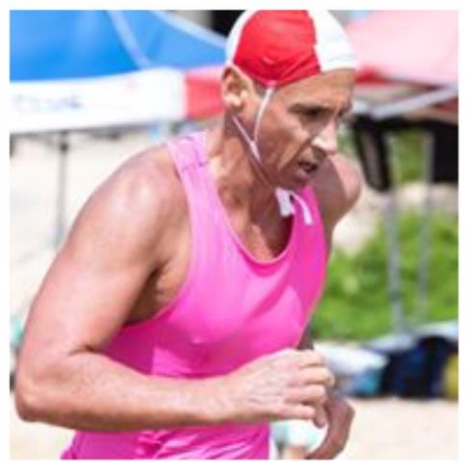
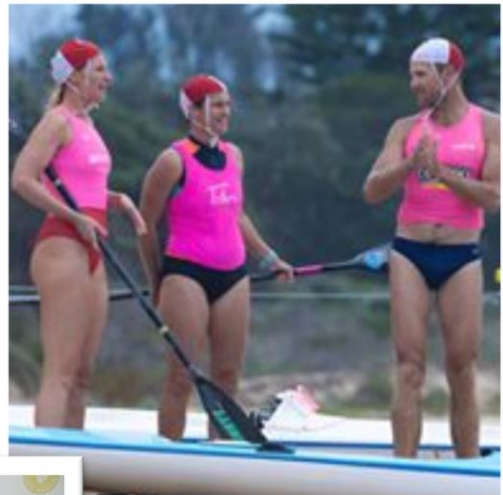
Nipper numbers are strong and increasing, which is a great sign for the future of the club. Our nipper managers have done a phenomenal job in managing the nippers from week to week and maintaining the nipper's enthusiasm for the surf.

Some renovations to the club house will be planned for in the next year subject to finances being available. Finances are good currently, with thanks to our sponsors and our fundraising activities.

I wish to thank the branch committee for all their ongoing support to Tathra and offers of assistance.

I wish to thank the Tathra committee for all their hard work this year. I have been absent for the majority of the year, and it is through their hard work that Tathra has achieved so much this year.

I wish to thank all our volunteers who patrol, do the bbqs, set and take down for the carnivals, assist with fund raising, help clean up the club house, and most of all patrol the beach week after week during our surf season.



Jindabyne Nippers – Marty Firle

Another great season of Lake Jindabyne Yabbies has come to a close, as I write this we are in the middle of winter. With all our Nippers swapping over to skis and snowboards.



Jindabyne Yabbies this season had around 30 active Nippers. Which was a good size for all our SRC's to join in and help. Saying that we are pleased that 4 more of our U/14's passed their SRC with the great training and guidance from Sharon George. Congrats to Lia Firle, Mac Livissianos, Kai Ingle and Zac Bortoli.

Also this season we had 2 of our U/14's Lia and Mac attend the Wambiri camp at Pambula. It was a great weekend, with kids from all over the Far South Coast plus Canberra attending. I urge any U14 to attend as it was a great fun weekend of bonding and team building, plus the high ropes course at Magic Mountain was a hit with everyone.

Again, I would like to thank all the Age Managers, Parent helpers, the Yabbies Committee and Water Safety crew that makes Thursday's a lot easier to run. Carnivals this season were well attended. With great results by all. It is always a good time heading down the mountain to the coast for some time in the surf. Thanks to Bermagui, Tathra and Broulee for running great carnivals.

Trex Cross Triathlon was held again this season at the Lake Crackenback Resort in good weather. Where some of our new SRC's got to help with water safety. This event is our main fund raiser for the year, plus with donations of equipment for clubs around NSW it keeps us going.



Our Committee for this season.

- President, Marty Firle
- Secretary, Susannah Harper
- Treasurer, Marty Firle
- Club Captain, Rayna Green
- Uniform Officer, Desiree Firle
- Club Services, Naomi Moore

Finally, it is great to be a part of Tathra, especially this year as the 50yrs of Nippers in Tathra. I hope to keep the connection going strong for years to come. Thank you Tathra.

See you in the 19-20 season.



Pambula

Steve Hodgson - President

As having been President of the Pambula Surf Life Saving Club for the last four years, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our volunteer life savers, all the volunteers that help with the nippers and same wave program and all the members and non-members that give up their time to help in fundraising to keep this club going.

This year Bendigo Bank came on board with a donation of \$ 30,000.00 dollars over the next three years making them our major sponsor along with our long term sponsors the Merimbula RSL, Merimbula Bowling club and the Lakeview Hotel which without these sponsors it would be almost impossible for PSLSC to operate and Patrol the beach at Pambula and be able to have emergency callouts.

Also this year the club was successful in gaining a sports and Rec grant of \$ 60,000.00 largely due to the efforts of Kerry Bourke and with the support of our local member Andrew Constance which has able us to build the new gym and indoor BBQ area which will be up and running by the start of the 2019 season.

In Building these two additions to our club as much as we have employed trades people to do the work there are always the volunteers that have given their time and I would just like to acknowledge these people Greg Shaw, Paul Williams, Rick Farrell, Frank Davey, Les Dirou and Kerry Bourke have all made a huge contribution to this project.



It was also with great sadness the passing of life member of this club in Don Hay and also Paul Yeilds both having battle cancer for many years it was an honour to be able to help in Don receiving his New South Wales Surf Life memberships in the state.

In Closing I will be standing down as the PSLSC President it has been a honour to of held this position for four years I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the committee members that have supported me I know the club is in great hands and I'm

sure the new committee will take the club onto bigger and better things



Surf Life Saving NSW 2017/18 Award Winners

- SLS NSW Administrator of the Year – Cheryl McCarthy Bermagui SLSC
- SLS NSW Community Education Program of the Year – Broulee/ Canberra Nippers
- SLS NSW Services Team of the Year – Tathra, Bermagui & Pambula SLSCs – Tathra Bushfire Response
- SLS NSW Rescue of the Year – Moruya SLSC & FSC Branch Duty Officers
- SLS NSW Branch of the Year



Surf Life Saving Australia 2017/18 Award Winner

SLSA Community Education Program of the Year – Broulee/ Canberra Nippers



2018/19 FSC Branch Awards Nominees & Winners

Junior Lifesaver of the Year The Bruce and Julie Frost Trophy

Winners

Tasman McKenzie – Bermagui SLSC
Oliver Meaker – Tathra SL SC



Highly Commended:
Hannah Campbell – Broulee Surfers
Ruby Coppin – Moruya

President's Award for Outstanding Service to the FSC Branch

Cheryl McCarthy – Bermagui SLSC



Carnival of the Year

Nominees:

Batemans Bay Enduro Carnival
Broulee Combined Carnival
FSC Branch Surfboat Championships
Tathra Combined Senior & Junior Carnivals

Tathra Combined Senior & Junior Carnivals

Team of the Year

Nominees:

Batemans Bay Phoenix – 180 years Women Boat Crew
Broulee Griffin Braves Boat Crew
Moruya U23 Mens Boat Crew

Winner: Batemans Bay Phoenix – 180 years Women Boat Crew

Coach of the Year

Nominees:

Neil Innes – Batemans Bay
Gary Pettigrove – Broulee Surfers
Troy Beecham - Narooma

Winner: Neil Innes - Batemans Bay



Rescue of the Year



Lexus Knight, Angus Knight & Sam Reedy – Batemans Bay

Services Team of the Year

Nominees:

Batemans Bay Call Out Team
Canberra Broulee Nipper Sub-Committee
Moruya Special Nippers
Bermagui Call Out Team

Winner: Bermagui Call Out Team

Training Officer of the Year

Nominees:

Mick Lambert – Broulee Surfers
Wayne Foster – Moruya
Sharon George – Tathra
Gavin Granger – Pambula

Winner: Sharon George - Tathra

“Myril Bunt” Administrator of the Year

Nominees:

Wendy Law – Broulee Surfers

Sue Hunt – Bermagui

Amanda Stafford – Moruya

Belinda Bywater – Narooma

Winner: Sue Hunt - Bermagui

Young Branch Person of the Year The “Fergus Thomson” Trophy

Connor Leayr – Pambula

Ryley Spoelder-Hanlon – Moruya

Elli Beecham – Narooma

Jai Curven – Bermagui

Jessica Campbell – Broulee Surfers

Kyarna Boulton – Tathra

Winner: Connor Leayr – Pambula



"Rookie" Life Saver of the Year (15-19 years)

Nominees:

Joel Doble – Batemans Bay
Craig Senior – Broulee Surfers
Ryley Spoelder-Hanlon – Moruya
Jai Curven – Bermagui
Elli Beecham - Narooma
Jessie Campbell-Jones – Pambula
Luella Boulton – Tathra

Winner: Jai Curven - Bermagui



Lifesaver of the Year

Nominees:

Anthony Bellette – Batemans Bay
Jason Domeny – Broulee Surfers
Andrew Holt – Pambula
Nigel Constable – Narooma
Euan McKenzie – Bermagui
Nick Huggins – Tathra

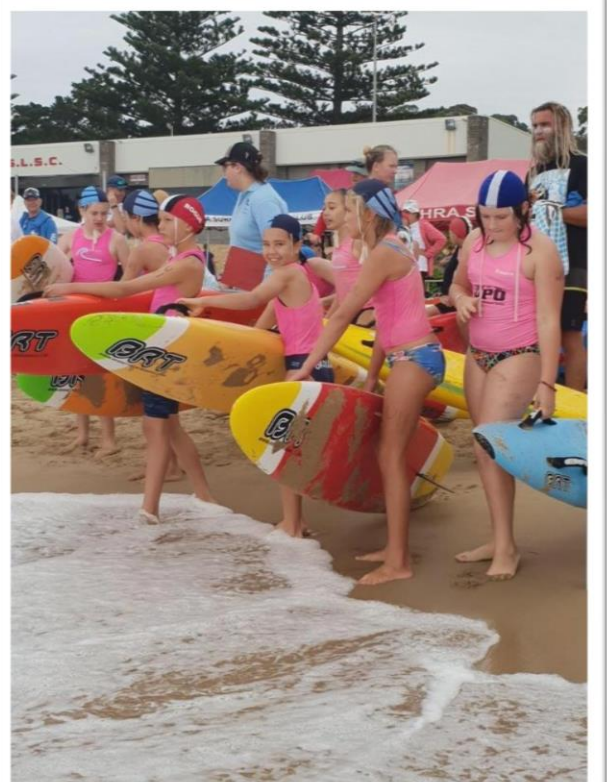
Winner: Andrew Holt - Pambula

Branch Person of the Year



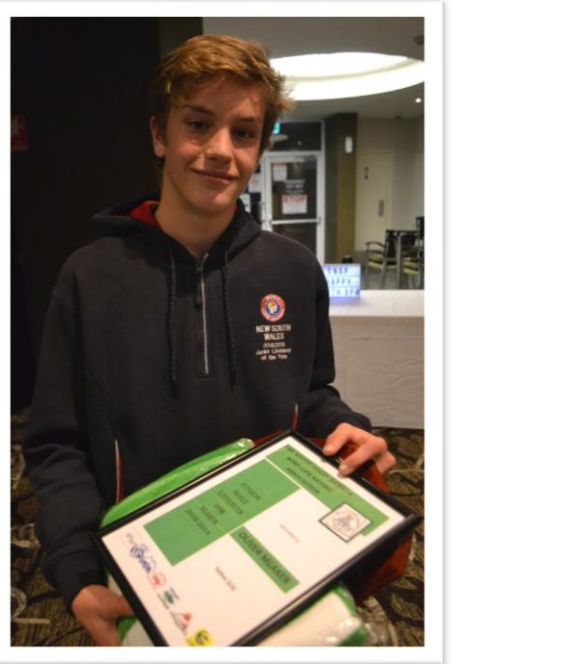
Emma Prowse – Pambula
Amanda Stafford - Moruya
Wendy Law – Broulee Surfers
Anthony Bellette – Batemans Bay
Glenn Bywater – Narooma
Rachel Wallbank – Bermagui

**Winner: Wendy Law – Broulee
Surfers**

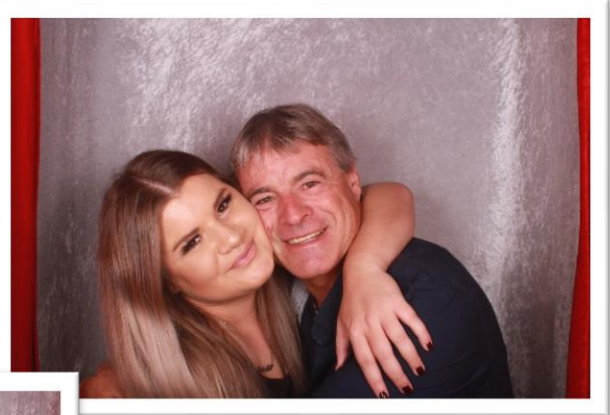


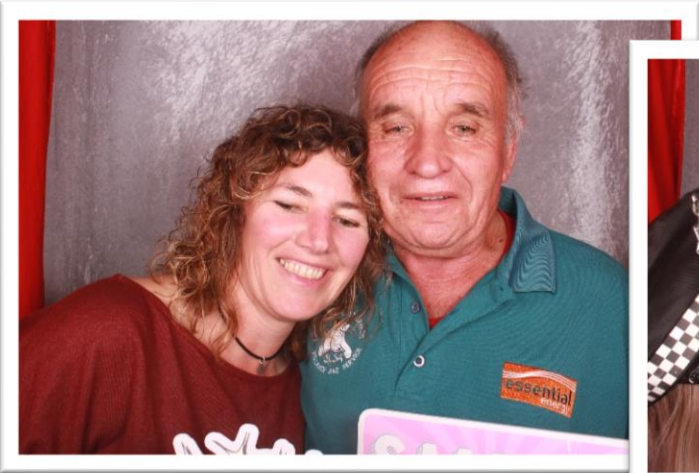
FSC Branch SLS Presentation 2019.....serious stuff





Presentation Shenanigans 2019





2018/19 Surfs Sports Awards

The “Jack Beale” Trophy

Broulee Surfers SLSC

Official of the Year

Glenn Bywater – Narooma

Branch Competitor of the Year

Elli Beecham – Narooma

Special Award – Best & Fairest

Nick Huggins - Tathra

Male Competitor of the Year (pointscore)

Scott Senior – Broulee Surfers

Female Competitor of the Year (pointscore)

Rachel Duczynski - Tathra

Carnival Competitors of the Year

Batemans Bay Enduro Carnival – Nick Huggins – Tathra
Tathra Combined Carnival – Scott Senior – Broulee Surfers
Broulee Combined Carnival – Gabby Smith – Broulee Surfers

Pointscore Champions

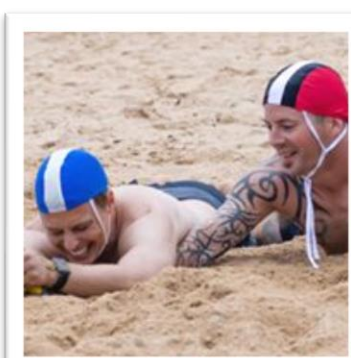
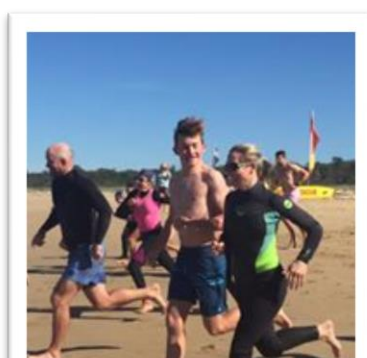
U15 Champion – Aiden Miles – Narooma
U17 Champion – Luella Boulton – Tathra
U19 Champion – Scott Senior - Broulee Surfers
Masters Champion – Dan Beby – Broulee Surfers

2018/19 FSC Branch Junior Champions

EVENTS	FSC BRANCH CHAMPION	(Joint winners)
U/8 Male Wade	Xavier Miles NAROOMA	
U/8 Female Wade	Leah Kelly TATHRA	
U/8 Wade Relay	NAROOMA	
U/9 Boys Wade	Henry Duman NAROOMA	
U/9 Female Wade	Charli Ambrusch JINDABYNE	
U/9 Wade Relay	PAMBULA	
U/9 swim teams	BROULEE	
U/10 swim teams	BROULEE	TATHRA
U/11 swim teams	NAROOMA	
U/12 swim teams	TATHRA	
U/13 swim teams	BROULEE	
U/14 swim teams	BROULEE	
U/9 Male Surf	Louis Hayward BROULEE	
U/9 Female Surf	Lara Barnes BROULEE	Topaz Dudley NAROOMA
U/10 Male Surf	Joel Constable NAROOMA	
U/10 Female Surf	Rosie McPartland BROULEE	
U/11 Male Surf	Kaleb Miles NAROOMA	
U/11 Female Surf	Rogue Constable NAROOMA	
U/12 Male Surf	Harry Barrington BROULEE	
U/12 Female Surf	Skye Wildman BROULEE	
U/13 Male Surf	Jack Caldwell PAMBULA	
U/13 Female Surf	Zimi Lyras TATHRA	
U/14 Male Surf	Kai Holt PAMBULA	
U/14 Female Surf	Lillyan Potts NAROOMA	
U/9 Male Board	Lincoln Thompson PAMBULA	
U/9 Female Board	Luca Defina TATHRA	
U/10 Male Board	Joel Constable NAROOMA	
U/10 Female Board	Lizzy Barrington BROULEE	
U/11 Male Board	Bray Constable NAROOMA	Johnny Constable NAROOMA
U/11 Female Board	Rogue Constable NAROOMA	
U/12 Male Board	Harry Barrington BROULEE	
U/12 Female Board	Skye Wildman BROULEE	
U/13 Male Board	Jack Caldwell PAMBULA	
U/13 Female Board	Abby Fraser PAMBULA	
U/14 Male Board	Kai Holt PAMBULA	
U/14 Female Board	Kyarna Boulton TATHRA	
U/11 Ironman	Kaleb Miles NAROOMA	
U/11 Diamond Lady	Rogue Constable NAROOMA	

U/12 Ironman	Harry Barrington BROULEE	
U/12 Diamond Lady	Skye Wildman BROULEE	
U/13 Ironman	Jack Caldwell PAMBULA	
U/13 Diamond Lady	Carly Van Bracht TATHRA	Zimi Lyras TATHRA
U/14 Ironman	Kai Holt PAMBULA	
U/14 Diamond Lady	Kyama Boulton TATHRA	
U/8 Male Sprint	Jarrah Norris TATHRA	
U/8 Female Sprint	Pearl Eaton BROULEE	
u/8 Sprint Relay	NAROOMA	TATHRA
U/9 Male Sprint	Lance Bedford PAMBULA	
U/9 Female Sprint	Luca Defina TATHRA	
U/9 Sprint Relay	BROULEE	
U/10 Male Sprint	Luke Drewsen BROULEE	
U/10 Female Sprint	Heidi Smith PAMBULA	
U10 Sprint Relay	BROULEE	
U/11 Male Sprint	Bray Constable NAROOMA	
U/11 Female Sprint	Scarlett Norris TATHRA	
u/11 Sprint Relay	NAROOMA	
U/12 Male Sprint	Travis Stubbs NAROOMA	
U/12 Female Sprint	Mystery Bennett NAROOMA	
U/12 Sprint Relay	TATHRA	NAROOMA
U/13 Male Sprint	Ashton Reyneke PAMBULA	
U/13 Female Sprint	Summer Norris TATHRA	
U/13 Sprint Relay	PAMBULA	
U/14 Male Sprint	Liam Mahony NAROOMA	
U14 Female Sprint	Kailey Jorgensen NAROOMA	
U/14 Sprint Relay	NAROOMA	
March Past	BROULEE	
All age Relay	PAMBULA	
U/8 Male Flags	Eli Good NAROOMA	
U/8 Female Flags	Leah Kelly TATHRA	Pearl Eaton BROULEE
U/9 Male Flags	Lincoln Thompson PAMBULA	
U/9 Female Flags	Olivia Ferrero BROULEE	
U/10 Male Flags	Fin Blankenstein TATHRA	
U/10 Female Flags	Emily Spooner NAROOMA	
U/11 Male Flags	Morgan Bromwich NAROOMA	
U/11 Female Flags	Scarlett Norris TATHRA	
U/12 Male Flags	Travis Stubbs NAROOMA	
U/12 Female Flags	Amelia Tyrrell NAROOMA	
U/13 Male Flags	Ashton Reyneke PAMBULA	
U/13 Female Flags	Carly Van Bracht TATHRA	
U/14 Male Flags	Oliver Meaker TATHRA	Liam Mahony NAROOMA

U/14 Female Flags	Kailey Jorgensen NAROOMA	
700m run U/8 Male	Blake Andrewartha BROULEE	
700m run U/8 Female	Pearl Eaton BROULEE	
700m run U/9 Male	Asher Theodoakis BERMAGUI	
700m run U/9 Female	Laura Ovington NAROOMA	
700m run U/10 Male	Luke Drewsen BROULEE	
700m run U/10 Female	Madison Hammond BROULEE	
1km run U11 Male	Samuel Glasson BERMAGUI	
1km run U/11 Female	Kaeleigh Peard BROULEE	
1km run U/12 Male	Harry Barrington BROULEE	
1km run U/12 Female	Kate Corcoran BROULEE	
1km run U/13 Male	Jack Caldwell PAMBULA	
1km run U/13 Female	Carly Van Bracht TATHRA	
1km run U/14 Male	Connor Matterson PAMBULA	
1km run U/14 Female	Emma Corcoran BROULEE	
U9/U10 Board Relay	NAROOMA	
U11/U12 Board Relay	NAROOMA	
U13/U14 Board Relay	NAROOMA	
U9/U10 Board Rescue	NAROOMA	
U11/U12 Board Rescue	TATHRA	
U13/U14 Board Rescue	PAMBULA	
U8/U9/U10 Buchanan Relay	NAROOMA	
U11/U12 Cameron Relay	BROULEE	
U13/U14 Cameron Relay	PAMBULA	

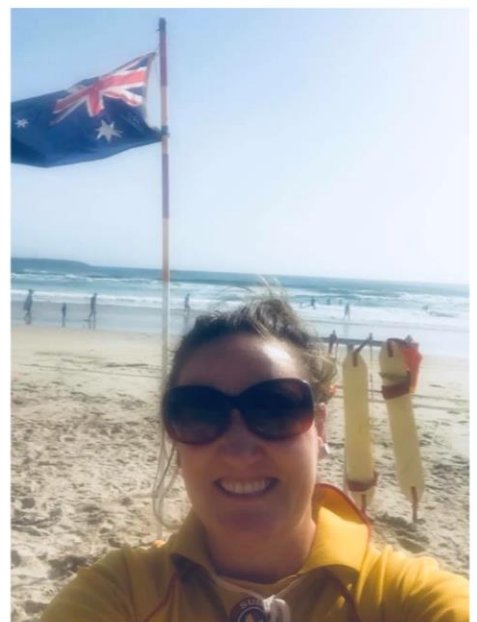


2018/19 FSC Branch Senior Champions

EVENTS	FSC CHAMPION
U15 Male Tube Race	Aiden Miles NAROOMA
U15 Male Swim	Aiden Miles NAROOMA
U15 Ironman	Aiden Miles NAROOMA
U15 Male Sprint	Aiden Miles NAROOMA
O/40 Male Ski	Andrew Scully MORUYA
O40 Ironman	Andrew Scully MORUYA
O60 Male Tube Race	Andy Baker MORUYA
O60 Male Swim	Andy Baker MORUYA
O60 Male Board	Andy Baker MORUYA
U17 Ski Relay	BROULEE
RESERVE WOMEN BOATS	BROULEE
OPEN WOMEN BOATS	BROULEE
Male Double ski	BROULEE
Open Board Rescue	BROULEE A
O50 Female Flags	Caroline Smith BROULEE
1km Open male run	Dan Beby BROULEE
1km O30 Male Run	Dan Beby BROULEE
O/30 Male ski	Dan Beby BROULEE
O30 Male Board	Dan Beby BROULEE
O30 Ironman	Dan Beby BROULEE
O40 Male Sprint	Darren Drewsen BROULEE
Open Male Flags	Darren Drewsen BROULEE
O40 Male Flags	Darren Drewsen BROULEE
O30 Male Flags	Devin Watson MORUYA
1km U15 female run	Elli Beecham NAROOMA
U15 Female Tube Race	Elli Beecham NAROOMA
U15 Female Sprint	Elli Beecham NAROOMA
U15 Female Flags	Elli Beecham NAROOMA
U15 Diamond Lady	Emma Corcoran BROULEE
1km O50 Female Run	Gab Smith BROULEE
O50 Female Tube Race	Gab Smith BROULEE
Open Female Tube Race	Gab Smith BROULEE
O/50 Female Ski	Gab Smith BROULEE
O50 Female Swim	Gab Smith BROULEE
O50 Female Board	Gab Smith BROULEE
O50 Female Sprint	Gab Smith BROULEE
U17 Male Sprint	Geordie Kemp BATEMANS BAY
Open Male Sprint	Geordie Kemp BATEMANS BAY
O30 Male Swim	Greg Leach BROULEE
1km O40 female run	Jo Flood BROULEE

O40 Female Sprint	Jo Flood BROULEE
O40 Female Flags	Jo Flood BROULEE
O40 Female Swim	Judy Jensen BROULEE
O40 Female Board	Judy Jensen BROULEE
1.5km O60 Male Run	Justin Gouvermet TATHRA
O/60 Male Ski	Justin Gouvermet TATHRA
O60 Male Sprint	Justin Gouvermet TATHRA
O60 Male Flags	Justin Gouvermet TATHRA
U15 Female Board	Kyama Boulton TATHRA
1km Open female run	Luella Boulton TATHRA
1km U17 Female Run	Luella Boulton TATHRA
U17 Female Tube Race	Luella Boulton TATHRA
U17 Female Swim	Luella Boulton TATHRA
U17 Female Board	Luella Boulton TATHRA
U17 Diamond Lady	Luella Boulton TATHRA
U17 Female Sprint	Luella Boulton TATHRA
Open Female Sprint	Luella Boulton TATHRA
U17 Female Flags	Luella Boulton TATHRA
Open Female Flags	Luella Boulton TATHRA
O40 Female Tube Race	Mel Meaker TATHRA
O/40 Female Ski	Mel Meaker TATHRA
O40 Diamond Lady	Mel Meaker TATHRA
U19 MENS BOAT CREW	MORUYA
OPEN MEN BOATS	MORUYA
U17 Board Rescue	MORUYA A
U15 Board Rescue	NAROOMA
Rescue Tube Rescue Relay	NAROOMA
Masters Ski Relay	NAROOMA
Mixed Open Sprint Relay	NAROOMA
RESERVE MEN BOATS	NAROOMA
1km U19 Female Run	Nimm Ford TATHRA
U19 Female Board	Nimm Ford TATHRA
U19 Female Sprint	Nimm Ford TATHRA
U19 Female Flags	Nimm Ford TATHRA
1km U15 male run	Ollie Meaker TATHRA
U15 Male Flags	Ollie Meaker TATHRA
1km O40 male run	Paul Farmilo BROULEE
O40 Male Tube Race	Paul Farmilo BROULEE
U15 Female Swim	Phoebe Rankin MORUYA
O/30 Female Ski	Rachel Duczynski TATHRA
Open Female ski	Rachel Duczynski TATHRA
O30 Female Swim	Rachel Duczynski TATHRA

Open Female Swim	Rachel Duczynski TATHRA
Open Female Board	Rachel Duczynski TATHRA
O30 Female Board	Rachel Duczynski TATHRA
Open Diamond Lady	Rachel Duczynski TATHRA
O30 Diamond Lady	Rachel Duczynski TATHRA
U19 Male Sprint	Riley Miles NAROOMA
U17 male ski	Riley Stafford MORUYA
U15 Male Board	Riley Stafford MORUYA
O50 Male Tube Race	Rob Wildman BROULEE
O50 Male Swim	Rob Wildman BROULEE
O50 Male Flags	Rob Wildman BROULEE
1km U17 male run	Sam Reedy BATEMANS BAY
U17 Male Flags	Sam Reedy BATEMANS BAY
1km U19 Male Run	Scott Senior BROULEE
U19 Male Tube Race	Scott Senior BROULEE
U19 Male ski	Scott Senior BROULEE
U19 Male Swim	Scott Senior BROULEE
U19 Male Board	Scott Senior BROULEE
U19 Ironman	Scott Senior BROULEE
Open Ironman	Scott Senior BROULEE
U19 Male Flags	Scott Senior BROULEE
O30 Male Sprint	Shaun Jorgensen NAROOMA
Female Double Ski	TATHRA
Taplin Relay	TATHRA A
U15/U17 Board Relay	TATHRA A
Open Ski Relay	TATHRA A
Mixed Double ski	TATHRA A
Open Male Tube Race	Todd Hayward BROULEE
Open Male Swim	Todd Hayward BROULEE
O40 Male Swim	Todd Hayward BROULEE
Open Male Board	Todd Hayward BROULEE
O40 Male Board	Todd Hayward BROULEE
1.5km O50 Male Run	Troy Burhop TATHRA
Open Male Ski	Troy Burhop TATHRA
O/50 Male Ski	Troy Burhop TATHRA
O50 Male Board	Troy Burhop TATHRA
O50 Ironman	Troy Burhop TATHRA
O50 Male Sprint	Troy Burhop TATHRA
U17 Male Tube Race	Zak Kelly PAMBULA
U17 Male Swim	Zak Kelly PAMBULA
U17 Male Board	Zak Kelly PAMBULA
U17 Ironperson	Zak Kelly PAMBULA



International Surf Life Saving World Championships 2018 - Glenelg SA

Surfboat - 120+ Women	Broulee Surfer SLSC	C Forbes, C Matthews, T Comacchio, A McAppion. Sweep G Pettigrove	1st
Surfboat - 180+Women	Batemans Bay SLSC	T Innes, B Van Luin, D Heron, M Douros. Sweep N Innes	1st
Surfboat - 180+ Men	Broulee Surfers SLSC	P Shaw, P Moore, J Dunn, M Freemantle. Sweep G Pettigrove	1st

SLS NSW Envirobank Country Championships 2018 - South West Rocks

40-49 Male Beach Sprint	Broulee Surfers SLSC	Darren Drewsen	1st
40-49 Male Beach Flags	Broulee Surfers SLSC	Darren Drewsen	1st
U/10 Male Beach Sprint	Broulee Surfers SLSC	Luke Drewsen	2nd
Open Male Beach Flags	Broulee Surfers SLSC	Darren Drewsen	1st
U/15 Female Beach Flags	Narooma SLSC	Elli Beecham	1st
U/12 Female Beach Flags	Broulee Surfers SLSC	Skye Wildman	5th

SLS NSW Clubs NSW State Championships 2019 - Swansea Belmont

Age Championships			
U/12 Female Beach Sprint	Narooma SLSC	Mystery Bennett	2nd
U/12 Female Beach Flags	Narooma SLSC	Mystery Bennett	1st
Masters Championships			
50-54 Female Surf Race	Broulee Surfers SLSC	Gabriel Smith	5th
180 Yrs Female Surf Boat	Batemans Bay SLSC	T Innes, B Van Luin, D Heron, M Douros. Sweep N Innes	1st
Open Championships			
Open Male Surf Boat	Batemans Bay SLSC	W Coppin, A Jackson, C Jackson, L Price. Sweep N Innes	3rd
Female Reserve Boat	Batemans Bay SLSC	T Innes, B Van Luin, D Heron, M Douros. Sweep N Innes	2nd
Female Reserve Boat	Broulee Surfers SLSC	A Braden, C Ferguson, E Prowse, K Ryan. Sweep R Pollock	5th

SLSA Aussies 2019 Braodbeach QLD

Australian Youth 2019			
U15 Female Beach Sprint	Narooma SLSC	Elli Beecham	4th
U15 Female Beach Sprint	Narooma SLSC	Elli Beecham	2nd
Australian Masters 2019			
160 yrs Female Surf Boat	Broulee Surfers SLSC	R Trenton, V Fischer, B McNaughton, B Lofthouse. Sweep: G Pettigrove	4th
180 yrs Female Surf Boat	Batemans Bay SLSC	B Van Luin, T Innes, D Heron, M Douros. Sweep: Neil Innes	2nd
Australian Open 2019			
Open Male Surf Boat	Batemans Bay SLSC	W Coppin, C Jackson, A Jackson, L Price. Sweep: N Innes	2nd



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