



Surf Life Saving Far South Coast Branch

73rd Annual Report & Financial Statements
2024-25 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 2,805 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.

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.

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, we continue to excel and maintain a high level of service to our communities.

We hope you enjoy reading this 73rd Annual Report and learning more about 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

As I deliver my final annual report as FSC Branch President, I reflect on 16 incredible seasons serving alongside some of the most passionate, dedicated, and professional lifesavers I have ever known. It has been both a privilege and an honour to lead such a dynamic team and witness the growth of surf lifesaving across our region.

2024–2025 was a season of milestones, strong competition, community engagement, and significant achievements despite challenging weather events and the demands on our volunteers. I am extremely proud of what we have achieved together.

BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS OF 2024 - 2025

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

At our AGM last August, members endorsed the adoption of a new Branch Constitution, based on a document that is current and substantially improved and easy to read.

The FSC Branch strongly supported the majority of proposed SLSNSW constitution changes, particularly the adoption of gender parity. These changes represent a significant step forward for inclusivity and governance within our movement.

LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

Our branch was proudly represented at the Emerging Leaders Conference by:

- o Jenny Taylor – DoE, Broulee SLSC
- o Kane Doull – Narooma SLSC
- o Jim Campbell – Tathra SLSC

Thank you for stepping up and contributing to the future of surf lifesaving leadership.

BRANCH AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE (AOE)

Narooma SLSC hosted an excellent AoE evening on 31 May. Congratulations to all nominees and winners, many of whom progressed as finalists to the SLSNSW AoE.

On the night, two perpetual awards were renamed in honour of Mike Hallahan and myself, we are both humbled by this recognition.

SURF SPORTS SUCCESS'S

Aussies 2025:

- o Batemans Bay Banshees – 1st Female Masters, 2nd Open Reserve
- o Zara Hall – 2nd U15 Flags

- o Liam Tague – 5th U13 Sprint
- o Rosie McPartland – 20th U17 Surf Race

NSW State Champs:

Our juniors, seniors, and masters athletes performed exceptionally well. Thanks to all officials and water safety personnel who supported these events.

Country Champs (Warilla Barrack Point):

- o Narooma – 27th
- o Tathra – 24th
- o Moruya – 21st
- o Broulee – 3rd

MAJOR EVENTS

George Bass Marathon – 50th Anniversary:

26 boat crews and 18 ski paddlers completed the iconic 190km event. Thank you to Holty, Sue, Wendy, and all the volunteers for their efforts.

Broulee Swim & Tathra Sports Weekend:

Both events brought competitors, families, and visitors together, providing a significant tourism boost to the region.

LIFESAVING OPERATIONS

Rescues & Searches:

Both Southern and Northern ends of the branch experienced multiple callouts this season. Special thanks to Emma O'Neill (DoL) and Ant Belle (FSC 10 Duty Officer) for their professionalism and leadership during these responses.

Flood Rescue & Multi-Agency Training:

5 x FSC IRB operators participated in the "Who Let the Boats Out" event with NSW SES, showcasing our commitment to inter-agency cooperation. They were Mark (Freddie) Freedman, Shayne Rettke, Jack Hartican and myself from the Tathra SLSC and Gavin Granger from the Pambula SLSC

JUNIOR LIFESAVERS OF THE YEAR (JLOTY)

Congratulations to Ruby Bindon and Archie Rosenbaum (Broulee SLSC) as our 2025 Branch JLOTY representatives. Special recognition also goes to Kane Doull (Narooma SLSC) for his leadership and mentoring at the state JLOTY camp.

WAMBIRI YOUTH CAMP 2025

Despite a slight dip in numbers due to weather-related postponements, the camp remained a success thanks to Nat Browning (DoMD), Andrew Edmunds (Deputy President), and a dedicated team of helpers.

SUPPORT OPERATIONS

We welcomed six new RWC operators this season:

Ruby O'Leary (Tathra), Paul West (Bermagui), Kane Doull (Narooma), Paul Barnes (Broulee), Scott Kemmis (Broulee), and Cooper Smerdon (Batemans Bay).

CONGRATULATIONS

This season saw our deputy president Andrew Edmunds awarded with the prestigious "Emergency services medal" from the Australian governor. Congratulations Andrew.

Congratulations are in order for Sue Hunt who this season was elected onto the SLS NSW Board

Broulee SLSC continued tradition with their annual Life Members' Lunch – congratulations to Gary and the team.

O'Neill Family - Our DoLS Emma O'Neill, Liam, and Tommy welcomed a baby boy, Frank Jimmy O'Neill – wonderful news!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS TO RETIRING DIRECTORS

DoA Mike Hallahan

Mike, our Director of Administration, is stepping down at the end of this season after 5 years in the role. He has been the an important piece to my team but also the very best mates. Thank you, your contribution has been immeasurable, your dedication and professionalism unmatched, your absence will be deeply felt.

DoL Emma Oneil

Em has held the position of Deputy DoL prior to stepping up to her current position. She is a formidable force and leads through example and always on the front foot with her leadership style, The branch looks forward to seeing Em on the team again not too far away we hope.

DoSS Andrew Holt

Thank you Holty for sharing your knowledge and passion across 10 years in this role and also the deputy role. You have always loved surf sports and this goes back to a time when you competed yourself at a high level for many years. Our carnivals and particularly the GBM would not have been the same without you pushing forward and with Wendy and Sue enjoying their time by your side.

Deputy DoA Chez McCarthy

Wow Chez, in your relatively short time in SLS everyone will agree that you have certainly made a remarkable and important difference that effectively took our branch to another level, particularly within the area of support services. Through your work and leadership we are now the leader within the state when it comes to response times, response numbers and team that just “gets it done”

DoCommunication Jimmy McGrath

Our great mate Jimmy is a very proud

- o Life member of Pambula SLSC
- o Life member of FSC Branch
- o Life member of SLS NSW

Very sadly Jimmy passed away on August 1st as we have been putting this report together. A tribute to Jimmy and his contribution appears later in the document; however I just want to acknowledge the wonderful and selfless contribution Jimmy has made to all he was a part of - we will miss you immensely.

Frank Davey - Pambula SLSC

A big congratulations to Frank on being honoured with Life Membership of SLSNSW. It is a wonderful recognition of Frank’s selfless enduring contribution to both Pambula SLSC and the Far South Coast Branch over many many years.

Thankyou Frank for all that you have achieved and for the lives you have positively changed in your quiet way.

I would formally like to acknowledge and thank all of the Directors of Administration that have worked by my side during my time as president. They were Kerry Parbery, Sue Hunt and Chez McCarthy prior to Mike.



LOOKING AHEAD

- o Continued focus on leadership pathways for young lifesavers.
- o Ongoing support for the implementation of SLSNSW’s diversity and governance reforms.
- o Commitment to surf sports growth, event hosting, and volunteer training.

CLOSING STATEMENT

To my wife and loving friend of 43 years, Judy, You have shared so much with me in my role as President over these years including so many awards ceremonies. With these ceremonies comes the challenge of trying to find an outfit to compliment a bright green suit. Thank you for your patience and understanding xo

To every member of FSC branch across the 16 years that I have had the honour to work alongside, thank you for your dedication, professionalism, and passion. I look forward to seeing you all on the sand again soon.

Anthony Rettke ESM

Surf Lifesaving Far South Coast
President

PRESIDENT’S REFLECTION FINAL SEASON

After 16 years serving on the FSC Board, this season marks my final year as President. Together, we have strengthened our branch, supported our clubs, and continued the proud tradition of saving lives and serving the community.

I am deeply grateful to every board member, club president, volunteer, and lifesaver who has shared this journey. I will continue to support FSC in whatever way I can—but now it’s time for new leadership and fresh energy to take the branch forward.

Office Bearers

Executive Committee

PRESIDENT

Anthony "Tony" Rettke ESM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Andrew Edmunds ESM

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Michael Hallahan

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Wendy Law

DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING

Emma O'Neill

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Jenny Taylor

DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORTS

Andrew Holt

DIRECTOR OF MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

Natalie Browning

SLSNSW ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Vikki Marshall

Non- Executive Roles

POWERCRAFT CAPTAIN

Andrew Mizzi

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

NIL

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

John "Jimmy" McGrath *

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Cheryl McCarthy

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING

Chris Briggs

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORTS

Sue Hunt

PUBLIC OFFICER

Michael Hallahan

PUBLICITY OFFICER

Natalie Browning

HONORARY SOLICITOR

Chris Park

UAV CO-ORDINATOR

NIL

Branch DELEGATES

Stephen Dobson

Paul White

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

Andrew Johnson OAM

PAMBULA SLSC

Kerry Bourke

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*	John "Jimmy" McGrath*
Arthur Bunt BEM*	Paul Morgan
Myril Bunt OAM	Graham J. Nicholson*
Joseph J. Caddey*	Kerry Parbery
Paul Caddey (1977)	David F. Pheeney*
Ron Chesher OAM*	Anthony Rettke ESM (2016)
Garnet C. Chewing*	Peter Robinson* (1977)
Frank Davey OAM	Paul Smith*
Nicholas A. Dixon*	Fergus Thomson OAM*
Steve Dobson	Paul White
P.V. Dwyer*	Max Young
James A Eadie* (1977)	Michele Bootes OAM (2022)
Bruce Frost	Peter Bootes (2022)
Julie Frost	Andrew Edmunds ESM (2022)
Donald Hay*	Michael Hallahan (2022)
Maxwell Hogno*	Wendy Law (2022)

Junior Activities

William Louttit* (1987)



Surf Life Saving New South Wales

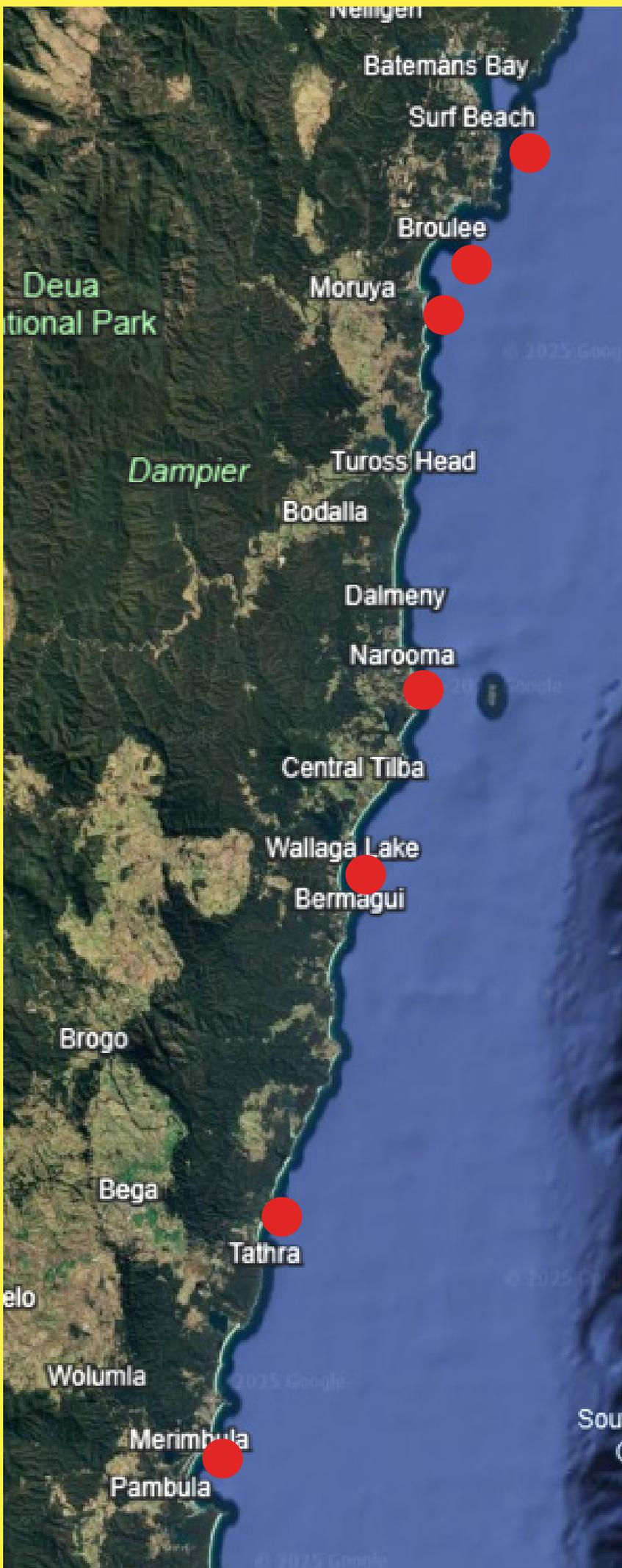
Arthur Bunt BEM* (1999)	John "Jimmy" McGrath* (2022)
Ron Chesher OAM* (1972)	Graham J. Nicholson* (1986)
Nicholas A. Dixon* (1978)	Anthony Rettke ESM (2020)
Donald Hay* (2018)	Fergus Thomson OAM* (1994)
David F. Pheeney* (2002)	Frank Davey OAM (2024)



Surf Life Saving Australia

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



2805
MEMBERS



19,256
PATROL HOURS



635
PATROL MEMBERS



1997
PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS



61
RESCUES



128
FIRST AID



62
CALL OUTS

Season Snapshot

Highlights	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Lifesaving				
Rescues	106	74	26	61
First Aid Treatments	113	102	166	128
Preventative Actions	2,154	2,014	2,375	1,997
Emergency callouts	52	50	52	62
Member Service and Support				
Membership Growth	+5%	+7%	-1%	+2%
Patrolling Membership	753	822	639	635
Junior Activities Members	819	922	992	1,014
Members	1,037	1,051	1,145	1,048
Total Membership	2,609	2,795	2,776	2,805
Education and Training				
Bronze Medallion	54	103	72	73
Powercraft	64	54	31	31
Surf Rescue Certificate	52	75	70	45
Advanced Resuscitation	11	-	88	41
Silver Medallion Beach Management	14	21	10	13
First Aid				49
Rescue Water Craft Certificate				6
Total Awards	195	253	271	307



The start of the season many clubs participated in Open Days and Community Education Programs



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SURF RESCUE
RHL
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SURF RESCUE

ARANCIA
AUSTRALIAN MADE
1969 35 YEARS 2004
BOAT TRAILER USER'S GUIDE ATTACHED



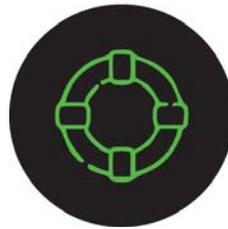
We believe...



our community relies on us to protect and save lives



our volunteers are core to Suf 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

Strengthen and Consolidate

Embracing SLSNSW Strategic Plan

In 2025 as members of Surf Life Saving NSW, our Vision and Mission is to still have zero preventable deaths on the NSW coastline and turn the tide on coastal drowning, we will acknowledge our core purpose of being lifesavers, and put our members and clubs at the heart of our strategic focus.

Reduce Drowning in Unpatrolled Locations

Improve Member Experience

Supporting Club Sustainability

Optimising Digital Infrastructure

Ensuring Ongoing Relevance and Value

The Far South Coast Branch will help **Reduce Drowning in Unpatrolled Locations** by:

- Leveraging available data to identify high-risk unpatrolled locations and times.
- Deploying contemporary lifesaving and rescue technologies and equipment in high-risk unpatrolled locations for use by both SLS and the public.
- Exploring non-traditional approaches to extending our patrolling capability.
- Implementing targeted media and education strategies promoting patrolled locations and focussing on safety in unpatrolled locations.

The Far South Coast Branch will **Improve Member Experience** by:

- Defining and promoting the fostering of an optimal organisational culture that emphasises inclusion and respect.
- Improving our leadership culture, with a focus on tenure, succession and gender equity.
- Reframing our Nipper product and sports offering to maximise participation and retention.
- Removing unhelpful barriers to participation, including competition eligibility policies and inflexible approaches to patrol models and rostering to better engage our members.
- Designing new engagement pathways for parents, youth, community members and special interest groups to strengthen our patrolling capability.

The Far South Coast Branch will support **Our Clubs Sustainability** by:

- Implementing the Club Capability Program providing targeted support for priority clubs.
- Better understand the indicators that lead to healthy clubs and understanding a strategy to better support club health.
- Actively addressing obstacles which impact our clubs' success.
- Proactively assisting clubs to ensure the buildings they occupy continue to meet their changing needs.

The Far South Coast Branch will **Optimise Structures, Resourcing and Digital Infrastructure** for our frontline by:

- Implementing new approaches to delivering volunteer functions that currently result in burnout, dissatisfaction, duplication or inefficiency.
- Enabling clubs improved access to SLS assets and rescue services.
- Ensuring our Emergency Management functions complement our frontline patrolling operations.
- Ensuring fit-for-purpose digital infrastructure
- Implementing a fit-for-purpose internal communications strategy that facilitates effective communication and avoids overwhelm.

The Far South Coast Branch will **Ensure our Ongoing Relevance and Value** to our community by:

- To enhancing our legislated responsibilities as a provider of nearshore aquatic safety and emergency service provision in NSW.
- Implementing a 24/7 emergency response framework.
- Undertaking research, development and lessons management that positions us at the forefront of contemporary lifesaving and rescue technologies, equipment and approaches.
- Protecting and elevating our brand by leveraging emerging digital and media technologies.



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 FSC 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
Director of Member Development

This group has been supported by a number of non-executive roles in 2024-25 consisting of the following elected positions:

Powercraft Captain
Director of Communications
Director of Youth Development
Assistant Director of Administration
Assistant Director of Surf Sports
Assistant Director of Lifesaving
UAV Co-ordinator

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 FSC 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

As a result of a government funding initiative, SLSNSW provides a paid staff member to support the work of FSC Branch. The Administration Officer role is 20 hours per week and is dedicated to assisting Directors with the administrative workload of their respective roles and sourcing opportunities to assist our clubs and their members.

Vikki Marshall has been with us for 18 months in this role and has done an exceptional job. Her energy, enthusiasm, expertise and collaborative approach makes her a valued and key part of our FSC team.

Vikki has been responsible for the publication of this very professional Annual Report. Thankyou Vikki on behalf of all our FSC Branch.

As a Branch we are also very grateful and thankful of the assistance that SLSNSW provides in all aspects of our business.

Mike Hallahan

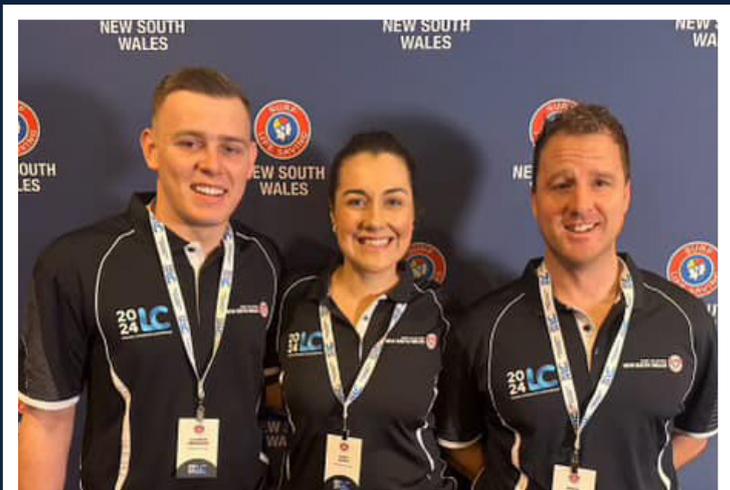
Director of Administration

Our Year in Review



2024 LC

SLSNSW LIFESAVING CONFERENCE





The Surf Life Saving NSW Awards of Excellence celebrates the incredible people in our organisation and the impact they have on their clubs, fellow members, and in their local communities.

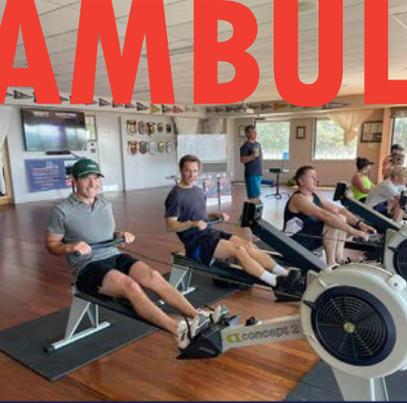
This Year's awards were again held at the Sofitel Sydney Wentworth on the 24th August 2024, with the Far South Coast Branch nominating members in 14 of the 21 categories.

These nominations recognise the commitment, passion and hard work that our members put into their clubs and branch each season and we would like to acknowledge their achievements and thank them for their dedication over the 2023-2024 season.

FSCB 2023-2024 NSW AOE Nominations

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| <i>Administrator of the Year -</i> | <i>Ben Smith</i> | <i>Pambula SLSC</i> |
| <i>Athlete of the Year -</i> | <i>Rachel Duczynski</i> | <i>Tathra SLSC</i> |
| <i>Coach of the Year -</i> | <i>Darren Drewsen</i> | <i>Broulee Surfers SLSC</i> |
| <i>Masters Athlete of the Year -</i> | <i>Darren Drewsen</i> | <i>Broulee Surfers SLSC</i> |
| <i>Official of the Year -</i> | <i>Bree Rosenbaum</i> | <i>Broulee Surfers SLSC</i> |
| <i>Services Team of the Year -</i> | <i>Same Wave</i> | <i>Pambula SLSC</i> |
| <i>Support Operations Member of the Year -</i> | <i>Chris Briggs</i> | <i>Pambula SLSC</i> |
| <i>Surf Lifesaver of the Year -</i> | <i>Liam O'Neill</i> | <i>Pambula SLSC</i> |
| <i>Sports Team of the Year -</i> | <i>Mixed Grill Surfboat Team</i> | <i>Broulee Surfers SLSC</i> |
| <i>Trainer of the Year -</i> | <i>Jason Domeny</i> | <i>Broulee Surfers SLSC</i> |
| <i>Volunteer of the Year -</i> | <i>Adam Walsh</i> | <i>Narooma SLSC</i> |
| <i>Youth Athlete of the Year -</i> | <i>Sophie Bolton</i> | <i>Moruya SLSC</i> |
| <i>Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year -</i> | <i>Erin Domeny</i> | <i>Broulee Surfers SLSC</i> |
| <i>Youth Volunteer of the Year -</i> | <i>Michaela Fitzpatrick</i> | <i>Moruya SLSC</i> |





PAMBULA



**LET'S ROW
THE DISTANCE
FOR
MENTAL FITNESS**



TATHRA



Andrew Edmunds

Emergency Services Medal

After being awarded the ESM (Emergency Services Medal) in January 2024, for his dedication and commitment to Surf Life Saving at State, Branch and Club Level, Andrew was presented with his medal by Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC at a reception at Government House on the 13th September 2024.

A very proud moment for Andrew, his family and the Far South Coast Branch. We congratulate him on this honour.

Andrew joins Anthony Rettke ESM in receiving this honour as a member of the Far South Coast Branch.



Sue Hunt

SLSNSW Board of Directors

On the 1st November at the SLSNSW Annual General Meeting Sue was elected to the Board of Directors.

It is a first for the Far South Coast to have a member on the State board and we congratulate Sue on her appointment.

Sue has been a lifesaver since 2009, is a Life Member of Batemans Bay SLSC and is a dedicated volunteer and administrator in areas including membership, education and surf sports.

Sue is a senior official, facilitator and has held various Director positions on the Far South Coast Branch. She is also Secretary of the Australian Surf Rowers League.

Frank Davey

Life Membership of SLSNSW

On the 1st November at the SLSNSW Annual General Meeting the State Board welcomed 4 new Life Members, with Frank being one of the distinguished recipients of the honour.

Frank is a member whom in his 34 years as a Surf Life Saving volunteer, has worn many different hats. As a Club President, Patrol Captain, Nippers Facilitator, Youth Development Coordinator, and gear steward, Frank has consistently demonstrated his commitment to Pambula SLSC and the movement's growth and success.

Perhaps his most conspicuous achievement was the establishment of the highly successful Wambiri Youth Development Camp which is a cornerstone for youth development within his branch.



Vale John “Jimmy” McGrath

Life Member – Pambula SLSC | Far South Coast Branch | Surf Life Saving NSW



It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of our great mate and champion lifesaver, Jimmy McGrath, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Jimmy embodied everything surf lifesaving stands for: service, camaraderie, mateship, and an unwavering instinct to help whenever help was needed. A proud and long-serving member of Pambula SLSC, Jimmy gave more than 50 years of patrol service. He held Life Membership at club, branch, and state levels—an honour reflecting a lifetime of outstanding commitment.

Throughout his decades of involvement, Jimmy held or supported nearly every position within Pambula SLSC and the Far South Coast Branch, including serving as Deputy President. Whether behind the scenes or on the front line, Jimmy was always there—on the beach, in the rubber duck, on the RWC, or sweeping a surf boat with unmistakable power and passion.

At carnivals, he was never one to stand still competing in his younger years and later serving tirelessly as an official, helping with set-up, refereeing, and pack-down. Jimmy was best known for his expertness with the branch radio trailer and served in the role of Branch Director of Communications for decades.

His contributions to the George Bass Surfboat Marathon, since its inception in 1975, were immense and enduring.

Jimmy was also a much-loved fixture at the annual Far South Coast Youth Camp—known as the “Wambiri” camp—where he and his best mate Frank Davey were part of the furniture. Together, they helped guide, support, and inspire generations of young lifesavers, passing on wisdom and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

The word legend is often overused—but in Jimmy’s case, it’s entirely fitting. He was a true legend of surf lifesaving. His impact on our movement, our people, and our culture will echo for generations.

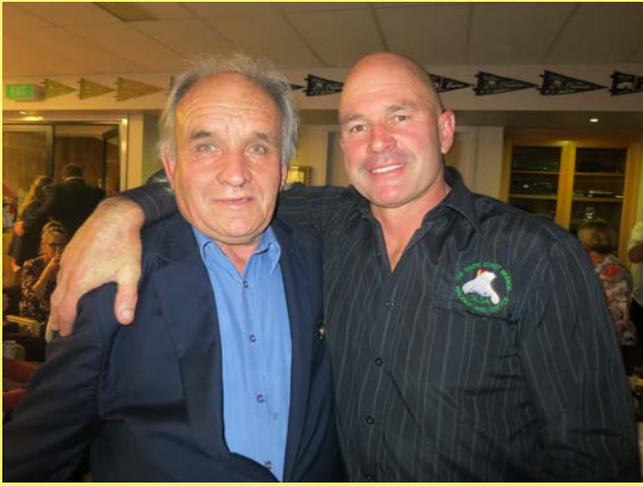
We loved you, Jimmy.

We’ll miss you more than words can say.

Rest easy, mate—your patrol is done.

Tont Rettke

Far South Coast Branch President



EMERGENCY RESPONSE BEACONS

The start of the 2024-2025 season saw SLSNSW roll out 3 new ERB's (Emergency Response Beacons) in the Bega Valley Shire area of our Branch.

With a review of local blackspots, along with consultation with Council, Aboriginal Lands Council, Far South Coast Branch and Surf Life Saving NSW, the locations of where to best utilise this technology was determined and the new ERB's were installed at Pambula River Mouth, Merimbula Bar Beach and Bermagui's Camel Rock Beach.

These are the first to be installed in the Far South Coast Branch and is part of a further 40 to be rolled out over a 4 year period, adding to the existing 32 ERB's already installed across the state.

The beacons are solar powered, 4G and 5G enabled for video and voice notification in the event of an emergency and monitored by SLSNSW at highly visible locations along the NSW coastline.

ERBs directly connect callers to Surf Life Saving NSW's State Operations Centre (SOC), enabling the rapid deployment of lifesaving and emergency services to a potential rescue or medical emergency. This can drastically reduce response times, particularly in unpatrolled or isolated areas.

All new and existing ERBs are being fitted with rescue tubes – flotation devices which can be used if someone decides to attempt a rescue of a person in trouble. The device's removal triggers an alarm back to the SOC and enables video and voice activated communications.

We look forward to a number of ERB's being installed across the Eurobodalla Shire in the future.



Bermagui's Camel Rock Beach ERB



Merimbula Bar Beach ERB



Pambula River Mouth ERB

MEET AND GREET

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales, and Mr Dennis Wilson, hosted a Community Reception to thank and celebrate local volunteer organisations, support agencies, and other community groups, at the Moruya Surf Life Saving Club, Moruya Heads on the 29th November.

Far South Coast members were joined by SLSNSW CEO Steve Pearce in representing the Lifesaving community at the event.

The chance to mingle with other organisations, agencies and community groups outside of the regular volunteer environment was a real pleasure.



JUNIOR LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR

DEVELOPING LEADERS OF THE FUTURE

This year was another great year for the Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program. We can be assured that our Branch is in safe hands with the next generation of surf lifesavers.

The Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program is an incredible opportunity for our FSC Branch to recognise U14 members achievements in Surf Life Saving, their contributions to all levels of Surf Life Saving and their communities. The Branch 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.

- Ruby Bindon – Broulee Surfers Surf Life Saving Club
- Archie Rosenbaum – Broulee Surfers Surf Life Saving Club
- Johannes Ganderton Young – Moruya Surf Life Saving Club
- Ilah Constable – Narooma Surf Life Saving Club
- Amy Stewart – Tathra Surf Life Saving Club
- Xavier Louie - Tathra Surf Life Saving Club
- Isaac Donne – Pambula Surf Life Saving Club

A massive congratulations goes to the FSC Branch Junior Lifesavers of the Year:

- **Ruby Bindon – Broulee Surfers Surf Life Saving Club**
- **Archie Rosenbaum – Broulee Surfers Surf Life Saving Club**

Ruby and Archie progressed to the SLSNSW development camp and interview process to determine the State winners. They had a great experience at the camp where they reported lots of fun, personal development opportunities and got to meet other young surf lifesavers from across New South Wales.

Thanks to FSC President Tony Rettke and Deputy President Andrew Edmunds who joined me on the selection panel.

Natalie Browning

Director of Member Development



Far South Coast 2024-2025
JLOTY representatives
Archie Rosenbaum and Ruby Bindon



The 2024-2025 Junior Lifesaver State nominees #JLOTY

WOMEN IN LIFE SAVING

8TH MARCH 2025



LIFESAVING DRONE OUTREACH PROGRAM

Indoor Flying



Thank you to the Australian UAV Service who, on the 15th March, were in the area and offered to run their UAV Outreach Program for our 12-15yr cadets.

The Lifesaver Drone Outreach Program in conjunction with She Maps offers awe-inspiring drone and geospatial curriculum-aligned programs that are designed to be easy-entry level lessons, through to more challenging creative problems based around real-world applications to stretch and engage students.

The program was run at Narooma SLSC with 32 branch cadets attending the course, with all appreciating the hands-on experience and technical understanding of what it takes to be a Drone Operator. They found it informative and fun and enjoyed the opportunity to operate in teams with kids from other surf clubs within our FSC Branch.



CALL OUT HUB

Spearheaded by Anthony Bellette, Branch Duty Officer and member of Batemans Bay SLSC, the initiative to establish a club call out hub in Durras was achieved this season.

In the past five years Batemans Bay SLSC has responded to 61 rescues outside of general patrol duties. For call outs to Durras, that means a 30-minute trip, hauling gear from the surf club at Malua Bay.

This project aimed at reducing response times has been a success with the hub reducing emergency response times from 45 minutes to just 8 minutes, for the Batemans Bay SLSC call out team and has directly improved the safety of individuals along the 72km coastline.

This quickened response time is crucial in preventing potential tragedies and showcases the importance of proactive solutions in lifesaving operations. It directly enhances the safety and effectiveness of the club and branch emergency operations and also sets a new standard for rapid response across the region.

Thankyou's go to Bondi Surf Lifesaving Club who donated an inflatable rescue boat (IRB), The Durras Community Association who put \$5,000 towards lifesaving gear, Reflex roller doors donated a garage door and Camerons Hardware donated construction materials.

DURRAS

EMERGENCY

Far South Coast surf life savers continue to have a high level of engagement in emergency management and in emergency responses beyond the flags. A big thanks to Mike Hallahan (Eurobodalla) and Emma O'Neill (Bega Valley) who sit as the SLSNSW representatives on their Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMCs) and to Chris Briggs who has also attended a number of the Bega Valley LEMC meetings. Established relationships with other emergency services and supporting agencies is critical when significant events impact our region and Mike, Emma and Chris all do a great job making sure the interests of our teams are represented.

2025 has so far seen the SLSNSW State Operations Group (SOG) involved in 2 major emergency responses. The first was ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred in March. Over a 3-week period SLSNSW had 188 different personnel involved in the response including Flood Operations teams in the field, Liaison Officers and Incident Management Team (IMT) personnel.

The second was the May severe weather

event that impacted Taree and surrounds. Over 12 days we had 71 personnel involved overall. On both occasions numerous flood operations members from Far South Coast volunteered to deploy to support communities in need. While not everyone who puts their hand up makes it onto deployments it was encouraging to see how many FSC members were keen to travel long distances to help others. Thank you to Brendan O'Mahony (Narooma) and Jack Mohr (Broulee Surfers) who deployed during the ex-TC Alfred response and to Brendan O'Mahony (Narooma) and Gavin Granger (Pambula) who deployed in response to the May flooding event. They all did FSC proud with their professionalism and commitment.

Additional FSC members also undertook the Land Based Operator training and joined the Flood Operations Group as On Water Boat Operators. FSC now has 21 On Water Operators representing all 7 clubs with 3 also trained as In Water Flood Rescue Operators. This is positive for our area if we're impacted by flooding in the future and we'll be looking to roll out additional flood

training opportunities in the months and years ahead.

FSC also had 9 members from 5 different clubs take part in a multi-agency search and rescue exercise (SAREX) off Narooma in May. These are great opportunities to test our skills and work with other agencies in preparation for future search and rescue operations. Thanks to all involved for giving up your time and for taking such a positive approach to the exercise.

It's been a pleasure working with team FSC over the past 12 months in the emergency management sphere and I look forward to the coming year.

Cheryl McCarthy

Emergency Management Coordinator South (Wollongong to the Victorian border)

MANAGEMENT



RESPONSE

AWARDS OF



MEMBER SERVICES & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Female Junior Lifesaver of the Year

Ruby Bindon, BROULEE SURFERS SLSC

Male Junior Lifesaver of the Year

Archie Rosenbaum, BROULEE SURFERS SLSC

Fergus Thomson Award

Youth Volunteer of the Year

Deakin McPartland, BROULEE SURFERS SLSC

Service Team of the Year

Nippers Team, BATEMANS BAY SLSC

EDUCATION AWARD

Trainer, Assessor & Facilitator of the Year

Natalie Browning, BROULEE SURFERS SLSC

SURF SPORTS AWARDS

Official of the Year

Wendy Law, BROULEE SURFERS SLSC

Coach of the Year

Neil Innes, BATEMANS BAY SLSC

Athlete of the Year

Rosie McPartland, BROULEE SURFERS SLSC

Surf Sports Team of the Year

The Banshees, BATEMANS BAY SLSC

The Jack Beale Trophy

Club Pointscore Champions

BROULEE SURFERS SLSC

EXCELLENCE



LIFESAVING AWARDS

“Rookie” Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year
Tanner Liggins, BATEMANS BAY SLSC

Support Operations Member of the Year
Anthony Bellette, BATEMANS BAY SLSC

Rescue of the Year
Bermagui Horseshoe Bay Rescue, BERMAGUI SLSC

Dave Pheeny Patrol Efficiency Award
Lifesaving Club of the Year
BATEMANS BAY SLSC

MAJOR AWARDS

Myril Bunt Award
Administrator of the Year
Kym O’Halloran, PAMBULA SLSC

Presidents Award
Outstanding Service to the
Far South Coast Branch
Mike Hallahan, MORUYA SLSC

Branch Volunteer of the Year
Garry Griffiths, BATEMANS BAY SLSC

Nick Dixon Trophy
Surf Lifesaver of the Year
Scott Kemmis, BROULEE SURFERS SLSC



SAME MORUYA





WAVE PAMBULA



Member Development

Wambiri is the Far South Coast Branch Youth Leadership Program which provides opportunities for U13 & 14 members to advance their development and participation in surf lifesaving. Programs offer members the opportunity to network and build their self-esteem and confidence in a supportive and safe environment. This program was first held in 1996 and continues to be a favourite with our members.



The camp this year was postponed in early April due to severe weather and rescheduled for 10-11 May. It was a resounding success with 24 participants, 3 facilitators and 4 parent helpers.

The weekend involved activities that included:

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

Powercraft Awareness – The participants were introduced into the use of IRB's in Surf Lifesaving and how/what they need to do to become an IRB operator.

Search and Rescue Activities – This allowed our participants to engage in a team environment and use some of their surf lifesaving skills they have gained to problem solve and achieve positive outcomes.

Emergency Services Visit – This included Merimbula Police and Pambula RFS. 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.

This year's response to the camp was all positive, with all participants loving the variety of activities that are on offer, the friendships they made and the exposure to many different elements of surf lifesaving.

A massive thank you to Frank Davey, Andrew Edmunds and our parent helpers for helping facilitate the camp yet again – bring on next year.

Look forward to seeing everyone back on the beach next season.

Natalie Browning

Director of Member Development





**“Far South Coast Branch
is committed to safeguarding children and young people”**



✦ Lifesaving

The 2024–25 season has been another significant chapter for lifesaving across the Far South Coast Branch. Our beaches continued to attract high numbers of locals and visitors and, once again, our patrolling members upheld the highest standards of vigilance and service. Thanks to their unwavering dedication, no lives were lost between the flags.

Across the season, a total of 19,256 patrol hours were delivered by 635 active members, who collectively performed 61 rescues, 1,997 preventative actions, and responded to numerous first aid and emergency incidents. These figures not only reflect the operational demand placed on our volunteers but also highlight their ongoing commitment to keeping our coastline safe.

Tragically, there were four preventable drowning deaths within our Branch—all of which occurred outside of patrolled areas, including three involving rock fishers. These heartbreaking incidents reinforce the critical importance of swimming between the flags and demonstrate the vital role our lifesavers play in educating the public and responding to emergencies.

We are proud to have maintained strong patrolling numbers across all clubs, highlighting the success of our recruitment and retention strategies. These outcomes reflect the strong sense of purpose, belonging, and professional development opportunities that our clubs continue to provide to members of all ages and experience levels

Lifesaving Service Agreements

This season saw a marked improvement in the process for negotiating Lifesaving Service Agreements (LSAs), following a positive shift in approach from Surf Life Saving NSW. The introduction of face-to-face meetings allowed for more open and collaborative discussions, resulting in each club receiving a tailored agreement that reflects their unique operating context. This streamlined and supportive approach was widely appreciated and sets a positive precedent for future seasons.

Emergency Response Beacons

We are pleased to report that all three Emergency Response Beacons (ERBs) allocated to the Bega Valley have now been successfully installed at Camel Rock Beach, Bar Beach Merimbula, and the Pambula River Mouth. The Pambula ERB has already been activated on several occasions, highlighting its value in improving response times and outcomes during emergencies.

While no ERBs have yet been installed in the Eurobodalla region, Mike Hallahan continues to actively advocate for the installation of a beacon at Congo—an area with increasing visitor traffic and known risk factors. We support these ongoing efforts and remain hopeful for progress in the future.

Rescue Services

The rebranded Rescue Services (formerly Support Operations) teams—including our Club Emergency Call Out Teams (ECOTs), RWCs, UAVs, Duty Officers, and Welfare Officers—have once again delivered exceptional service. As of the time of writing, Rescue Services have responded to 62 emergency call-outs, a significant increase from the 51 tasks recorded in the 2023–24 season.

This reflects both the growing recognition of our capabilities and the increasing demands on our teams. The commitment shown by our volunteers in responding rapidly and professionally to incidents—often in challenging conditions—continues to be one of our greatest strengths.

Our RWC Operators maintained a high standard of service, contributing through both patrol support and emergency response. The four-year RWC replacement and expansion plan remains underway, and we thank Andrew Mizzi, our Branch Powercraft Coordinator, for his continued leadership and work behind the scenes to keep our fleet ready and reliable.





Recognition

Each season, we celebrate the outstanding achievements of our members, and this year is no exception. Congratulations to the following award recipients:

Rescue of the Year 2024–25:

Bermagui SLSC
Mark Huxley – Bermagui SLSC – RWC
Shannon Fox – City of Wollongong SLSC – Rescue Tube
Shayne Rettke – Tathra SLSC – Rescue Tube
Euan McKenzie – Bermagui SLSC – Rescue Board

Rescue Services Team Member of the Year:

Anthony Bellette

Lifesaving Club of the Year:

Batemans Bay SLSC

These recipients represent the professionalism, courage, and teamwork that are the hallmarks of lifesaving on the Far South Coast.

Emergency Management

The Emergency Management space continues to grow as Surf Life Saving NSW expands its capabilities to support other agencies in times of crisis. This season, our members contributed to flood responses, most notably following Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred, where their efforts were both significant and highly regarded.

SLSNSW is increasingly well trained and equipped to operate alongside NSW SES and other lead agencies, and we are proud of the role our members are playing in both response and recovery operations. We look forward to further training and integration as this arm of lifesaving continues to evolve.

Thank You

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Westpac Lifesaver 23 Rescue Helicopter team, whose support remains a critical asset in our emergency response capability—especially in remote or inaccessible locations.

Special appreciation goes to Andrew Mizzi for his continued dedication to Rescue Services logistics, and to Anthony Bellette, who has led the Rescue Services portfolio this season with professionalism and purpose.

Finally, I want to thank every Club Captain, Patrol Captain, and patrolling member for your hard work, time, and ongoing commitment. It has been a privilege to work alongside such a skilled and motivated group of volunteers.

Stepping Down

After two rewarding years in the Director of Lifesaving role, I will be stepping down at the end of this season to focus on caring for my young family. I will remain active within the Branch as a patrolling and Rescue Services member and look forward to supporting the team in new ways.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve in this role. I leave deeply proud of what we've achieved together and confident that the Branch is in strong hands for the future.

Warm Regards,
Emma O'Neill
Director of Lifesaving

Education & Training



I am pleased to present the Far South Coast Annual Report, having just completed my first year in the position. It has been a year full of learning in the role, which I have found both interesting and challenging.

We started the season with the usual pre-season meeting held at Narooma club house. Significant updates to the IRB Crew & Drivers course saw most of our IRB TAF's completing a session out on the water to learn the new skills this season. These were taken back to the clubs and delivered in the season's courses. The TAF's also completed their skills refreshers and were all re-endorsed to be ready for their training for the year.

Other key updates this year included the streamlining of the Bronze Medallion assessment portfolio and introducing a centralised RPL service to support new, returning and existing members with in-depth proficiency pathways. An RPL pathway was also introduced for medical professionals and paramedics to obtain First Aid and/or ART awards.

New enhancements to the Assessing App were released throughout the year and our branch as well as SLSNSW saw an increased uptake of its use. It is hoped that eventually all main courses will be put through using the App.

Towards the end of this season another major change saw the online learning portion of the first Aid award move into the elearning space, this will bring it in line with other courses and be simpler for all to find. The SMPC continues to be in discussion, but there is a bridging course available.

The mentoring process for probationary Training officers has been streamlined with the introduction of the co-delivery process. This means probationary Trainers can get endorsed by delivering one course alongside an experienced trainer. I am pleased to say Far South Coast Branch saw numerous new trainers endorsed this season (see lists below)

We currently have many fantastic trainers who put in a lot of hours upskilling our branch members, I thank everyone of them for their time and commitment. I am also pleased to say we have the following members join our training team or advance their training awards:

Number of Members Obtaining Qualifications 2024/25	
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	41
Bronze Medallion	73
IRB Crew Certificate	27
Provide First Aid HLTAID011	49
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	4
Surf Rescue Certificate	45
Silver Medallion Patrol Captain	13



New Probationary TAFs:

- Ebony Bradford – Facilitator
- Mark Huxley – Training officer
- Greg Leach – Training officer
- Garry Griffiths – Training officer
- Andrew Johnson – Training officer & RWC Trainer
- Natalie Browning – RWC Trainer
- Andrew Mizzi – RWC Trainer



New Training officer award:

- Ruby O’Leary – Bronze Medallion
- Mark Huxley – IRB
- Jason Domeny – IRB



New Assessor award:

- Vikki Marshall – BM & IRB



New Facilitator award:

- Mike Hallahan – SMPC

This season saw our Far South Coast Branch RWC training team hold an RWC course at the beginning of the season, this is quite an undertaking and requires participants and trainers to commit to 6 sessions held over several weekends and in different locations. We had 6 members successfully gain their RWC Operators Certificate.

Three members also successfully completed their certificate late in the season by joining a course in Mollymook. Congratulations to Cooper Smerdon, Paul West, Paul Barnes, Scott Kemmis, Kane Doull, Ruby O’Leary, Travis Robinson, Darren Drewsen & Anthony Griffiths. Thankyou to Cheryl McCarthy, Shayne Rettke, Natalie Browning & Andrew Mizzi for making our course possible.

Many Thanks again to all our trainers, CTO’s as well as the NSW education team who have supported me throughout the year.

I look forward to the next season in the role.



Jenny Taylor

Director of Education



Surf Sports



SURF SPORTS



2024/25 has been a fantastic season for surf carnivals and competitors in our Branch.

We had six carnivals across the Region, three of each Junior and Senior. Huge thanks go to the Clubs that continually put up their hands to host, Narooma, Pambula and Broulee. It takes a big team effort to pull off a carnival and putting extra workloads on already stretched volunteers. This hard slog doesn't go unnoticed.

Attendance numbers increased across all disciplines, and it was great to see the number of new competitors.

There is also a greater effort from our small number of water safety, event safety and our Officials. Their workload is huge not only on the day of the event but in the lead up and afterward. Programming, uploading data, compiling results, all take a decent amount of time out of their weekends. We are always looking for more helpers so please consider becoming an Official next season.

2024/25 was the season we celebrated 50 years of George Bass. What an epic week! Great numbers, twenty-six boat crews and 18 ski paddlers took to the water for 7 days of competition. The highlight being the good numbers of U23 rowers that participated this year. Well done to all of the Branch Clubs and members who supported the event, showcasing the best of what the Far South Coast has to offer.

Our members stepped up competing on the big stage, with some outstanding results at ILS World Champs, Inter-Branch, Inter-Series Surf Boats, ASRL, Country Champs, State Champs & Aussies. For a small regional Branch our members punch well above their weight.

I first came onto the Branch Executive in 2014, 11 years in Surf Sport is a long time.

I need to thank all of the Officials, Club Coaches, Water Safety that supported me over the many years.

There are also three outstanding women that I need to thank for everything they have done to support me in this role, Wendy Law and Sue Hunt always having my back. When it got tough these two stepped up and got us through. Thirdly, and most importantly is my amazing wife Vicki, we've met the challenges head on, and we've come out the other side, thank you.

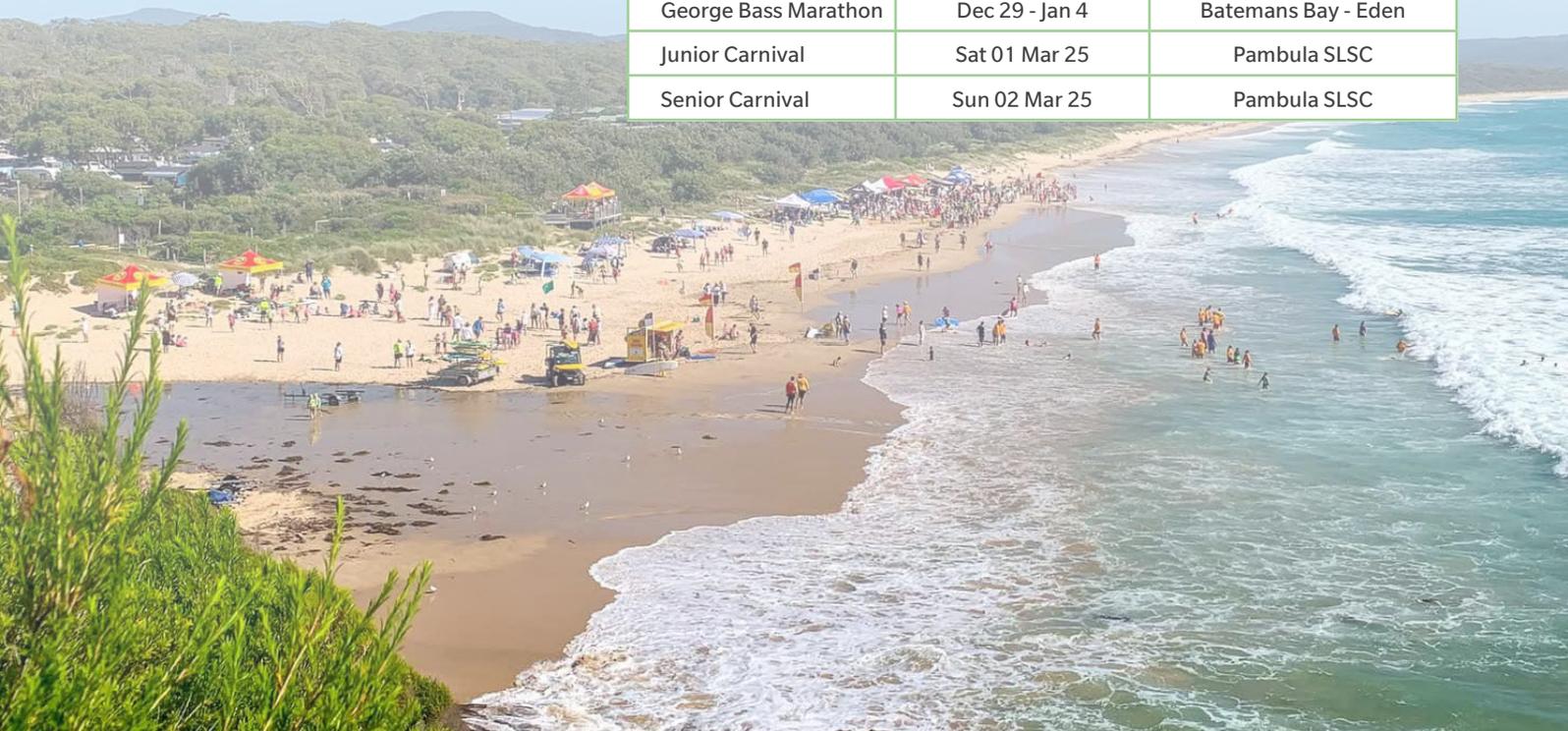
I wish the new Director all the best in this role.

Andrew Holt

Director of Surf Sports

Far South Coast Branch Carnivals 2024/25

Far South Coast Branch Carnivals 2024/25		
Senior Carnival	Sat 14 Dec 24	Narooma SLSC
Junior Carnival	Sun 15 Dec 24	Narooma SLSC
Junior Carnival	Sat 08 Feb 25	Broulee Surfers SLSC
Senior Carnival	Sun 09 Feb 25	Broulee Surfers SLSC
George Bass Marathon	Dec 29 - Jan 4	Batemans Bay - Eden
Junior Carnival	Sat 01 Mar 25	Pambula SLSC
Senior Carnival	Sun 02 Mar 25	Pambula SLSC



INTERBRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024-2025



This year's NSW Interbranch carnival was held at Cape Hawke SLSC (near Forster) on the 30th of November and 1st December and we had a team of 37 competitors from Under 12 to Under 17 competing against the best of every other Branch in the State. The team had members from 6 of our 7 Branch Clubs which was fantastic. After a weekend of challenging competition, the final points tally showed we retained our 9th place ranking out of the 11 NSW branches.

Unfortunately, the weather was very unkind for most of the weekend, with everything from rain and muggy hot sun to huge winds and swell. The wind picked up on the Saturday afternoon to the point where several large marquees next to us simply took off into the air and across the sand dunes. It was an amazing sight to see, and we were very much appreciating the amount of duct tape our parents had used to secure our marquees!

The program was modified early on Saturday because of the expected conditions, with all of the beach events completed on the first day. A couple of the younger board rescues and ironperson events were pushed to Sunday to try and find calmer conditions, however things only got worse on the Sunday with the water technically closed all day. This was frustrating for many younger members unable to even cool off in the ocean since their events were cancelled.

The tide came in extra high during the late Sunday morning and our marquees were under threat of inundation (along with neighbouring branch marquees). Some of our younger boys found a shovel up in the dunes and commenced operation "trench". I may be biased but I believe the FSC team had the highest and most effective trench and levy bank system of all the branches and it held water over a half a metre deep at one point. It served to entertain several of our water competitors of all ages for many hours.

Our team all competed to the best of their abilities, and some great results were recorded. Some outstanding results were from U12 James Gunn (3rd in board), U17 Luke Drewsen (3rd in sprint), U13 Rose Waterson (3rd in long beach run), U17 Michaela Fitzpatrick (4th in long beach run) and U15 Zara Hall (3rd in flags and 6th in sprint). Our teams also did well with 5th in the U17 beach sprint relay, 4th in U15 long beach relay and 5th in U13 long beach relay.

As a branch we should be very proud of all our results and also spare a thought for Isobel who will be on crutches for the rest of the holidays and we hope to see her back at senior carnivals in the future (broken foot on the first turn of her first long distance event).

Always a highlight of the weekend away is the Saturday Team buffet dinner (all you can eat) and the Forster Bowling Club did not disappoint, with a huge range that kept everyone satisfied.





Every year this Interbranch weekend happens with so many people helping to make it a success. This year we need to thank our coaches: Dan Beby and Sean Hendry, our water safety: Mike, our gear trailer stewards: Scott, Dan, Josh and Jae, our 5am caterers: Kelly, Regina, Katrina, and Clarinda, and our chaperones; Luke, Scott, James, Kelly, Pavlina, Josh, Mike, Jules, Regina, Katrina, Monica, Rob, and Dan. Some of these people were also board handlers and managed our gear onto and off the trailer each day which is a huge job in itself.

Thanks also to the Halls for taking Isobel off to the++ hospital at Taree for x-rays and scans and a very long wait. In addition, we had the Latham family collecting our ice for the eskies each day and Paul collecting chickens for Friday dinner and other general running around. Final thanks go to the Broulee Surf Club for the use of their large gear trailer, and Scott and Paul for the extra eskies, as they were much appreciated.

For the first time in many years the Van Park complimented our team's behaviour and the cleanliness of our cabins (compared to the other two branches that stayed in the Park with us). Well done again FSC!

Overall, this year's Interbranch was a fun weekend of competition and friendships.

Wendy Law

FSC Interbranch Coordinator

Far South Coast Interbranch Team 2024/25

U12	Boys	James Gunn BROULEE	Lewis Gunn BROULEE
		Eden Campbell BROULEE	Lucas Heinemann BROULEE
U12	Girls	Andrey Knobel BROULEE	Taya Constable NAROOMA
		Alana Croft NAROOMA	Felicity Price MORUYA
U13	Boys	Harry Leach BROULEE	Benjamin Latham BATEMANS
		Joey Andrew-Higgs TATHRA	Nathanael Klus TATHRA
U13	Girls	Alexis Carver BROULEE	Philippa Shovelton PAMBULA
		Leala Garden BATEMANS BAY	Rose Waterson BROULEE
U14	Boys	Xavier Hall MORUYA	Isaac Donne PAMBULA
		Zakaria Saeedi BROULEE	Jordan Mansfield PAMBULA
U14	Girls	Ilah Constable NAROOMA	Keira Atkin BROULEE
		Addyson Bertram PAMBULA	Ruby Bindon BROULEE
U15	Boys	Mitchell Beby BROULEE	Monty Lloyd-Jones BROULEE
		Rorey Croft NAROOMA	Ty Constable NAROOMA
U15	Girls	Lara Barnes BROULEE	Sophia Carver BROULEE
		Zara Hall MORUYA	Isobel Nicholson TATHRA
U17	Boys	Tristan Heinemann BROULEE	Joel Constable NAROOMA
		Luke Drewsen BROULEE	
U17	Girls	Rosie McPartland BROULEE	Michaela Fitzpatrick MORUYA



JUNIOR BRANCH CHAMPIONS

Beach Run

U8 Male Beach Run	CHAZ MILNE	Moruya
U8 Female Beach Run	ALANI ZIEGLER	Broulee Surfers
U9 Male Beach Run	BENJAMIN MACKAY	Broulee Surfers
U9 Female Beach Run	TE RE	Tathra
U10 Male Beach Run	CALVIN MAHER	Moruya
U10 Female Beach Run	PHILIPPA LATHAM	Batemans Bay
U11 Male Beach Run	ALEXANDER HANRAHAN	Broulee Surfers
U11 Female Beach Run	BEATRIX FLEMING	Broulee Surfers
U12 Male Beach Run	JAMES GUNN	Broulee Surfers
U12 Female Beach Run	SEN RE	Tathra
U13 Male Beach Run	NOAH FIELD	Narooma
U13 Female Beach Run	PHILIPPA SHOVELTON	Pambula
U14 Male Beach Run	TOR EVESTON	Broulee Surfers
U14 Female Beach Run	KEIRA ATKIN	Broulee Surfers



Beach Sprint

U8 Male Sprint	TAHNZ TALANOVA	Narooma
U8 Female Sprint	ALYSSA O'BRIEN	Batemans Bay
U8 Mixed Sprint Relay		Batemans Bay
U9 Male Sprint	AILA LAGAALI	Pambula
U9 Female Sprint	TE RE	Tathra
U9 Mixed Sprint Relay		Pambula
TIED		Broulee Surfers
U10 Male Sprint	CALVIN MAHER	Moruya
U10 Female Sprint	MADISON CHAPMAN	Broulee Surfers
U10 Mixed Sprint Relay		Tathra
U11 Male Sprint	ALEXANDER HANRAHAN	Broulee Surfers
U11 Female Sprint	BEATRIX FLEMING	Broulee Surfers
U11 Mixed Sprint Relay		Broulee Surfers
U12 Male Sprint	JEREMIAH COEN-GRAHAM	Pambula
U12 Female Sprint	SEN RE	Tathra
U12 Mixed Sprint Relay		Pambula
TIED		Broulee Surfers
U13 Male Sprint	LIAM TAGUE	Narooma
U13 Female Sprint	LEALA GARDEN	Batemans Bay
U13 Mixed Sprint Relay		Pambula
U14 Male Sprint	XAVIER MILES	Narooma
U14 Female Sprint	RUBY BINDON	Broulee Surfers
U14 Mixed Sprint Relay		Pambula

Iron

U11 Male Ironperson	MARCUS MACKAY	Broulee Surfers
U11 Female Ironperson	ZALI AISI	Broulee Surfers
U12 Male Ironperson	JAMES GUNN	Broulee Surfers
U12 Female Ironperson	AUDREY KNOBEL	Broulee Surfers
U13 Male Ironperson	HARRY LEACH	Broulee Surfers
U13 Female Ironperson	ALEXIS CARVER	Broulee Surfers
U14 Male Ironperson	XAVIER MILES	Narooma
U14 Female Ironperson	KEIRA ATKIN	Broulee Surfers

Beach Flags

U8 Male Flags	TAHNZ TALANOVA	Narooma
U8 Female Flags	ALANI ZIEGLER	Broulee Surfers
TIED	ALYSSA O'BRIEN	Batemans Bay
U9 Male Flags	JACKSON MULLANEY	Tathra
TIED	LEO BRAGG	Narooma
U9 Female Flags	TE RE	Tathra
U10 Male Flags	CALVIN MAHER	Moruya
U10 Female Flags	MADISON CHAPMAN	Broulee Surfers
U11 Male Flags	XAVIER EKE	Moruya
U11 Female Flags	ZALI AISI	Broulee Surfers
U12 Male Flags	JEREMIAH COEN-GRAHAM	Pambula
U12 Female Flags	SEN RE	Tathra
U13 Male Flags	LIAM TAGUE	Narooma
U13 Female Flags	LEALA GARDEN	Batemans Bay
U14 Male Flags	XAVIER MILES	Narooma
U14 Female Flags	RUBY BINDON	Broulee Surfers
TIED	KEIRA ATKIN	Broulee Surfers



Board		
U9 Male Board	MAXWELL GUNN	Broulee Surfers
TIED	BENJAMIN MACKAY	Broulee Surfers
U9 Female Board	TE RE	Tathra
U10 Male Board	PATRICK WEYMAN	Moruya
U10 Female Board	ELANI VAN DER MEULEN	Broulee Surfers
U11 Male Board	MARCUS MACKAY	Broulee Surfers
U11 Female Board	ZALI AISI	Broulee Surfers
U12 Male Board	JAMES GUNN	Broulee Surfers
U12 Female Board	AUDREY KNOBEL	Broulee Surfers
U13 Male Board	TAI BEXTERMAN	Tathra
U13 Female Board	PEARL EATON	Broulee Surfers
U14 Male Board	XAVIER MILES	Narooma
U14 Female Board	KEIRA ATKIN	Broulee Surfers



Team Events		
U9/U10 Board Relay		Broulee Surfers
U11/U12 Board Relay		Broulee Surfers
U13/U14 Board Relay		Broulee Surfers
U9 U10 Male Board Rescue		Broulee Surfers
U9 U10 Female Board Rescue		Broulee Surfers
U11/12 Male Board Rescue		Broulee Surfers
U11/U12 Female Board Rescue		Narooma
U13/U14 Male Board Rescue		Broulee Surfers
U13/14 Female Board Rescue		Broulee Surfers
U8/U9/U10 Buchanan Relay		Broulee Surfers
U11/U12 Cameron Relay		Broulee Surfers
U13/U14 Cameron Relay		Broulee Surfers
All Age Sprint Relay		Narooma
March Past		Pambula
Wade		
U8 Male Wade	SAMUEL MARTIN-DYE	Narooma
U8 Female Wade	ALYSSA O'BRIEN	Batemans Bay
U8 Mixed Wade Relay		Moruya

U9 Male Wade	LEO BRAGG	Narooma
U9 Female Wade	ESTHER DALY	Pambula
U9 Mixed Wade Relay		Narooma
TIED		Broulee Surfers

Surf		
U9 Male Swim	BENJAMIN MACKAY	Broulee Surfers
U9 Female Swim	ANNABELLE TYRRELL	Broulee Surfers
U10 Male Swim	LEWIS PARK	Narooma
TIED	VINCENT REID	Batemans Bay
U10 Female Swim	EMERSYN CARVER	Broulee Surfers
U11 Male Swim	MARCUS MACKAY	Broulee Surfers
U11 Female Swim	ZALI AISI	Broulee Surfers
U12 Male Swim	JAMES GUNN	Broulee Surfers
U12 Female Swim	AUDREY KNOBEL	Broulee Surfers
U13 Male Swim	HARRY LEACH	Broulee Surfers
U13 Female Swim	ALEXIS CARVER	Broulee Surfers
U14 Male Swim	XAVIER MILES	Narooma
U14 Female Swim	KEIRA ATKIN	Broulee Surfers
U9 Male Swim Teams		Broulee Surfers
U9 Female Swim Teams		Broulee Surfers
U10 Male Swim Teams		Tathra
U10 Female Swim Teams		Broulee Surfers
U11 Male Swim Teams		Broulee Surfers
U11 Female Swim Teams		Pambula
U12 Male Swim Teams		Broulee Surfers
U12 Female Swim Teams		Broulee Surfers
U13 Male Swim Teams		Batemans Bay
U13 Female Swim Teams		Broulee Surfers
U14 Male Swim Teams		Pambula
U14 Female Swim Teams		Broulee Surfers

Overall Pointscore	
Dave Pheaney Junior Pointscore Trophy	Broulee Surfers



SENIOR BRANCH CHAMPIONS

Over 30'S

O30 Female Beach Run (Tied)	Alyce Reid	BATEMANS BAY
O30 Female Beach Run (Tied)	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
O30 Female Board	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
O30 Female Flags	Jen O'Leary	TATHRA
O30 Female Ironperson	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
O30 Female Ski	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
O30 Female Sprint	Jen O'Leary	TATHRA
O30 Female Swim	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
O30 Male Beach Run	Anthony Nagle	TATHRA
O30 Male Board	Anthony Nagle	TATHRA
O30 Male Flags	Glenn Hall	MORUYA
O30 Male Ironperson	Rhys Davies	BATEMANS BAY
O30 Male Ski	Rhys Davies	BATEMANS BAY
O30 Male Sprint	Anthony Nagle	TATHRA
O30 Male Swim	Rhys Davies	BATEMANS BAY

Over 40'S

O40 Female Flags (Tied)	Kimberli Eke	MORUYA
O40 Female Flags (Tied)	Carly Bexterman	TATHRA
O40 Female Beach Run (Tied)	Taryn Carver	BROULEE SURFERS
O40 Female Beach Run (Tied)	Carly Bexterman	TATHRA
O40 Female Board (Tied)	Kimberli Eke	MORUYA
O40 Female Board (Tied)	Carly Bexterman	TATHRA
O40 Female Sprint (Tied)	Kimberli Eke	MORUYA
O40 Female Sprint (Tied)	Carly Bexterman	TATHRA
O40 Female Swim	Michelle McPherson	BROULEE SURFERS
O40 Male Beach Run	Dan Beby	BROULEE SURFERS
O40 Male Board	Dylan Van Der Meulen	BROULEE SURFERS
O40 Male Flags	Matthew Tate	NAROOMA
O40 Male Ironperson	Dylan Van Der Meulen	BROULEE SURFERS
O40 Male Ski (Tied)	Scott Carver	BROULEE SURFERS
O40 Male Ski (Tied)	Dylan Van Der Meulen	BROULEE SURFERS
O40 Male Sprint	Matthew Tate	NAROOMA
O40 Male Swim	Dylan Van Der Meulen	BROULEE SURFERS



Over 50'S

O50 Female Beach Run	Jenny Taylor	BROULEE SURFERS
O50 Female Board	Jenny Taylor	BROULEE SURFERS
O50 Female Flags	Jenny Taylor	BROULEE SURFERS
O50 Female Ski	Jenny Taylor	BROULEE SURFERS
O50 Female Swim	Jenny Taylor	BROULEE SURFERS
O50 Male Beach Run	Paul Hill	MORUYA
O50 Male Board	Troy Burhop	TATHRA
O50 Male Flags	Darren Drewsen	BROULEE SURFERS
O50 Male Ironperson	Troy Burhop	TATHRA
O50 Male Ski	Troy Burhop	TATHRA
O50 Male Sprint	Darren Browning	BROULEE SURFERS
O50 Male Swim	Troy Burhop	TATHRA



Over 60'S

O60 Male Board	Pete McKay	BROULEE SURFERS
O60 Male Flags	Pete McKay	BROULEE SURFERS
O60 Male Ironperson	Pete McKay	BROULEE SURFERS
O60 Male Ski	Pete McKay	BROULEE SURFERS
O60 Male Sprint	Pete McKay	BROULEE SURFERS
O60 Male Swim	Pete McKay	BROULEE SURFERS

Open

Open Female Beach Run	Michaela Fitzpatrick	MORUYA
Open Female Board	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Female Flags	Claire Turnbull	BATEMANS BAY
Open Female Ironperson	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Female Ski	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Female Sprint	Claire Turnbull	BATEMANS BAY
Open Female Swim	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Male Beach Run	Dan Beby	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Male Board	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Male Flags	Darren Drewsen	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Male Ironperson	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Male Ski	Dylan Van Der Meulen	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Male Sprint	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Male Swim	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE SURFERS

Under 15		
U15 Female Beach Run	Zara Hall	MORUYA
U15 Female Board	Annika Thorne	BROULEE SURFERS
U15 Female Flags	Zara Hall	MORUYA
U15 Female Ironperson	Annika Thorne	BROULEE SURFERS
U15 Female Sprint	Zara Hall	MORUYA
U15 Female Swim	Annika Thorne	BROULEE SURFERS
U15 Male Beach Run	Teo Andreu-Martin	TATHRA
	Bashford	
U15 Male Board	Mitchell Beby	BROULEE SURFERS
U15 Male Flags	Rorey Croft	NAROOMA
U15 Male Ironperson	Mitchell Beby	BROULEE SURFERS
U15 Male Sprint	Rorey Croft	NAROOMA
U15 Male Swim	Mitchell Beby	BROULEE SURFERS

Under 17		
U17 Female Beach Run	Michaela Fitzpatrick	MORUYA
U17 Female Board	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
U17 Female Flags	Michaela Fitzpatrick	MORUYA
U17 Female Ironperson	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
U17 Female Ski	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
U17 Female Sprint	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
U17 Female Swim	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
U17 Male Beach Run (Tied)	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE SURFERS
U17 Male Beach Run (Tied)	Cosmo O'Leary	TATHRA
U17 Male Board	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE SURFERS
U17 Male Flags	Cosmo O'Leary	TATHRA
U17 Male Ironperson	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE SURFERS
U17 Male Ski	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE SURFERS
U17 Male Sprint	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE SURFERS
U17 Male Swim	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE SURFERS

Under 19		
U19 Female Flags	Michaela Fitzpatrick	MORUYA
U19 Female Ironperson	Chaska Waterson	BROULEE SURFERS
U19 Female Ski	Chaska Waterson	BROULEE SURFERS
U19 Female Swim	Chaska Waterson	BROULEE SURFERS
U19 Male Beach Run	Jonathan Antoniak	BATEMANS BAY



Team Events	
Open Male Double Ski	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Mixed Board Relay	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Mixed Double Ski	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Mixed Sprint Relay	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Mixed Taplin Relay	BROULEE SURFERS



Person Of The Carnival		
Narooma Carnival	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
Broulee Carnival	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
Pambula Carnival	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE SURFERS

Age Champion		
U15 Pointscore Winner	Annika Thorne	BROULEE SURFERS
U17 Pointscore Winner	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE SURFERS
U19 Pointscore Winner	Chaska Waterson	BROULEE SURFERS
Masters Pointscore Winner	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA

Overall Champions		
Open Male Pointscore Winner	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Female Pointscore	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
Overall Open Competitor Of The Year	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
Jack Beale Trophy - Highest Overall Pointscore		BROULEE SURFERS

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TATHRA

50-59 yrs Female Beach Flags	Jennifer O'Leary	Tathra	Final	1
50-59 yrs Female Beach Sprint	Jennifer O'Leary	Tathra	Final	1
U10 Male Beach Flags	Ash Bexterman	Tathra	Final	5
U13 Male Beach Sprint	Tai Bexterman	Tathra	Final	4

MORUYA

Open Female 2 x 1km Beach Relay	Zara Hall Michaela Fitzpatrick	Moruya	Final	2
U15 Female 2km Beach Run	Zara Hall	Moruya	Final	3
U15 Female Beach Flags	Zara Hall	Moruya	Final	2
U15 Female Beach Sprint	Zara Hall	Moruya	Final	2
U17 Female 2km Beach Run	Michaela Fitzpatrick	Moruya	Final	3
U17 Female Beach Flags	Michaela Fitzpatrick	Moruya	Final	4

NAROOMA

U13 Male Beach Flags	Liam Tague	Narooma	Final	1
U13 Male Beach Sprint	Liam Tague	Narooma	Final	1

BROULEE SURFERS

110-149 yrs Male Beach Relay	Daniel Beby Darren Drewsen Scott Melgaard Josh Waterson Mike Atkin	Broulee Surfers	Final	1
110-149 yrs Mixed Beach Relay	Darren Browning Brianna Rosenbaum Nicholas Huggins Darren Browning	Broulee Surfers	Final	2
150+ yrs Male Beach Relay	Darren Drewsen Daniel Beby Josh Waterson	Broulee Surfers	Final	1
30+ Mixed Double Ski	Scott Carver Rachel Duczynski	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
30-39 yrs Female Board Race	Rachel Duczynski	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
30-39 yrs Female Rescue Tube Race	Rachel Duczynski	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
30-39 yrs Female Single Ski	Rachel Duczynski	Broulee Surfers	Final	2
40-49 yrs Board Rescue (A)	Dylan Van Der Meulen Daniel Beby	Broulee Surfers	Final	2
40-49 yrs Board Rescue (B)	Josh Waterson Scott Carver	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
40-49 yrs Female Long Board	Karlee Van Der Meulen	Broulee Surfers	Final	2
40-49 yrs Female Rescue Tube Race	Karlee Van Der Meulen	Broulee Surfers	Final	2
40-49 yrs Female Short Board	Karlee Van Der Meulen	Broulee Surfers	Final	2
40-49 yrs Male 2Km Beach Run	Daniel Beby	Broulee Surfers	Final	1
40-49 yrs Male 2Km Beach Run	Josh Waterson	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
40-49 yrs Male Beach Flags	Mike Atkin	Broulee Surfers	Final	5
40-49 yrs Male Beach Sprint	Daniel Beby	Broulee Surfers	Final	2
40-49 yrs Male Board Race	Dylan Van Der Meulen	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
40-49 yrs Male Board Race	Daniel Beby	Broulee Surfers	Final	5
40-49 yrs Male Board Race	Scott Carver	Broulee Surfers	Final	6
40-49 yrs Male Long Board	Josh Waterson	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
40-49 yrs Male Long Board	Mike Atkin	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
40-49 yrs Male Rescue Tube Race	Dylan Van Der Meulen	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
40-49 yrs Male Rescue Tube Race	Josh Waterson	Broulee Surfers	Final	5
40-49 yrs Male Short Board	Mike Atkin	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
50-59 yrs Board Rescue	Darren Browning Robert Heinemann	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
50-59 yrs Female Single Ski	Jenny Taylor	Broulee Surfers	Final	5

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BROULEE SURFERS cont.

50-59 yrs Male Beach Flags	Darren Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	Final	1
50-59 yrs Male Beach Sprint	Darren Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	Final	1
50-59 yrs Male Beach Sprint	Darren Browning	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
50-59 yrs Male Long Board	Darren Browning	Broulee Surfers	Final	1
50-59 yrs Male Long Board	Robert Heinemann	Broulee Surfers	Final	2
Junior (U11/U12/U13)	Audrey Knobel			
Female 2 x 500m Beach Relay	Rose Waterson	Broulee Surfers	Final	1
	James Gunn			
Junior Cameron Relay (U11/U12)	Lewis Gunn	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
	Alexander Hanrahan			
	Audrey Knobel			
Junior Female Board Rescue (U11/U12)	Audrey Knobel	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
	Alba Van Der Meulen			
Junior Male Board Rescue (U11/U12)	James Gunn	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
	Lewis Gunn			
Master Ski Male 50	Darren Browning	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
Masters Board Male 30-50-60	Robert Heinemann	Broulee Surfers	Final	6
Masters Female Ironwomen 30+	Rachel Duczynski	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
Masters Ironman	Josh Waterson	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
Masters Ironman	Scott Carver	Broulee Surfers	Final	5
	Daniel Beby			
Masters Mixed Board Relay	Rachel Duczynski	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
	Josh Waterson			
	Rachel Duczynski			
Masters Mixed Taplin (A)	Dylan Van Der Meulen	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
	Scott Carver			
	Daniel Beby			
Masters Mixed Taplin (B)	Josh Waterson	Broulee Surfers	Final	5
	Karlee Van Der Meulen			
Masters Rescue Tube 50-59yrs	Robert Heinemann	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
Masters Ski Male 30	Scott Carver	Broulee Surfers	Final	1
Masters Ski Male 30	Josh Waterson	Broulee Surfers	Final	6
	Scott Carver			
Masters Ski Relay	Rachel Duczynski	Broulee Surfers	Final	2
	Dylan Van Der Meulen			
	Darren Browning			
Masters Ski Relay	Robert Heinemann	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
	Jenny Taylor			
	Rachel Duczynski			
Masters Surf Teams	Dylan Van Der Meulen	Broulee Surfers	Final	2
	Josh Waterson			
	Erin Drewsen			
Open Female Beach Relay	Rachel Duczynski	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
	Rosie McPartland			
	Francesca Roberts			
Open Female Board Rescue	Rachel Duczynski	Broulee Surfers	Final	6
	Rosie McPartland			
	Rosie McPartland			
Open Female Single Ski Relay	Chaska Waterson	Broulee Surfers	Final	5
	Rachel Duczynski			
Open Male 2 x 1 km Beach Relay	Daniel Beby	Broulee Surfers	Final	2
	Josh Waterson			
Open Male Beach Sprint	Luke Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	Final	1
Open Male Double Ski	Scott Carver	Broulee Surfers	Final	2
	Dylan Van Der Meulen			
U10 Female Board Race	Elani Van Der Meulen	Broulee Surfers	Final	1
U10 Female Surf Race	Elani Van Der Meulen	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
U10 Female Surf Race	Emersyn Carver	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
U11 Male 1km Beach Run	Finn Clohesy	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
U11 Male 1km Beach Run	Marcus Mackay	Broulee Surfers	Final	6
U12 Female 1km Beach Run	Audrey Knobel	Broulee Surfers	Final	2
U12 Female Board Race	Audrey Knobel	Broulee Surfers	Final	2
U12 Ironwomen	Audrey Knobel	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
U12 Male 1km Beach Run	James Gunn	Broulee Surfers	Final	3



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BROULEE SURFERS cont.

U12 Male 1km Beach Run	Lewis Gunn	Broulee Surfers	Final	6
U12 Male Surf Race	James Gunn	Broulee Surfers	Final	1
U12 Male Surf Race	Lewis Gunn	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
U12 Mixed Beach Relay	Iris Bell	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
	James Gunn			
	Lewis Gunn			
U12 Mixed Board Relay	Lucas Heinemann	Broulee Surfers	Final	1
	James Gunn			
	Lewis Gunn			
U12 Mixed Surf Teams	Audrey Knobel	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
	James Gunn			
	Lewis Gunn			
U13 Female 2km Beach Run	Rose Waterson	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
U13 Female Short Board	Alexis Carver	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
	Alexis Carver			
U13 Mixed Surf Teams	Emma Dawson	Broulee Surfers	Final	6
	Harry Leach			
	Rose Waterson			
U14 Female 2km Beach Run	Keira Atkin	Broulee Surfers	Final	1
U14 Female Short Board	Keira Atkin	Broulee Surfers	Final	1
U14 Male Beach Flags	Archie Rosenbaum	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
U15 Female 2km Beach Run	Poppy Melgaard	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
U15 Female Board Rescue	Sophia Carver	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
	Annika Thorne			
U15 Female Rescue Tube Race	Annika Thorne	Broulee Surfers	Final	5
U15 Female Short Board	Annika Thorne	Broulee Surfers	Final	2
U15 Female Surf Race	Annika Thorne	Broulee Surfers	Final	6
U15 Ironman	Monty Lloyd Jones	Broulee Surfers	Final	5
U15 Male 2km Beach Run	Monty Lloyd Jones	Broulee Surfers	Final	1
U15 Male Beach Flags	Mallee Kranz	Broulee Surfers	Final	5
U15 Male Beach Sprint	Mallee Kranz	Broulee Surfers	Final	5
U15 Male Board Rescue	Mitchell Beby	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
	Monty Lloyd Jones			
U15 Male Short Board	Monty Lloyd Jones	Broulee Surfers	Final	1
U15 Male Surf Race	Monty Lloyd Jones	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
	Mallee Kranz			
	Sophia Carver			
	Poppy Melgaard			
U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Archie Rosenbaum	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
	Mitchell Beby			
	Monty Lloyd Jones			
U15 Mixed Board Relay	Annika Thorne	Broulee Surfers	Final	5
	Lara Barnes			
	Mallee Kranz			
U15 Mixed Cameron Relay	Monty Lloyd Jones	Broulee Surfers	Final	5
	Poppy Melgaard			
	Lara Barnes			
U15 Mixed Surf Teams	Mitchell Beby	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
	Monty Lloyd Jones			
	Annika Thorne			
U17 Female Beach Relay	Rosie McPartland	Broulee Surfers	Final	2
	Francesca Roberts			
	Lara Barnes			
U17 Female Beach Sprint	Annika Thorne	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
U17 Female Board Race	Rosie McPartland	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
U17 Female Board Rescue	Rosie McPartland	Broulee Surfers	Final	5
	Francesca Roberts			
U17 Female Single Ski	Rosie McPartland	Broulee Surfers	Final	5
U17 Female Surf Race	Rosie McPartland	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
U17 Ironwomen	Rosie McPartland	Broulee Surfers	Final	5
U17 Male Beach Flags	Luke Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
U17 Male Beach Sprint	Luke Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	Final	2



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BROULEE SURFERS cont.

U17 Male Short Board	Tristan Heinemann Mitchell Beby	Broulee Surfers	Final	6
U17 Male Taplin Relay	Luke Drewsen Tristan Heinemann	Broulee Surfers	Final	6
U19 Female Beach Flags	Erin Drewsen	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
U19 Female Board Rescue	Francesca Roberts Chaska Waterson	Broulee Surfers	Final	5
U19 Female Double Ski	Francesca Roberts Chaska Waterson	Broulee Surfers	Final	6
U19 Female Single Ski Relay	Rosie McPartland Francesca Roberts Chaska Waterson	Broulee Surfers	Final	3
U19 Female Taplin Relay	Rosie McPartland Francesca Roberts Chaska Waterson	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
U8 Female Wade Race	Alani Ziegler	Broulee Surfers	Final	4
U9 Female Board Race	Annabelle Tyrrell	Broulee Surfers	Final	5
U9 Male Surf Race	Benjamin Mackay	Broulee Surfers	Final	5
Youth (U14/15) Male 2 x 1km Beach Relay	Mitchell Beby Monty Lloyd Jones	Broulee Surfers	Final	1
Youth (U14/U15) Female 2 x 1km Beach Relay (A)	Keira Atkin Annika Thorne	Broulee Surfers	Final	2
Youth (U14/U15) Female 2 x 1km Beach Relay (B)	Lara Barnes Poppy Melgaard	Broulee Surfers	Final	6



RESULTS SLSNSW AND SLSA

NSW Masters State Championships 2024

180 years Female Surf Boat	Batemans Bay Banshees	Batemans Bay	1
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NSW Age State Championships 2024

U13 Male Flags	Liam Tague	Narooma	1
U13 Male Beach Sprint	Liam Tague	Narooma	1
U15 Female Flags	Zara Hall	Moruya	1

The Aussies 2025

U15 Female Flags	Zara Hall	Moruya	2
180 years Female Surf Boat	Batemans Bay Banshees	Batemans Bay	1
Reserve Grade Female Surf Boat	Batemans Bay Banshees	Batemans Bay	2

Team Navy ASRL Open 2025

Reserve Female Surf Boat	Batemans Bay Banshees	Batemans Bay	2
U17 Male Surf Boat	Batemans Bay Hurricanes	Batemans Bay	1
180yrs Female Surf Boat	Batemans Bay Banshees	Batemans Bay	1



GEORGE BASS MARATHON

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS - 1975-2025

50 years of the George Bass Surfboat & Ski Marathon (GBM 2025) kicked off at Corrigan's Cove at Batemans Bay with 26 boat crews and 18 ski paddlers taking on this year's epic adventure.

At the start line we had 12 members that competed in the first GBM all those years ago. Age has wearied them but being out there reminded them that they were still part of the fabric that has made the GBM the iconic event that it is. Chris Mercer was amazing, having competed in every GBM from the start.

These gentlemen were then honoured with a presentation and a few beers, and more than one tale of the first and subsequent GBMs. Thanks must go to Bert Hunt and the Team and Moruya SLSC for pulling this together.



Clubs were representative of NSW, Victoria, Queensland, WA and two crews making the trek across the ditch from their homes in NZ.

We had a good range of ages this year with the oldest competitor being 76 and the youngest just 17. How exciting is that! North Cronulla provided us with the only full U23 crew, these young men thought it would be a bit of fun, sea-sickness and broken equipment didn't deter them.

Our other junior rowers were four young ladies from Long Reef who mixed it up with their dads, good on the dads for spending the week with a boat full of girls, and the very well credentialled U23 South Curl Curl "Burley" crew who joined their Open Men "the Deathriders".

Whilst this GBM went off without any problems we did face a few adverse weather conditions with howling southerlies requiring us to adapt, three legs were run south to north, causing a bit of angst amongst the Bass traditionalists. The outcome though was seven legs of really great ocean racing.



2025 BOAT CREWS

Club	Division
North Cronulla	Juniors (U23)
Moruya	Open Male
Moruya Vikings	Open Male
Paekakariki - NZ	Open Male
South Curl Curl	Open Male
Wanda	Open Male
Moruya	Open Female
Paekakariki - NZ	Open Female
Portsea – 1	Open Female
Portsea – 2	Open Female
Bulli	Super Vets
Long Reef	Super Vets
Tallebugera	Super Vets
Wanda	Super Vets
Avalon Beach	Vets Female
Pambula	Vets Female
Tathra	Vets Female
North Cronulla	Vets Male
Cooks Hill	Vets Male
Cottesloe	Vets Male
Kiama	Vets Male
Mollymook	Vets Male
Mullaloo	Vets Male
Pambula	Vets Male
Tathra	Vets Male
Broulee Surfers	Vets Mixed



2025 SKI PADDLERS

Club	Division
Pambula	Gavin Granger
Pambula	Kym O'Halloran
Pambula	John Quinlan
Pambula	John Robson
Maroochydore	Todd Grace
Maroochydore	Craig Vipond
Maroochydore	Marty Quast
Kiama	Peter Gallagher
Coolum	Nic Lowe
Coolum	Oliver Sweetman
Bulli	Lachlan O'Grady
Port Kembla	Jack Patison
Port Kembla	Danny Murrell
Moruya	Luke Price
Moruya	Mitchell Connaughton
Coolum	Issac Ruscoe
Tathra	John Carpenter
Swansea Belmont/ Bondi	Stewart O'Regan



2025 GEORGE BASS RESULTS

JUNIOR BOAT

NORTH CRONULLA - 15:17:26

MALE OPEN BOAT

SOUTH CURL CURL - 14:40:04

MORUYA VIKINGS - 15:58:03

MORUYA - 15:05:45

WANDA - 15:33:17

PAEKAKARIKI - 17:02:08

FEMALE OPEN BOAT

PORTSEA 1 - 16:25:48

PORTSEA 2 - 17:07:29

PAEKAKARIKI - 17:14:22

MALE SUPER VET BOAT

TALLEBUDGERA - 16:05:23

COOKS HILL - 16:51:50

BULLI - 17:19:41

WANDA - 17:40:32

LONG REEF - 18:25:30

FEMALE VET BOAT

MORUYA - 16:59:30

TATHRA - 17:06:04

PAMBULA - 17:16:52

MALE VET BOAT

TATHRA - 15:27:10

NORTH CRONULLA - 15:35:22

PAMBULA - 16:03:56

MULLALOO - 16:22:57

MOLLYMOOK - 16:36:52

KIAMA - 16:49:57

COTTESLOE - 16:53:08

FEMALE SUPER VET BOAT

AVALON BEACH - 19:42:04

MIXED VET BOAT

BROULEE SURFERS - 16:31:29

OPEN FEMALE SPEC SURF SKI

KYM O'HALLORAN - 14:18:11**

** Day 5 leg not completed

OPEN MALE SPEC SURF SKI

LACHLAN O'GRADY - 13:59:35

STEWART O'REGAN - 14:39:23

JACK PATISON - 14:48:25

VET SPEC SURF SKI

PETER GALLAGHER - 15:02:23

GAVIN GRANGER - 15:22:56

GRAIG VIPOND - 15:52:21

DANNY MURRELL - 18:27:35

OPEN OCEAN SURF SKI

TODD GRACE - 13:53:43

NIC LOWE - 14:43:01

ISSAC RUSCOE - 15:15:42

LUKE PRICE - 16:32:34

OLIVER SWEETMAN - 16:05:54

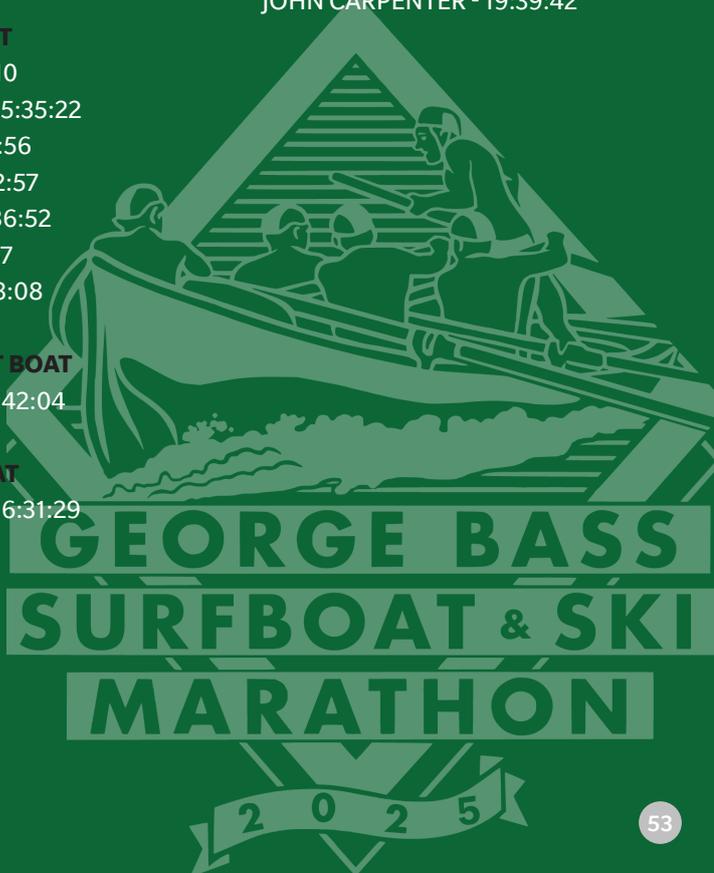
MITCHELL CONNAUGHTON - 16:16:26

VET OCEAN SURF SKI

JOHN ROBSON - 15:55:28

JOHN QUINLAN - 18:05:58

JOHN CARPENTER - 19:39:42



The list of thank you's is long;

FSC Branch for their ongoing support of the GBM and the seven Branch Clubs, this is your event, and you should be proud of how far it has come.

Huge thanks to Euan, Bruce and the Team at Bermagui for working with us and being so flexible.

Dobbo and Griffo, for your expertise in keeping everyone safe, from the documentation required to the briefings and the safety on and off the water, your diligence helped this event go off without an incident.

Tony Haven came back this year as event referee, working alongside Holty, Youngy and the team to ensure a seamlessly run event. Tony has been a long-time supporter of the FSC Branch, and for as long as I can remember always having our backs. Frosty returned as well as our amazing Announcer for every leg and always has a way with the words. Paul White (Whitey) signed on this time to oversee beach set up/pack down and the PA trailer for each leg, and performed an outstanding job. All much appreciated.

Time keeping is a huge part of the GBM and this year saw our new recruit, Tony De Francesco from North Cronulla step into the seat. Tony, guru of all things tech, thought he was coming along for a nice family vacation with wife Susie, to watch son Michael row, did a stellar job. Thanks to Susie for allowing this interruption to your holiday. Dave Schofield provided ski back up with pen and paper, get times perfect, and Thecla Haven oversaw the team with radio and binoculars.

Mark Dickinson again supplied the first aid boat, ably supported by the legendary Jimmy McGrath. Fortunately, we didn't have much need for them this year, but the comfort was in knowing they were there if needed. They were re-tasked for a short while to act as support boat for the ladies from Paekakariki after their boat had mechanical issues. Jimmy kept them entertained for hours with tales that probably shouldn't have been told.

Our ski contingent continues to amaze, talking about epic adventures, doing this on a ski, by yourself blows my mind. Keeping them on track ski referee Byron Dengate had his work cut out for him but was well supported by water safety in the form of IRBs, drivers and crewies from each of the seven clubs. Everyone made it across the finish line at Eden.

Tony Rettke....what can we say. Posi - track operator extraordinaire!!!! Thanks for getting the boats on and off the beach, sure beats carrying them.

Thank you to our supporters and sponsors;

Bruce and Angie Annabel – the Annabel's have been there since day one. Bruce and Angie's ongoing support ensures the GBM continues the legacy of AB "Curly" Annabel, founding father of this great event.

Capital Chemist Group - Their sponsorship is into the 6th event, and we thank them for their backing.



Staffords Hardware, Kalaru – We welcomed a new sponsor, the Staffords Team, on board for the 2025 event. I'm not sure they had ever seen anything quite like it and they had a blast, even talked about getting a crew together for the next event.

Eurobodalla Shire for the loan of a vehicle for the week and allowing us to use the Bill Smyth Oval in Narooma as one of our campgrounds. The nominal fee that they charge us helps keep the cost down for the competitors, family, friends and supporters that travel with this rolling village.

Tathra Country Club: Ben Potter and the team do an outstanding job to fit us all in and make sure we are looked after year after year.

Further thanks must go to Bega Valley Shire Council, Track-Me-Live, Game On Charters, Boab Marine Shellharbour, Surf Safety Australia, East Coast Designs Moruya, Catfish Designs, Batemans Bay Trophies, Mike Tamblin, Bay Removals, Aussie Embroidery & Workwear Moruya for all of your hard work in helping us keep the event going strong.

To all of our competitors, you are all quite mad to think rowing/ paddling nearly 200kms is "fun". Brilliant job, you are the best people to spend a week with, see you all again soon

And then there was Red Faces, great idea to have it on the Friday night. Everyone had a chance to experience the GBM firsthand and the acts reflected this, time for a bit of fun and frivolity leading into the final day. The judges' job was hard, so much "talent" on offer. The highlights for me were the bagpies...who brings bagpies camping!!! And of course, Moose and the old boys from Kiama and their George Bass Sea Shanty, what a beauty, lyrics below, a prerequisite for the next event.

.....and finally, Holty and Wendy for the amount of work that went into getting the event off the ground. As with any event this size it just doesn't happen. There are 18 months of boxes to be ticked before we even get on the water, job well done.

Planning is well underway for the 2027 event which run from 27th December 2026 – 02nd January 2027, we are getting ready to do it again.

Yours in Surf Life Saving

Sue Hunt

GBM Co-ordinator



THE GEORGE BASS MARATHON

A Sea Shanty Sung to the tune of Passage to Grimsby which is a traditional tune.

Words by Ian Backhouse 29 December 2024

Rowing at sea for seven days, well isn't that a treat
From Batemans Bay to Eden, the times' been set to beat
Two years apart surf rowers, will bust their sorry ass
Racing down the south coast, in the famous George Bass

Chorus:

**So place that, catch, leg-drive and finish long
The sweep shouts to keep the boat, trim and on the run
Now listen hear ya boaties, crew changes fast n strong
Is how'ya stay in front in a George-Bass Marathon**

Conditions at sea can be fowl, and it changes every day
Sharp blade work, good timing, will keep ya making way
Forget about ya blisters ya bruises and the pain
Cause ya'll get up in the morning and do it all again

**So place that, catch, leg drive and finish long
The sweep shouts to keep the boat, trim and on the run
Now listen hear ya boaties, crew changes fast n strong
Is how'ya stay in front in a George-Bass Marathon**

Our sweep Yappy's a legend, he likes a drop of good ale
Our stroke he's another one too, he'd rather drink than bail
Dave Griffin's the skipper, of our support boat at sea
We love his work so much he will always drink for free

**So place that, catch, leg drive and finish long
The sweep shouts to keep the boat, trim and on the run
Now listen hear ya boaties, crew changes fast n strong
Is how'ya stay in front in a George Bass Marathon**

Ski Paddlers are lonely (crooks), they haven't got a crew (clue)
They all dress in lycra and tend to have a spew
When we.. row to sea they're always in the way
And if ya have a yarn with them they've got too much to say

**So place that, catch, leg drive, and finish long
The sweep shouts to keep the boat, trim and on the run
Now listen hear ya boaties, crew changes fast n strong
Is how'ya stay in front in a George Bass Marathon**

The Mexican support boat it sank there on day one
Surely that seemed to mean a sorry end to their fun
Kiama to the rescue with their Boab R.I.B
But if we want it back its means a drive to Portsea

**So place that, catch, leg-drive and finish long
The sweep shouts to keep the boat, trim and on the run
Now listen hear ya boaties, crew changes fast n strong
Is how'ya stay in front in a George-Bass Marathon**

Kiama crew will make some noise, when we come back from sea
We get quite drunk and full of beer, and have a jubilee
We get quite drunk and full of beer, you know that to be sure
If the grog is running out, we'll go and get some more

**So place that, catch, leg drive, and finish long
The sweep shouts to keep the boat, trim and on the run
Now listen hear ya boaties, crew changes fast n strong
Is how'ya stay in front in a George Bass Marathon
REPEAT**

*A big thanks and congratulationsto
all the Race Committee, Officials, Far
South Coast Clubbies and water safety
personnel on an outstanding event
once again, you really do put in the
hard yards and have always got the
rower's backs.*

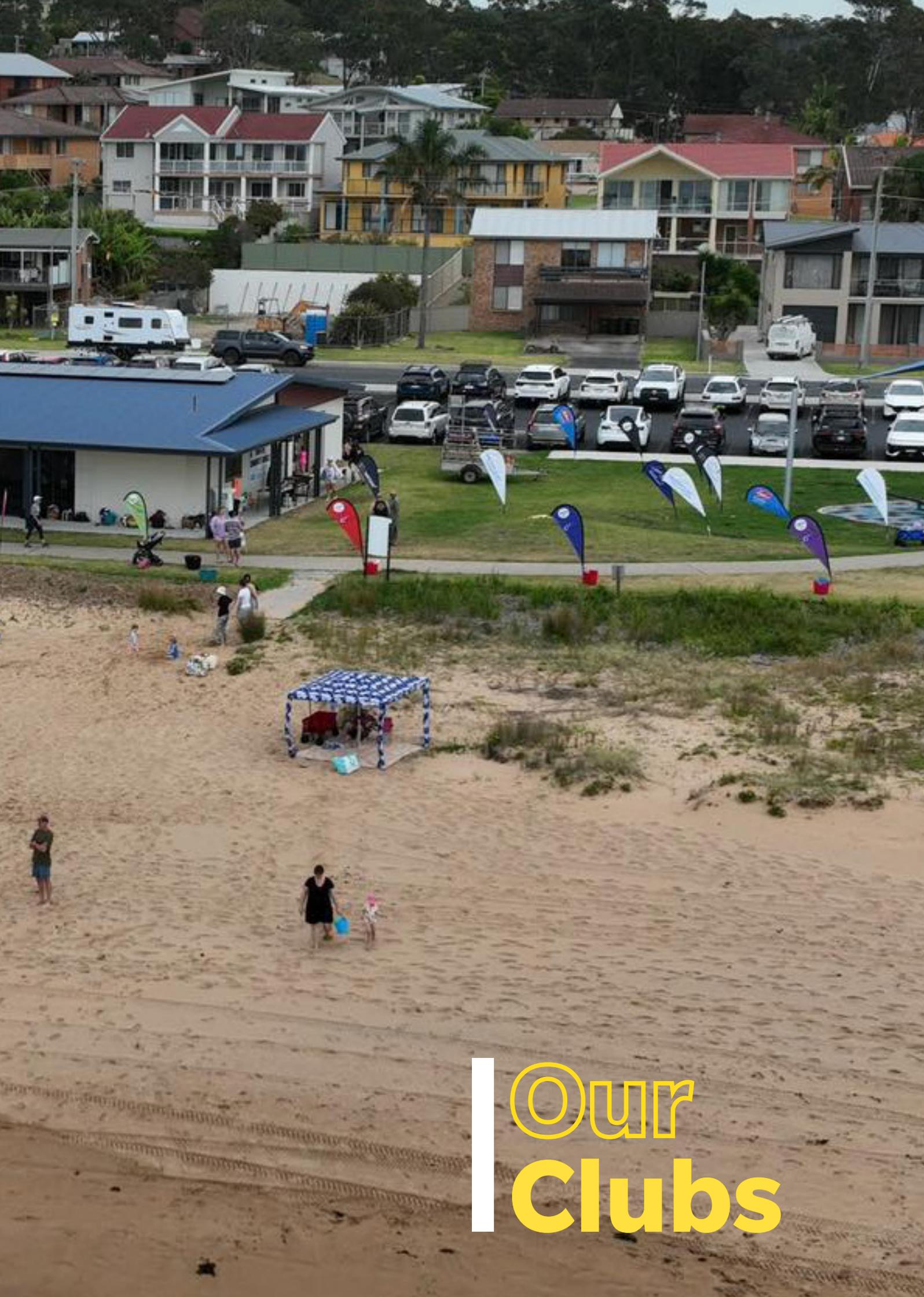
From Baz@ North Cronulla

*To row a surf boat or paddle a ski along the stunning
Sapphire Coast and experience the range of weather and ocean
conditions under the safety of the @georgebassmarathon event is an absolute
privilege. And we are endlessly grateful to the organising committee, the surf clubs
from Bateman's Bay to Eden, and major sponsors Capital Chemist and Staffords
Hardware for continuing to put the GBM on for the last 50 years. Special thanks to
@suehunt62 and Andrew Holt for the 1000 questions and favours.*

Scarlett Blewett – Portsea SLSC via Insta







Our Clubs

Batemans Bay SLSC



The 2024/25 season has been one of extraordinary growth, innovation, and exceptional service for Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club. As a regional club, we continue to punch well above our weight, guided by a commitment to community, safety, and inclusion. It is with immense pride that I reflect on the efforts and achievements of our dedicated volunteers, and the profound impact we've had on individuals, families, and organisations within our local area and far beyond. Whether through patrols, education, or competition, our club continues to thrive as a beacon of community spirit and service.

Among our most significant milestones this season was the establishment of our Call Out Hub at Durras—a truly transformative initiative. Located in a previously underserved area, this hub has cut emergency response times from 30–45 minutes to just 8 minutes. Over the Easter long weekend alone, this facility supported 9 successful rescues, proving its critical value in real-time operations. More than just a lifesaving outpost, the hub stands as a symbol of what's possible when local government, businesses, and volunteers unite for a common purpose. It has also added strategic value to our region's bushfire and disaster evacuation plans, further enhancing its long-term impact on community safety and resilience.

This season also saw a significant expansion in our surf education outreach. Over 400 young people engaged in tailored surf awareness sessions, including students from Batemans Bay Public School, Redeemer Baptist School in Western Sydney, and members of the Woden Rams and Bay Tigers football clubs. For many of these young participants—especially those from socioeconomically disadvantaged or culturally diverse backgrounds—this was their first experience at the beach. These sessions didn't just teach surf safety; they built confidence, broke down barriers, and offered a sense of belonging in an environment where everyone was welcome.

Our junior development programs reached new heights, with 196 children enrolled in Nippers and an additional 65 joining our newly introduced Surf Babies program for under-fives. These programs foster early ocean awareness, surf confidence, and club connection from a young age. The introduction of the Nippers Parents Patrol has further bridged the gap between youth participation and broader club engagement, while our weekly ocean swim initiative has enhanced fitness, skill, and camaraderie across all age groups. We were proud to celebrate 9 junior branch champions this season and to see a marked increase in carnival participation.

Member training and development remained a cornerstone of our operations. In addition to delivering Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate courses, we facilitated IRB Crew training, First Aid and Advanced Resuscitation and a Patrol Captains course, ensuring our patrolling members maintain the highest standards of lifesaving competency. These opportunities have also helped members find new pathways within the club, whether through education, support operations, or leadership roles.

Our surf boat section stood out as a true highlight in 2024/25, achieving phenomenal success across all divisions. The Reserve Female crew—known affectionately as the Banshees—were nothing short of remarkable, dominating both their 180 Years and Reserve divisions. They secured titles at the ILS World Championships, State Championships, Country Championships, ASRL Open and the 2025 Aussies, taking home their 10th consecutive Masters medal and competing successfully against crews decades younger. The Open Men's crew, newly formed this season, made strong progress with top finishes at Warilla, State, and national events. Meanwhile, the U19 Hurricanes—first-time rowers aged just 15—made an unforgettable debut, winning the ASRL U17 title and reaching finals at every major carnival. These results are not only a testament to athletic excellence, but to our club's deep culture of mentorship, teamwork, and intergenerational strength.

Financially, the club continued to stabilise and grow. A revitalised sponsorship model, targeted fundraising efforts, and an increase in social memberships—boosted by the success of our 'Sippers' events—have all contributed to a more sustainable future. These achievements enable us to invest further in equipment, training, and inclusive programming that benefits all members.





Batemans Bay S.L.S.C. Est. 1970



Above all, we remained true to our core mission: saving lives. We recorded zero drownings between the red and yellow flags at Malua Bay this season, a testament to the dedication of our patrolling members, the strength of our training, and the impact of our education and outreach programs. Every patrol, program, and initiative we delivered contributed to a safer, more connected community.

To every member, volunteer, supporter, and partner—thank you. Your energy, generosity, and belief in the value of surf life saving is what drives our club forward. Together, we continue to protect lives, empower people, and strengthen the spirit of Batemans Bay.

Kate Hunt
President
Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club



Broulee Surfers SLSC

Season 2024/25 has been a period of growth and high performance for our club and its members. Our Club is a better place for our members, and our beach is safer for the beach going public due to the efforts of our committee, surf life savers and our members. Well done Team Broulee.



This season, our membership grew to 874 members and includes 299 nippers across the Broulee and Canberra Nipper groups and 220 patrolling members. We performed 32 Rescues and conducted 507 preventative actions. We recorded 47,000 beach goers during patrol hours on our beach during the season.

We trained 26 new Bronze Medallions, 23 new Surf Rescue Certificates, and 13 new IRB awards this season. We trained and re-qualified 1319 awards for our members. A huge training and skill development outcome for our members.

The highlight of our season was the Club coming third on the NSW Country Championships Overall Club point score at Warilla Beach. Our Team Broulee Surf Sports competitors competed at their best in the Team and individual events. This was a massive outcome for our surf sports performance and a fantastic team effort.

Our Team Broulee competed at the 3 FSC Open and 3 Junior/ Nipper carnivals this season. Our team worked hard in each event and respectfully with other competitors. The Club is proud to be awarded the Jack Beale Trophy (Senior Club Point score) and the Dave Pheeny Trophy (the Nipper/Junior Club Point Score). We appreciate the efforts of our club coaches in developing and training our surf sports members.

Our Surfboat crews won their Mixed Division of the George Bass Surfboat Marathon, and the female masters crew came fourth at the Australian Masters Championships and also at the ASRL Championships.

At the Australian Championships, Rosie McPartland came 20th in the Under 17 Surf Race Final. Darren and Luke Drewsen won Australian Championship medals competing for our Club teams. Congratulations.

We congratulate our Club's major award winners for this season:

- Club Person – Dan Beby
- Surf Lifesavers – Scott Kemmis and Freya Dunn
- Youth Volunteer - Deakin McPartland

The Club is proud and celebrates its FSC Major awardee for this season:

- Scott Kemmis – FSC Branch Lifesaver of the Year
- Deakin McPartland – FSC Youth Volunteer of the Year
- Wendy Law – FSC Branch Official of the Year
- Natalie Browning FSC Branch Trainer of the Year
- Rosie McPartland – FSC Branch Athlete of the Year
- Tristan Heinmann – FSC Branch Open Surf Sport Champion (Male)
- Rosie McPartland – FSC Branch Open Surf Sport Champion (Female)
- Archie Rosenbaum – FSC Branch Junior Lifesaver of the year
- Ruby Bindon – FSC Branch Junior Lifesaver of the Year.

Our members, volunteer to participate in a wide range of tasks that support the Club and its operations. Our 14th annual Hotondo Bay to Breakers Ocean swim had over 600 registered swimmers this year and delivered a very successful community swim event. Our Bar and function team worked diligently to ensure we had volunteer staff on the bar services for functions and weekly open bar services. Our members provide effective communications with members and the community via social media and a weekly e-Newsletter.





Nippers

We are very proud of our two Nipper programs (Broulee and Canberra) and how smoothly they integrate for their monthly joint sessions at the beach and for carnivals.

The Broulee Nipper group welcomed 156 registered Nippers, reflecting strong growth and community engagement. Led by Junior Coordinators Martin Roberts and Bree Rosenbaum, the season ran smoothly with tremendously good luck with conditions and weather throughout the season. The season's success was made possible by a wide team of dedicated volunteers and coordinators. The dedication of the Age Managers and water safety teams was crucial to our Nippers' development.

The Broulee Nippers excelled in both individual and team events, with Broulee athletes winning 41 of the 73 available individual FSC Branch medals.

Team Events were also a major success, with Broulee Nippers taking home top placings in relays and surf teams across all age categories, a total of 23 medals of the available 33 in team events, culminating in winning the Dave Pheeny Memorial Trophy for the 5th consecutive year and showing the depth of teamwork, friendships and skill across the Broulee Nippers cohort.

Broulee Nippers was run over 16 sessions at 3 locations, and we continued to hold extra mid-week and weekend training, focusing on advanced surf sports skills.

The Canberra Broulee Nipper season kicked off as always with a bang in October, witnessing an impressive 80% retention of last season's nippers. Registration numbers surged with 125 nippers signed up as part of our family memberships for Canberra Broulee. This swell in club membership played a significant role in bolstering our participation in Junior Carnivals, patrols, the Bay to Breakers Ocean swim, and a range of club events.

Training remained a cornerstone of our season. The Canberra Broulee nippers, spanning ages from Under 7s to Under 14s, trained at the Canberra Olympic Pool (COP), while the U11s to U14s enjoyed rotational board sessions at Lake Burley Griffin. Monthly combined Sunday sessions with other Broulee nippers down the coast that fostered camaraderie and enriched their learning experiences. A remarkable milestone was achieved by the Under 14s as they completed their SRC this season. A success made possible by the dedicated efforts of our age managers, and parents as all training was completed down the coast this year.

The assessments and additional training were provided by the invaluable support from Nat Browning, Andy Edmunds, Jason Domyeny, Al Veness, and Gary Pettigrove and Greg Leach our new Canberra trainer.

Our Club Nipper's sessions covered all aspects of teaching children surf lifesaving skills and ocean safety. We used age-appropriate activities engage kids in the water, helping them build confidence and enhance their surf awareness and skills. The growing friendships and teamwork were incredible to watch throughout the season.

Thankyou

The Club thanks its Committee and Executive members for their leadership and contribution to the Club' during the years management, operations and programs. The committee worked collaboratively for the betterment of the club and its members.

Our Club members serving on the FSC Branch Committee were Andrew Edmunds Vice President, Wendy Law Financial Director, Natalie Browning Member Services and Jenny Taylor Education. The Club thanks these members for their role on Branch and the leadership they provide across the 7 clubs of the Branch.

The Broulee Club congratulates the FSC Branch Committee for their services and collaboratively working with the Clubs to ensure quality services and activities that support our members. We thank the Branch members who are not nominating for their current roles next season after lengthy period in their FSC Branch roles Tony Rettke (FSC Branch President), Mike Hallahan (FSC Branch Secretary), Emma O'Neill (FSC Branch Director of Lifesaving) and Andrew Holt (FSC Branch Surf Sports Director). Congratulations on your contribution to the branch and our clubs.

Gary Pettigrove
President
Broulee Surfers SLSC



Moruya SLSC

The Moruya SLSC has had another successful season on and away from the beach. For the first time in many years we took a deep dive look at the club's operating structure around the committee and how the club is run.

A major change was decided on for the operation of the Management Committee which meant a pretty large re-write of the club By-Laws. The result was a much smaller operating Management Committee of 7 members who each now sit across what we call our Club Management Pods. All other club roles are now split into these different complimentary Pods where they can, as a group, hold discussions and make recommendations back through the Team Leader from the Management Committee for club consideration. In practice it will take a season or two to bed down, but once everyone has the understanding of how it works, it should serve the club well into the future.

On the lifesaving front we can once again report no lives lost on our beach during patrol hours. This is a very proud record for our small country club which has seen no lives lost during patrol hours for the entire 93 year history of the Moruya Surf Club. This record of achievement totally belongs to the club's fantastic group of lifesaving volunteers across the life of the club. This season we saw a great sharing of the patrol load with members always willing to put their hand up to fill any gaps. To each of our patrollers, your efforts across the six month season has been a pleasure to witness and your club, community and visitors owe you a big vote of gratitude.

On the Emergency Call Out side of what we do, our committed team of volunteers were again called on to attend rescues and missing persons searches from the River Mouth to Tuross. It is only when you witness the efficiency of the club Call Out Team do you realise just what an amazing service our club provides to the wider community. Regardless whether the sea is calm or out of control, when the call comes these brave members willingly put their own lives on the line in the hope of helping others.

The more difficult piece of the puzzle for a club is still new member recruitment. In today's world it has to be accepted that everybody seems to run a busy life. Time is a precious commodity and for a surf club of our size to continue to offer the high standard life saving services, we do we really need about 80 patrolling members. At present we are punching way above our weight in terms of member commitment as we are servicing the Patrol and Call Out needs with just over half the required patrolling bodies. A massive challenge for the next committee will be to find the key to unlock the recruitment bag.

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 members.

We look forward to welcoming the next generation who are graduating out of Nippers for next season and this has been off the back of some solid Nipper leadership, again capably lead this season by Kimberli Eke.

Club Captain Paul Hill, who first joined our club as a youngster in the early 80's and spent some years working away in QLD before returning to us a couple of years ago, has done a great job in organising the rostered patrols. Equally his work with Glen Hall and others to start the club Ski and Board Paddlers Group has been so good for the younger (and older) members. To see 20 plus club members training in the river and river mouth across summer each week is just the best.

The clubs traditional surfboat squad was again strong with us running three crews in the recent George Bass Surfboat Marathon. The clubs craft and surfboat crews, as well as our top flight general carnival participants who always do the club proud, make up the backbone of the club patrols. This again shows that a surf club needs to retain the fun element as part of the mix.





No successful organisation can operate without a solid committee and our club can be proud and thankful of their hard working committee. Successfully undertaking my role isn't possible without the support of this committee so I thank each committee member for their special contribution. However it isn't possible to deliver this report and not single out two of the committee members for their work "over and above". They were standout joint Club Person of the year, so Kimberli Eke & Paul Hill, you can take a bow for what you each bring to our club. Also a special mention to the unseen little things contributed by caretaker Marco, they don't go unnoticed.

The club's Canberra members have again made a welcomed contribution in patrolling. To walk out the door of home and drive 15 minutes to patrol as done each week by our locals is appreciated but to walk out the door, jump in a vehicle and travel 2 to 3 hours each way to undertake a patrol is exceptional. So thank you to each of you.

I commented last year that I was amazed to once again be sitting in the President's seat some 46 years after I last held the job. I promised myself and others that I'd step up for two seasons to work through some pretty rough times for our club, as we worked through a State based change of direction around our lifesaving commitment. We have now completed that work and along the way also built some solid membership and patrolling structures that has led us to a place of a capable and happy club. On top of that, the club has now completed a full kitchen renovation, replacing and changing all the very old gas appliances into a new all electric fit-out.

I'd also thank the clubs' sponsors and single out Camerons H Hardware Moruya & Batemans Bay, Moruya Engineering and Capital Coast Steel Batemans Bay for mention for their continuing support and to all other club sponsors and supporters we are indeed indebted.

Young club member Zara Hall has once again been a shining light in the competition arena on the National stage as well as a general patrolling member. Zara and of course our other young competitors have once again done our club proud.

If I could leave one message or make one change to the greater SLS organisation it is to stop over complicating everything. Our clubs are surrounded by great volunteers who through the teachings of each surf club are all fantastic lifesavers. Trust your surf clubs by simplifying the overbearing award structure and let the clubs do what they have always done and that is mentor members into totally effective rescue ready operatives.

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Presidents report for season 2024 – 2025 as we now look to next season. I wish the new incoming committee every continuing success.

Bert Hunt
President
Moruya SLSC



Narooma SLSC

Narooma Surf Club has had another successful year and we have had some great weather and good beach attendance.



Our Nippers have continued to grow in numbers with a renewed interest in competition. This has mainly been due to the success of one under 13 Nipper, Liam Tague. Liam was successful at both the Country Championships and the State Championships in both sprints and flag events. He went on to the Australian Championships and placed 5th in the Under 13 Sprints. Well done Liam you have done the Far South Coast proud.

This year also saw Narooma Club members, along with other Far South Coast members, deploying for Disaster Response. We saw members respond to Cyclone Alfred on the North Coast in March and also response to Flooding on the Mid North Coast in May. Numerous tasks undertaken included swift water rescue and re-supply of people flood bound during this time. This is an area in which SLSNSW excels and we can be proud of the professionalism displayed by all deployed members.

Brendan O'Mahony
President
Narooma SLSC

We have entered into our new two year Life Saving Agreement with SLSNSW. This has seen a move back to previous patrol hours we have traditionally patrolled. Our beach attendance numbers and local knowledge having been a major factor in the end result as well as the recently installed AI Camera which monitors beach attendance. This allows us to assist SLSNSW achieve their goals as well as keeping our beach safe.

Narooma was successful in early 2024 with the a Surf Club Facility Program through the Office of Sport. We applied for and were granted funding to re roof the Narooma Surf Club. It saw the replacement of the weathered and exhausted concrete tiles which were fitted when the club was built in the early 1980's. This has allowed for a more weather proof facility and greater comfort to the many and varied community groups that utilise our facility.

We continue to negotiate with the Eurobodalla Shire Council in regards to a permanent lease of our club facilities. It appears to be a statewide problem and not limited to Bega and Eurobodalla Councils but all other councils along the east coast of NSW. In my endeavours to get a lease I have spoken with many other NSW Surf Clubs and a great variance in what conditions are placed upon clubs in there leases is astounding. I hope that we make progress soon.

Each year we do what we do mainly through our volunteers and patrolling members and they are the backbone of our club. We had a number of rescues at Narooma this year with most having occurred on Boxing Day. Our members were also active outside patrolling hours with a number of members performing rescues at locations other than at Surf Beach. This is where the skills from Surf Life Saving are used outside the club to assist the community at other locations. I would also to personally thank the committee for their support this year.

Congratulations to all our Branch Award nominees being Monica Bird, Narelle Constable, Evie Bailey and Mat Bailey. Although unsuccessful they have all contributed in nurturing the club we have.



Narooma nippers in training



2024-25 Open Day Narooma SLSC



State Member Dr Michael Holland with Club President Brendan O'Mahony

ANNUAL CLUB AWARDS

Club Person of the Year	Nina Bragg
Presidents Award	Paul White
Male Lifesaver of the Year	Dan Effraesom
Female Lifesaver of the Year	Narelle Constable
Junior Female	Evie Bailey
Junior Male	Rory Crofy
Junior Lifesaver of the Year	Ilah Constable
Nipper of the Year	Liam Tague



Liam Tague, Sprint and Flag Champion



New Roof on Narooma SLSC



Narooma Christmas Nippers

Bermagui SLSC

Patrols kicked off again in 2024 with the members getting back into the swing of things, providing water safety for the Reboot swim events, getting two IRB's, two RWC's and three boards on the water, supporting over 100 swimmers across the two swims.



Very strong northerly winds were a feature of Spring, making for some very uncomfortable patrolling conditions and reduced beach visitation. Thank you to all of our patrollers who have endured those days. Late season large storm swells resulted in several call outs and a very challenging rescue, with significant beach erosion events causing damage and increased risks; however, the patrolled area on Horseshoe Bay remains safe for visitors.

It was a pleasure this year to induct three new life members. Cheryl McCarthy, Bruce McAslan and Andrew 'Lobba' Curven were recognised for their ongoing and conspicuous service to Bermagui SLSC and our wider community. Alongside our eight other life members, they now forever own a place in the history of our club.

Seven new Bronzies graduated and started patrolling alongside our regulars, with our flexible patrolling roster meeting our projected requirements for the season. Over 100 Bermagui SLSC Flexible Patrolling information packs were shared with other clubs following great interest from the SLSNSW Lifesaving conference presentation. State are now looking at ways to support clubs wanting to transition to the model. With the Lifesaving Service Agreements recently renewed, we prepared and pitched alternative service pathways to calendar-based patrol extensions, resulting in an agreed risk-based approach to increasing patrol hours. We are confident that this will provide acceptable growth in service delivery for all stakeholders.

Our Projects Team have finalised two major grants, including significant solar and electrical work, roofing and painting. Grants and their associated administration are very time-consuming, and their commitment has resulted in our clubhouse being equipped, renovated and ready to serve our community for many years to come.

Bermagui Nippers is continuing to thrive with regular attendance consistently topping 50 kids. With a quantifiable individual goal to swim as well in the ocean as they can in a pool, nippers also push beyond the surfzone. With mask and snorkel, they explore rocky outcrops and kelp beds, recognising and identifying marine life, building comfort and connection in the ocean environment. The Rock Jump is our 'right of passage' for nippers who deem themselves ready. Based on elements of the Silver Medallion – Aquatic Rescue syllabus, covert risk management ensures safety without dulling the sense of challenge. Shouldering a rescue tube, each nipper jumps from height, off a rocky outcrop into dark and moving water. A pre-jump safety analysis and correct signalling is required from the participants. Parents watch from the beach in awe, many showing tears of pride. The sense of achievement as the group swims back to the beach together is palpable.

As the Bermi Nippers program evolves, opportunities to develop youth leaders has emerged and been embraced, with young water safety members encouraged to exercise risk management strategies that embrace positive adversity, without compromising safety.



New Life Members, Bruce McAslan, Cheryl McCarthy, Andrew "Lobba" Curven (L,R)

It was a pleasure to host George Bass Marathon for three days at Bermagui and it was great to see our boat in the race being rowed by crews from WA. We were able to maintain our critical surf lifesaving responsibilities whilst providing support to the race and have started developing a Club Response Plan for future events that includes traffic management, race zones and minimum lifesaving standards. We feel that it is important to get this information on paper so that the lessons learnt from this year are not lost.

Again of note, is our closeness as a Branch, particularly within all aspects of operational response. I doubt that you would find a more instantly cohesive group of surf lifesavers anywhere, with our friendships, communication channels and seamless integration, resulting in a highly effective volunteer rescue team.

Euan McKenzie

President
Bermagui SLSC



Tathra SLSC



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My first year as President was difficult, dealing with the Club being “sanctioned” by SLSNSW and the associated complications. Trying to convince State that we don’t have a 291% afternoon increase of beach-goers, along with an influx of intoxicated and cultural diverse high risk swimmers was very challenging. Thankfully Tathra has a very practical and solid Committee and we continue to Patrol the beach during the busiest periods.

We continue to provide safe swimming “between the flags” with about 130 Active members spread over seven Patrols. Some of these members can only turn up when work or other commitments permit, but we appreciate every hour you give. A big thanks to the younger adult members, (ex-nippers) who return home from their studies and give us a hand over Christmas and Easter. No lives were lost with 109 preventative actions and 10 rescues performed, mostly north of the flags where swimmers walk from the caravan parks to the nearest water.

Our small group of competitive members train and attend the local carnivals and do their best to encourage others. Unfortunately our numbers are pretty small but it was great to see some joining up with Broulee, to compete in teams events at the Country Championships.

Nippers continue to be run by the Club’s core group of “die-hards” and our enthusiastic SRCs. With over 100 Nippers, we really need to encourage some new faces to ensure the future of our Club. Options have been discussed in an effort to attract younger parents to become involved.

The Boaties had a huge year to help celebrate 50 years since the George Bass Marathon first ran. All the training paid off for the Male Vets crew with a big win, and a great result for the Ladies. Not as many early morning starts since the George Bass, but with a new boat arriving soon, stay tuned!

Our Trainers continue to recruit and instruct our new SRCs and Bronze holders. The time and effort put into training, to make the Club “compliant” is a never ending and thankless job. We are seeing signs that “feedback” to SLSNSW may take down some barriers and welcome returning members to rejoin with minimum re-training.

Tathra has an increasing number of “social” members, some who have previously been very active on Committee and Patrols. We currently have seven “social” members on our Committee, in positions very difficult to fill. Even though they might not have previous SLSC experience, their contribution to the running of the Club is invaluable.

That brings me back to the very practical and solid Committee. I haven’t named any individual in my report as so many people give whatever they can for the betterment of the Club. They are “quiet achievers” and I cannot thank you enough for fulfilling your role within the Committee and giving me continuous support.

The one person I will name, is our new Life Member – Troy Burhop. Troy is the most humble man whose never ending efforts in all facets of the Club is amazing. From his early morning sweeping and cleaning of the Club, encouraging Nippers and potential competitors to get involved to the core business of performing Patrols. Troy is either there or has done the background work to make it happen. Though he avoids anything with a motor or oars (not enough cardio:-) he is not only a role model for all members, he’s a bloody good bloke. Thanks and well deserved Troy.

The Club is in a very strong position financially and with over 500 members, should continue to provide the Community with a safe swimming location whilst training and educating future Lifesavers. Overly assertive administration from State will be our biggest hurdle, but lets hope they realise that we are VOLUNTEERS whose local knowledge and efforts, need to be acknowledged and respected.

Andy Johnson OAM

President
Tathra SLSC



Pambula SLSC

I am proud to present the annual report of Pambula Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) for the 2024/2025 season. It is an honour to be a part of such a wonderful group of hard working, dedicated volunteers whose primary role is community safety.

Lifesaving Endeavours

Across the 2024/25 patrol season, our volunteers contributed a total of 2,096 patrol hours, delivering beach safety services to our community and visitors.

Our team responded to 572 preventative actions and conducted five rescues, demonstrating vigilance and quick action to prevent harm. In addition to our rostered patrols, our members responded to multiple after-hours callouts, further reinforcing the important role we play in the emergency services network on the Far South Coast.

Tragically, our club was involved in the response to three fatalities this season. One occurred at our own Pambula Beach outside of patrol hours, and two others involved rock fishers south of Eden. These incidents serve as sobering reminders of the dangers of the ocean and the ongoing importance of safety messaging—swimming between the flags, wearing life jackets when rock fishing, and adhering to weather and surf conditions.

A special thank you goes to our Emergency Call Out Team (ECOT), who were tasked numerous times this season and responded professionally and with dedication. I also wish to acknowledge Gavin Granger, who represented the club admirably during flood response efforts related to Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred.

Our active membership stood at 62 members this season, and while the quality of service remains high, the decline in numbers is a concern. Fulfilling our Lifesaving Service Agreement next season will be a challenge. We must prioritise upskilling, recruitment,

and retention strategies to ensure we can continue to meet our obligations.

A huge thanks to Liam O'Neill for guiding the Pambula SLSC the last six years as Club Captain. His dedication to his role has been nothing short of amazing. Also I'd like to thank all patrolling members for their commitment to our club and community.

Education Initiatives

Awards completed this season were:

- Bronze Medallion - 3 people
- Surf Rescue Certificate - 10 people
- Silver Medallion - IRB Driver - 1 person
- Radio Operators Certificate - 6 people
- Advanced Resuscitation Certificate - 7 people
- Provide First Aid - 36 people

Thank you so much to Kerryn Granger and her host of assistants, including Gavin Granger, Nyrie Tickell, Peter Bootes and the many other volunteers who assisted in the training arena.

Congratulations to all members who gained awards this season.

Other club education consisted of Gavin and Kerryn running surf awareness sessions for Lumen Christi Primary School classes. Some of our members also attended multi agency training and emergency management training.

Nippers Program

Pambula had good attendance at all three Branch carnivals, with some good results, including Branch champions, in multiple age groups. Our hosting of the Branch

championships carnival at the end of the season went well.

Thanks to all the volunteers who stepped up to get the beach cleaned up and ready, and those who helped with food distribution and all other tasks on the day. Thanks to Guy Bootes for his assistance with our (first place winning) March Past team.

Our new marquees came in very handy at all the carnivals, thanks again to Michael Dixon for organising.

We had several older Nippers compete at Interbranch, and one compete at the Country Championships.

Congratulations to Isaac Donne, our Junior Lifesaver of the Year, and to Jordan Mansfield, our runner up.

Three of our Nipper parents went through the Officials course for Branch to be available to help at the carnivals.

Thanks to Andrew Holt for his presence throughout the season, lending us his expertise. Also, to Chris Briggs for his assistance, particularly with the rip dye demonstration near the start of the season.

We had the Water Police and their rescue boat visit us for a joint awareness day once again this season, which was a great success, thanks to Steve Winslow for facilitating. The kids loved being able to ride in the IRB and raved about their experiences on the boat.

Marine Rescue also facilitated a joint awareness day for us at the last minute on moving to Spencer Park in November due to bad weather at the beach.



Michele and Peter Bootes were again instrumental in the Education component of our Nippers course this season, both writing the program, and rounding up the volunteers to run it each week.

Our water safety numbers were continuously low this year, so our under 14 Nippers who successfully gained their SRC last season were pivotal in making sure our younger Nippers could still get in the water, often acting as water safety in lieu of participating in Nippers themselves.

Several of our older Nippers attended a Drone demonstration day hosted at Narooma club in March. Thanks to Lachlan and the Sydney UAV team for facilitating this, our kids had a great time!

Thanks to our other sponsors, Little Nippers Early Learning and Child Care Centre, who paid for all our Nipper pool entries at the start of the season. Capital Chemist in Merimbula, who provided our free sunscreen for each age group. Damara Printing and Swan Plumbing, for assisting Doug and Kat Sirl with the new flags markers, Tween Waters Caravan Park and Wild Rye Bakery Pambula.

Lastly and most importantly thanks to our wonderful JAC Lauren Moreland and her team for pulling off another successful season for our Pambula Nippers.

George Bass Marathon 2025

The George Bass Surfboat & Ski Marathon 2024/25 saw Pambula SLSC well represented.

There were favourable conditions for most of the week apart from a southerly change on the 36km day resulting in the committee reversing the course. Our paddlers Kym O'Halloran, Gavin Granger, John Quinlan and John Robson had a great week with Kym coming in 1st for the Female Ski division, John Robson 1st in Vets Ocean Ski division and 9th overall, John Quinlan 13th overall and Gavin Granger 4th in Spec Ski division and 7th overall.

Our two Pambula Female and Male Vet's surfboat teams did extremely well too.

Pambula Female Vet's Team – 3rd place, overall time 17:16.52

Pambula Male Vet's Team – 3rd place out of 7 teams, overall time 16:03.56.

This is by far the best result for the boys in a while. Congratulations to our wonderful rowers and amazing skiers. You did yourselves and Pambula SLSC proud.

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 were nominated:

- Lifesaver of the Year: Gavin Granger
- Junior Lifesaver of the Year: Issac Donne
- Volunteer of the Year: Chris Knox
- Junior Volunteer of the Year: Issac Donne
- Administrator of the Year: Kym O'Halloran
- Support Operations Member of the Year: Gavin Granger

Congratulations to the quiet achiever Kym O'Halloran for winning this FSC Branch Award. Well deserved!!

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.

The 2024/2025 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.

Under the guidance of Secretary Ann Smith, and following the strategic plan put in place by the previous Executive, we engaged Toast of Pambula to support the Nippers activities through the opening of the Nippers kiosk. We have intentions of expanding the use of the Nippers kiosk and hope it can assist us with our financial security in the future.

Hugo White has taken over as the Licensee of Pambula SLSC and guided the club through events and the Summers Sippers events which also lead to our financial security.

The three raffles have been as successful as ever and this is largely thanks to the tireless efforts of Kirsty Byrne, Chris Knox, Ann Smith and so many other amazing members of our club that give so selflessly of their time.

These avenues enhance our financial sustainability and also open new avenues for community engagement and support. As we reflect on the past season's successes and failures, we are inspired and motivated to continue striving for excellence in all our endeavours, as so many have done previously.

One of our major issues is the recruitment and retention of active volunteers which was mentioned above. It may possibly be one of the greatest challenges for the security and longevity of Pambula SLSC and is something the new committee next season will have to attack with gusto.

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.

Kerry Bourke

President
Pambula SLSC



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Financial Statement



Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Incorporated

ABN: 24 680 373 905

Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2025

Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Incorporated

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Statement of profit or loss
For the year ended 30 June 2025

Branch Income & Expenditure	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Income		
Affiliation Fees	7,358	12,418
Carnival Entry Fees	5,227	5,578
Donations	17,882	850
Fuel Tax Credits Received	47	-
Government Grants	24,165	36,090
GST Received	-	813
Insurance Premium Recovered	1,938	157
Interbranch Receipts	13,227	12,431
Interest Received	2,510	2,380
Social Functions	9,430	1,023
Sponsorship	7,749	14,329
Wambiri Camp	1,182	2,962
Sundry Receipts	2,624	-
Total income	93,339	89,031
Expenses		
Accounting Fees	1,939	2,328
Advertising & Promotion	1,368	188
Awards & Trophies	6,287	6,412
Clothing	540	468
Depreciation Expense	19,030	12,680
Equipment Purchases	5,812	1,310
Fuel & Oil	441	150
GST Paid	-	990
Insurance	2,932	2,970
Interbranch Expenses	24,832	23,209
Jetski Expense/R&M	12,879	6,166
Radio Expenses/R&M	700	1,103
Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,327	1,051
Remuneration to Directors	3,500	3,500
Social Functions	11,810	13,153
Trailer Expenses	3,402	1,221
Training - Expense	1,425	1,768
Travel Expenses	1,063	155
Wambiri Camp	3,943	4,297
Sundry Payments	1,820	188

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Statement of profit or loss
For the year ended 30 June 2025

Branch Income & Expenditure	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Total expenses	105,050	83,307
Surplus / (deficit) before income taxes	(11,711)	5,724
Income tax	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	(11,711)	5,724

George Bass Marathon Subcommittee Income & Expenditure	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Income		
Entry Fees - George Bass	33,089	2,250
GST Received - George Bass	-	16
Interest Received - George Bass	980	2,175
Retail Sales - George Bass	73	-
Sponsorship - George Bass	60,000	3,000
Total income	94,142	7,441
Expenses		
Accommodation - George Bass	12,066	-
Advertising & Promotion - George Bass	8,938	200
Awards & Trophies - George Bass	26,834	36
Clothing - George Bass	24,094	-
Fuel - George Bass	2,543	-
Fuel Tax Credits Received - George Bass	634	-
Garbage Removal - George Bass	1,540	-
GST Paid - George Bass	-	330
Hire Of Facilities - George Bass	7,375	-
Maintenance - George Bass	4,077	-
Postage, Printing & Stationary - George Bass	27	-
Travel Expenses - George Bass	-	1,227
Website - George Bass	120	360
Sundry Payments - George Bass	3,090	-
Total expenses	90,070	2,153
Surplus / (deficit) before income taxes	4,072	5,288
Income tax	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	4,072	5,288

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Statement of financial position

As at 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	175,771	166,421
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	3	10,448	28,298
Total assets		186,219	194,719
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
GST payable / (receivable)		(838)	23
Total liabilities		(838)	23
Net assets		187,057	194,696
Equity			
Retained earnings		187,057	194,696

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 30 June 2025

2024	Retained earnings \$	Total \$	Total equity \$
Opening balance	183,684	183,684	183,684
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	11,012	11,012	11,012
Closing balance	194,696	194,696	194,696

2025	Retained earnings \$	Total \$	Total equity \$
Opening balance	194,696	194,696	194,696
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	(7,639)	(7,639)	(7,639)
Closing balance	187,057	187,057	187,057

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers	189,402	98,587
Payments to suppliers and employees	(182,362)	(79,583)
Interest received	3,490	4,555
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities	10,530	23,559
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,180)	(3,693)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	9,350	19,866
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	166,421	146,555
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	175,771	166,421

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2025

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. The association holds an authority to fundraise (CFN26888) under the provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991, which 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.

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1. Material accounting policy information (continued)

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.

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 \$17,882 for charitable purposes (2024: \$850). 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.

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1. Material accounting policy information (continued)

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.

2. Cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents		
Horizon Bank Term Deposit - Branch	65,831	53,325
Horizon Bank Business Savings - Branch	38,012	44,058
Horizon Bank Term Deposit - George Bass	26,644	35,669
Horizon Bank Business Savings - George Bass	45,284	33,369
Total cash and cash equivalents	175,771	166,421

3. Property, plant and equipment

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Plant and equipment		
Equipment at Cost	67,170	67,776
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(56,722)	(39,478)
Total plant and equipment	10,448	28,298

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Statement by members of the committee

For the year ended 30 June 2025

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 2025 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:

6 August, 2025



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 2025, 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 ACCOUNTING GROUP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Byrne', is written over a horizontal line.

SIMON BYRNE

Partner

Registered Company Auditor #153624

MERIMBULA, 5 August 2025

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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 2025, 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 2025 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 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

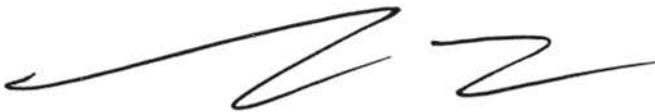
Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with, Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation 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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MERIMBULA, 5 August 2025

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Fundraising

Surf Life Saving Far South Coast Branch acknowledges the following and thanks them for their financial contribution to the 2025 George Bass Marathon;

- Bruce and Angie Annable
- Capital Chemist Group
- Staffords Hardware - Kalaru



Government Recognition

Surf Life Saving Far South Coast Branch acknowledges;

- The NSW Government through the Emergency Services portfolio for ongoing funding of state-wide operations and programs which benefit clubs, members and the community.
- 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.



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A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO TONY RETTKE

Celebrating 16 Years of Remarkable Leadership on the Far South Coast

For sixteen years, Tony has stood at the helm of the Far South Coast Branch, guiding our community through seasons of triumph and adversity with unwavering dedication and compassion.

Over the past decade and a half, our region has faced challenges that would test even the most resilient among us. Under Tony's steady and thoughtful leadership, we have weathered the fierce storms and floods that swept our coastline, braved the threat of bushfires that cast uncertainty across our communities. In the darkest moments, when we have mourned missing and deceased members, Tony has been a beacon of support, providing comfort, steadiness, and unity for all.

Yet, Tony's legacy is not only defined by adversity. It is equally illuminated by the many, many successes of our members and clubs. From grassroots initiatives to top-tier competitions, Tony has celebrated every achievement, large and small, with genuine pride. His encouragement has inspired individuals to reach new heights, and his vision has helped clubs across all levels thrive, foster camaraderie, and achieve excellence.

Tony, your leadership has left an indelible mark on the Far South Coast Branch. You have championed collaboration, resilience, and community spirit. You have empowered countless individuals and strengthened the bonds that hold our organisation together.

On behalf of every member, every club, and every life touched by your service, we thank you. Your legacy will endure, not only in the stories of challenges overcome and victories won, but in the enduring spirit of the Far South Coast.

With heartfelt gratitude,
From all your friends on the Far South Coast



