

Surf Life Saving Far South Coast Branch

72nd Annual Report & Financial Statements
2023-24 Season



Our Branch

Serving our communities from Batemans Bay to the Victorian border.

Far South Coast (FSC) Branch is one of eleven Branches in NSW. FSC is a not-for-profit organisation registered under the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991.

Our charitable purpose is to support our clubs to ensure beachgoers are safe at patrolled beaches and surrounding areas and to provide surf safety education. The funds we raise help us achieve that purpose.

While we're small in numbers with just over 2,776 members, we're large in size with the Branch spanning over 230 km and 184 beaches. The commitment, dedication and innovation of our members has been recognised through FSC being named SLSNSW Branch of the Year four times in the past 13 years.

FSC has seven clubs from Batemans Bay in the north to Pambula in the south. We have a dedicated team who not only patrol beaches between the red and yellow flags but also provide emergency call-out capabilities 24/7 throughout the year. Our clubs work closely together to provide a valuable service to beachgoers and we work with other emergency services to provide search and rescue services whenever required.

Never has our combined skills and commitment to serving our community been more evident than during the 2019-20 bushfire emergency. When called upon to step into an unfamiliar role in order to best serve our communities and help keep visitors and locals safe, our lifesavers rose to the challenge demonstrating that the service Surf Lifesavers provide to our communities goes well beyond the flags.

Whether it be patrolling our beaches, responding to out-of-hours emergencies, providing community education programs, honing skills through surf sports competitions or supporting our communities in a time of need, this season has had it all. We hope you enjoy reading this 72nd Annual Report and learning more about just some of the many ways in which our Surf Life Saving family contribute to our Far South Coast community and visitors to our region.

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President's Report



Here we are again at the end of another surf lifesaving season with all 7 clubs enjoying the short break through winter.

Also we are very much enjoying the NRL state of origin this year that the winter also gives us.

SLSNSW Awards of Excellence 2023

At the SLSNSW AoE 2023 the FSC were well represented by our branch awards winners / NSW state finalists.

From these incredible lifesavers and their achievements the Branch came away with 3 major state awards.

Congratulations goes to Ben Bate from Narooma SLSC for taking out the Support Operations Person of the Year.

Congratulations to Broulee Surfers SLSC for taking out the Club of the Year.

And for the biggest award of the night - Lifesaver of the Year in NSW for 2023, Cheryl McCarthy from Bermagui SLSC.

Australian Awards of Excellence 2023

Later in the year we were even prouder of our State nominees, when our outgoing Director of Lifesaving, Chez McCarthy, was selected as the SLS Australian Lifesaver of the Year. At a Branch level we are all aware of Chez's exceptional and valued contribution but to see her recognised at the national level was amazing.

Cheryl talks about being part of a team and she accepted the award on behalf of the team but, in reality, that team's success results from her contribution and exceptional leadership.

JLOTY

Congratulations to our Branch Junior Lifesavers for 2024, Zara Hall from Moruya SLSC and Maxim Savchenko-Ray from Bermagui SLSC. These two individuals are a wonderful example of the incredible young people we have within our organisation in the Far South Coast Branch.

In recent months we again celebrated the success of Zara Hall from Moruya SLSC who was selected as the SLSNSW Female Junior Lifesaver of the Year. Just like our National Lifesaver of the Year – Chez McCarthy, Zara is an exceptional young person and we look forward to witnessing her many achievements as she progresses through life.

ALBERT IRB Weekend

This season saw another ALBERT program held here in FSC at Bermagui SLSC.

This program has been run here on the FSC for a number of years now and has proved to be beneficial for upskilling our existing IRB operators and introducing our newest operators to using IRBs as an effective search and rescue asset. Both days were full with driving and crewing, team building, encouraging leadership and fun.

We thank the ALBERT core crew who travel from as far as the FNC to assist but especially our local team members in Shayne Rettke and Emma O'Neill for making this excellent course happen. Shayne's work with the scenarios was awesome.

Pambula Same Wave

The Pambula Same Wave Team and its participants celebrated an incredible 25 years of the program this season.

Lead by Michele and Peter Bootes the Same Wave team have assisted in sharing the experience we know as clubbies to the special people of our community that might never have the chance to enjoy our beaches, surfing, swimming and the rubber duck.

Speaking personally it is the best and most enjoyable experience that I have had in lifesaving. Special thanks to all the regular same wave weekly helpers

for joining the celebration as well as two special guests, Same Wave Moruya leader and Branch Life Member Mike Hallahan and SLSNSW President Peter Agnew AM.

SLSNSW Combined Conference

Our appreciation goes to the Branch Directors and proxies that attended the combined portfolios conference in Sydney in May. They were DoL Emma O'Neill, DoE Matt Alterator, DoMS Andrew Edmunds & representing DoSS, Sue Hunt.

Fire and Rescue

Congratulations to 17 branch members who completed our first Land Based Flood Operator training course run by Fire and Rescue NSW at Bermagui. Thanks to SLSNSW for facilitating this event and for Bermagui SLSC for hosting the course.

Four lifesavers from our branch recently travelled up to the central coast and the Penrith Whitewater facility to take part in a multi agency In Water Operator training program.

The candidates were selected from those that had taken part in a previous land based course as well as several other prerequisites. It was quite a tough 3 days starting with around 50 participants and finishing with about 40. Other agencies were Fire and Rescue, Police, Army, Aviation Fire and rescue.

A massive thank you to NSW Fire and Rescue for allowing us and other surf lifesavers to join the course. And another thank you to Chez McCarthy from our branch who is part of the amazing NSW team that pulled this together for us to be a part of these training events. The course has everything that is needed for us as lifesavers to assist when floods threaten our communities.

Surf Sports

It was an exciting time for the Branch with a big team attending the NSW SLS Country championships. Our largest Club in the branch – Broulee Surfers achieving 4th place in the overall point score.

And another huge congratulations to Zara Hall from Moruya SLSC on taking the silver medal in the U14 Flags at the Aussie

SLS titles on the Sunshine Coast, QLD. What a massive athlete achievement. Well done Zara! We are all so proud of you.

OAM-ESM Awards

A number of our members have been recognised in the Kings Honours list recently with Michele Bootes – Pambula SLSC; Robert Johnston – Bermagui SLSC receiving OAMs; while Andrew Edmunds of Broulee Surfers SLSC received an ESM award.

All have been wonderful contributors to the surf lifesaving movement and we were so pleased to see their efforts recognised in this way.

Constitution

We are in the motions of implementing a new Branch Constitution which will take place at our August AGM. Thankyou to Phil Ayres for his assistance with this document.

Thanks

I'd like to personally thank the FSC Branch Board along with our Administration Officer - Vikki who do such an amazing job in keeping our 7 clubs connected as a branch team wherever possible. Especially with compliance, training, courses, interbranch teams, surf carnivals, Wambiri, and monthly meetings.

The majority of you are also busy with your own clubs as well. You are all exceptional volunteers. It makes me feel very proud to be a part of this team.

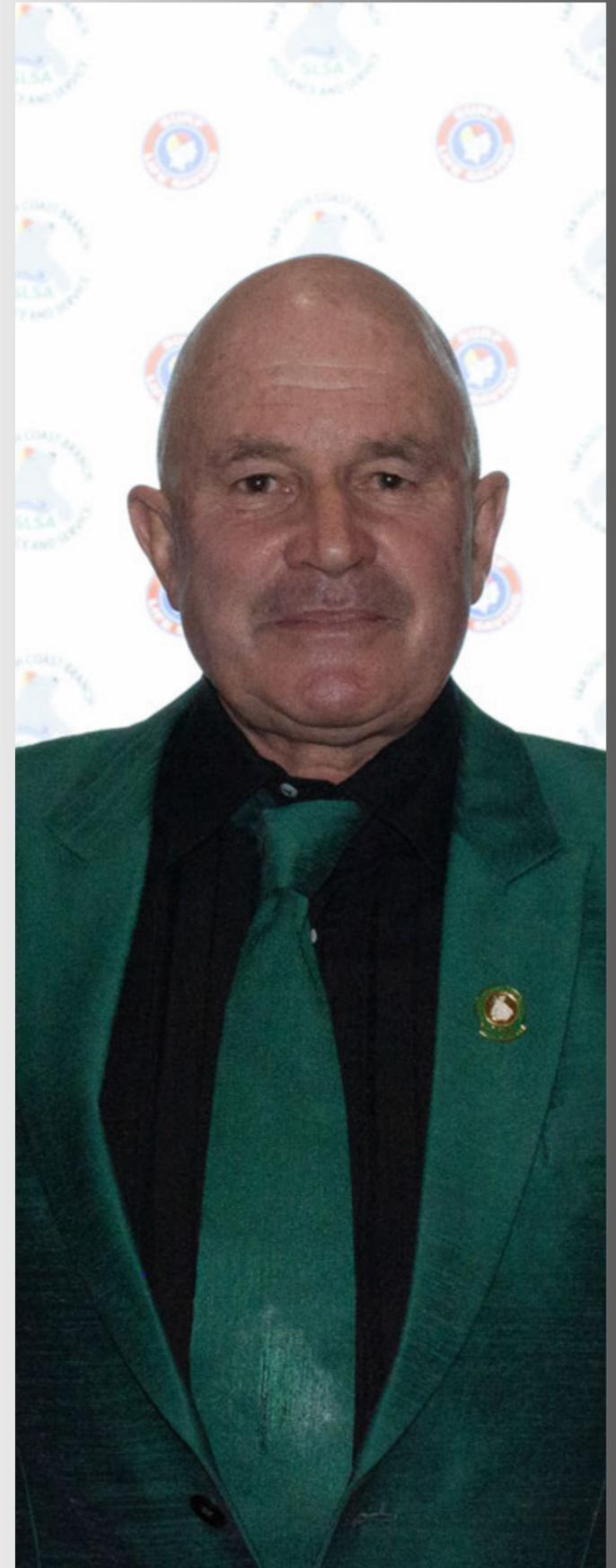
And once again, to my wife Judy who has patiently enabled me to enjoy the privilege of being a part of this great team.

Thank you x.

Finally a big thankyou to the SLSNSW Board and all the SLSNSW Officers who we interact with during the course of each season. You are all such a positive team making our job in volunteer land that much easier as well as lifting the professionalism of our organisation – thankyou.

Anthony Rettke ESM

Surf Life Saving Far South Coast
President



Office Bearers

Executive Committee

PRESIDENT

Anthony "Tony" Rettke ESM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Bruce McAslan

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Michael Hallahan

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Wendy Law

DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING

Emma O'Neill

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Matthew Alterator

DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORTS

Andrew Holt

SLSNSW ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Leanne Constable (July 2023)

Vikki Marshall

Non- Executive Roles

DIRECTOR OF MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

Andrew Edmunds ESM

POWERCRAFT CO-ORDINATOR

Andrew Mizzi

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Frank Davey OAM

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

John "Jimmy" McGrath

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Cheryl McCarthy

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORTS

Sue Hunt

PUBLIC OFFICER

Michael Hallahan

PUBLICITY OFFICER

Natalie Browning

HONORARY SOLICITOR

NIL

UAV CO-ORDINATOR

David Jansen

BRANCH DELEGATES

Stephen Dobson

Paul White

Allan Veness

Presidents of Affiliated Clubs

BATEMANS BAY SLSC

Kate Hunt

BROULEE SURFERS SLSC

Gary Pettigrove

MORUYA SLSC

Bert Hunt

NAROOMA SLSC

Brendan O'Mahony

BERMAGUI SLSC

Euan McKenzie

TATHRA SLSC

Ben Potter

PAMBULA SLSC

Emma O'Neill

Patrons

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR EDEN-MONARO

Kristy McBain

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR GILMORE

Fiona Phillips

STATE MEMBER FOR BEGA

Dr Michael Holland

Vice Patrons

MAYOR OF BEGA VALLEY SHIRE COUNCIL

Russell Fitzpatrick

MAYOR OF EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

Mathew Hatcher

Life Members



Far South Coast Branch

W.B. Annabel*	Julie Frost
Michele Bootes OAM (2022)	Michael Hallahan
Peter Bootes (2022)	Donald Hay*
Arthur Bunt BEM*	Maxwell Hogno*
Myril Bunt OAM	Wendy Law (2022)
Joseph J. Caddey*	John "Jim" McGrath
Paul Caddey (1977)	Paul Morgan
Ron Chesher OAM*	Graham J. Nicholson*
Garnet C. Chewing*	Kerry Parbery
Frank Davey OAM	David F. Pheeney*
Nicholas A. Dixon*	Anthony Rettke ESM
Steve Dobson	Peter Robinson* (1977)
P.V. Dwyer*	Paul Smith*
James A Eadie* (1977)	Fergus Thomson OAM*
Andrew Edmunds ESM (2022)	Paul White
Bruce Frost	Max Young

Junior Activities

William Louttit* (1987)



Surf Life Saving New South Wales

Arthur Bunt BEM* (1999)	Graham J. Nicholson* (1986)
Ron Chesher OAM* (1972)	David F. Pheeney* (2002)
Nicholas A. Dixon* (1978)	Anthony Rettke ESM (2020)
Donald Hay* (2018)	Fergus Thomson OAM* (1994)
John "Jim" McGrath (2022)	



Surf Life Saving Australia

Ron Chesher OAM*	Nicholas A. Dixon*
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* Denotes Deceased Member

FAR SOUTH COAST OUR IMPACT

7

Clubs

230

Kilometre Coastline

400

Beaches and Rock Platforms

2

Local Government Areas

52

Emergency Call Outs

26

Rescues

2,375

Preventative Actions

20,559

Volunteer Patrol Hours

2,776

Members

65

Members Awarded Bronze Medallion

65%

Decrease in Rescues

18%

Increase in Preventative Actions



Season Snapshot

Highlights	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Lifesaving				
Rescues	80	106	74	26
First Aid Treatments	84	113	102	166
Preventative Actions	2,327	2,154	2,014	2,375
Emergency callouts	45	52	50	52
Member Service and Support				
Membership Growth	+6%	+5%	+7%	-1%
Patrolling Membership	770	753	822	639
Junior Activities Members	782	819	922	992
Members	1,012	1,037	1,051	1,145
Total Membership	2,564	2,609	2,795	2,776
Education and Training				
Bronze Medallion	77	54	103	65
Powercraft	62	64	54	47
Surf Rescue Certificate	58	52	75	55
Advanced Resuscitation	23	11	-	64
Silver Medallion Beach Management	10	14	21	-
Total Awards	230	195	253	234



Volunteers helping out at Narooma Surf Club over summer.



Broulee Surfers SLSC ran a school education program at the start of the season.



Narooma SLSC had a special visit from Lifesaver 23.



Pambula SLSC enjoyed a visit from the NSW Water Police.

We believe...



our community relies on us to protect and save lives



our volunteers are core to Surf Life Saving, our history and our future



our everyday actions change lives and build stronger communities



an inclusive, welcoming and respectful environment will attract and retain the people we need



supportive leadership, agility and flexibility are critical in our changing environment



we should be proud to be called iconic as what we do makes a difference





Lifesaving Reimagined

EMBRACING SLSNSW STRATEGIC PLAN

As members of Surf Life Saving NSW, our Vision and Mission to have zero preventable deaths on the NSW coastline, save lives, create great Australians and build better communities is underpinned by the 5 pillars of the SLSNSW Strategic Plan.

Save Lives Develop & Support Grow & Sustain the Movement Engage the Community Strategic Enablers

The Far South Coast Branch **Save Lives** by:

- Increasing our interoperability with other Emergency Services organisations including SES, Marine Rescue and NSW Police.
- Meeting and exceeding our lifesaving service agreements across the Branch
- Expanding UAV operations on several patrolled beaches and increasing the cohort of trained UAV pilots
- Collaborating together as a Branch to provide information and training opportunities to enhance and improve skills
- Ensuring our clubs actively participate in community events as well as conducting Branch events that involve the community.

The Far South Coast Branch **Develops & Supports** our members by:

- Introducing automated response systems in our use of technology for event entry and participation at Branch events
- Reviewing our capabilities and addressing gaps when found
- Encouraging our members to participate in SLSNSW Leadership programs
- Supporting our members in the implementation of membership IT systems through training and one on one support.

The Far South Coast Branch supports our membership to **Grow & Sustain the Movement** through:

- Supporting Clubs to retain members through flexible patrol operations agreements
- Supporting flexible membership options at our Clubs to reflect the needs of the communities they serve
- Improving our processes for organisational governance and compliance with government regulation
- Encouraging and supporting competitors to attend elite competition and encouraging the participation of members at talented athlete training camps.

The Far South Coast Branch **Engages with its Community** by:

- Members participating in the Beach to Bush program, educating children of the dangers of the surf environment
- Providing disability inclusion programs at 3 of our Branch clubs providing service to the wider community
- Regularly uploads to our social media platforms keeps our members and the community informed.

The **Strategic Enablers** of the Far South Coast Branch are:

- Pursuing grant opportunities to improve our delivery to members and the community
- Conducting annual club health checks to indicate trends and areas to be addressed
- Reviewing our ability to generate income and make changes as required
- Assisting our Clubs to ensure security of tenure and fit for purpose facilities
- Committing to active and sustained contribution to Local Emergency Management Committees for both local government areas that our Branch supports.

Governance

Role of the Executive

The role of the Executive is to be responsible to the Clubs and their members for the sustainability and relevance of Surf Life Saving on the Far South Coast. It does this through supporting Clubs in meeting their lifesaving commitments, supporting the annual compliance requirements through which we're accountable to government and other funders and delivering on the goals of our Clubs and the organisation's Strategic Plan.

Our Clubs have demonstrated a commitment to supporting the Strategic Plan of SLSNSW and our role in supporting and delivering in our own context here on the Far South Coast. The Branch Executive assists through guiding and monitoring the lifesaving delivery, member development, education, surf sports participation and financial activity of the Branch as a whole. The Executive is also responsible for the overall governance of the Branch and fostering an environment where our Clubs can compete on the sand but be driven at all other times by collaboration and support for each other.

The Executive is made up of eight elected members who provide their time, energy and expertise to the benefit of all members of the Branch. These members are elected into Portfolio Directorships:

President
Deputy President
Director of Administration
Director of Education
Director of Finance
Director of Lifesaving
Director of Surf Sports

This group has been supported by a number of non-executive roles in 2023-24 consisting of the following elected positions:

Director of Member Development
Powercraft Coordinator
Director of Communications
Director of Youth Development
Assistant Director of Administration
Assistant Director of Surf Sports

The Executive meet monthly with Presidents and/or delegates from each of the seven Clubs. The purpose of these meetings is to:

- * Provide a forum for Directors and Clubs to share progress and challenges
- * Identify potential issues in our Branch and make a plan for how best to tackle the challenge
- * Allow Directors to provide updates on activity and direction from SLSNSW
- * Provide regular detailed financial reporting to ensure transparency and accountability
- * Make strategic decisions on the direction of the Branch and how funds should be spent
- * Reviewing and, where necessary, ratifying recommendations made by the various sub-committees or standing committees
- * Monitor compliance with regulatory requirements and identify ways in which Directors can facilitate greater support for Clubs.

The Role of Branch Council

The Branch Council is made up of the Club Presidents from each of FSC Branch's seven Clubs. The Club Presidents and/or their delegates meet monthly with the Branch Executive to discuss matters relevant to their Clubs and our Branch as a whole.

The key duties of the Branch Council are to:

- * Inform the Executive of significant issues affecting the membership
- * Assist the Executive in their deliberations on issues that affect their respective memberships
- * Provide a conduit for the Executive and staff members to interact with the membership on progress, initiatives and programs to the benefit of our members
- * Discuss Branch-wide issues
- * Approve any amendments to the Constitution
- * Provide feedback to the Executive on how decisions impact on the membership at a grassroots level

Standing Committees

FSC Branch has the following standing committees which are comprised of the members holding positions as outlined:

Meritorious Awards Committee:
President, Director of Administration, Director of Lifesaving and a nominated committee member.

Selection Committee:
President, Director of Surf Sports, Assistant Director of Surf Sports and a nominated committee member.

Constitution Committee:
President, Director of Administration, Deputy President, Honorary Solicitor and a nominated committee member.

Life Membership & Honors Committee:
President, Director of Member Development and all current Life Members with three to be the quorum.

Patrol & Lifesaving Judiciary Committee:
Director of Lifesaving, Director of Member Development, Duty Officer and the Honorary Solicitor.

George Bass Surf Boat Marathon

Administration Officer

After an extensive search for a suitable replacement for Leanne, Vikki Marshall joined the organisation in November 2023 as the Far South Coast Branch Administration Officer. With Vikki's knowledge and experience in Surf Life Saving, she has hit the ground running. Vikki's skills have been applied to many tasks, not the least being the development and production of this Annual Report and the proposed Constitution. Our Branch Awards of Excellence continue with a very professional theme thanks to Vikki's hard work.

As a Branch, we are very thankful for SLSNSW for sponsoring and financing this position and we thank Jenni Darwin from SLSNSW for making it a reality as well as bringing Vikki on board.

Our Year in Review



At the conclusion of our 2022-23 season our Branch award winners were put up against the best in the state at the New South Wales Awards of Excellence. These were held at Sofitel Sydney Wentworth on the 26th August 2023. With a swag of nominations across all fields in the awards, our branch nominees could all hold their heads up high knowing that their effort, commitment and achievements were being recognised.

FSCB 2022-2023 NSW AOE Nominations:

- Administrator of the Year** - Emma O'Neill, Pambula SLSC
- Athlete of the Year** - Rachel Duczynski, Tathra SLSC
- Club of the Year** - Broulee Surfers SLSC
- Coach of the Year** - Bradley Coppin, Moruya SLSC
- Masters Athlete of the Year** - Darren Drewsen, Broulee Surfers SLSC
- Offical of the Year** - Wendy Law, Broulee Surfers SLSC
- Services Team of the Year** - IRB Carnival Committee Team, Broulee Surfers SLSC
- Support Operations Member of the Year** - Ben Bate, Narooma SLSC
- Surf Lifesaver of the Year** - Cheryl McCarthy, Bermagui SLSC
- Sports Team of the Year** - Bouyos Boat Crew, Moruya SLSC
- Trainer of the Year** - Jason Domeny, Broulee Surfers SLSC
- Volunteer of the Year** - Jason Domeny, Broulee Surfers SLSC
- Youth Athlete of the Year** - Kane Doull, Narooma SLSC
- Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year** - Caitlin Don, Narooma SLSC
- Youth Volunteer of the Year** - Ruby O'Leary, Tathra SLSC
- Community Education Program of the Year** - Broulee Surfers Sporting Schools, Broulee Surfers SLSC



WINNERS FOR THE FSC BRANCH

Support Operations Member of the Year
Ben Bate, Narooma SLSC

Club of the Year
Broulee Surfers SLSC

Surf Lifesaver of the Year
Cheryl McCarthy, Bermagui SLSC



Winner

SURF LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR
Cheryl McCarthy, Bermagui SLSC



Winner

CLUB OF THE YEAR
Broulee Surfers SLSC, Far South Coast Branch



Winner

SUPPORT OPERATIONS MEMBER OF THE YEAR
Ben Bate, Narooma SLSC

The 2023 NSW Surf Lifesaver of the Year, Cheryl McCarthy believes her achievements over a decade within the movement – highlighted and recognised with the night's top honour at the NSW Awards of Excellence on 26 August – all come down to passion.

Reflecting on the award after her name was read out at a gala presentation evening in front of nearly 500 of her peers, Cheryl was modest in her assessment of her big win; praising the calibre of the candidates she shared the category with and the overall dedication of the membership.

The SLSNSW Awards of Excellence celebrates the incredible people from within the organisation and the impact they have on their clubs, members, and their local communities – impacts exemplified by and, certainly, contributed to over an extended period by Cheryl's efforts from the base at her club, Bermagui SLSC, on the Far South Coast. She has held an expansive list of positions at club, branch, state, and national level and, further, in her Emergency Services role, is often the first point of contact for incidents in the region.

"What an amazing honour and so humbling to look around the room and see the number of incredible people, just to be mentioned alongside them is amazing so it's all still sinking in," Cheryl said.

"I think if you're volunteering, you need to do it because there's a smile on your face and because you love it and I genuinely do.

I have taken so much joy out of my lifesaving journey, being down on the beach patrolling is just my happy place and I get a lot of fulfilment out of the emergency response side as well.

My fellow lifesavers inspire me every day."

Cheryl was one of three winners to come from the state's seven southern-most clubs who make up the Far South Coast Branch, the first of which being Narooma SLSC's Ben Bate who picked up the final individual lifesaving award of the evening – the Support Operations Member of the Year.

Sandwiched between Ben and Cheryl was the Club of the Year winner, Broulee Surfers SLSC – the announcement of which drew a raucous response from the room.

Indeed, the Far South Coast volunteers in attendance celebrated loud and long as each of the three winners were announced in a manifestation of the unity shared between the clubs.

"The Far South Coast is a really tight-knit group, and we all support each other," Broulee Surfers President, Gary Pettigrove said.

"It's very much a family in our region, when you've got such a big coastline to protect, it's easy to all get along – everyone's wins are your wins too and you celebrate them as such," Nat Browning of Broulee Surfers agreed.

Each state winner will now progress through to be considered for national awards ahead of the Surf Life Saving Australia Awards of Excellence later this year.



LIFESAVING AWARDS

DHL Surf Lifesaver OTY – Cheryl McCarthy, Bermagui SLSC, NSW

Cheryl has made exceptional contributions to surf lifesaving, excelling in various roles and demonstrating strong leadership skills. She has dedicated 105 patrol hours this season and is a senior member of the Bermagui call out team, showcasing her wide skill set. Cheryl volunteers for Nippers water safety, fosters community relationships, and has received national recognition for her service during the Black Summer Bushfire Emergency.

In addition to her hands-on involvement in lifesaving, Cheryl serves at multiple levels within the organisation. She takes on leadership roles at the Club, Branch, State, and National levels, including Director of Lifesaving for Far South Coast Branch and participation in committees designing new training courses for lifesavers.

Cheryl's impact is widespread. Visitors to the beach benefit from her professionalism and expertise in both water and onshore situations. She encourages fellow patrollers to expand their skills and actively seeks opportunities for improvement. Nippers enjoy her engaging approach to water safety, while community members appreciate her dedication during emergencies. Cheryl's leadership positively influences the club, and her advocacy benefits lifesavers across the region. She also contributes to development activities, providing upskilling opportunities to fellow surf lifesavers statewide.

Cheryl's remarkable dedication and contributions make her a valuable ambassador for the organisation, embodying the spirit of surf life saving.



AFTER A SUCCESSFUL NSW AOE our Far South Coast Branch winners headed off to the National Awards of Excellence, held on the 3rd November 2023 at Randwick Racecourse Sydney.

Pitted against the winners from each State, each nominated winner underwent a rigorous interview process, ultimately determining who the Australian Awards of Excellence winners would be. With these awards being the hardest to determine and all state winners were equally impressive, with all having standout achievements to their names.

Broulee Surfers SLSC members, Cheryl McCarthy (Bermagui SLSC) and Branch President Tony Rettke all attended the evening, along with family and friends to not only enjoy the evening and celebrate the achievements of surf lifesaving across the nation, but with the hopes that our 2 nominees would be a good chance of winning the National Award.

Ultimately, it was Cheryl McCarthy who took home the award for the DHL Surf Life Saving Australia 2023 - Surf Lifesaver of the Year. Cheryl obviously impressed the judges with her achievements and her passion for the movement, something that we on the Far South Coast are well aware of. Her leadership, passion and dedication to improvements, accountability and recognition of all members, along with the enjoyment she gets from being able to be apart of the education and development of younger members no doubt all contributed to the success she has achieved.

We congratulate Cheryl on this award and thank her for her contribution to Surf Life Saving in the Far South Coast.



Members from the Broulee Surfers SLSC



Judy Rettke, Cheryl McCarthy, Scott Kemmis, Bruce McAslan

Member Development

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP



WAMBIRI 2024

Wambiri 2024

The Far South Coast Branch Wambiri Youth Camp is a highly regarded youth leadership program organised by the SLS Far South Coast Branch. Designed for U13 & 14 members, the camp offers a supportive and safe environment for participants to develop their surf lifesaving skills and build self-esteem.

This year's camp was a little disrupted due to bad weather in April and had to be rescheduled for the 25th-26th May, which meant a few of our youth members and parent helpers missed out this year. Hopefully they will all be back next year.

Held at Pambula SLSC, in what ended up being perfect weather conditions, 37 participants, 1 cadet leader and 4 parent helpers, along with the usual Youth facilitators of Andy, Nat, Frank & Holty, all enjoyed a fun filled weekend of activities.

This year's program included:

Outrigging Canoes – provided by the local outrigging club. Great fun and learning to work as a team.

Power Craft Awareness – participants were introduced into the use of IRB's in Surf Life Saving and how/what they need to do to become an IRB operator.

Search and Rescue Activities – The Merimbula Police and Pambula RFS and the Westpac Life Saver Helicopter. Having the opportunity to meet some of our local emergency services that work closely with our organisation regularly and talk about the types of resources they have and how Surf Life Saving fits into the Emergency Response in our local area.

Leadership/Team Building Activities– A number of games and team building challenges were run to engage the participants, all of which help build friendships/communication and working in a team to complete tasks.

Key Note Speaker – This year we were lucky enough again to have Shannon Fox, the 2022 Australian Lifesaver of the Year come and speak to the participants. She was able to talk about her positive experiences and involvement within Surf Life Saving and answer questions our participants had. This is a well-received part of the camp and all participants get a lot out of this session.

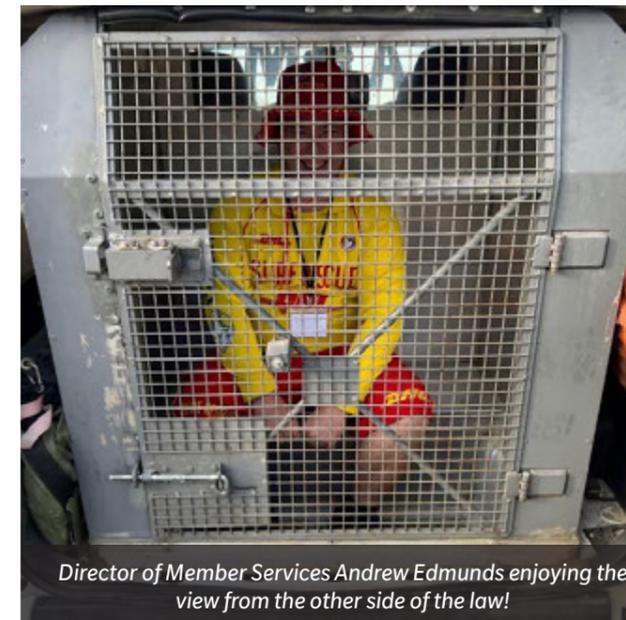
The camp received overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants and parents, with everyone appreciating the well-planned organisation and the opportunity to learn and have fun.

Overall, the Wambiri Youth Camp is a fantastic opportunity for young members to engage in surf life saving and develop valuable leadership skills and we look forward to continuing to provide this opportunity to our youth within the Branch.

A massive thank you to Frank Davey, Natalie Browning, Jimmy McGrath for helping facilitate the camp yet again. It was awesome.

Andrew Edmunds

Surf Life Saving Far South Coast
Director of Member Development



Director of Member Services Andrew Edmunds enjoying the view from the other side of the law!



IRB Introduction for all our participants. All participants were keen to get involved.



Outrigging exercise, where participants enjoyed a leisurely paddle on the Pambula River



Team building exercises on Saturday night, were a big hit....



A visit from our local Police



Keynote Speaker, Shannon Fox, answering questions on all things Surf Life Saving

JUNIOR LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR

DEVELOPING LEADERS OF THE FUTURE

The Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program #JLOTY is an amazing opportunity for our Branch to recognise our U14 members' achievements in Surf Life Saving, their contributions to all levels of Surf Life Saving and their communities. Our selection panel held interviews with all our candidates from across the Branch and were met with some tough decisions to award two of our members as Branch Finalists.

We are proud to present our Far South Coast Junior Lifesaver finalists:

- Mitchell Beby – Broulee
- Sophia Carver – Broulee
- Ty Constable – Narooma
- Laura Ovington – Narooma
- Henry Durnan – Moruya
- Zara Hall – Moruya
- Maxim Savchenko-Ray – Bermagui

The judging panel commented on how strong all applicants were this year and as always it is a close decision. A massive congratulations goes to our Branch Finalists:

Zara Hall from Moruya SLSC and Maxim Savchenko-Ray from Bermagui SLSC

Thanks to Branch Life Members Bruce Frost, Julie Frost and Tony Rettke who joined the selection panel for this years JLOTY.

Far South Coast JLOTY representatives Maxim Savchenko-Ray and Zara Hall



Our finalists progressed to the SLSNSW development camp and interview process to determine the State winners. We congratulate both on their achievements and hope the experience gained at the development camp was not only lots of fun but both gained a lot from the personal development opportunities and meeting other young surf lifesavers from across New South Wales.



ZARA HALL NSW JUNIOR FEMALE LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR

An enthusiastic and motivated lifesaver with a personality bubbling well above the surface, Zara is a passionate individual who gives so much to her club, Moruya, where she actively supports the Same Wave program for all-inclusive lifesaving and passes on her knowledge to younger members.

While only 14 years of age, Zara's maturity makes her a wonderful role model for all around her. Whether she is helping out with Nippers, Same Wave or Patrols, she has a cool head and an easy-going nature that her peers are naturally drawn to.

Judges noted she places a strong value on education, hoping to establish a program at her club that raises awareness of the beach to those visiting from inland.

"It makes me so happy to represent Moruya when I think about the things the club is a part of, like the Same Wave program," Zara said.

"I love just being at the ocean, around the club, I love competing, I love patrolling, I love everything about Surf Life Saving."

Junior lifesaver finalists engaged in a three-day team building and leadership development program at Collaroy, which culminated in Zara being selected as the NSW Junior Female Lifesaver of the Year.

"I enjoyed learning about who we were and what we want to be as lifesavers, what our future is, we had some talks on that," Zara said.

"It's been amazing, and I want to thank all the facilitators who made it possible."



**SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW SOUTH WALES**



Lifesaving

This year has been significant for our lifesaving teams across the Branch, as we witnessed high numbers of visitors enjoying our beautiful beaches throughout the season. Our Club Captains, Lifesavers, and Support Operations teams have consistently maintained their outstanding performance, ensuring that no lives were lost between the flags.

Across the Branch, our dedicated teams have been involved in numerous rescues, preventative actions, first aid responses, and emergency call-outs, demonstrating their unwavering commitment to public safety. Tragically, we witnessed four preventable drowning deaths within our Branch, all occurring outside of flagged areas. These incidents underscore the critical importance of adhering to safety guidelines and highlight the vital role our teams play in safeguarding beachgoers.

We have successfully maintained our number of patrolling members throughout the Branch, a testament to the effective recruitment and retention strategies implemented by our clubs. This accomplishment underscores the engaging opportunities our clubs provide, which keep our members motivated and enthusiastic about their volunteer experience. The retention of our volunteers highlights the sense of community and purpose that our lifesaving clubs foster, creating a supportive and rewarding environment for all members.

Lifesaving Service Agreements

Negotiating the Lifesaving Service Agreements has presented numerous and substantial challenges, primarily due to the suboptimal processes currently in place. However, we are encouraged by the commitment shown by Surf Life Saving New South Wales (SLSNSW) to address these issues.

They have pledged to implement improved procedures, with a trial already underway in the northern regions of the state during the 2024/2025 season. This development is a significant step forward and demonstrates a proactive approach to enhancing lifesaving operations.



We are also eagerly looking forward to the upcoming State Lifesaving Conference, which will serve as a crucial platform for discussing and exploring flexible lifesaving opportunities. This conference will allow us to collaborate with other branches and share innovative ideas that can be applied to our practices. Our primary goal is to be at the forefront of implementing these flexible practices within our Branch, thereby enhancing our capability to adapt and excel in a variety of situations. By doing so, we aim to ensure that our lifesaving efforts are both effective and responsive to the dynamic and diverse challenges we face.

Emergency Response Beacons

We are pleased to announce the allocation of six emergency response beacons to the FSC Branch, with three designated for the Bega Valley Shire Council area and three for the Eurobodalla Shire Council area. This initia-

tive aims to enhance safety and emergency response capabilities in these regions. We are particularly excited to share that final approvals have been received from the Bega Valley Shire Council, allowing us to proceed with the installation of the beacons at Camel Rock Beach, Bar Beach Merimbula, and the Pambula River Mouth in the coming weeks. These strategic locations have been chosen to maximise the safety benefits for the community and visitors.

However, communication with the Eurobodalla Shire Council has presented challenges, and progress has been slower than anticipated. We remain committed to resolving these issues and are actively working to improve our collaboration with the council. Our goal is to ensure that the beacons in the Eurobodalla Shire area are in place and operational before the commencement of the next season. We believe these beacons are crucial for enhancing emergency response times and ensuring the safety of our community members and visitors alike.

Support Operations

Our Support Operations team, alongside the Club Call Out teams, have handled numerous emergency call-outs beyond the regular patrol duties. This dedicated team includes Duty Officers, Rescue Water Craft (RWC) Operators, UAV Operators, and State Welfare Officers. The professionalism and empathy demonstrated by our Duty Officers, especially in challenging and tragic situations, have been truly commendable. I would also like to extend my gratitude to their families for their unwavering support during emergency responses. The RWC Operators have continued to deliver exemplary service through proactive patrols and timely emergency responses. SLSNSW has committed to a four-year plan to replace

and add new skis within our Branch, ensuring we maintain high-quality and functional assets. Special thanks go to our Branch Powercraft Coordinator, Andrew Mizzi, for his diligent efforts in keeping our equipment in top condition.

David Jansen, our UAV Coordinator, undertook the significant task of completing UAV operator proficiencies across the Branch. Although the training of new operators saw a decline this season, full-time UAV patrols were successfully hosted at several locations as part of the DPI Surveillance program. Increasing our volunteer capacity in this area will be a priority moving forward.

Recognition

We are proud to recognise the outstanding achievements of our members:

Rescue of the Year: Beth Knox and the Pambula Call Out team

Support Operations Member of the Year: Chris Briggs

Lifesaving Club of the Year: Bermagui SLSC



Far South Coast members who undertook the NSW Flood Rescue Training

Thank you

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Westpac Lifesaver 23 Rescue Helicopter team for their critical support. Their presence is invaluable to our lifesaving efforts, particularly in remote areas.

I would also like to express my gratitude to Cheryl McCarthy for her unwavering support during my transition into the Director of Lifesaving role. Additionally, her dedication to the Far South Coast Branch in her capacity as Emergency Management Coordinator has been invaluable.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their dedication and support during the 2023-24 season. It remains a privilege to work with such a skilled and committed team. Together, we continue to uphold the highest standards of lifesaving excellence and community service.

Our collective efforts have not only safeguarded lives but also strengthened the bond within our community, making our beaches a safer and more enjoyable place for everyone.

Best regards,

Emma O'Neill
Director of Lifesaving



Chris Briggs Support Operations Member of the Year

Emergency Management

August 2023 marked a significant milestone for Surf Life Saving New South Wales (SLSNSW) with the establishment of a dedicated Emergency Management team. This development follows SLSNSW's designation as an emergency service organisation in December 2018, a role that has seen surf lifesavers increasingly called upon to respond to emergencies beyond the flags. The impact of the Black Summer Bushfires and the deployment of our members to aid in state-wide flooding emergencies highlighted the necessity of such a team.

The newly formed Emergency Management team is actively collaborating with Branches and stakeholders to create a comprehensive Framework and Service Delivery Road Map for the next four years. This initiative aims to alleviate the demands on our lifesaving team, enabling them to concentrate on their primary mission of protecting beachgoers.

The Far South Coast (FSC) has already reaped the benefits of this focus, with 17 members recently completing Flood Rescue training and joining the NSW Flood Response Group as On-Water Operators, including three who have also qualified in In-Water Flood Rescue.

Education & Training

As the Far South Coast Branch Director of Education, I would like to present this annual report with gratitude for the support provided to me in the role.

The 2023/24 season involved a great deal of work in re-endorsing the Probationary TAF and full TAF qualifications across the branch. This was a noticeable piece of work that occurred over Jan, Feb and March. We were able to get all TAF's re-endorsed however we are still reliant on TAF's from outside the branch to fulfil all our training needs. TAF Sustainability has been a key agenda item for the Education standing committee this year with recognition of the pressures across many branches.

This year marked an opportunity to meet through the combined portfolio conference over two days in Sydney. This proved to be successful and allowed deep discussion on key pieces of proposed changes in the Education space.

These proposed changes include:

- Change from 2 to 1 mentoring session.
- Shift away from the VET system.
- Extension and expansion of the pilot use of the 'training app.
- Removal of First Aid for ART course.
- Removal of minimum age requirement for TAF's

A continuing piece of work is the maintenance and upskilling of existing Patrol Captains with (SMBM) holders to the new course. SLSA agreed to remove national skills maintenance for SMBM holders retaining it only for AMOPC holders. This leaves a gap for SLSNSW to implement the SRR PD.

In line with the previous year's Annual Report, work was undertaken to deliver the HLTAID011 to ensure members could maintain their ART qualification. This proved to be difficult to coordinate, relying on the use of trainers from outside the branch to complete the training for clubs in the north of the branch.

As per the previous director's actions, with the support of the Australian Lifesaving Academy, many members completed their Provide First Aid award which provided them with the required prerequisite for the Advanced Resuscitation Techniques, HLTAID011.

Due to pressures from work and home, I am unable to continue in this role beyond the term. I feel future candidates for this role will be best served with experience in being a trainer and/or assessor for their club. This will ensure they have direct experience with the system they will be supporting others with.

I have enjoyed getting to expand my networks across the branch and work with great people doing great things. I want to thank all those who have supported me over the season and I hope to see you on the beach at branch carnivals.

Matt Alterator
Director of Education

Number of Members Obtaining Qualifications 2023/24	
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	64
Bronze Medallion	65
IRB Crew Certificate	34
Provide First Aid HLTAID011	5
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	13
Surf Rescue Certificate	55
Training Officer IRB	1



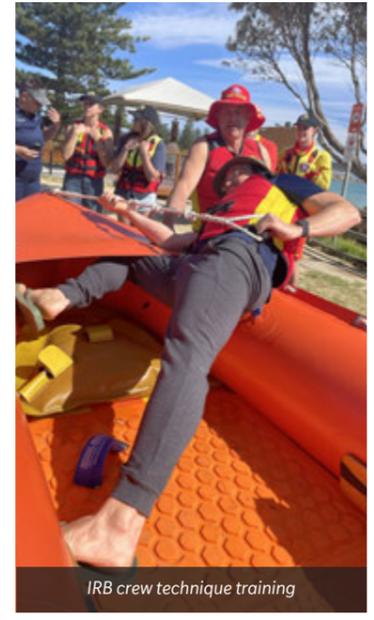
Pre season SAREX UAV training



Broulee Surfers SLSC tube rescue training



Narooma SLSC Bronze Medallion/SRC training



IRB crew technique training



Pambula SLSC undertaking a search and rescue scenario



ALBERT training for our branch IRB driver and crew members

Surf Sports

Thank you to Tathra, Narooma and Broulee Surfers for hosting brilliant carnivals in some fairly ordinary conditions. A huge shout out to our Officials and more importantly the water safety. We often forget that carnivals don't operate without them, and that they are first on the beach and last to leave, volunteering long hours so our kids and seniors can compete.

Interbranch this season produced a best ever result for our Branch. Huge thanks must go to Wendy Law for the hours of work that she pours into organising the team and making it happen.

As always, our competitors competed well at home and away.

Our boaties excelled, crews from Batemans Bay, Broulee Surfers and Moruya. All crews stepped up, most notably;

Moruya U17 Males - "the Matchsticks": Taking out the inaugural ASRL U17s Championships at Lorne

Batemans Bay "Banshees" - Reserve & Master 180 Women: These ladies had a brilliant season - gold looks good on them

- ASRL Open - 1st Masters 180
- SLSNSW State Championship - 1st in their Reserve and Masters divisions, never achieved by any other boat crew in NSW, and making the total of Master consecutive gold medals by this crew 16.
- They beat all of the Queenslanders in the new Zenoz series to bring home the prize money.
- Unfortunately, Aussies was a wipe out, with injury, illness and substantial equipment damage.

Broulee Surfers

- Mixed Grill - 180 Male ASRL Open - Gold
- Mixed Grill - 200 Male Aussies - SILVER (yes they aged up)
- Griffin Braves - 180 Female ASRL Open - Bronze
- Griffin Braves - 180 Female Aussies - 4th

These ladies worked really hard towards the end of the season and the results really showed.

OTHER RESULTS

Beach and water competitors showed us what they were made of.

SLSNSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

- The Darrens (Browning and Drewsen)
- Darren Drewsen Bronze 50-54 Male Sprint
- Darren Drewsen GOLD 50-54 Male Flags
- Darren Browning SILVER 55-59 Male Flags.
- Darren Browning making finals in 55-59 Male Iron, Sprint, 2km Run, Board, Tube Rescue, Single Ski. WOW!!! Well done.
- BRONZE to Louis Hayward & Monty Lloyd Jones in U14
- Andy Baker - 4th in his tube race
- Zara Hall 5th U14 flags.
- Moruya Buoyos making it to the semis against some red-hot crews in their first season as an open male crew.

AUSSIES 2024

Far South Coast Branch has had a successful season in the Surf Sports arena.

- Luke Drewsen - Broulee Surfers SLSC; making the quarter final in the U15 beach sprint and 14th in the U15 Male Flags
- Zara Hall - Moruya SLSC - SILVER MEDAL U14 Female Flags

She was brilliant and Moruya is a little bit proud of her efforts. This was awesome to watch. What a great role model this young lady is ... apologising to those she knocked out. A huge thanks go to Tom Rampoldi and Damien Bulian (North Cronulla) for mentoring Zara over the weeks leading up to Aussies and Damien on being there to support her during her event.

On a side note, congratulations to Zara on being awarded the SLS NSW Junior Life Saver of the Year. We should feel honoured that she is one of ours and that we have all been a part of her ongoing journey.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

SLSNSW Surf Boat Inter-series - Congratulations to the following crews that made the Southern Penguins Team Unfortunately more appalling weather saw the event cancelled.

- Batemans Bay Reserve Women Banshees
- Batemans Bay Reserve Men Chicken Burgers
- Batemans Bay U19 Women Skipjacks
- Moruya U19 Men Matchsticks

Again thank you to everyone that chipped in and supported Surf Sports this season. 2024/25 promises exciting things in the sport arena ... stay tuned.

GEORGE BASS MARATHON 2025

Planning is well under way for the 2025 GBM, some permits lodged, entries coming in and sponsors on board.

2025 marks 50 years of the George Bass Marathon, 50 years since "Curly" Annabel thought it would be fun to row a whale boat 198kms down some of the most spectacular and rugged coastline imaginable. It's a credit to all of those that have a certain type of passion that keeps the GBM going and the thing that surf boat legends are made from.

Thank you to Bruce and Angie Annabel and their family for the continuing support of this event. We must also acknowledge Capital Chemist, sponsoring their 5th GBM.

Looking forward to seeing you on the start line on 29/12/2024.

Andrew Holt

Surf Life Saving Far South Coast
Director of Surf Sports

Far South Coast Branch Carnivals 2023/24		
Senior Carnival	Sat 9 Dec 23	Tathra SLSC
Junior Carnival	Sun 10 Dec 23	Tathra SLSC
Senior Carnival	Sat 10 Feb 24	Narooma SLSC
Junior Carnival	Sun 11 Feb 24	Narooma SLSC
Junior Carnival	Sat 23 Mar 24	Broulee Surfers SLSC
Senior Carnival	Sun 24 Mar 24	Broulee Surfers SLSC

INTERBRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Far South Coast Interbranch Team for 2023 was a fantastic group of competitors and the December weekend carnival at Fingal Bay (Port Stephens) was blessed with great weather conditions.

The Team members (listed below) all competed to the best of their abilities and our results were very pleasing.

We had some outstanding results, and although I don't like to single out any particular competitor I do need to make special mention of our Under 12, Liam Tague from Narooma, who was awarded tied first place for his beach sprint event but injured his knee in the process, finishing the sprint limping across the line. He was then off to hospital and spent the rest of the weekend (and the season) on crutches. Liam gave it all in his sprint!

There are always a great number of moving pieces that go into making our Interbranch weekend a success, and many people step up to help in lots of different ways that make the whole event just work.

Thanks go to:

Coaches: Dan Beby, Darren Drewsen, and assistant coaches Scott Carver, Kane Doull and Rachel Duczynski (Andrew Holt was injured and unable to attend)

Official: Glenn Bywater



Water Safety: Glenn Hall and Mike Atkin

Our 5am caterers: Kelly McPartland, Kate Waterson, Katrina Leach and Luke Mitchell

Our chaperones: Glenn Dawson, Craig Bindon, Scott Carver, Michelle Croker, Ryan Miles, Becca Posterino, and Jeremy Tague

Some of these people also jumped in to help with board handling and managing gear onto/and off our trailer each day.

In addition, Graham Martin-Dye collected ice for our eskies each day and our Friday night chicken dinner.

Thanks also goes to Narooma Surf Club for the use of their gear trailer, Michelle for the extra large esky for our lunches, and the Hall family for towing the gear trailer up and back.

Everyone's efforts combined to make the weekend a successful trip. Overall we retained our 9th spot in the State ranking again (out of 11 branches).

Our Branch are all very proud of our team results.

Wendy Law

FSC Interbranch Coordinator



Far South Coast Interbranch Team 2023/24			
U12	Boys	Harry Leach BROULEE	Lachlan Martin-Dye NAROOMA
		Liam Tague NAROOMA	Thurein Halpin BROULEE
U12	Girls	Alexis Carver BROULEE	Pearl Eaton BROULEE
		Emma Dawson BROULEE	Poppy Mitchell BROULEE
U13	Boys	Xavier Miles NAROOMA	Xavier Hall MORUYA
		Zakaria Saeedi BROULEE	Jaxon Eke MORUYA
U13	Girls	Ilah Constable NAROOMA	Keira Atkin BROULEE
		Dakoda Baker NAROOMA	Ruby Bindon BROULEE
U14	Boys	Louis Hayward BROULEE	Mitchell Beby BROULEE
		Rorey Croft NAROOMA	Cooper Croker PAMBULA
U14	Girls	Annika Thorne MORUYA	Sophia Carver BROULEE
		Zara Hall MORUYA	Isabella Posterino-Bell BROULEE
U15	Boys	Joel Constable NAROOMA	Tristan Heinemann BROULEE
		Luke Drewsen BROULEE	
U15	Girls	Sarah Leach BROULEE	Rosie McPartland BROULEE
		Chelsea Tyrrell BROULEE	Michaela Fitzpatrick MORUYA
U17	Boys	Kaleb Miles NAROOMA	Hugo Hayward BROULEE
		Aidan O'Connor TATHRA	
U17	Girls	Sari Bridgeman BROULEE	Gypsy Waterson BROULEE

JUNIOR BRANCH CHAMPIONS



Beach Run

U8 Male Beach Run	Jackson Mullaney	TATHRA
U8 Female Beach Run	Annabelle Tyrrell	BROULEE SURFERS
U9 Male Beach Run	Reuben Sauiluma	NAROOMA
U9 Female Beach Run	Harriet Martin-Dye	NAROOMA
U10 Male Beach Run	Finn Clohesy	BROULEE SURFERS
U10 Female Beach Run	Neva Deveril	PAMBULA
U11 Male Beach Run	Archer Billington	BROULEE SURFERS
U11 Female Beach Run	Sen Re	TATHRA
U12 Male Beach Run	Jaxon Bedford	PAMBULA
U12 Female Beach Run	Rose Waterson	BROULEE SURFERS
U13 Male Beach Run	Jordan Mansfield	PAMBULA
TIED	Tor Eveston	BROULEE SURFERS
U13 Female Beach Run	Keira Atkin	BROULEE SURFERS
U14 Male Beach Run	Cooper Croker	PAMBULA
U14 Female Beach Run	Zara Hall	MORUYA

Beach Flags

U8 Male Flags	Jackson Mullaney	TATHRA
U8 Female Flags	Annabelle Tyrrell	BROULEE SURFERS
TIED	Dia Aisi	BROULEE SURFERS
U9 Male Flags	Hudson Stewart	BROULEE SURFERS
U9 Female Flags	Harriet Martin-Dye	NAROOMA
U10 Male Flags	Finn Clohesy	BROULEE SURFERS
U10 Female Flags	Zoey Bedford	PAMBULA
U11 Male Flags	Archie Sly	TATHRA
U11 Female Flags	Alana Croft	NAROOMA
U12 Male Flags	Joseph Kindness-Phillips	TATHRA
U12 Female Flags	Leala Garden	BATEMANS BAY
U13 Male Flags	Zak Saeedi	BROULEE SURFERS
U13 Female Flags	Addyson Bertram	PAMBULA
U14 Male Flags	Rorey Croft	NAROOMA

U14 Female Flags	Zara Hall	MORUYA
Beach Sprint		
U8 Male Sprint	Jye Dunn	BROULEE SURFERS
U8 Female Sprint	Tei Re	TATHRA
U8 Mixed Sprint Relay		TATHRA
U9 Male Sprint	Hudson Stewart	BROULEE SURFERS
U9 Female Sprint	Harriet Martin-Dye	NAROOMA
U9 Mixed Sprint Relay		NAROOMA
U10 Male Sprint	Finn Clohesy	BROULEE SURFERS
U10 Female Sprint	Zoey Bedford	PAMBULA
U10 Mixed Sprint Relay		BROULEE SURFERS
U11 Male Sprint	Archie Sly	TATHRA
U11 Female Sprint	Zali Smart	BROULEE SURFERS
U11 Mixed Sprint Relay		NAROOMA
U12 Male Sprint	Tai Bexterman	TATHARA
U12 Female Sprint	Leala Garden	BATEMANS BAY
U12 Mixed Sprint Relay		TATHRA
TIED		BROULEE SURFERS
U13 Male Sprint	Xavier Miles	NAROOMA
U13 Female Sprint	Addyson Bertram	PAMBULA
U13 Mixed Sprint Relay		BROULEE SURFERS
U14 Male Sprint	Rorey Croft	NAROOMA
U14 Female Sprint	Zara Hall	MORUYA
TIED	Emma Peard	BROULEE SURFERS
U14 Mixed Sprint Relay		BROULEE SURFERS



Iron

U11 Male Ironperson	James Gunn	BROULEE SURFERS
U11 Female Ironperson	Audrey Knobel	BROULEE SURFERS
U12 Male Ironperson	Harry Leach	BROULEE SURFERS
U12 Female Ironperson	Alexis Carver	BROULEE SURFERS
U13 Male Ironperson	Xavier Miles	NAROOMA
U13 Female Ironperson	Keira Atkin	BROULEE SURFERS



U14 Male Ironperson	Mitchell Beby	BROULEE SURFERS
U14 Female Ironperson	Lara Barnes	BROULEE SURFERS

Board

U9 Male Board	Ash Bexterman	TATHRA
U9 Female Board	Elani Van Der Meulen	BROULEE SURFERS
U10 Male Board	Oliver Walsh	NAROOMA
U10 Female Board	Zali Aisi	BROULEE SURFERS
U11 Male Board	James Gunn	BROULEE SURFERS
U11 Female Board	Audrey Knobel	BROULEE SURFERS
U12 Male Board	Harry Leach	BROULEE SURFERS
U12 Female Board	Alexis Carver	BROULEE SURFERS
U13 Male Board	Xavier Miles	NAROOMA
U13 Female Board	Keira Atkin	BROULEE SURFERS
U14 Male Board	Mitchell Beby	BROULEE SURFERS
U14 Female Board	Sophia Carver	BROULEE SURFERS

Team Events

U9/U10 Board Relay		NAROOMA
TIED		BROULEE SURFERS
U11/U12 Board Relay		BROULEE SURFERS
U13/U14 Board Relay		BROULEE SURFERS
U8/9/10 Buchanan Relay		BROULEE SURFERS
U11/U12 Cameron Relay		BROULEE SURFERS
U13/14 Cameron Relay		BROULEE SURFERS
All Age Sprint Relay		BROULEE SURFERS
March Past		BROULEE SURFERS

Wade

U8 Male Wade	Liam Rowley	TATHRA
TIED	Jye Dunn	BROULEE SURFERS
U8 Female Wade	Annabelle Tyrrell	BROULEE SURFERS
U8 Mixed Wade Relay		BROULEE SURFERS
U9 Male Wade	Hudson Stewart	BROULEE SURFERS

U9 Female Wade	Madison Chapman	BROULEE SURFERS
TIED	Helena Sullivan	NAROOMA
U9 Mixed Wade Relay		BROULEE SURFERS

Surf

U9 Male Swim	Lewis Park	NAROOMA
U9 Female Swim	Harriet Martin-Dye	NAROOMA
U10 Male Swim	Oliver Walsh	NAROOMA
U10 Female Swim	Zali Aisi	BROULEE SURFERS
U11 Male Swim	James Gunn	BROULEE SURFERS
U11 Female Swim	Taya Constable	NAROOMA
U12 Male Swim	Harry Leach	BROULEE SURFERS
U12 Female Swim	Alexis Carver	BROULEE SURFERS
U13 Male Swim	Xavier Miles	NAROOMA
U13 Female Swim	Ilah Constable	NAROOMA
U14 Male Swim	Mitchell Beby	BROULEE SURFERS
U14 Female Swim	Lara Barnes	BROULEE SURFERS
U9 Male Swim Teams		NAROOMA
U9 Female Swim Teams		BROULEE SURFERS
U10 Male Swim Teams		MORUYA
U10 Female Swim Teams		PAMBULA
U11 Male Swim Teams		BROULEE SURFERS
U11 Female Swim Teams		BROULEE SURFERS
U12 Male Swim Teams		BROULEE SURFERS
TIED		NAROOMA
U12 Female Swim Teams		BROULEE SURFERS
U13 Male Swim Teams		PAMBULA
U13 Female Swim Teams		NAROOMA
U14 Male Swim Teams		BROULEE SURFERS
U14 Female Swim Teams		BROULEE SURFERS

Overall Pointscore

Dave Pheeny Junior Pointscore Trophy		BROULEE SURFERS
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SENIOR BRANCH CHAMPIONS

Over 30's		
O30 Female Board	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
O30 Female Ironperson	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
O30 Female Ski	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
O30 Female Swim	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
O30 Male Beach Flags	Anthony Nagle	TATHRA
O30 Male Beach Run	Anthony Nagle	TATHRA
O30 Male Beach Sprint	Anthony Nagle	TATHRA
O30 Male Board	Anthony Nagle	TATHRA
O30 Male Ski	Anthony Nagle	TATHRA



Over 40's		
O40 Female Beach Flags	Michelle Mcpherson	BROULEE SURFERS
O40 Female Beach Sprint	Michelle Beby	BROULEE SURFERS
O40 Female Board	Michelle Mcpherson	BROULEE SURFERS
O40 Female Swim	Michelle Mcpherson	BROULEE SURFERS
O40 Male Beach Run	Dan Beby	BROULEE SURFERS
O40 Male Beach Sprint	Josh Waterson	BROULEE SURFERS
O40 Male Board	Dan Beby	BROULEE SURFERS
O40 Male Ironperson	Josh Waterson	BROULEE SURFERS
O40 Male Ski	Scott Carver	BROULEE SURFERS
O40 Male Swim	Scott Melgaard	BROULEE SURFERS

Over 50's		
O50 Female Beach Flags	Jennifer O'Leary	TATHRA
O50 Female Beach Run	Jennifer O'Leary	TATHRA
O50 Female Beach Sprint	Jennifer O'Leary	TATHRA
O50 Female Board	Jenny Taylor	BROULEE SURFERS
O50 Female Ski	Jenny Taylor	BROULEE SURFERS
O50 Female Swim	Jennifer O'Leary	TATHRA
O50 Male Beach Flags	Darren Drewsen	BROULEE SURFERS
O50 Male Beach Run	Paul Hill	MORUYA
O50 Male Beach Sprint	Darren Browning	BROULEE SURFERS
O50 Male Board	Troy Burhop	TATHRA
O50 Male Ironperson	Troy Burhop	TATHRA
O50 Male Ski	Darren Browning	BROULEE SURFERS
O50 Male Swim	Rob Heinemann	BROULEE SURFERS

Over 60's		
O60 Female Beach Sprint	Judy Rettke	TATHRA
O60 Female Board	Judy Rettke	TATHRA
O60 Female Flags	Judy Rettke	TATHRA
O60 Female Swim	Judy Rettke	TATHRA
O60 Male Beach Flags	Tony Rettke	TATHRA
O60 Male Beach Run	David Hislop	TATHRA
O60 Male Beach Sprint	Pete McKay	BROULEE SURFERS
O60 Male Board	Pete McKay	BROULEE SURFERS
O60 Male Ironperson	Pete McKay	BROULEE SURFERS
O60 Male Ski	Pete McKay	BROULEE SURFERS
O60 Male Swim	Pete McKay	BROULEE SURFERS



Open		
Open Female Beach Flags	Erin Drewsen	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Female Beach Run	Gypsy Waterson	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Female Beach Sprint	Darcy Coppin	MORUYA
Open Female Board Race	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
Open Female Board Rescue		TATHRA
Open Female Ironperson	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
Open Female Single Ski	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
Open Female Swim	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
Open Male Beach Flags	Darren Drewsen	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Male Beach Run	Dan Beby	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Male Beach Sprint	Darren Drewsen	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Male Board Race	Kane Doull	NAROOMA
Open Male Ironperson	Josh Waterson	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Male Single Ski	Scott Carver	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Male Swim	Kane Doull	NAROOMA



Under 15		
U15 Female Beach Flags	Meah Beecham	NAROOMA
U15 Female Beach Run	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
U15 Female Beach Sprint	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
U15 Female Board	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
U15 Female Ironperson	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
U15 Female Swim	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
U15 Male Beach Flags	Luke Drewsen	BROULEE SURFERS
U15 Male Beach Run	Tasman Alterator	TATHRA
U15 Male Beach Sprint	Luke Drewsen	BROULEE SURFERS
U15 Male Board	Joel Constable	NAROOMA
U15 Male Ironperson	Joel Constable	NAROOMA
U15 Male Swim	Joel Constable	NAROOMA

Under 17		
U17 Female Beach Flags - Joint	Erin Drewsen	BROULEE SURFERS
	Sophie Bolton	MORUYA
U17 Female Beach Run	Gypsy Waterson	BROULEE SURFERS
U17 Female Beach Sprint	Sophie Bolton	MORUYA
U17 Female Board	Gypsy Waterson	BROULEE SURFERS
U17 Female ironperson	Jesse Doull	NAROOMA
U17 Female Ski	Gypsy Waterson	BROULEE SURFERS
U17 Male Beach Flags	Aidan O'Connor	TATHRA
U17 Male Beach Run	Jett Cook	NAROOMA
U17 Male Beach Sprint	Jett Cook	NAROOMA
U17 Male Board	Jett Cook	NAROOMA
U17 Male Ironperson	Jett Cook	NAROOMA
U17 Male Ski	Bray Constable	NAROOMA
U17 Male Swim	Aidan O'Connor	TATHRA



Under 19		
U19 Female Beach Flags	Ruby O'Leary	TATHRA
U19 Female Beach Run	Neisha Odonnell	TATHRA
U19 Female Board	Ruby O'Leary	TATHRA
U19 Female Ironperson	Ruby O'Leary	TATHRA
U19 Female Ski	Ruby O'Leary	TATHRA
U19 Female Swim	Ruby O'Leary	TATHRA
U19 Male Beach Run	Kane Doull	NAROOMA
U19 Male Beach Sprint	Kane Doull	NAROOMA
U19 Male Board	Kane Doull	NAROOMA
U19 Male Ironperson	Kane Doull	NAROOMA
U19 Male Ski	Kane Doull	NAROOMA
U19 Male Swim	Kane Doull	NAROOMA

Team Events		
Open Male Double Ski		BROULEE SURFERS
Masters Female Board Rescue		NAROOMA
Masters Male Board Rescue		BROULEE SURFERS
Masters Mixed Board Relay		TATHRA
Masters Mixed Taplin Relay		TATHRA
Mixed Double Ski		BROULEE SURFERS
Open Male Board Rescue		TATHRA
Open Mixed Board Relay		NAROOMA
Open Mixed Sprint Relay		BROULEE SURFERS
Open Mixed Taplin Relay		BROULEE SURFERS
U15 Female Board Rescue		BROULEE SURFERS
U15 Male Board Rescue		BROULEE SURFERS
U15 Mixed Cameron Relay		BROULEE SURFERS
U15/U17 Mixed Board Relay		BROULEE SURFERS
U17 Female Board Rescue		BROULEE SURFERS
U17 Male Board Rescue		TATHRA
U17 Mixed Cameron Relay		NAROOMA
U19 Female Board Rescue		TATHRA

Person of the Carnival		
Tathra Carnival	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
Narooma Carnival	Kane Doull	NAROOMA
Broulee Surfers Carnival	Josh Waterson	BROULEE SURFERS

Age Champion		
Under 15	Joel Constable	NAROOMA
Under 17	Sophie Bolton	MORUYA
Under 19	Ruby O'Leary	TATHRA
Masters	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA

Overall Champions		
Open Female Champion	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
Open Male Champion	Kane Doull	NAROOMA
Special Award for Best & Fairest	Judy & Tony Rettke	TATHRA
Overall Open Competitor Of The Year	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
Jack Beale Trophy - Highest Overall Pointscore		BROULEE SURFERS

RESULTS NSW COUNTRY CHAMPS

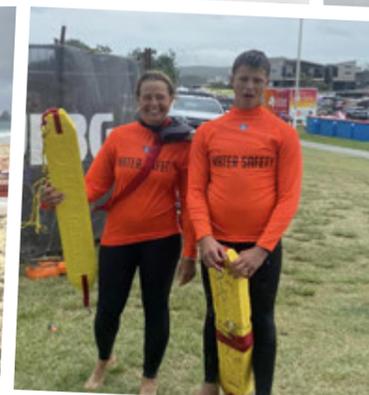
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Rachel Duczynski	Tathra	30-39 yrs Female Surf Race	Final	3
Brianna Rosenbaum	Broulee Surfers	30-39 yrs Female Surf Race	Final	6
Andrew Baker	Moruya	60+ Yrs Male Surf Race	Final	1
Jennifer O'Leary	Tathra	50-59 Female Surf Race	Final	5
Xavier Miles	Narooma	U13 Male Surf Race	Final	1
Alexis Carver	Broulee Surfers	U12 Female Surf Race	Final	4
Elani Van Der Meulen	Broulee Surfers	U9 Female Surf Race	Final	6
Louis Hayward	Broulee Surfers	U14 Male Surf Race	Final	1
Monty Lloyd Jones	Broulee Surfers	U14 Male Surf Race	Final	5
Taya Constable	Narooma	U11 Female Surf Race	Final	6
Chaska Waterson	Broulee Surfers	U19 Female Surf Race	Final	5
Rosie McPartland	Broulee Surfers	U15 Female Surf Race	Final	2
Molly Greenwood	Tathra	U15 Female Surf Race	Final	6
Rosie McPartland	Broulee Surfers	U15 Female Board Race	Final	2
Molly Greenwood	Tathra	U15 Female Board Race	Final	6
Ruby O'Leary	Tathra	U19 Female Board Race	Final	5
Neisha O'Donnell	Tathra	U19 Female Board Race	Final	6
Troy Burhop	Tathra	50-59 yrs Male Board Race	Final	2
Audrey Knobel	Broulee Surfers	U11 Female Board Race	Final	2
Monty Lloyd Jones	Broulee Surfers	U14 Male Board Race	Final	4
Elani Van Der Meulen	Broulee Surfers	U9 Female Board Race	Final	3
Andrew Baker	Moruya	60+ Yrs Male Board Race	Final	4
Rachel Duczynski	Tathra	30-39 yrs Female Board Race	Final	3
Dylan Van Der Meulen	Broulee Surfers	40-49 yrs Male Board Race	Final	4
Jae Constable	Narooma	40-49 yrs Male Board Race	Final	5
Josh Waterson	Broulee Surfers	40-49 yrs Male Board Race	Final	6
Erica Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	40-49 yrs Female Beach Flags	Final	4
Erin Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	U17 Female Beach Flags	Final	3
Hugo Hayward	Broulee Surfers	U17 Male Beach Flags	Final	5
Luke Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	U15 Male Beach Flags	Final	4
Jennifer O'Leary	Tathra	50-59 Female Beach Flags	Final	4
Archie Rosenbaum	Broulee Surfers	U13 Male Beach Flags	Final	4
Owen Wall	Pambula	U13 Male Beach Flags	Final	5
Beatrix Fleming	Broulee Surfers	U10 Female Beach Flags	Final	1
Zara Hall	Moruya	U14 Female Beach Flags	Final	3
Zali Smart	Broulee Surfers	U11 Female Beach Flags	Final	5
Maxwell Gunn	Broulee Surfers	U8 Male Beach Flags	Final	6
Darren Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	Open Male Beach Flags	Final	2
Darren Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	50-59 yrs Male Beach Flags	Final	1
Darren Browning	Broulee Surfers	50-59 yrs Male Beach Flags	Final	5
Molly Greenwood	Tathra	U15 Female Beach Flags	Final	5
Rosie McPartland	Broulee Surfers	U15 Female Beach Sprint	Final	4
Tai Bexterman	Tathra	U12 Male Beach Sprint	Final	6
Darren Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	50-59 yrs Male Beach Sprint	Final	1
Darren Browning	Broulee Surfers	50-59 yrs Male Beach Sprint	Final	6
Zali Smart	Broulee Surfers	U11 Female Beach Sprint	Final	5
Alana Croft	Narooma	U11 Female Beach Sprint	Final	6
Rorey Croft	Narooma	U14 Male Beach Sprint	Final	2
Louis Hayward	Broulee Surfers	U14 Male Beach Sprint	Final	6
Hudson Stewart	Broulee Surfers	U9 Male Beach Sprint	Final	3
Emma Dawson	Broulee Surfers	U12 Female Beach Sprint	Final	5
Ruby Bindon	Broulee Surfers	U13 Female Beach Sprint	Final	6
Beatrix Fleming	Broulee Surfers	U10 Female Beach Sprint	Final	2
Owen Wall	Pambula	U13 Male Beach Sprint	Final	2
Xavier Miles	Narooma	U13 Male Beach Sprint	Final	3
Jennifer O'Leary	Tathra	50-59 Female Beach Sprint	Final	3
Luke Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	U15 Male Beach Sprint	Final	2
Hugo Hayward	Broulee Surfers	U17 Male Beach Sprint	Final	6
Erin Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	U17 Female Beach Sprint	Final	4
Troy Burhop	Tathra	50-59 yrs Male Single Ski	Final	3



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Darren Browning	Broulee Surfers	50-59 yrs Male Single Ski	Final	6
Neisha O'Donnell	Tathra	U19 Female Single Ski	Final	3
Ruby O'Leary	Tathra	U19 Female Single Ski	Final	5
Rachel Duczynski	Tathra	30-39 yrs Female Single Ski	Final	2
Dylan Van Der Meulen	Broulee Surfers	40-49 yrs Male Single Ski	Final	4
Daniel Beby	Broulee Surfers	40-49 yrs Male Single Ski	Final	6
Andrew Baker	Moruya	60+ Male Rescue Tube Race	Final	1
Dylan Van Der Meulen	Broulee Surfers	40-49 yrs Male Rescue Tube Race	Final	3
Todd Hayward	Broulee Surfers	40-49 yrs Male Rescue Tube Race	Final	4
Daniel Beby	Broulee Surfers	40-49 yrs Male Rescue Tube Race	Final	6
Rosie McPartland	Broulee Surfers	U15 Female Rescue Tube Race	Final	1
Michelle Mcpherson	Broulee Surfers	40-49 yrs Female Rescue Tube Race	Final	5
Darren Browning	Broulee Surfers	50-59 yrs Male Malibu Long Board	Final	2
Josh Waterson	Broulee Surfers	40-49 yrs Male Malibu Long Board	Final	1
Audrey Knobel	Broulee Surfers	U11 Female 1km Beach Run	Final	2
Rose Waterson	Broulee Surfers	U12 Female 1km Beach Run	Final	5
Audrey Knobel	Broulee Surfers	U11 Female Ironperson	Final	4
Louis Hayward	Broulee Surfers	U14 Male Ironperson	Final	4
Alexis Carver	Broulee Surfers	U12 Female Ironperson	Final	6
Troy Burhop	Tathra	50-59 yrs Male Ironperson	Final	4
Ruby O'Leary	Tathra	U19 Female Ironperson	Final	4
Neisha O'Donnell	Tathra	U19 Female Ironperson	Final	5
Rosie McPartland	Broulee Surfers	U15 Female Ironperson	Final	2
Xavier Miles	Narooma	U13 Male Ironperson	Final	6
Rachel Duczynski	Tathra	30-39 yrs Female Ironperson	Final	1
Dylan Van Der Meulen	Broulee Surfers	40-49 yrs Male Ironperson	Final	3
Daniel Beby	Broulee Surfers	40-49 yrs Male Ironperson	Final	4
Josh Waterson	Broulee Surfers	40-49 yrs Male Ironperson	Final	5
Monty Lloyd Jones	Broulee Surfers	U14 Male 2km Beach Run	Final	3
Louis Hayward	Broulee Surfers	U14 Male 2km Beach Run	Final	4
Mitchell Beby	Broulee Surfers	U14 Male 2km Beach Run	Final	5
Jaxon Eke	Moruya	U13 Male 2km Beach Run	Final	6
Ruby Bindon	Broulee Surfers	U13 Female 2km Beach Run	Final	4
Keira Atkin	Broulee Surfers	U13 Female 2km Beach Run	Final	5
Darren Browning	Broulee Surfers	50-59 yrs Male Short Board Riding	Final	1
Robert Heinemann	Broulee Surfers	50-59 yrs Male Short Board Riding	Final	2
Mike Atkin	Broulee Surfers	40-49 yrs Male Short Board Riding	Final	2
Gypsy Waterson	Broulee Surfers	U17 Female Surf Board Riding	Final	3
Keira Atkin	Broulee Surfers	U13 Female Surf Board Riding	Final	2
Alexis Carver	Broulee Surfers	U13 Female Surf Board Riding	Final	3
Tristan Heinemann	Broulee Surfers	U15 Male Surf Board Riding	Final	4
Kane Doull	Narooma	Open Male Surf Board Riding	Final	1
Kane Doull	Narooma	U19 Male Surf Board Riding	Final	1
Annika Thorne	Broulee Surfers	U14 Female Surf Board Riding	Final	3
Michaela Fitzpatrick	Moruya	Open & U15 Female 2km	Final	5
Daniel Beby	Broulee Surfers	39-39, 40-49, 50-59 & 60 Male 2km	Final	5



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Darren Browning	Broulee Surfers	30+ Mixed Double Ski	Final	5
Jenny Taylor	Broulee Surfers	Open Male Double Ski	Final	5
Daniel Beby	Broulee Surfers	Open Male Double Ski	Final	6
Scott Carver	Broulee Surfers	Open Male Double Ski	Final	6
Dylan Van Der Meulen	Broulee Surfers	U19 Female Double Ski	Final	6
Chaska Waterson	Broulee Surfers	Open Mixed Double Ski	Final	6
Gypsy Waterson	Broulee Surfers	Open Mixed Double Ski	Final	6
Josh Waterson	Broulee Surfers	Open Mixed Double Ski	Final	6
Rachel Duczynski	Tathra	Open Female Single Ski Relay	Final	6
Neisha O'Donnell	Tathra	Open Female Single Ski Relay	Final	6
Ruby O'Leary	Tathra	Open Female Single Ski Relay	Final	6
Scott Carver	Broulee Surfers	Open Male Single Ski Relay	Final	5
Dylan Van Der Meulen	Broulee Surfers	Open Male Single Ski Relay	Final	5
Josh Waterson	Broulee Surfers	Open Male Single Ski Relay	Final	5
Mitchell Beby	Broulee Surfers	U14 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	5
Kloey Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	U14 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	5
Louis Hayward	Broulee Surfers	U14 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	5
Monty Lloyd Jones	Broulee Surfers	U14 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	5
Emma Dawson	Broulee Surfers	U14 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	5
Annie Fleming	Broulee Surfers	U12 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	4
Harry Leach	Broulee Surfers	U12 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	4
Rose Waterson	Broulee Surfers	U12 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	4
Ruby Bindon	Broulee Surfers	U12 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	4
Declan Mcpherson	Broulee Surfers	U13 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	4
Archie Roasebaum	Broulee Surfers	U13 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	4
Keira Atkin	Broulee Surfers	U13 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	4
Josh Waterson	Broulee Surfers	U13 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	4
Darren Browning	Broulee Surfers	150 Yrs min Mixed Beach Relay	Final	1
Darren Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	150 Yrs min Mixed Beach Relay	Final	1
Erica Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	150 Yrs min Mixed Beach Relay	Final	1
Sophia Carver	Broulee Surfers	150 Yrs min Mixed Beach Relay	Final	1
Sarah Leach	Broulee Surfers	U15 Female Beach Relay	Final	1
Francesca Roberts	Broulee Surfers	U15 Female Beach Relay	Final	1
Annika Thorne	Broulee Surfers	U15 Female Beach Relay	Final	1
Mitchell Beby	Broulee Surfers	U15 Female Beach Relay	Final	1
Luke Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	2
Tristan Heinemann	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	2
Rosie McPartland	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	2
Daniel Beby	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	2
Darren Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	2
Erin Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	2
Hugo Hayward	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	2
Mitchell Beby	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	2
Luke Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	2
Tristan Heinemann	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	2
Rosie McPartland	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	2
Daniel Beby	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	2
Michelle Mcpherson	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	2
Scott Carver	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	2
Alexis Carver	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	2
Emma Dawson	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	2
Louis Hayward	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	2
Monty Lloyd Jones	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Final	2
Rachel Duczynski	Tathra	Open Female Board Relay	Final	5
Neisha O'Donnell	Tathra	Open Female Board Relay	Final	5
Ruby O'Leary	Tathra	Open Female Board Relay	Final	5
Lewis Gunn	Broulee Surfers	U11 Mixed Board Relay	Final	6
James Gunn	Broulee Surfers	U11 Mixed Board Relay	Final	6
Audrey Knobel	Broulee Surfers	U11 Mixed Board Relay	Final	6



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Mike Atkin	Broulee Surfers	150 Yrs min Mixed Board Relay	Final	1
Robert Heinemann	Broulee Surfers	150 Yrs min Mixed Board Relay	Final	1
Jenny Taylor	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Board Relay	Final	4
Luke Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Board Relay	Final	4
Tristan Heinemann	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Board Relay	Final	4
Rosie McPartland	Broulee Surfers	U15 Mixed Board Relay	Final	4
Daniel Beby	Broulee Surfers	40-49 yrs Male Board Rescue	Final	1
Dylan Van Der Meulen	Broulee Surfers	40-49 yrs Male Board Rescue	Final	1
Scott Carver	Broulee Surfers	40-49 yrs Male Board Rescue	Final	3
Josh Waterson	Broulee Surfers	40-49 yrs Male Board Rescue	Final	3
Darren Browning	Broulee Surfers	50-59 yrs Male Board Rescue	Final	3
Robert Heinemann	Broulee Surfers	50-59 yrs Male Board Rescue	Final	3
Lara Barnes	Broulee Surfers	U14 Mixed Surf Teams	Final	2
Louis Hayward	Broulee Surfers	U14 Mixed Surf Teams	Final	2
Monty Lloyd Jones	Broulee Surfers	U14 Mixed Surf Teams	Final	2
Annika Thorne	Broulee Surfers	U12 Mixed Surf Teams	Final	4
Alexis Carver	Broulee Surfers	U12 Mixed Surf Teams	Final	4
Annie Fleming	Broulee Surfers	U12 Mixed Surf Teams	Final	4
Harry Leach	Broulee Surfers	U12 Mixed Surf Teams	Final	4
Rose Waterson	Broulee Surfers	U12 Mixed Surf Teams	Final	4



RESULTS AT SLNSW AND SLSA

NSW State Championships 2024

Batemans Bay Banshees	Batemans Bay	Reserve Grade Female Surf Boat	1
Batemans Bay Skipjacks	Batemans Bay	U19 Female Surf Boat	4
Batemans Bay A	Batemans Bay	Open Male Surf Boat	4
Batemans Bay A	Batemans Bay	Reserve Grade Male Surf Boat	2

NSW Masters State Championships 2024

Batemans Bay Banshees	Batemans Bay	180 years Female Surf Boat	Final	1
Darren Browning	Broulee Surfers	55-59 years Male Beach Flags	Final	2
Darren Browning	Broulee Surfers	55-59 years Male Surf Ski	Final	5
Darren Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	50-54 years Male Beach Flags	Final	1
Darren Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	50-54 years Male Beach Sprint	Final	3
Andrew Baker	Moruya	65-69 years Male Rescue Tube	Final	4

NSW Age State Championships 2024

Monty Lloyd Jones	Broulee Surfers	U14 Male 2x 1km Beach Run Relay	Final	3
Louis Hayward	Broulee Surfers	U14 Male 2x 1km Beach Run Relay	Final	3
Zara Hall	Moruya	U14 Female Beach Flags	Final	5

The Aussies 2023

Zara Hall	Moruya	U14 Female Beach Flags	Final	2
Batemans Bay Banshees	Batemans Bay	180 Females Surf Boat Race	Final	1
Darren Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	50-54 years Male Beach Flags	Final	2
Darren Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	50-54 years Male Beach Sprint	Final	3

Team Navy ASRL Open 2024

Batemans Bay	Batemans Bay	160 Males Surf Boat Race	1
Batemans Bay Banshees	Batemans Bay	180 Females Surf Boat Race	1
Broulee Surfers	Broulee Surfers	200 Males Surf Boat Race	1
Moruya	Moruya	U17 Male	1
Batemans Bay Banshees	Batemans Bay	Reserve Grade Female	3



Awards of Excellence

The 2023 – 2024 Far South Coast Branch Awards of Excellence were held at Bermagui SLSC on 1 July, 2024.

The Bermagui team under instruction from Euan did a wonderful job of hosting this event and the meal prepared by Kelly and her team from Eastwoods was fantastic.

Thanks to Vikki and her team for bringing it all together for a very successful night. As in previous years, it was an outstanding showcase of what our wonderful members achieve at their various clubs.

Thank you to our Special Guests on the night SLSNSW President Peter Agnew, State Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland & Mayor of Bega Valley Shire Council Russell Fitzpatrick

Congratulations to all the nominees and the winners.

MEMBER SERVICES & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

2023-24 Female Junior Lifesaver of the Year
Zara Hall, MORUYA SLSC

2023-24 Male Junior Lifesaver of the Year
Maxim Savchenko-Ray, BERMAGUI SLSC

**Fergus Thomson Award
Youth Volunteer of the Year**
Michaela Fitzpatrick, MORUYA SLSC

Service Team of the Year
Same Wave Program, PAMBULA SLSC

EDUCATION AWARD

Trainer, Assessor & Facilitator of the Year
Jason Domeny, BROULEE SURFERS SLSC

SURF SPORTS AWARDS

Official of the Year
Bree Rosenbaum, BROULEE SURFERS SLSC

Coach of the Year
Darren Drewsen, BROULEE SURFERS SLSC

Athlete of the Year
Rachel Duczynski, TATHRA SLSC

Surf Sports Team of the Year
The Mixedgrill Surfboat Team,
BROULEE SURFERS SLSC

**The Jack Beale Trophy
Club Pointscore Champions**
Bree Rosenbaum, BROULEE SURFERS SLSC



JLOTY winner Zara Hall with Life Member Kerry Parbery and President Tony Rettke



Matthew Alterator with TAF of the Year winner Jason Domeny



Dr Michael Holland with Darren Browning and Gary Pettigrove from Broulee Surfers SLSC with the Jack Beale Trophy



"Rookie" of the Year winner Erin Domeny with Dr Michael Holland



Support Operations winner Chris Briggs with Dr Michael Holland



SLSNSW President Peter Agnew ESM with President award winner Kimberli Eke and FSCB President Tony Rettke ESM



SLSNSW President Peter Agnew AM, FSCB President Tony Rettke ESM, Member for Bega Dr Michael Holland and FSCB Director of Administration Mike Hallahan

LIFESAVING AWARDS

"Rookie" Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year
Erin Domeny, BROULEE SURFERS SLSC

Support Operations Member of the Year
Chris Briggs, PAMBULA SLSC

Rescue of the Year
Beth Knox and the Pambula Call out Team

**Dave Pheeny Patrol Efficiency Award
Lifesaving Club of the Year**
BERMAGUI SLSC

MAJOR AWARDS

**Myril Bunt Award
Administrator of the Year**
Ben Smith, PAMBULA SLSC

**Presidents Award
Outstanding Service to the
Far South Coast Branch**
Kimberli Eke, MORUYA SLSC

Branch Volunteer of the Year
Adam Walsh, NAROOMA SLSC

**Nick Dixon Trophy
Surf Lifesaver of the Year**
Liam O'Neill, PAMBULA SLSC



FSCB Surf Lifesaver of the Year winner Liam O'Neill with the 2023 Australian Lifesaver of the Year Cheryl McCarthy

Our Achievements



ORDER of
AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

On January 2024, Michele Bootes was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for her service to Surf Life Saving.

This recognition was for her amazing efforts in establishing the Same Wave program at Pambula, the first of its kind in NSW. Michele was also recognised for her years of service at Pambula SLSC and across the Far South Coast Branch where she has been a trainer, assessor and branch director of education for many years.

In 2000 she founded Special Nippers at the Pambula Surf Lifesaving Club, also known as the Same Wave program, for children with disabilities.

"I decided I wanted to start a program for people with disabilities in the surf, because they were denied access to a movement that I was passionate about," she says.

"So, I started planning, and we started a program with five children with disabilities that wouldn't have normally been able to participate in Nippers."

Mrs Bootes is also a training officer and assessor at the surf club, as well as a patrol vice-captain and a life member.

She is currently a teacher at Lumen Christi Catholic College at Pambula Beach, and was previously a swimming teacher in the New South Wales Department of Education.

In 2020, she was awarded Citizen of the Year in the Bega Valley Shire.

Mrs Bootes says she hopes the recognition can raise further awareness for her cause.

"I'm hoping it will give exposure to our program, which allows people with disabilities to show their strengths and their abilities, and the fact that they enjoy the surf just as much as everyone else does," she says.

"It's really good for the world to see, and also recognises the role that women play in surf lifesaving, which previously had been a male dominated area.

"The recognition affirms ... that the community does value what you are doing. Sometimes that road can be long and the challenges great, but recognition energises you to continue. It's a wonderful pat on the back."

Congratulations Michele



Mrs Anne Michele Bootes, Merimbula NSW For service to Surf Life Saving

Surf Life Saving NSW

- Branch Director and Assistant Director, Education, Far South Coast, eight years
- Life Members, Far South Coast Branch, current

Pambula Surf Lifesaving Club

- Founder, Special Nippers/Same Wave Program, since 1999
- Training Officer and Assessor
- Patrol Vice Captain
- Life Member, 2005
- Member, since 1995

Professional

- Teacher, Luman Christin Catholic College, Pambula BEach, Current.
- Swimming Teacher, New South Wales Department of Education, 1986.

Awards and Recognition include:

- Citizen of the Year, Bega Valley Shire, 2020
- National Service Medal, Surf Life Saving, 2014
- Facilitator of the Year, NSW Surf Life Saving Australia, 2010/2011
- Senior President, since 2018



AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Mr Robert Andrew Johnson, Bermagui NSW *For service to the community through a range of roles*

Community

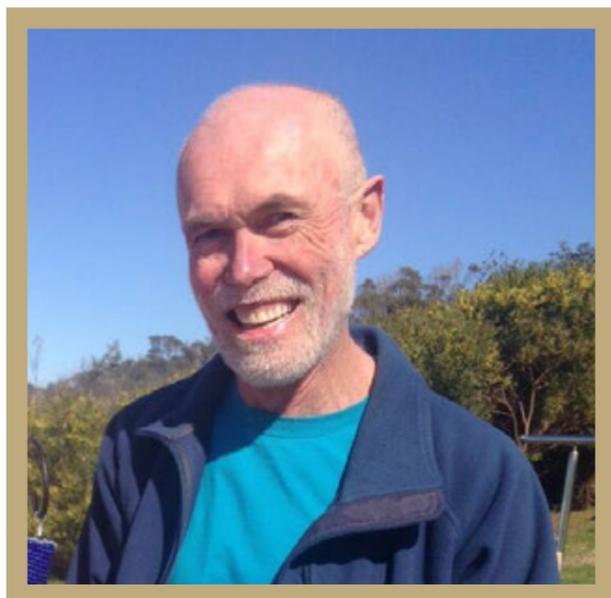
- Blood and Plasma Donor, Australian Red Cross Lifeblood, since 1976
- Committee Member, ReBoot Bermagui, Bermagui Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, 2014-2018
- Member, Bermagui Blue Balls Winter Swimmers, current
- Volunteer Firefighter, New South Wales Rural Fire Service, current
- Tutor, Multi-Lit Reading, Cobargo Public School, current

Bermagui Surf Lifesaving Club

- Vice Captain, Powercraft, 2019-2020
- Team Member, Club Call Out, since 2020
- Volunteer, Same Wave program for children with special needs, current
- Member, since 2017

Awards and Recognition include:

- National Emergency Medal, 2021
- New South Wales Premier's Bushfire Emergency Citation, New South Wales Government, 2020
- Person of the Year, Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club, 2018



Same Wave Moruya



Having just celebrated our 13th season, it's a wonderful reminder of the gift and enthusiasm that the Pambula Same Wave Team infected us with back in 2011/12.

This past season, saw the Pambula Same Wave Team celebrate their 25th year and being awarded the Branch Services Team of the Year. Thank you Pambula for making such a positive impact on so many lives at the Moruya Same Wave program.

Saturday mornings at Moruya Same Wave are always a team effort and smiling faces are the backdrop to something special taking place. Seeing Jaimie and her beautiful family join us again from Canberra after a tough 2023 was such a delight.

While there were not too many ride-able waves at Shelley Beach this year due to the missing sand bank, Jordan, Jack and Josiah made the most of what was on offer. Josiah entertained us, on occasion with his singing while Jordan took the opportunity to build on his seaweed collection for his garden.

Leo has grown head and shoulders above everyone and continues to astound us all with his amazing balance as he walks and runs up and down the lily pad mat.



Kobie and Dom are full of energy each week and also keen to get in the water. They certainly keep the volunteers on their toes. Thankyou to Dom's, Nonny for the beautiful muffins – they were a big hit.

Thanks to Nat and Darren from Broulee Surfers SLSC who came across from Broulee with the jetski, to entertain the kids (and some of the volunteers). It's always a big hit with the kids and the thoughtful care and attention that Nat and Darren provide, gives us all peace of mind.

Thank you to the parents and carers of our Same Wavers for entrusting us with their care each Saturday and for being part of the program.

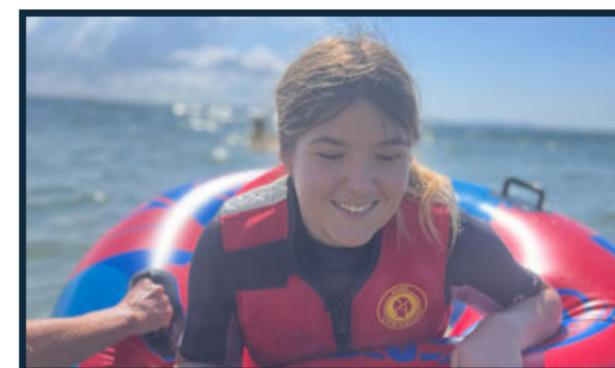
To all our volunteers – new and old. You are the heart of this program and at the end of each week, I am reminded how lucky we all are to be surrounded by amazing humans who care and have compassion and humanity in spades.

Our neighbouring club at Broulee, continues to support the program with members coming to volunteer each week. They join in with our many members to make the program successful. In thanking each of you for your contribution we are also thankful to the Club Committee for their continued support.

Thankyou for another wonderful year. We hope you all enjoy good health and happiness, and until next year take care.

Mike Hallahan

on behalf of Same Wave Co-ordinators Bridie & Carol Young



Edie's body language shows her delight of the water and it never leaves us in any doubt of her enjoyment – even when she is shivering.

For a young lady who didn't like sand when she joined the program, Heidi has just completed her 13th season and we are so glad she overcame her fear. Heidi's mission this year, to fund raise for Youth Mental Health was a big undertaking and she made us all very proud with her application and commitment – thankyou Heidi.

All our sessions were held at Shelley Beach this past season, which left little opportunity for Lachlan to enjoy a run in the ATV, sorry Lachlan I hope we can arrange this next season.

Zoe is still building up to getting her hair wet and there will be wild celebrations in the camp when it happens – maybe next season.

Emma, a young lady going places and delights us all each week with her lovely smile and personality to match – we are all excited to see what the future holds for Emma and wish her success.

Sadly we didn't see a lot of Maxy and Tilly and hope next season brings better health. There is a surf board ready and waiting for you Maxy and Marty is keen to launch you on the next wave.



Kings Birthday Honours Emergency Service Medal (ESM)



Andrew Edmunds ESM (Broulee Surfers SLSC) has been at the forefront of emergency services operations with Surf Life Saving NSW at the state, branch and club levels.

As a State Duty Officer, Andy coordinates major emergency incidents occurring along the coast. Within the Far South Coast Branch, Andy coordinates support operations, management of incidents, rescue craft operations, incident debriefings and post incident support and has been actively involved in many rescues as a lifesaver and callout team member.

He joined as a Nipper in 1995 and obtained his Bronze Medallion in 2000. He has been on both the Broulee and FSC Branch committee for around 20 years and was recognised with Life Membership of the Far South Coast Branch in 2023.

Andy has demonstrated superior dedication and commitment to SLSNSW during his 23 years of excellent service.

Congratulations Andy



Same Wave Pambula 25 Years

“Twenty-five years ago, a remarkable journey began—a journey that would touch countless lives, create lasting memories, and foster a sense of belonging. Today, as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Same Wave program, we reflect on the waves of change, resilience, friendship, and compassion that have carried us all through the years.

I am Natasha, a proud parent and a witness to the magic that unfolds within Same Wave. My son, Sam, joined Same Wave at the age of 4 and a half, he is now 19.

Picture it: a little guy with autism, squinting at the ocean like it holds the secrets of the universe. Spoiler alert: it actually does! When we entered the world of Same Wave, we were welcomed with open arms. Same Wave became a lighthouse, embracing us and reminding us that we were not alone.

Over the past 15 years, Sam has learned not only water skills but also the art of resilience. The ocean, with its unpredictable tides, became his classroom—a place where participants discover strength and courage. Each Saturday, as laughter echoes across the shore, as participants walk hand in hand supported by volunteers, we see the absolute best of humanity in the most beautiful of places- Pambula Beach.

Many times, I have stood on the shore and heard Sam’s laughter and seen his beaming smile, which often left a quiet tear in my eyes.

Over the years, countless participants have caught their first wave on boards and in beach wheelchairs, surrounded by volunteers who steadied their way and smiled alongside them. Participants have thrown balls, played under the parachute, raced to capture flags, and gathered confidence to dive under the float in the ocean, cheered on by volunteers and families on the shore. We have heard screams of excitement as Tony carefully, and not so carefully, manoeuvred the rubber duckie over and between waves. These experiences may never have happened without this program.

Same Wave is much more than just an inclusive program that helps people learn water skills or engage in activities that may otherwise not have access to. It is smiles, laughter, togetherness, safety, understanding, and compassion.

Seeing Katie with her beautiful smile and fabulous hair, Mitch with his contagious happiness, Brent who blew us all away when he swam the Tathra Wharf to Waves, Timmy who eagerly shows his strength and speed each week, and Aidan who amazed us when he first stood up on a board, we are reminded of the incredible spirit and achievements of our participants. I remember Jake’s beaming smile as he caught his first wave, surrounded by helpers who steadied the board.

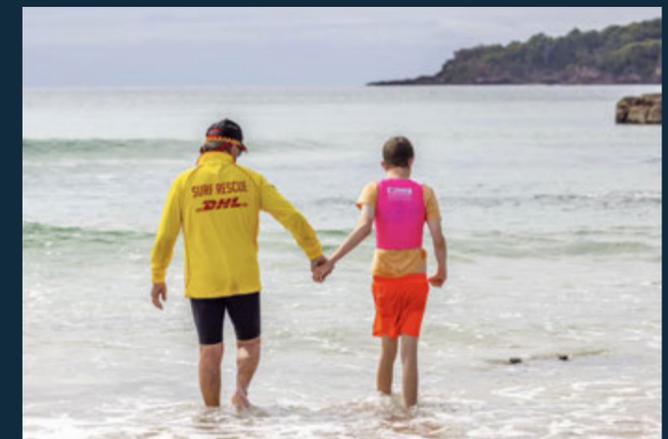
And let’s not forget Jordan, Josh, Jono, Sophie, Jazmin, Jennifer, Damon, Sean, Sarah, Max, Tommy, Shannon, Ashley, Dominic, Keiron, Leesh, Bell, Liliana, Riley, Kyra, David and Daniel, Joel, Rani, Bradley, Natasha, Angus, Ross, Matilda, Pippa, Grace and Amanda and more who have made this journey unforgettable.

Same Wave is a community—a family—where everyone matters. Our founders, Michele and Peter Bootes, envisioned a place where children and families could find acceptance, joy, and a sense of belonging. Their tireless efforts, fuelled by love and compassion, have shaped Same Wave into what it is today. Michele and Peter, we owe you a debt of gratitude that words alone cannot express. Your legacy lives on in every smile, every high-five, and every shared triumph.

And let us not forget the unsung heroes—the volunteers. They arrive early, Same Wave shirts in hand, ready to make a difference. They are the heart and soul of Same Wave, dedicating their time, energy, and passion to ensure that every child feels the thrill of catching a wave and the safety of belonging. To our volunteers, thank you for being the wind beneath our wings, propelling us forward even when the currents get rough.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us acknowledge the past, cherish the present, and look toward the future. Same Wave will continue to be a harbor for families like ours—a place where waves of compassion, resilience, and belonging carry us forward.

Thank you, Same Wave community, for being the tide that lifts us all.



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OUR CLUBS

Batemans Bay SLSC

It's been another successful year for Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club. Our members' dedication and the community's support have been truly inspiring. Our volunteers are the heart and soul of the club and I'm excited to share some highlights of what we've achieved together over the past year.

Our patrols have been busy, as always, keeping our beaches safe. The changes to the LSA have been a struggle to juggle, however, we've managed with the active members we have. We've had many successful rescues with many more preventative actions to keep accidents at bay. Our members have shown incredible commitment, clocking in countless hours on patrol. Our top 3 Patrollers of the season deserve a mention with Simon Marley, Anthony Griffiths and Garry Griffiths all contributing over 100 patrol hours each.

Training has been a focus, with many members gaining new skills and qualifications. From new Bronze Medallions, Senior First Aid, Crew and Driver courses as well as Advanced Resuscitation.

This year, our Rowers have shone brightly in surf sports competitions at all levels. From local to national events, we've brought home a slew of medals, showing the skill and hard work of our athletes.

The true stars of Batemans Bay are The Banshees who were the overall winners for the Warrila Bowls Surfboat Premiership (winning all four rounds), bought home Gold in the Zenoz QLD Series in Reserve Women's for Round 1 & 2, selected to represent NSW in the SLSNSW Interseries, SLSNSW State Championship Gold winners in 180 Women's and Reserve Women's, ASRL Gold in Masters and Reserve Women's and finally proving they are truly the best in the country a Gold in 180 Masters at Aussie titles. We are incredibly proud to have this remarkable team of Women with Sweep Neil Innes representing our club.

Our Nippers program continues to be a highlight. It's wonderful to see so many young faces learning about surf safety and having fun in the process. The program has grown so much over the last 3 years, with new families joining and new sponsors to support us. We have more of our club members coming in to provide coaching and training with our Nippers and increasing the skill level of our Age Managers. We were successful in winning funding from IMB season which help with purchasing more equipment for our Nippers team as well as providing a much needed makeover to our Nippers area of the club. We successfully represented at all three Branch carnivals this season and are looking forward to bigger things next season.

We've had a strong focus on community engagement this year. Beach safety talks at local schools and with local community groups have been well-received, spreading important safety messages and raising beach awareness.

We've made some great upgrades to our facilities and equipment. With a whole lot of new rescue equipment, first aid supplies and upgraded to our Nippers room, we're better equipped to handle the 2024-2025 season. This season we were also successful in winning a new IRB through SLSA and Ampol, which such an amazing contribution for our club.



This year, we proudly celebrate the outstanding achievements of our award winners who have gone above and beyond in their dedication to the Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club. These exceptional individuals have demonstrated remarkable commitment, skill, and passion, setting a shining example for all our members. Whether excelling in lifesaving operations, surf sports, or volunteering, their contributions have significantly enriched our club. Their hard work and enthusiasm inspire us all, and we are incredibly grateful for their invaluable efforts:

Top 3 Patrollers	Simon Marley Anthony Griffiths Garry Griffiths
Long Service – 30 Years of Lifesaving	Tracy Innes
Rookie of the Year	Phil Schofield
Team of the Year	The Banshees
Coach of the Year	Garry Griffiths
Admin of the Year	Renee Schofield
Tony Vella Award	Rhys Davis
Club Person of the Year	Garry Griffiths
Lifesaver of the Year	Anthony Griffiths
Presidents Award	Simon Marley

Congratulations to all our award winners—your achievements are a testament to the spirit and strength of our community.

Reflecting on this year, I'm filled with pride for all we've achieved together. Our club is thriving thanks to the incredible efforts of our members, volunteers, and supporters. Looking ahead, I'm excited for what the future holds and confident that we'll continue to grow and succeed.

Kate Hunt

President

Batemans Bay SLSC



Broulee Surfers SLSC

Season 2023/24 was a highly successful season for our club and its members. Our focus this season was on developing the skills, knowledge and experience of our members and supporting FSC Branch activities.

The awarding of Broulee Surfers SLSC as the NSW Surf Life Saving Club of the Year was an enormous honor and recognised our members for their contribution, diligence, and leadership. Our Club is a much better place for our members and the beach going public resulting from the volunteer efforts of our committee, patrol captains and sectional managers. Well done Team Broulee.

The major aspect of this season was the development of our Surf Sports team through quality coaching, training, obtaining new surf sports equipment and giving support to competitors to attend all branch, state and national surf sports events.

A massive highlight of this season was Team Broulee coming fourth on the overall Club Tally table at the NSW Country Championships at Warilla Beach. Our competitors challenged themselves to the best of their ability in every race and the commentators were all weekend calling out a Broulee competitor in a Medal Position as they crossed the line.



We were proud to win the annual FSC Surf Sports award for the best carnival results this season with the Jack Beale (Senior) and the Dave Pheaney (Nippers) trophies being won by our club.

Congratulations to our Aussie championship medallists (Darren Drewsen and the Masters Men Surfboat crew) for their achievements in Surf Sports this season. It is great to watch the rapid development of Team Broulee competitors by our coaches and surf sports leaders.

We are very delighted with our Canberra/Broulee and Broulee Nipper programs that operate independently and come together for a joint training session on the beach once a month. Our Nipper managers do a magnificent job coordinating age managers, water safety and around 300 nippers in their program.



Our patrols have been well managed this year thanks to Club Captain Scott Kemmis and the 8 patrol captains. The revised life saving hours aligned well with the beach going public and our club program. Our Call Out Duty team are capable, trained, ready and willing to assist when called upon and provide water safety at the FSC Branch events.

We put through 40 new Surf Bronze Medallion Awards, 40 new Surf Rescue certificates, 25 new Advanced Resuscitation Techniques and 15 new IRB drivers and crew awards. Thank you to Jenny Taylor our Education Manager and our team of trainers and Assessor. They have an important role in the development of skills and knowledge for our members.

Our members volunteer to complete a large range of tasks for the Club. The 13th Annual Hotondo Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim was conducted this year and we had the highest participation numbers in its history. This event raises much needed funds for the club and provides a great community event that the swimmers enjoy. Our members volunteer regularly for Bar Duty, which is the club's largest income stream, mowing and landscaping duties, booking functions in the hall, producing the club newsletter and coaching our teams.

The club thanks its Committee and Executive members for their leadership and contribution during the year, ensuring Broulee is a pleasant and safe place to be. Each committee member worked diligently to deliver their program for the betterment of the club and its members.

The Club's congratulates its major award winners this season:

- Club Person of the Year – Darren Drewsen
- Surf Lifesaver of the Year Female – Julianne Domeny
- Surf Lifesaver of the Year Male – Jason Domeny
- Junior Achiever of the Year - Annalise Hammond
- Youth Volunteer – Erin Domeny

The Club is proud and celebrates its FSC Branch Award winners:

- Branch Rookie Surf Lifesaver – Erin Domeny
- Branch Trainer of the year – Jason Domeny
- Branch Coach of the year – Darren Drewsen
- Branch Official of the year – Bree Rosenbaum
- Branch Surf Team of the Year – Male Masters Surfboat Crew

Our club members on the FSC Branch Committee this year were Wendy Law as Finance Administrator, Andrew Edmunds as Member Welfare Officer and Natalie Browning as Publicity Officer. Our delegates to the FSC Branch Committee were Allan Veness and Gary Pettigrove.

Congratulations to the FSC Branch, its Executive and Committee for delivering another successful year for Surf Life Saving across the Branch and as a club we look forward to another year of providing surf lifesaving services on our beaches.

Gary Pettigrove

Broulee Surfers SLSC
Club President



Canberra/Broulee Nippers

Season started as always with a bang in October with 85% returning and numbers filling up quickly.

We had 115 nippers registered as part of family memberships for Canberra/Broulee as well as some cadets and parents as part of Patrol 2 with over 25 in the patrol. There was lots of participation and involvement in Junior Carnivals, patrols, Bay to Breakers Ocean swim and club events. A significant contribution to Club membership!



The Canberra/Broulee nippers from Under 7s to Under 14s trained mostly at Canberra Olympic Pool (COP), with the U11s - U14s taking turns having a few board sessions at Lake Burley Griffin. We joined the other Broulee nippers for combined Sunday sessions around once a month.

Under 14s completed their SRC this season with a big thanks to Jenny and Neil Armstrong as age managers, James Flick for his time running the SRC training and Nat Browning, Andy Edmunds, Jason Domeny,

Gary Pettigrove assessing and training the Under 14s this season.

Another highlight from the season was the Wambiri Youth Development Camp in May when some of our U14s and parent chaperones visited Pambula finally after camp was postponed due to high seas in April. This is always a very valuable experience spending time on jet skis, IRB rescues, Rescue 23 Helicopter, socialising and gaining knowledge from other under 14s from the Far South Coast Branch.

Canberra/Broulee nippers also had fantastic times at COP with their after-session BBQ sausages and treats thanks to Fara Hammond and BBQ team. We had some fun and challenging Points Day throughout the season offering some competition and pre-carnival events for our nippers. These were great opportunities to hone their skills and show good sportsmanship.

A Nippers highlight was the combined Christmas session/party at Broulee in mid-December with the special appearance of Santa.

A number of Canberra/Broulee nippers competed at all 3 of the FSC branch carnivals from U8s to 14s. Sarah Leach, Harry leach, Lara Branes also competing at Country Championships.

Congratulations Eleanor Barker Awarded The Best and Fairest Canberra / Broulee

Eleanor has shown amazing leadership and determination while achieving her SRC this season and sets a fine example to peers and younger nippers.

Annalise Hammond as the Broulee Junior Achiever of the year

The Junior Achiever of the Year Award is a way for Clubs and Branches to recognise their junior members' achievements in Surf Lifesaving, and the contributions they have made to all levels of Surf Life Saving as well as within the community.

Looking Forward to Season 2024-25

Canberra Broulee nippers eagerly await the new Season and certainly look forward see returning nippers, Cadets, Age managers and helpers. We welcome any new interest from parents looking to help in the running of our Nippers sessions, BBQ, Water safety equipment movement as there are many roles and help required for any given session.

Big Thanks to

CBN Committee members

Si Kasyer, Greg Leach, Sarah Hawkins, Michelle Mason, Paul Barnes, Wendy Law, Katie Burrows, Matt Hammond, Water safety team and Age managers



Broulee Nippers season 2023/24 had solid numbers of registrations again, with 156 registered Broulee nippers, a program that is growing each year.

This season saw Martin Roberts and Bree Rosenbaum take on the Junior co-ordinators role for the first year. It was a big season, filled with a very busy calendar week to week. There were no cancelled sessions due to rain or poor conditions which was a win, 3 sessions were held in Shark Bay, 2 on North Broulee Beach and 10 held on our amazing South Broulee Beach. We had 3 branch carnivals, 93 registered at Tathra, 106 at Narooma and 123 registered for the Broulee carnival. In addition to this we had 15 Nippers attend interbranch championships in Nelson Bay, over 45 Nippers attend Country Championships in Warilla, and 3 Nippers attend State titles in Sydney.



Thirteen under 14's completed their SRC this season mentored by their Age managers Scott Melgaard and Todd Hayward and coached by the team of Trainers. Many have joined patrols and will no doubt extend into the future as regular patrollers with the club. The group showed excellent comradery and dedication to their learning over the sessions. It is great to see friendships that have formed throughout their time at Nippers that will no doubt continue long into the future around the surf club.

The Water Safety team were exceptional, an important set of volunteers not just in responsibility, but also vital to Nippers being conducted with all ratios of safety numbers being met. A huge thank you to the large number of regular water safety helpers that show up every week and enable our sessions at Broulee to run as well as they do.

Adding to the Water Safety numbers this year we had many new Adults, some parents, cadets and some community members, upskilled and requalified to receive their SRC and Bronze Medallion to help out, the variety of skills and strengths this group we have is only growing and incredibly beneficial for our Nippers to learn from.

The Broulee Nippers look forward to the next season. We will welcome all returning cadets to the Nippers as mentors within the age groups, and any new parents who are interested in joining in the fun. We have at least 12 Nippers who will do their SRC this Season. 2024/25 is looking to continue with the momentum gained from this season, and we look forward to getting back into the water in October.



We had the introduction of extra mid-week and weekend training sessions for those keen to advance their competition preparation this year. This spanned across all disciplines, perfecting their water and sand techniques and skills. The Broulee Nippers extended themselves in all surf sports disciplines across all of the carnivals available to them.

The Age Managers and Water Safety team this year were a very committed and amazing bunch of volunteers. Not only did we have age managers for each age group we had a small group of individuals who took these groups on rotations to work specifically on surf confidence with boards, swim skills in open water and refining techniques for pumping through waves as needed.



Canberra Broulee Nippers Season Awards

Age Group	Age Champion	Runner Up	Encouragement Award
Under 13 Male	Fletcher Bridgeman	Nathon Relf	Brae McGuiness
Under 13 Female	Claudia Montego	Laila TeMoananui	Anna Trenton
Under 12 Male	Harry Leach	Matthew Nunney-Gonzalaz	Thomas Kendall and Hugo Dusan
Under 12 Female	Marlin Raymer	Abigail Armstrong	Beatrix Dowling
Under 11 Male	Archer Billington	Sam Barnes	Jason Koerber
Under 11 Female	Jessica Wing	Iris Bell	Olivia Hawkins
Under 10 Male	Thomas Mason	Clancy Watson	Angus Armstrong
Under 10 Female	Georgia Trenton	Aria Kasyer	Heidi Jarvis
Under 9 Male	Nicholas Mason	Oscar Collingwood-Boots	John Butler
Under 9 Female	Audrey Billington	Florence Young	Bonnie Singh



Moruya SLSC



The Moruya SLSC has completed a season of change and re-setting of goals. Management of all volunteer organisations can at times discover it is sometimes timely to look at what a re-imagined club could look like. Our active membership numbers were on the low end of what we needed, our community recruitment wasn't happening and yet we were being asked to undertake a larger patrolling footprint by the governing body. None of this fitted with the club's ability to take on more of a workload so a rethink and some changes to our operating structure were considered a good first step in building on our strength as a surf club.

Surf Clubs are not immune from the changes we see happening in our communities all around the country. Volunteering for a raft of reasons isn't what it once was and as a surf club we have the added pressure of a significant amount of award and patrolling obligations that the volunteer member has to agree to. One of our first changes was to revert to a rostered patrol system. Past club management had for a trial period of four years run a whole new voluntary sign-up system that provided good and not so good outcomes. The system did allow members to be completely in charge of when they patrolled but it fell short by leaving patrol gaps, not sharing the load or not controlling having the correct qualified members on each patrol.

Changing back to a full roster system has seen the clubs patrol load shared far more equitably among members and importantly and pleasingly it delivered an outcome where every single active member of the club did some patrolling.

The next steps of change will see the club dive deeply into its management structure as we look to change the club By-Laws & Constitution to deliver a small Management Committee for decision making sitting across a group of five (5) Silos or Pods. Each Silo will include a like grouping of club activity who will have autonomous responsibility to make recommendation back to the Management Committee. It is hoped this change will expose more of the membership at a grass roots level to the decision making process and in so doing provide decision ownership back to the membership. The projected spin off will be a lot more club members becoming exposed to running a surf club that in turn will deliver our future leaders.

The final part of the puzzle for a refreshed club will be recruitment. We will be looking at ways to tap into our community for new members and to achieve this we need to understand and provide outlets across sport and lifesaving. Community members are not knocking our surf club doors down wanting to join so our club will be looking to understand and provide the sort of opportunities that might be attractive to young and older potential members alike.



The Moruya Surf Club is a proud club built on a tradition of successfully patrolling the Moruya beach and surrounds with no loss of life during patrol hours since inception in 1932. As well as beach patrols the Moruya club members have always rushed to assist the community in rescue and protection work for anything around water throughout its life and this season was no different.

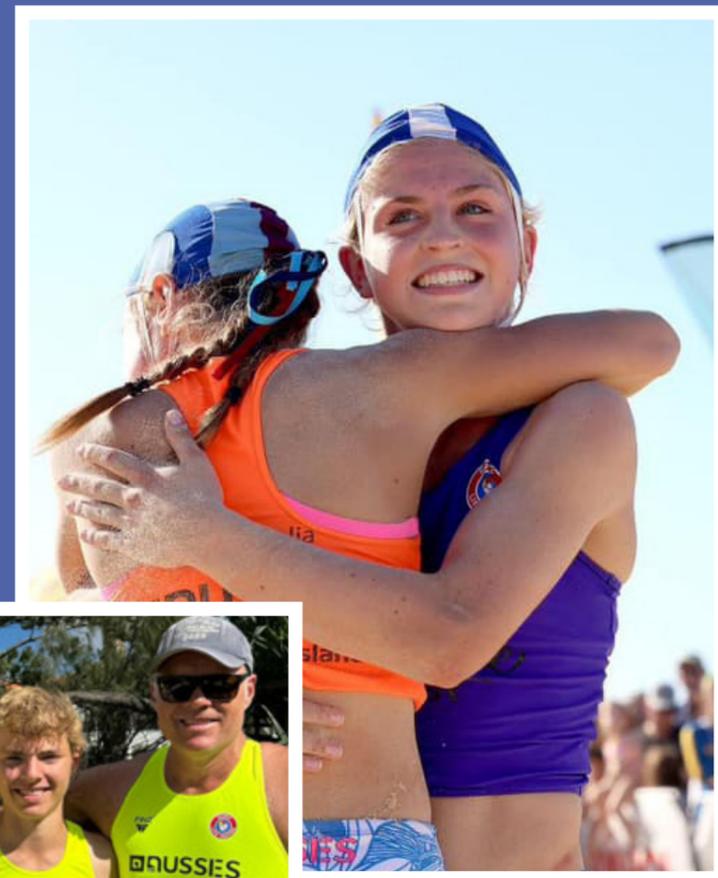
The club was called out to assist in the unsuccessful 3 day search for a missing swimmer at Congo beach over the Christmas holiday period. These searches are always stressful on the membership as each individual is giving everything they have in the hope of a successful outcome for the families involved.

Moruya surf club has been well served by some very capable and willing working members. It is totally the strength of these members that keeps our club alive, be it through a strong Nipper program, an amazing Same Wave group, our competitors, or the general member. We look forward to welcoming the next generation graduate out of Nippers for next season and this has been off the back of some solid Nipper leaders capably lead by Kimberli Eke.

Final word has to once again be saved for our amazing young member Zara Hall. Across the club's lifetime it has seen its members and Boat crews win and place at NSW State & Australian Surfboat Championships, we have had wins and places in State & Australian Pillow Fight events of the past but for Zara to firstly make the State final then place 2nd in the U14 Female Beach Flags at the Australian Championship fills us all with pride.

Bert Hunt

Moruya SLSC
Club President



Narooma SLSC

Narooma Surf Club has had another successful season with no lives lost between our flags. We probably had one of the better summers with our arch enemy the wind seeming to stay away for most of the summer.

Our first mention as always goes to the Patrolling Members of our club. They are the backbone and without Patrolling Members the Lifeblood of Surf Life Saving does not exist. The camaraderie that we have all experienced comes from selflessness of those with which we patrol each year and the reason many patrollers return year after year. Life saving has a special place in many peoples commitment to their local community. This, I think, has been recognised by State SLS this year with the announcement of a Cost of Living Grant awarded to all clubs. This money will allow Narooma SLSC to pay for all our Patrolling Members fees for the coming season and reducing the financial burden of volunteering your time.

We have focused and continued to improve our ability to provide current up to date Life Saving equipment. We have installed a work bench, tools and air compressor to make Life Saving experience easier and better for those volunteering their time.



We saw the purchase of our new ATV which was only made possible through a substantial donation from Merivale. Merivale has also allowed for Narooma SLSC to run meat raffles at Lynches Hotel during the summer which greatly assist in the day to day running costs of the club. We cannot thank them enough for their support and hope we can continue to work with them in promoting Narooma for the great place it is.

We successfully held another double Branch carnival. Although taking a lot of organisation it makes for a great weekend for all those involved. Narooma being centric to the Far South Coast Branch allows for a large number of competitors from all clubs. We continually produce competitive club member even though we are only a small club. This success is evident in the Branch awards we received this year.

Narooma SLSC took a big step forward in our facility improvement having been successful in our application for funding to re-roofing the clubhouse and insulation. This was made possible through the NSW Governments Office of Sport Surf Club Facility Program Grant. It will greatly improve the amenity we have. This is not only for our benefit but for the community we live in and the ongoing presence of Life Saving on the South Coast. With many community groups utilising our facility we are able to pass this improvement on with a better experience for those groups. Narooma also saw the installation of conference style equipment allowing for Zoom and Teams meetings for anyone using our facility and bringing us in line with current technology.



We were able to train up many new awardees this year and hope that they continue with their learning curve within SLSA movement. The following are the awards successfully achieved this year at Narooma:

SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE - Evelyn BAILEY, Meah BEECHAM, Ilah CONSTABLE, Topaz DUDLEY, Ty Constable, Cameron PRATT, Sophia SILK, Ryan TAGUE, George VAN ZYL.

BRONZE MEDALLION - Matthew BAILEY, Nina BRAGG, Caren BENNETT, Warren BUCHAN, Johnny CONSTABLE, Jett COOK, Sonny DUDLEY, Henry NIEMOELLER, Jane McCALLUM, Victoria SILK.

ADVANCED RESUSCITATION - Jade VLATKOVIC, Gary VLATKOVIC, Ben BATE.

SILVER MEDALLION PATROL CAPTAIN - Kane DOULL and Narelle CONSTABLE.

The following are our club awards which were given out at our annual presentation night in June this year.

2023/2024 ANNUAL CLUB AWARDS



Club Person of the Year
Presidents Award
Male Life Saver of the Year
Female Life Saver of the Year
Junior Female
Junior Male
Junior Life Saver of the Year
Surf Sports Person of the Year

Adam WALSH
Gary VLATKOVIC
Matthew TATE
Narelle CONSTABLE
Ashley BENNETT
Rory CROFT
Johnny CONSTABLE
Warren (Bucko) BUCHAN

Congratulations to all our Branch Award winners. Adam Walsh Kane Doull and Joel Constable recognised at a Branch Level. Adam received the Volunteer of the Year Award due to his commitment to our Nipper Program and his all round effort ihe puts in at the Club. Kane received the Open Male Point score Award and Joel the Under 15 Male Point score Award .

I would firstly like to thank the Far South Coast Branch Committee for their commitment to the Surf Life Saving on the Far South Coast. It has been said time and time again that the Far South Coast continually punches above its weight. I think that is mainly to the depth and the commitment of our executive. We have really appreciated their help with the extra Patrolling assistance we received during this season. This allowed other Patrolling Members from other clubs outside Far South Coast to come into our area and assist Narooma during our peak timeand experience Far South Coast hospitality. If there is a problem they are always there to assist and Narooma Surf Club thanks them for that.

I would like to thank all members of the Narooma Club Committee members for their work this season. We have made great progression in making the club more resilient and movement towards improving our facility.

Brendan O'Mahony

Narooma SLSC
Club President



Bermagui SLSC

This year we had no rescues whilst on patrol and that's the perfect number. Notably to that, our preventative actions were up significantly, an indication of proactive and effective patrolling from our members.



Our surf lifesaving season started on a difficult note, with a search for a missing person running over several days in very challenging conditions. Operational support from several other surf clubs ensured a continuous high level of support to the incident commander. The fact that we can put a crew from two different clubs together in an unfamiliar IRB and still achieve the highest of standards, is a testament to the surf lifesavers of the Far South Coast Branch. Well done to all involved and thankfully this was not a sign of things to come.

This season saw just under 2,000 patrol hours achieved with beach visitation during patrol hours totalling over 26,000. The period also saw 34 first aid responses. This overall volunteering effort represents a saving to community of an estimated \$60,000.

Speaking of volunteering, our numbers continue to grow in all areas of the club. This defies the national trend and we will continue to do everything we can to improve our member volunteering experience, whilst assuring our promised service delivery to community.

All in all, I am comfortable that we are delivering on our commitment, in part validated by the recognition of the FSC Branch Junior Lifesaver of the year to Maxim Savchenko-Ray and the Australian Surf Lifesaver of the Year to Cheryl McCarthy. Reflecting on the enormity of that achievement, lifesaver of the year is Australia's peak award with over 190,000 surf lifesavers vying for the honour.

Whilst the flags are down for another season, we continue to maintain our emergency response capability and we are already undertaking preparations for next summer, promising to build upon our previous achievements.

Euan McKenzie

Bermagui SLSC
Club President





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I am pleased to present the Annual Report for Tathra SLSC for the 23/24 Season. Our surf club is always a busy hub of people from the early morning dippers, wave chasers, wharf swimmers, board and ski squad, table tennis crew, boaties and run club. All of these groups and activities contribute to our club being the great place it is and a second home to many.

This season we had almost 600 members including 175 youth and nippers members. We saw a slight drop in nippers numbers however this made groups more manageable. We had many fun Sundays both at the beach and at Mogareeka with nippers getting lots of practice on boards, swimming and on the beach and a chance to go on IRB's and Jetskis. This year we also provided additional training for nippers one afternoon per week where nippers were able to increase their confidence and skills for competition. Special thanks to Derek, Ben and Megan for all your effort delivering the nippers program and our youth members who regularly provided extra water safety so nippers could run. Thanks to Carly Bexterman for being our

nipper carnival manager, Rebecca Page for running little nippers and Freddy for providing jetski water safety every Sunday which is a big highlight for the kids.

Our patrols were strong this year with numbers boosted by an influx of new patrollers with 16 people completing their SRC and 11 completing their bronze. Patrol captains worked hard this year to engage members and have active patrols gaining experience on boards, IRB's and Jetskis and conducting roving patrols down the beach. We added the October long weekend to our roster this season which was successful with the perfect spring weather. In the later half of the season, we were required to stay on an extra hour on Saturdays which was a stretch at the end

of a long season and often not required. Patrols voluntarily stayed on extra hours on a few occasions when the beach was still busy into the afternoon. In total we completed 78 patrol shifts covering over 315 hours on the beach. Big thanks to our patrollers, many of who gave up their weekends and completed 11 patrols throughout the season.

This season we made the trip up to Narooma SLSC and covered a day of patrols as they were short on patrolling members. This was a fun day out where we also completed some training and wave skills with the Narooma squad and a few did the Wagonga Inlet swim with the Narooma Mulletts. We held our first Patrol Championships which was run by Ruby

O'Leary, despite the cooler conditions we had a good turnout which we hope to build on next year.

Our call out team was responsive as always attending three callouts and assisting with a search at Bermagui. We also had a few of our members conduct flood rescue training in order to be able to provide assistance in emergencies across the state.

It's always great each year to see many of our members use their skills and qualifications outside of patrols to gain employment. This season we had 10 of our members progress to professional lifeguarding at Tathra Beach and other beaches within the Bega Valley. Many of these members have also gone on to secure ongoing employment with Coastlife running water-based programs and activities for school groups. Congratulations to Ruby O'Leary who was selected to lifeguard in Denmark and is currently overseas doing us proud and braving the less than summery Scandinavian conditions.

Surf sports wise we started the season strong with Troy and Rachel completing the Coolangatta Gold on the Gold Coast after a long winter of training. In December, Aidan O'Connor represented the club at Interbranch with Rachel attending as a coach. We were pleased to host the first

carnival of the season at Tathra and were lucky enough to have Bonnie Hancock come and present on her inspirational paddle around Australia and run a ski session. Another highlight of the carnival was having the entire GWS Women's AFL team on the beach cheering us on and participating in a beach sprint under the Tathra cap during their end of season trip. Our surf squad competed at all three local branch carnivals and we took our biggest team in a long time, including two nippers, to Country Champs which was held at Warilla Barrick Point. We came away with eight medals and finished 16th in the State. With Country Champs again being held at Warilla next season we would love to build on this and see more members get involved. We saw a big improvement in skis this year with the purchase of new craft and paddles and extra sessions run by Troy to increase skills and confidence.

The boaties were active as always training in the pitch black of the mornings and travelling up and down the coast for races in Wollongong, Mollymook, Batemans Bay, Lakes Entrance and Canberra. Shout out to the women's crew for doing some short course racing in the tricky surf conditions as well as competing in endurance events. The boaties also ran the 24 hour row again which is popular amongst members and

the broader community raising funds and awareness for Gotcha4life.

This season saw significant profits through our bar and functions. Our new Bar Manager Bec and Venue Coordinator Therese worked hard all season opening the bar many afternoons and evenings over summer which was very well received by locals and tourists. Greater exposure of our club has also seen an increase in wedding and function bookings. Thanks to our group of members who volunteered extra time and completed bar duties late into the night so we can run these events.

I want to thank the committee for all their hard work this season and working through a few difficult issues including the LSA which consumed a lot of time. Looking forward to summer and seeing everyone back on the beach.

Rachel Duczynski

Club Captain



Pambula SLSC

I am pleased to present the comprehensive annual report of Pambula Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) for the 2023/2024 season. As the President of Pambula SLSC, it is my honor to highlight the remarkable achievements and efforts of our dedicated members throughout the year.

Lifesaving Endeavors

The past season has exemplified our club's unwavering commitment to lifesaving and beach safety. Despite facing persistent challenges, our members have demonstrated exceptional dedication in patrolling Pambula Beach. The implementation of our Flexible Rostering System has not only allowed for increased flexibility but has also revolutionised the way we approach patrol duty. By accommodating the diverse schedules and commitments of our members, this innovative system has created an environment where everyone feels valued and empowered to contribute. As a result, we have witnessed a surge in participation and inclusivity within our patrol teams, strengthening our ability to safeguard Pambula Beach effectively. This success is a testament to the adaptability and dedication of our members, who have embraced this new approach wholeheartedly, further solidifying our 'No Lives Lost' record.

Over the course of the season, our members collectively contributed 2417 hours of voluntary service on patrol duty, resulting in 310 preventative actions and 6 successful aquatic rescues. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our esteemed Club Captain, Liam O'Neill, and all our diligent Patrol Captains. However, it is essential to acknowledge that the true backbone of our success lies with each and every one of our patrolling members, whose tireless efforts ensure the safety of all beachgoers.



2023-24 Pambula SLSC's successful SRC participants. Well done to all members and thank you to our dedicated TAFs.

Education Initiatives

Despite challenges, our education team has made significant strides in upskilling our members. This season, we are proud to report that:

- 12 members completed the Bronze Medallion.
- 13 members obtained the Surf Rescue Certificate.
- 16 members acquired the Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART) certification.
- 5 members completed the IRB Crew course.
- 2 members became certified IRB Drivers.

These achievements underscore our commitment to equipping our members with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in lifesaving efforts.

Nippers Program

Our Nippers program continues to be a cornerstone of our club's success, providing invaluable surf survival skills to our youth while fostering a sense of community and camaraderie. I extend my sincere gratitude to all our Age Managers, water safety teams, administration staff, and volunteers for their unwavering dedication and hard work. Special commendation is due to Lauren Moreland and the Nippers Committee for their exceptional leadership and commitment throughout the season.

Member Recognition

The Far South Coast Awards of Excellence provided a platform to recognize outstanding contributions within our club. Congratulations to the following members who received awards:

- Lifesaver of the Year: Liam O'Neill
- Junior Lifesaver of the Year: Jayden Reyneke
- Volunteer of the Year: Ben Smith
- Junior Volunteer of the Year: Maggie Bourke
- Administrator of the Year: Ben Smith
- Support Operations Member of the Year: Chris Briggs
- Services Team of the Year: Same Wave



Pambula Nippers, learning the in's and out's of the UAV and how it is used within Surf Life Saving



Sponsorship Support

We are immensely grateful for the ongoing support of our sponsors, whose generosity ensures the financial stability of Pambula SLSC. Special thanks to our major sponsor, Bendigo Bank Pambula, and local venues such as Lakeview Hotel, Club Sapphire, and Merimbula RSL club for their continuous support through weekly fundraising raffles.

Season Highlights

The 2023/2024 season has been marked by significant achievements and milestones for Pambula Surf Life Saving Club, reflecting our commitment to community engagement, strategic planning, and innovative growth initiatives.

One of the standout events of the season was the successful hosting of the 29th Annual Wambiri Youth Leadership Camp. Held from May 24th to 26th, this event brought together candidates from all FSC Clubs, providing them with an enriching experience focused on leadership development. Participants were treated to a weekend filled with valuable interactions with local emergency services, including the NSW Police Force, NSW Rural Fire Service, NSW Ambulance, and Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopters. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Frank Davey, Andrew Edmunds, Vikki Marshall, and all the leaders who contributed to making this event a resounding success. The impact of this camp extends beyond the immediate participants, shaping future leaders in surf lifesaving and beyond.

Under the guidance of Secretary Ben Smith, Pambula SLSC embarked on a strategic planning journey aimed at charting the course for our future endeavors. This strategic plan serves as a roadmap, guiding our operations, setting clear goals, and identifying key areas for focused energy and resources. Through collaborative efforts and strategic foresight, we are positioning ourselves for sustainable growth and continued success in the years to come.

In a move towards enhancing our club's offerings and revenue streams, we successfully updated our liquor license to allow for the service of alcohol outside of club-run functions. This strategic decision not only expanded the scope of services we can offer but also enabled us to capitalize on our facilities by renting them out, thus generating a passive income stream. To support this initiative, the club developed a comprehensive plan of management, fee schedule, and house committee policies, ensuring smooth implementation and compliance with regulatory requirements. This strategic pivot not only enhances our financial sustainability but also opens new avenues for community engagement and support.

These accomplishments are a testament to the dedication, hard work, and collaborative spirit of our members and partners. As we reflect on the past season's successes, we are inspired and motivated to continue striving for excellence in all our endeavors.

In closing, I extend my sincere gratitude to each and every member of Pambula SLSC for their unwavering dedication, passion, and commitment to our club's mission. Your efforts have not only ensured the safety and well-being of our community but have also strengthened the bonds that unite us as a club and as a community.

Thank you for a remarkable season.

Emma O'Neill

President
Pambula Surf Life Saving Club



(Left) Lifesaver of the Year winner Liam O'Neill. (Below-Right) Pambula Nippers enjoy a day on the water.



Audited Financial Statements

Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving Association of Australia
 Incorporated
 24 680 373 905
Statement of profit or loss
 For the year ended 30 June 2024

Branch Income & Expenditure	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Income		
Government Grants	36,090	11,247
Sponsorship	14,329	6,000
Interbranch Receipts	12,431	10,473
Affiliation Fees	12,418	12,336
Carnival Entry Fees	5,578	6,159
Wambiri Camp	2,962	3,454
Interest Received	2,380	881
Social Functions	1,023	5,291
Donations	850	21,813
ATO Refund	813	-
Insurance Premium Recovered	157	-
Sundry Receipts	-	1,414
Fuel Tax Credits Received	-	687
Total income	89,031	79,755
Expenses		
Interbranch Expenses	23,209	32,854
Social Functions	13,153	10,716
Awards & Trophies	6,412	7,179
Jetski Expense/R&M	6,166	2,716
Wambiri Camp	4,297	4,357
Reimbursements to Directors	3,500	-
Insurance	2,970	2,358
Accounting Fees	2,328	2,225
Training - Expense	1,768	2,233
Equipment Purchases	1,310	951
Trailer Expenses	1,221	1,359
Radio Expenses/R&M	1,103	1,375
Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,051	1,055
ATO Payments	990	-
Clothing	468	2,448
Advertising & Promotion	188	119
Travel Expenses	155	255
Fuel & Oil	150	114
Remuneration to Directors	-	3,500
Donations	-	500
Sundry Payments	188	580
Depreciation Expense	12,680	12,445
Total expenses	83,307	89,339
Surplus (Deficit) before income taxes	5,724	(9,584)
Income tax	-	-

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Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving Association of Australia
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Statement of profit or loss
 For the year ended 30 June 2024

Branch Income & Expenditure	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	5,724	(9,584)
George Bass Marathon Subcommittee Income & Expenditure		
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Income		
Sponsorship - George Bass	3,000	6,500
Entry Fees - George Bass	2,250	17,525
Interest Received - George Bass	2,175	297
ATO Refund - George Bass	16	-
Donations - George Bass	-	32,750
Sundry Receipts - George Bass	-	1,662
Retail Sales - George Bass	-	321
Total income	7,441	59,055
Expenses		
Travel Expenses - George Bass	1,227	76
Website - George Bass	360	210
ATO Payments - George Bass	330	-
Advertising & Promotion - George Bass	200	7,331
Awards & Trophies - George Bass	36	7,632
Clothing - George Bass	-	18,637
Prizemoney - George Bass	-	4,545
Fuel - George Bass	-	4,430
Accommodation - George Bass	-	3,999
Garbage Removal - George Bass	-	3,298
Hire Of Facilities - George Bass	-	1,683
Maintenance - George Bass	-	376
Postage, Printing & Stationary - George Bass	-	219
License Fees - George Bass	-	145
Sundry Payments - George Bass	-	8,314
Total expenses	2,153	60,895
Surplus (Deficit) before income taxes	5,288	(1,840)
Income tax	-	-
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	5,288	(1,840)

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Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving Association of Australia
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Statement of financial position
 As at 30 June 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	166,421	146,555
Trade and other receivables		-	83
Total current assets		166,421	146,638
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	3	28,298	37,284
Total assets		194,719	183,922
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
GST payable		23	238
Total liabilities		23	238
Net assets		194,696	183,684
Equity			
Retained earnings		194,696	183,684

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Audited Financial Statements

Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving Assn of Australia

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Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 30 June 2024

2023	Retained earnings \$	Total \$	Total equity \$
Opening balance	195,108	195,108	195,108
Profit for the year	(11,424)	(11,424)	(11,424)
Closing balance	183,684	183,684	183,684

2024	Retained earnings \$	Total \$	Total equity \$
Opening balance	183,684	183,684	183,684
Profit for the year	11,012	11,012	11,012
Closing balance	194,696	194,696	194,696

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Audited Financial Statements

Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving Association of Australia

Incorporated

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Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers	98,587	144,409
Payments to suppliers and employees	(79,583)	(142,499)
Interest received	4,555	1,178
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities	23,559	3,088
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(3,693)	(17,433)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	19,866	(14,345)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	146,555	160,900
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	166,421	146,555

Audited Financial Statements

Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Incorporated

24 680 373 905
Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 30 June 2024

1. Material accounting policy information

The association was incorporated 1 November 1990 (Y1133113) under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984, NSW as a Not for Profit Entity, and these accounts are compliant with this Act. It is registered with the Australian Business Register - Australian Business Number 24 680 373 905. The association is registered for Goods and Services Tax purposes and reports quarterly on a cash basis. Until May 2024, the association conducted fundraising under the Surf Life Saving NSW fundraising authority (CFN11033). After May 2024, the club obtained its own separate authority to fundraise (CFN26888), which is under the provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991. This authority remains in force until 4 February 2027.

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows, AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, AASB 1048 Interpretation of Standards, AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures and AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures. No new accounting standards were applicable for this accounting period.

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

a. Income Tax

The association is income tax exempt under subdivision 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act, 1997. Consequently, no provision for taxation has been made in the financial statements.

b. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

c. Fixed assets

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Donated assets are brought to account at fair value at the date of acquisition. At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate. Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

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1. Material accounting policy information (continued)

c. Fixed assets (continued)

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets useful life to the association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

Leased assets and leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or their estimated useful life.

When an asset is disposed, the gain or loss is calculated by comparing proceeds received with its carrying amount and is taken to profit or loss.

d. Ongoing financial support

The branch is economically dependent upon the continuing support of Surf Life Saving NSW, donations and sponsorship. The accounts have been prepared based on this financial support.

e. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

The committee make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances. These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates. There are no areas that involve a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements other than those described in the accounting

f. Disclosures under the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991

During the year the association obtained a net fundraising income of \$850 for charitable purposes (2023: \$52,063). This income was expended on the charitable purposes of the branch with the balance retained for fundraising activities to be held in future periods. No specific fundraising appeals were held by the association.

g. Key Management Personnel and Related Party Transactions

The committee and volunteers did not receive any remuneration from the association during the year other than reimbursement of out of pocket expenses that have been fully substantiated. There were no related party transactions with the committee during the financial year.

Audited Financial Statements

Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving Association of Australia
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 Notes to the financial statements
 For the year ended 30 June 2024

2. Cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents		
Horizon Bank Term Deposit #59848 - Branch	53,325	60,948
Horizon Bank Business Savings - 110985511 - Branch	44,058	21,698
Horizon Bank Term Deposit #59667 - George Bass	35,669	53,496
Horizon Bank Business Savings - 100095065 - George Bass	33,369	10,413
Total cash and cash equivalents	166,421	146,555

3. Property, plant and equipment

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Plant and equipment		
Equipment at Cost	67,776	126,336
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(39,478)	(89,052)
Total plant and equipment	28,298	37,284

Director's Declaration

Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving Association of Australia
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 24 680 373 905
 Statement by members of the committee
 For the year ended 30 June 2024

In the opinion of the Committee:

- the incorporated association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. Accordingly, as described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the attached special purpose financial reports have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, the *Associations Incorporations Act 2012*, the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991* and associated regulations;
- the attached financial statements comply with the Australian Accounting Standards as described in Note 1 to the financial statements;
- the attached financial statements comply with the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, the *Associations Incorporations Act 2012* and the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the incorporated association's financial position as at 30 June, 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date;
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the incorporated association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
- the financial statements give a true and fair view of all income and expenditure with respect to fundraising appeals; and
- the internal controls exercised by the incorporated association are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the incorporated association from all fundraising appeals.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President  Treasurer 

Dated: 29 July, 2024

Auditor's Independence Declaration



Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving of Australia Incorporated

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2024, there have been:

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

KOTHES
Chartered Accountants

SIMON BYRNE
Partner
Registered Company Auditor #153624
MERIMBULA, 29 July 2024

Independent Audit Report



Independent Audit Report to the members of Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving of Australia Incorporated (Non-Reporting)

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving of Australia Incorporated (the Entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of profit or loss, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements including material accounting policy information, and the statements by members of the committee.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the *Basis of Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the accompanying financial report of the Entity is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the accounting policies in Note 1 to the financial statements, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Entity's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission Act 2012*, and other accounting policies as per Note 1 to the financial statements.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the association to maintain an effective system of internal control over all income amounts until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to income amounts was limited to amounts recorded.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

We report that:

- (a) the financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year;
- (b) the accounting and associated records have been properly kept during the year in accordance with the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991* (NSW) and regulations (as amended);
- (c) money received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year has been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991* (NSW), and regulations (as amended); and
- (d) at the date of this report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.



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Independent Audit Report



Independent Audit Report to the members of Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving of Australia Incorporated (Non-Reporting)

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with, Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission Act 2012 and the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Registered Company Auditor #153624
MERIMBULA, 29 July 2024

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- The NSW Government for the support of the Office of Sport, for their support to increase usage, safety and participation in Surf Life Saving through ongoing programs.
- Federal Government for the Beach Safety Equipment Funding which directed \$10,000 to every SLSC for the purchase of vital rescue equipment, first aid and medical supplies.
- Federal Government for the VET Funding which enabled hundreds of assessors to update their training qualifications and provided clubs with updated training equipment including QCPR manikins and tablets.



NSW Member for Bega, Dr Michael Holland with Club Presidents (Left-Right) Emma O'Neill Pambula SLSC, Euan McKenzie Bermagui SLSC, and Brendan O'Mahony Narooma SLSC, all recipients of the NSW Government 2023-24 Surf Club Facility Grant

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