

ANNUAL REPORT



74th Annual Report & Financial Statements
2025-26 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 2,780 members, we're large in size with the Branch spanning over 230 km and 184 beaches. The commitment, dedication and innovation of our members has been recognised through FSC being named SLSNSW Branch of the Year four times in the past 14 years.

FSC has seven clubs from Batemans Bay in the north to Pambula in the south. We have a dedicated team who not only patrol beaches between the red and yellow flags but also provide emergency call-out capabilities 24/7 throughout the year. Our clubs work closely together to provide a valuable service to beach goers 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 74th Annual Report and learning more about just some of the many ways in which our Surf Life Saving family contribute to our Far South Coast community and visitors to our region.

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President's Report

It is my pleasure to deliver my first Annual Report as President of the Far South Coast Branch.



Our volunteers have continued to provide an outstanding service to both local communities and the many visitors who enjoy our beautiful region. With membership growing to 3,014 members across our seven clubs, the Far South Coast Branch continues to strengthen its position as one of the most progressive and capable branches in New South Wales.

I thank past presidents Tony Rettke ESM and Bruce Frost for their ongoing mentoring, advice and guidance. One of the highlights of the year was the continued growth and development of our young members. Programs such as Wambiri, Junior Lifesaver of the Year, leadership camps and youth development initiatives continue to provide incredible opportunities for the next generation of lifesavers. We were especially proud to see Broulee Surfers' Emma Dawson named NSW Junior Lifesaver of the Year, an outstanding achievement, and just the third time a FSC member has received that honour.

At the start of this season we welcomed Sue Hunt and Andrew Holt on becoming Branch Life Members, and Frank Davey who was elevated to Life Member of Surf Life Saving NSW. Congratulations to you all on this recognition.

Our members were also recognised at the highest levels across the state. Congratulations to Anthony Bellette from Batemans Bay SLSC, who was named NSW Support Operations Member of the Year, and Ruby O'Leary from Tathra SLSC, who received the prestigious NSW Lifeguard of the Year award.

The expansion of UAV operations, new Emergency Response Beacons and continued investment in Rescue Water Craft capability have strengthened our ability to keep beachgoers safe.

We saw a huge lift in the number of RWC operators with a number of new trainers and assessors qualified locally. This was a massive focus for our education team and I

congratulate Jenny Taylor for her work in coordinating and, Andrew Mizzi, Natalie Browning and Andy Johnson who became certified trainers. We now have RWCs at every club in our branch, as well as additional skis at Durras, Hanging Rock and Tuross. I commend Andrew Mizzi for all his efforts in coordinating.

This season also saw another successful ALBERT IRB Weekend hosted at Moruya SLSC for both experienced and emerging IRB operators and crewpersons. Combining practical lifesaving skills, search and rescue operations, leadership development and teamwork, the program plays an important role in ensuring our members remain rescue ready.

Our commitment to inclusion remains stronger than ever. The Same Wave programs at Pambula and Moruya continue to thrive and provide meaningful opportunities for people of all abilities to enjoy our beaches and the surf. My sincere thanks and congratulations go to Michele and Peter Bootes, along with Mike Hallahan and Bridie Young, whose passion and dedication have made these programs such a success. Their efforts embody the very best of what Surf Life Saving represents.

Another highlight of the year was the Eurobodalla Mayor's Charity Ball. On behalf of the Far South Coast Branch, I thank Mayor Mat Hatcher, Eurobodalla Shire Council and the local business community for their incredible support, helping raise more than \$17,000 for Batemans Bay, Broulee Surfers, Moruya and Narooma Surf Life Saving Clubs. It was also wonderful to welcome Surf Life Saving Australia President Peter Agnew AM and Surf Life Saving NSW CEO Steve Pearce to our region for the event.

In surf sports, our athletes, coaches, officials and support crews once again represented the branch with distinction. The Far South Coast Interbranch Team achieved a commendable ninth-place finish, while athletes across the branch enjoyed success at Country Championships, State Championships and the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships.

This year we also celebrated members whose service extends well beyond the beach. Eighteen Far South Coast members were awarded the National Medal in recognition of their diligent and sustained service protecting the community. We also congratulated Mike Hallahan on being named Moruya Citizen of the Year and celebrated the posthumous award of the Medal of the Order of Australia to the late Jim McGrath OAM, recognising more than five decades of service to Surf Life Saving and the wider community.

Congratulations must also go to Cheryl McCarthy, Euan McKenzie, Morgan Freemantle, Scott Kemmis, Geoff Wells, Peter Bootes, Mike Doering, Gavin Granger and Paul Boilat, who received the NSW Premier's Flood Citation for their efforts supporting communities during the devastating floods experienced across New South Wales between 2021 and 2023. Their work demonstrated the important role Surf Life Saving volunteers play as part of the broader emergency services family.

It was a privilege this year to present the President's Award to Kate Hunt. Kate has led Batemans Bay SLSC with distinction, championing community engagement initiatives, growing participation and playing a leading role in securing and delivering the Mayor's Charity Ball. She is a deserving recipient of this recognition. I'd like to thank Moruya Surf Life Saving Club for hosting this year's Branch Awards of Excellence- it was an amazing night. Thanks must also go to Tathra SLSC, Batemans Bay SLSC, Moruya SLSC, and Broulee Surfers SLSC for hosting our local carnivals during the year.

As this season marked the first year in office for several members of our branch team, I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of Gary Pettigrove as Director of Administration, Andrew Holt as Deputy President, Rhys Davies as Director of Surf Sports and Chris Briggs as Director of Lifesaving. Your enthusiasm, energy and commitment have already delivered tremendous results for the branch. Together with our experienced directors Natalie Browning, Wendy Law, Andrew Mizzi, Mike Hallahan, Paul White, Frank Davey and Jenny Taylor, you have formed a highly effective leadership team and I thank you for your work throughout the season.

Steve Dobson our Returns Officer again did a fabulous job with the Annual General Meeting and was again busy officiating at local carnivals.

Significant work was also undertaken this year to strengthen our governance framework. I extend my sincere thanks to Vikki Marshall, Wendy Law, Gary Pettigrove and Andrew Holt for the considerable effort invested in reviewing and updating our Branch By-Laws to align with our new Constitution. This important work will benefit the branch for many years to come.

While we celebrate many successes, we also pause to remember members who are no longer with us. This year we lost three highly respected Life Members in Myril Bunt OAM, Jimmy McGrath OAM and Paul Morgan. Each made an extraordinary contribution to Surf Life Saving on the Far South Coast.

Finally, I would like to personally thank the Far South Coast Branch Board and our Administration Officer, Vikki Marshall. The work that occurs behind the scenes to keep our seven clubs connected and moving forward together should never be underestimated. From compliance and governance to training, lifesaving, surf sports, Wambiri, interbranch teams and monthly meetings, your efforts ensure our members have every opportunity to succeed. To the SLSNSW Staff, board of directors, and new President Elissa Hancock thank you for your unwavering support of the Far South Coast.

To every volunteer, member, sponsor, supporter and partner agency, thank you. The achievements contained within this report belong to all of you. Together we continue to strengthen our clubs, support our communities and uphold the proud traditions of Surf Life Saving.

I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved this season and excited about what lies ahead for the Far South Coast Branch.

Andrew Edmunds ESM

President

Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving.



Office Bearers

Executive Committee

PRESIDENT

Andrew Edmunds ESM

DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Andrew Holt

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Gary Pettigrove

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Wendy Law

DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING

Chris Briggs

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Jenny Taylor

DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORTS

Rhys Davies

SLSNSW ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Vikki Marshall

Non- Executive Roles

DIRECTOR OF MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

Natalie Browning

POWERCRAFT CAPTAIN

Andrew Mizzi

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Frank Davey OAM

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Paul White

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Michael Hallahan

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING

Kane Doull

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORTS

Sue Hunt

PUBLIC OFFICER

Gary Pettigrove

PUBLICITY OFFICER

Natalie Browning

HONORARY SOLICITOR

Chris Park

UAV CO-ORDINATOR

Mike Doering

Presidents of Affiliated Clubs

BATEMANS BAY SLSC

Kate Hunt

BROULEE SURFERS SLSC

Natalie Browning

MORUYA SLSC

Bert Hunt

NAROOMA SLSC

Brendan O'Mahony

BERMAGUI SLSC

Euan McKenzie BM

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*

Arthur Bunt BEM*

Myril Bunt OAM*

Joseph J. Caddey*

Paul Caddey (1977)

Ron Chesher OAM*

Garnet C. Chewing*

Frank Davey OAM

Nicholas A. Dixon*

Steve Dobson

P.V. Dwyer*

James A Eadie* (1977)

Bruce Frost

Julie Frost

Donald Hay*

Maxwell Hogno*

John "Jim" McGrath OAM*

Paul Morgan*

Graham J. Nicholson*

Kerry Parbery

David F. Pheeney*

Anthony Rettke ESM

Peter Robinson* (1977)

Paul Smith*

Fergus Thomson OAM*

Paul White

Max Young

Michele Bootes OAM

Peter Bootes

Andrew Edmunds ESM

Michael Hallahan

Wendy Law

Sue Hunt

Andrew Holt

Junior Activities

William Louttit* (1987)



Surf Life Saving New South Wales

Arthur Bunt BEM* (1999)

Ron Chesher OAM* (1972)

Nicholas A. Dixon* (1978)

Donald Hay* (2018)

John "Jim" McGrath OAM* (2022)

Graham J. Nicholson* (1986)

David F. Pheeney* (2002)

Anthony Rettke ESM (2020)

Fergus Thomson OAM* (1994)

Frank Davey OAM (2024)

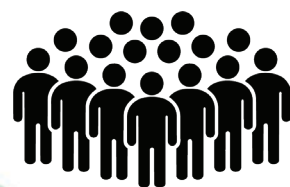
Surf Life Saving Australia

Ron Chesher OAM*

Nicholas A. Dixon*

** Denotes Deceased Member*

Season Snapshot



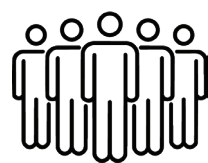
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Attendance



60
Call Outs



646
Patrol Members



44
Rescues



100
First Aids

20230
Patrol Hours



Preventative Actions
1647



Highlights	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Lifesaving				
Rescues	74	26	61	44
First Aid Treatments	102	166	128	100
Preventative Actions	2,014	2375	1997	1647
Emergency callouts	50	52	62	60
Member Service and Support				
Membership Growth	+7%	-1%	+2%	+1.5%
Patrolling Membership	822	639	635	646
Junior Activities Members	922	992	1014	969
Members	1,051	1145	1048	1233
Total Membership	2,795	2776	2805	2848
Education and Training				
Bronze Medallion	103	72	73	46
Powercraft	54	31	31	48
Surf Rescue Certificate	75	70	45	56
Advanced Resuscitation	-	88	41	11
Silver Medallion Patrol Captain	21	10	13	5
First Aid	-	-	49	11
Rescue Water Craft Certificate	-	-	6	12
Total Awards	253	271	307	189

Membership Snapshot

Batemans Bay	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Total Members	Member Retention (%)
Probationary	18	21	1	40	102.56
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	102	91	0	193	155.65
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	1	5	0	6	85.71
Active (15-18 yrs)	8	3	0	11	73.33
Active (18yrs and over)	40	29	0	69	130.19
Award Member	1	1	0	2	---
Reserve Active	2	0	0	2	100
Long Service	6	0	0	6	100
Associate	2	5	0	7	140
Life Member	6	4	0	10	142.86
General	6	2	0	8	40
Non Member Participants	0	0	0	0	---
Community Member	1	1	0	2	---
Nipper Parent	27	48	0	75	277.78
Total	220	210	1	431	140.85

Broulee Surfers	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Total Members	Member Retention (%)
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	111	134	0	245	98.39
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	30	33	0	63	126
Active (15-18 yrs)	26	29	0	55	91.67
Active (18yrs and over)	100	78	0	178	110.56
Long Service	2	0	0	2	66.67
Past Active	0	3	0	3	100
Associate	135	155	0	290	97.64
Life Member	21	3	0	24	100
Nipper Parent	20	39	1	60	206.9
Total	445	474	1	920	105.02

Moruya	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Total Members	Member Retention (%)
Probationary	1	0	0	1	3.13
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	41	36	0	77	108.45
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	10	1	0	11	110
Active (15-18 yrs)	7	4	0	11	157.14
Active (18yrs and over)	31	19	1	51	134.21
Reserve Active	3	1	0	4	44.44
Long Service	4	2	0	6	66.67
Associate	0	3	0	3	300
Life Member	14	4	0	18	112.5
General	12	31	0	43	107.5
Non Member Participants	0	0	0	0	---
Nipper Parent	8	11	0	19	633.33
Total	131	112	1	244	102.52

Narooma	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Total Members	Member Retention (%)
Probationary	1	1	0	2	---
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	36	64	1	101	117.44
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	9	3	0	12	92.31
Active (15-18 yrs)	8	6	0	14	93.33
Active (18yrs and over)	24	10	0	34	100
Award Member	7	1	0	8	266.67
Long Service	2	0	0	2	100
Associate	4	12	0	16	84.21
Life Member	10	5	0	15	100
Nipper Parent	10	31	0	41	110.81
Total	111	133	1	245	109.38

Bermagui	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Total Members	Member Retention (%)
Probationary	0	0	0	0	---
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	40	43	1	84	131.25
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	3	1	0	4	50
Active (15-18 yrs)	1	3	0	4	33.33
Active (18yrs and over)	20	12	0	32	110.34
Long Service	0	0	0	0	---
Associate	2	4	0	6	66.67
Life Member	7	4	0	11	100
General	22	53	0	75	107.14
Total	95	120	1	216	104.35

Tathra	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Total Members	Member Retention (%)
Probationary	0	1	0	1	50
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	42	37	0	79	63.71
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	16	12	0	28	90.32
Active (15-18 yrs)	12	11	0	23	115
Active (18yrs and over)	64	50	0	114	90.48
Reserve Active	1	1	0	2	200
Associate	2	0	0	2	200
Life Member	11	5	0	16	114.29
General	107	128	0	235	97.51
Non Member Participants	0	0	0	0	---
Community Member	0	0	0	0	---
Nipper Parent	0	1	0	1	---
Total	255	246	0	501	89.15

Membership Snapshot

Pambula	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Total Members	Member Retention (%)
Probationary	0	0	0	0	---
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	62	48	0	110	84.62
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	15	8	0	23	153.33
Active (15-18 yrs)	2	1	0	3	37.5
Active (18yrs and over)	44	27	0	71	142
Award Member	1	0	0	1	50
Reserve Active	1	1	0	2	100
Long Service	1	0	0	1	---
Associate	62	70	0	132	89.8
Life Member	24	14	0	38	102.7
General	1	1	0	2	22.22
Honorary	1	0	0	1	100
Non Member Participants	0	0	0	0	---
Community Member	1	1	0	2	---
Inclusive/Adaptive Program Participant	13	4	0	17	106.25
Total	228	175	0	403	96.18

Far South Coast Branch	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Total Members	Member Retention (%)
Probationary	20	23	1	44	57.14
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	434	453	2	889	104.83
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	84	63	0	147	109.7
Active (15-18 yrs)	64	57	0	121	88.32
Active (18yrs and over)	364	231	1	596	121.14
Award Member	9	2	0	11	220
Reserve Active	7	3	0	10	71.43
Long Service	15	2	0	17	80.95
Past Active	0	3	0	3	100
Associate	207	249	0	456	95.2
Life Member	99	40	0	139	112.1
General	148	215	0	363	95.53
Honorary	1	0	0	1	100
Non Member Participants	0	0	0	0	---
Community Member	2	2	0	4	400
Inclusive/Adaptive Program	13	4	0	17	106.25
Nipper Parent	65	130	1	196	204.17
Total	1532	1477	5	3014	106.39



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 2025-26 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, their members and our Branch as a whole.

The key duties of the Branch Council are to:

- * Inform the Executive of significant programs and issues affecting the membership
- * Assist the Executive in their deliberations on issues that affect their respective memberships and surf lifesaving matters.
- * 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 and the beach going public
- * Discuss branch-wide initiatives and issues
- * Approve any amendments to the Constitution to go to the AGM
- * Provide feedback to the Executive on how decisions impact on the membership at a grassroots level
- * To be a forum for collaboration between the State SLS on surf life saving programs, policy, procedures and initiatives and the whole Branch and its 7 clubs

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 3 years 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.

Gary Pettigrove
Director of Administration



FAR SOUTH COAST BRANCH 2025-26 COMMITTEE

Back Row (L to R) - Kane Doull, Jenny Taylor, Rhys Davies, Sue Hunt, Chris Briggs, Andrew Mizzi, Tony Rettke (Past President)
Front Row (L to R) - Gary Pettigrove, Wendy Law, Andrew Endmunds (President), Natalie Browning, Mike Hallahan

Strengthen and Consolidate

Embracing SLSNSW Strategic Plan

We Believe...



our community relies
on us to protect and
save lives



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



our everyday actions
change lives and build
stronger communities



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



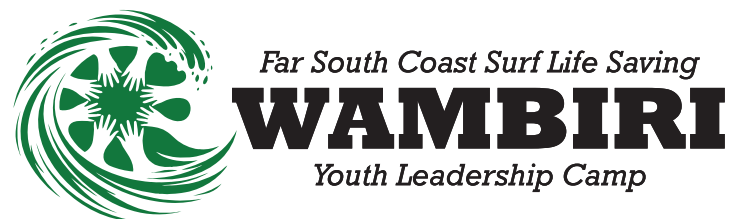
supportive leadership,
agility and flexibility are
critical in our changing
environment



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

...We Believe

Member Development



This years Wambiri Camp was a jam-packed weekend, building leadership capabilities, developing new friendships, learning new skills and about pathways in and beyond surf lifesaving, as well as growing connections between our clubs next generation of surf lifesavers.

After the postponement/rescheduling of last years leadership camp, it was great to have this years take place as planned with 42 candidates, 6 returning leaders, 8 parent helpers and 4 facilitators enjoying all that this camp has to offer. The weekend involved activities that included:

Outrigging Canoes – This was provided by the Sapphire Coast Outrigger Club. Great fun and learning to work as a team.

Power Craft Awareness – The participants were introduced into the use of IRBs 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 Westpac Lifesaver 23, Merimbula NSW Ambulance Service 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 challengers were run to engage the participants, all of which helped build friendships/communication and working in a team to complete tasks.

A huge shoutout to our friends at the Sapphire Coast Outrigger Club who ran another great session on the outriggers, our power craft operators who ran an awesome session on power craft awareness and operation, our mates at NSW Ambulance, NSW Rural Fire Service and our phenomenal eyes in the sky the Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopters for flying down and holding a great demonstration and Q&A session.

Between all that we got a mock search and rescue scenario in, trivia, minute to win it games nights and a few board and swim sessions.

Overall, the camp was a perfect balance between education and fun, ensuring that everyone left with great memories, new skills, and anticipation for the next Surf Life Saving season.

Natalie Browning
Director of Member Development



Lifesaving

It was my first year in this position and it was quite the learning curve for me with far more yet to learn. We had another great year with no lives lost between the flags and I thank all Far South Coast members for their amazing efforts throughout the season.

Far South Coast Lifesavers performed 44 rescues, 1,647 preventions and 100 first aids. There was only one Coastal Drowning in our branch, which I am aware is one too many, but compared to the rest of the State with Coastal Drownings sitting at 57 for the year, we have performed very well. I believe this was due to constant surveillance by our Rescue Services and Call out teams in high-risk times and all members being willing to put their time aside for the safety of others. The Rescue Services team responded to 60 call outs through the season with 68% of those being on weekdays, which shows just how committed our teams are. We now have 4 ERB's in our branch which are being regularly tested and cleaned by our dedicated Rescue Services team. The ERB's are at Pambula River mouth, Merimbula Bar Beach, Camel Rock and a new one this season at Congo Beach.

We have 6 new, probationary Duty Officers this season also, who have all completed their Level 1 incident controller's course which is now mandatory to serve as a Duty Officer. Geoff Perrem, Natalie Browning, Shanon Small, Anthony Griffiths and Kane Doull, (who is transitioning to Wollongong Surf Club). Well done to you all and thank you for the extra efforts you have made to lifesaving.

Our lifesaving team also attend the local emergency management meetings in both Bega Valley and Eurobodalla Shires with Mike Hallahan the representative for Surf lifesaving in Eurobodalla and me in Bega Valley. This keeps our agency informed of critical emergency responses required, where we can help by using our assets and trained skills.

I would like to congratulate Troy Burhop, David Eadie and Tanya Smith for performing such an amazing rescue at Tathra, not only saving a surfer's life, who was face down in the water, but managing a spinal injury which could have been life changing for the patient and never being able to manage on his own, to now being in rehabilitation and learning how to walk again. This is why we all train, patrol and put all our efforts towards the lifesaving movement. If just one life is saved, it makes all our work worthwhile and with all the preventions and rescues performed over the season, we have way exceeded that.

As director of lifesaving, I have attended two lifesaving standing committee meetings in Sydney, two online meetings via Zoom and an online meeting every Friday, which we try and keep to 10 minutes, which keeps us all up to date with weather and sea conditions, expected training programs and events happening. The State lifesaving team is continually working hard to progress with new ideas and innovations with the aim to save as many lives as possible. The patrol app is being upgraded with a basic system coming this season and a more capable system in years to come. The system we have been using is on the verge of completely failing. (I know these are not IT terms, but it is how I understand it) The radio network will also be upgraded this season with Far South Coast radios being changed to a digital system. Most of our current radios have this capability, but if clubs intend to upgrade, they are expected to purchase the State recommended model of the "Tait".

As you may be aware shark trauma kits have been installed in easily accessible areas on every club in the state and on every ERB. UAVs will now be flying every day in many clubs including Broulee and Tathra in our branch. They will be in Batemans Bay, Narooma and Pambula Beach every weekend, Spring holidays and every day from December 1 – April 30. NSW Surf lifesaving is working towards training all these UAV pilots and operators in first aid and supplying them with shark trauma kits. They will be capable of notifying the public with alarms and loud hailer and UAVs will be equipped with an alarm and speaker system.

As Director of Lifesaving, I have enjoyed my role. It has opened my eyes to the size of the lifesaving network and the amount of effort volunteers from all over the state and country put into our organisation. I am very proud to be one of them and am happy to continue in my role if re-elected.

In conclusion I would like to thank each and every lifesaver on the Far South Coast Branch for all your efforts. Whenever I have asked for help, in the short time I have been in this role, I have had no problem getting it. Whenever I have asked our teams to step up, because the conditions look unfavourable, they have jumped at the opportunity. Our beaches would be a far more dangerous place without the time you all spend. Thank you all for being available.

Chris Briggs
Director of Lifesaving



UAV Services

The Far South Coast UAV Coordinator would like to express his gratitude and many thanks to all the Far South Coast duty lifeguards & volunteer lifesavers who have assisted the professional & volunteer UAV pilots with their support throughout the 2025-2026 season. I would also like to give a special thanks to all the branch committee members and club executives who have continued their enthusiastic support of UAV operations.

The FSC branch has one DJI Mavic 3 Enterprise Thermal which is kept in a locked cupboard at the Pambula SLSC. This asset has just had it's 50-hour service which was recently completed by me as the Pambula SLSC UAV maintenance officer (LEO). The AUAVS has given their approval from clubs to use AUAVS/DPI UAV assets for emergency call outs. These assets are NOT to be used for general club activities, that is what the club UAVs are for.

Training & certifying new UAV instructors has been the major priority for the aviation wing. There is now at least one UAV instructor at most NSW surf clubs. This has led to a huge increase in the running of Operator Induction Courses (OIP) resulting in a large increase in SLS qualified volunteer UAV operators. All credit for this excellent initiative must go to Emma Gale SLSNSW Aviation Wing Chief Remote Pilot. Craig Howie has commenced in the role of UAV Membership Officer. He will be working closely with Emma to support the delivery of UAV services to our volunteer membership, primarily focusing on training and education.

Surf club members and the public can apply to join an Operator Induction Program (OIP) course at any time. Courses generally commence closer the patrol season.

This season has seen a large jump in dangerous sharks being reported near swimmers including fatal shark attacks. This has resulted in the NSW Government Dept. Primary Industry & Regional Development UAV Shark Management program along the NSW coastline scaling up the number of beaches from 50 to 65 and increasing the UAV patrols at these beaches out to 28th April 2026. Many of these beaches also had volunteer UAV patrols running successfully in tandem with the professional UAV patrols. Unfortunately, at the time of writing this report I don't have the statistics of how many dangerous sharks were located on FSC patrolled beaches, however, antidotally and talking the various UAV pilots, from February to end April a large number of dangerous sharks were registered and resulted in beaches being closed for short periods.

Following on from a very recent near fatal great white shark attack at Coogee Beach the Primary Industry & Regional Development UAV Shark Management program plus the NSW government have recently announced all year round UAV services at some 70 NSW Beaches (including Broulee and Tathra) and increased UAV surveillance hours at other beaches in school holidays and weekends (Batemans Bay and Pambula).

Mike Doering
UAV Coordinator



Education & Training

I am pleased to present the Far South Coast Annual report for the 2025-26 season.

We started the season with the usual pre-season meeting held at Narooma club house. The start of this season saw the roll out of lifesaving CPR which had significant changes to the timing and way CPR is trained with a view to quicker response time and a streamlined approach. These skills were taken back to the clubs and delivered to all during annual proficiencies and in the season's courses. The TAFs attending were all re-endorsed to be ready for their training for the year.

This season we had a huge focus on RWC courses and getting our probationary trainers endorsed. We ran 4 separate courses which was a massive achievement for all. An RWC course needs no less than 6 sessions (or days) and is very time consuming and requires multiple trainers, assistants as well as the extra Jetskis to use throughout the course. We now have 4 new RWC trainers when we only had 1 in the whole branch. A few are now working towards becoming assessors which will mean we are not reliant on other branches.

Towards the end of the season NSW held a CTO conference in Sydney with CTOs or their delegates attending from most clubs. This was a day of learning and networking which was fantastic for both attendees and state managers to take back feedback and ideas to better help future CTOs.

The mentoring and co-delivery process for probationary Training officers that was introduced last season has been a great success with numerous new trainers becoming endorsed trainers themselves. We currently have many fantastic trainers who put in a lot of hours upskilling our branch members, I thank every one 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:

New Training Officer Award:

Natalie Browning – RWC Trainer
Andrew Mizzi – RWC Trainer
Andrew Johnson – Training officer & RWC Trainer
Geoff Perrem – Training officer & RWC Trainer
Mark Huxley – Bronze Medallion
Greg Leach - Bronze Medallion
Garry Griffiths - Bronze Medallion

New Facilitator award:

Ebony Bradford – Bronze Medallion

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



INTERBRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2025 NSW Interbranch Championships provided another fantastic opportunity for the Far South Coast Branch to showcase not only the talent of our athletes, but also the strength of our branch culture.

While competition is always at the forefront of this event, the most pleasing aspect of this year's campaign was the way our team represented the Far South Coast both on and off the beach.

From the moment the team assembled, there was an outstanding sense of camaraderie and support across all age groups. Our older competitors embraced their leadership roles, setting the standard through their professionalism, encouragement and willingness to mentor our younger athletes. Whether it was helping settle first-time representatives, sharing race advice or celebrating teammates' successes, their contribution created a positive environment that allowed everyone to perform at their best.

This culture has been deliberately developed over a number of years and continues to be one of the defining strengths of our Interbranch program. The willingness of athletes to support one another regardless of age or club affiliation is something the entire branch should be proud of.

On the competition front, Far South Coast once again demonstrated its strength across a wide range of disciplines. The team produced numerous outstanding individual and relay performances throughout the day, earning valuable points in both water and beach events. These results were also achieved in exceptionally challenging conditions, with huge sea swell all our competitors threw themselves into every event which was a huge ask of anyone.

Our beach competitors were particularly impressive, consistently challenging the larger metropolitan branches and delivering a number of excellent results. Strong performances across the beach sprint and beach relay events contributed significantly to our overall points tally and highlighted the quality of coaching and athletic development occurring throughout our branch.

Importantly, our success was not built on one or two standout athletes but rather on consistent performances across every age division. Athletes in the U12 through to U17 age groups all contributed valuable points, demonstrating the depth of talent currently emerging across the Far South Coast. This consistency remains one of our greatest strengths and provides confidence for the future of the program.

The team finished a respectable 9th overall in the standings an outstanding achievement considering the depth and size of many of the competing branches. This also maintains a position consistent with previous years which is a great achievement.

A sincere thank you must go to our coaches, officials, water safety personnel, team managers and the many parents and supporters who dedicated their time to ensure the team was well prepared and supported throughout the championships. Representative programs rely heavily on volunteers, and the commitment shown by everyone involved was exceptional.

Finally, congratulations to every athlete selected to represent the Far South Coast Branch. Selection in the Interbranch team is an achievement in itself, and every competitor should be proud of the way they represented their club and branch. The performances, leadership and team spirit displayed throughout the championships provide a strong platform as we continue to develop athletes capable of competing at the highest level while maintaining the supportive and inclusive culture that defines Far South Coast Branch.



FSCB Interbranch Team 2025				
U12	Boys	Water	Marcus Mackay BROULEE	Alexander Hanrahan BROULEE
		Sprint & Flags	Xavier Eke MORUYA	
		Beach run	Henry Barnbrook BROULEE	
U12	Girls	Water	Zali Aisi BROULEE	Neva Deveril PAMBULA
		Sprint & Flags	Ashley Pointon PAMBULA	
		Beach run	Jessie Hutchinson MORUYA	
U13	Boys	Water	James Gunn BROULEE	Lewis Gunn BROULEE
		Sprint & Flags	Charlie Holmes PAMBULA	
		Beach run	Henry Bissell BROULEE	
U13	Girls	Water	Alba Van Der Meulen BROULEE	Taya Constable NAROOMA
		Sprint & Flags	Sen Re TATHRA	
		Beach run	Felicity Price MORUYA	
U14	Boys	Water	Harry Leach BROULEE	Tai Bexterman TATHRA
		Sprint & Flags	Liam Tague NAROOMA	
		Beach run	Noah Field NAROOMA	
U14	Girls	Water	Alexis Carver BROULEE	Rose Waterson BROULEE
		Sprint & Flags	Leala Garden BATEMANS BAY	
		Beach run	Philippa Shovelton PAMBULA	
U15	Boys	Water	Jake Price MORUYA	Isaac Donne PAMBULA
		Sprint & Flags	Jordan Mansfield PAMBULA	
		Beach run	Tor Eveston BROULEE	
U15	Girls	Water	Evelyn Bailey NAROOMA	Ilah Constable NAROOMA
		Sprint & Flags	Ruby Bindon BROULEE	
		Beach run	Brigid McAllister PAMBULA	
U17	Boys	Water	Tristan Heinemann BROULEE	Mitchell Beby BROULEE
		Sprint & Flags	Luke Drewsen BROULEE	
		Beach run	Cosmo O'Leary TATHRA	
U17	Girls	Water	Sophia Carver BROULEE	Rosie McPartland BROULEE
		Sprint & Flags	Zara Hall MORUYA	
		Beach run	Michaela Fitzpatrick MORUYA	



The 2025 Surf Sports season has been another outstanding year for the Far South Coast Branch, highlighted by strong participation, quality competition and, most importantly, the continued commitment of our volunteers who make every event possible.

Across the season we successfully delivered a full calendar of junior and senior carnivals, hosted by clubs throughout the branch, culminating in our Junior and Senior Branch Championships. These events continue to provide valuable competition opportunities for athletes of all ages and abilities while strengthening the relationships between our seven clubs. The commitment shown by our host clubs in delivering well-run carnivals ensured another successful season despite the ever-present challenges of weather, surf conditions and logistics.

It has been particularly pleasing to see strong participation throughout the season, with athletes continuing to challenge themselves across a wide range of beach and water events. From our youngest nippers experiencing their first branch carnival through to our Open and Masters competitors striving for success at State and National level, the standard of competition across the branch continues to improve year after year.

Our Branch Championships once again showcased the depth of talent within the Far South Coast. Clubs competed fiercely but fairly, with the championships highlighting not only individual excellence but also the strength of club programs and the development pathways available to our members. Throughout the season our athletes represented the branch with pride at Country, State and National Championships, achieving outstanding performances while demonstrating the sportsmanship and professionalism that Far South Coast competitors have become known for.

While the athletes are the faces seen on the beach, the success of every carnival relies on an incredible team of volunteers working behind the scenes.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to every official who gave up their weekends to ensure our carnivals were conducted safely, fairly and professionally. From Referees and Area Referees through to Marshals, Starters, Judges, Recorders, Finish Judges and Technical Officials, your expertise and commitment are fundamental to the success of Surf Sports in our branch. Many of our officials continue to volunteer well beyond their own children's involvement in the sport, and their experience is invaluable. Without accredited officials, we simply cannot hold competitions.

A particular shout out and thank you to our carnival host clubs this year – Batemans Bay, Moruya, Tathra and Broulee. A huge shout out to Moruya and Broulee who successfully navigated the late relocation of our Nipper Carnival due to the unfavourable conditions at Moruya. A massive thank you to the Tathra team who also hosted a carnival dinner which was an awesome event and exceptionally well attended – huge shout out to the clubs for getting behind this initiative.

Our coaches also deserve enormous recognition. Across every club, coaches dedicate countless hours preparing athletes, often volunteering several mornings and evenings each week throughout the season. Their passion not only develops stronger competitors but also builds confidence, resilience and lifelong friendships amongst our members. The continued success of Far South Coast athletes at all levels is a direct reflection of the quality of coaching across our branch.

An equally important thank you must go to our Water Safety teams. Every carnival depends on skilled and experienced members who willingly spend the day in the water ensuring the safety of our competitors. Their role is often unnoticed because they do their job so well, but they are absolutely essential to every event we conduct. Their professionalism allows athletes, officials and spectators to have confidence that safety remains our highest priority.

I would also like to acknowledge our Carnival Coordinators, Age Managers, Team Managers, equipment crews, beach set-up volunteers, announcers, first aid personnel and the many parents who step forward whenever help is needed. Surf Sports is truly a team effort, and every volunteer contribution, no matter how big or small, helps create a positive experience for our members.

Finally, I would like to thank the Surf Sports Committee for their dedication throughout the season. Their willingness to continually review our programs, embrace new ideas and improve the way we deliver competitions has ensured our carnivals continue to evolve. As we look towards next season, we remain committed to providing enjoyable, safe and professionally run competitions that cater for athletes at every stage of their surf sports journey.

To every competitor, official, coach, volunteer, parent and supporter who contributed throughout the 2025 season, thank you. Your passion, commitment and community spirit continue to make the Far South Coast Branch one of the strongest and most respected surf sports branches in New South Wales. I look forward to building on this success as we prepare for another exciting season ahead.

Rhys Davies
Director of Surf Sports

FSCB Carnivals 2025-26		
Senior Carnival	Sat 22 Nov 25	Batemans Bay SLSC
Junior Carnival	Sat 23 Nov 25	Batemans Bay SLSC
Junior Carnival	Sat 13 Dec 25	Tathra SLSC
Senior Carnival	Sun 14 Dec	Tathra SLSC
Junior Carnival	Sat 31 Jan 26	Broulee Surfers SLSC
Senior Carnival	Sun 1 Feb 26	Broulee Surfers SLSC

Junior Pointscore

Beach Run		
U/8 Male Beach Run	Tristan Doose	BATEMANS BAY
U/8 Female Beach Run	Lotte Knobel	BROULEE
U/9 Male Beach Run	Ika Campbell	NAROOMA
U/9 Female Beach Run	Tully Scotton	TATHRA
U/10 Male Beach Run	Benjamin Mackay	BROULEE
U/10 Female Beach Run	Kseniya Samsonenko	NAROOMA
U/11 Male Beach Run	Indiana Campbell	NAROOMA
U/11 Female Beach Run	Madison Chapman	BROULEE
U/12 Male Beach Run	Alex Hanrahan	BROULEE
U/12 Female Beach Run	Neva Deveril	PAMBULA
U/13 Male Beach Run	James Gunn	BROULEE
U/13 Female Beach Run	Sen Re	TATHRA
U/14 Male Beach Run	Nathanael Klus	TATHRA
U/14 Female Beach Run	Rose Waterson	BROULEE
Beach Flags		
U/8 Male Flags	Reggie Winter	BROULEE
U/8 Female Flags	Orla Tangney	BROULEE
U/9 Male Flags	Easton Patrick	MORUYA
U/9 Female Flags	Alyssa O'Brien	BATEMANS BAY
U/10 Male Flags	Jackson Mullaney	TATHRA
U/10 Female Flags	Bernadette Seears	MORUYA
U/11 Male Flags	Calvin Maher	MORUYA
U/11 Female Flags	Harriet Martin-Dye	BROULEE
U/12 Male Flags	Xavier Eke	MORUYA
U/12 Female Flags	Quinn Henderson	BATEMANS BAY
U/13 Male Flags	Jeremiah Coen-Graham	PAMBULA
U/13 Female Flags	Sen Re	TATHRA
U/14 Male Flags	Josiah Coen-Graham	PAMBULA
U/14 Female Flags	Leala Garden	BATEMANS BAY
Beach Sprint		
U/8 Male Sprint	Reggie Winter	BROULEE
U/8 Female Sprint	Orla Tangney	BROULEE
U/9 Male Sprint	Sam Martin-Dye	BROULEE
U/9 Female Sprint	Sarah Klus	TATHRA
U/10 Male Sprint	Zane Connaughton	MORUYA
U/10 Female Sprint	Kseniya Samsonenko	NAROOMA
U/11 Male Sprint	Calvin Maher	MORUYA
U/11 Female Sprint	Harriet Martin-Dye	BROULEE
U/12 Male Sprint	Callum Dawson	BROULEE
U/12 Female Sprint	Mila Rickards	MORUYA
U/13 Male Sprint	Jeremiah Coen-Graham	PAMBULA
U/13 Female Sprint	Sen Re	TATHRA
U/14 Male Sprint	Liam Tague	NAROOMA
U14 Female Sprint	Leala Garden	BATEMANS BAY
Iron		
U/11 Male Ironman	Vincent Reid	BATEMANS BAY
U/11 Female Ironperson	Harriet Martin-Dye	BROULEE
U/12 Male Ironman	Oliver Walsh	BROULEE
U/12 Female Ironperson	Neva Deveril	PAMBULA
U/13 Male Ironman	James Gunn	BROULEE
U/13 Female Ironperson	Audrey Knobel	BROULEE
U/14 Male Ironman	Lachlan Martin-Dye	BROULEE
U/14 Female Ironperson	Alexis Carver	BROULEE
Overall Pointscore		
Dave Pheeney Junior Pointscore Trophy		BROULEE

Board		
U/9 Male Board	Sam Martin-Dye	BROULEE
U/9 Female Board	Alani Ziegler	BROULEE
U/10 Male Board	Max Gunn	BROULEE
U/10 Female Board	Annabelle Tyrrell	BROULEE
U/11 Male Board	Indiana Campbell	NAROOMA
U/11 Female Board	Elani Van Der Meulen	BROULEE
U/12 Male Board	Alex Hanrahan	BROULEE
U/12 Female Board	Nina McPherson	BROULEE
U/13 Male Board	James Gunn	BROULEE
U/13 Female Board	Audrey Knobel	BROULEE
U/14 Male Board	Lachlan Martin-Dye	BROULEE
U/14 Female Board	Rose Waterson	BROULEE
Team Events		
U11/U12 Board Relay		BROULEE
U13/U14 Board Relay		BROULEE
U9 U10 Male Board Rescue		BROULEE
U9 U10 Female Board Rescue		BROULEE
U11/12 Male Board Rescue		BROULEE
U11/U12 Female Board Rescue		BROULEE
U13/U14 Male Board Rescue		BROULEE
U13/14 Female Board Rescue		BROULEE
U8/U9/U10 Buchanan Relay		BROULEE
U11/U12 Cameron Relay		BROULEE
U13/U14 Cameron Relay		BROULEE
All Age Sprint Relay		NAROOMA
March Past		BATEMANS BAY
Wade		
U/8 Male Wade	Harvey Gunn	BROULEE
U/8 Female Wade	Lotte Knobel	BROULEE
U/8 Wade Relay		BROULEE
U/9 Boys Wade	Ashton Stewart	BATEMANS BAY
U/9 Female Wade	Marlee Rickards	MORUYA
U/9 Wade Relay		TATHRA
Surf		
U/9 Male Surf	Sam Martin-Dye	BROULEE
U/9 Female Surf	Sarah Klus	TATHRA
U/10 Male Surf	Benjamin Mackay	BROULEE
U/10 Female Surf	Annabelle Tyrrell	BROULEE
U/11 Male Surf	Liam Rowley	TATHRA
U/11 Female Surf	Harriet Martin-Dye	BROULEE
U/12 Male Surf	Oliver Walsh	BROULEE
U/12 Female Surf	Neva Deveril	PAMBULA
U/13 Male Surf	Lewis Gunn	BROULEE
U/13 Female Surf	Audrey Knobel	BROULEE
U/14 Male Surf	Harry Leach	BROULEE
U/14 Female Surf	Alexis Carver	BROULEE
U/9 Male Surf Teams		BROULEE
U/9 Female Surf Teams		BATEMANS BAY
U/10 Female Surf Teams		BROULEE
U/11 Male Surf Teams		TATHRA
U/11 Female Surf Teams		BROULEE
U/12 Male Surf Teams		BROULEE
U/12 Female Surf Teams		BROULEE
U/13 Male Surf Teams		PAMBULA
U/13 Female Surf Teams		BROULEE
U14 Male Surf Teams		BROULEE
U14 Female Surf Teams		BROULEE
U13 Female Surf Teams		BROULEE
U14 Female Surf Teams		BROULEE

Senior Pointscore

Over 30'S		
O30 Female Beach Run	Jennifer Scotton	TATHRA
O30 Female Board	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
O30 Female Flags	Jennifer Scotton	TATHRA
O30 Female Ironperson	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
O30 Female Ski	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
O30 Female Sprint	Jennifer Scotton	TATHRA
O30 Female Surf	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
O30 Male Beach Run	Russell Eagles	MORUYA
O30 Male Sprint	Russell Eagles	MORUYA
O30 Male Surf	Russell Eagles	MORUYA
Over 40'S		
O40 Female Beach Run	Taryn Carver	BROULEE
O40 Female Board	Carly Bexterman	TATHRA
O40 Female flags	Kimberli Eke	MORUYA
O40 Female Sprint	Kimberli Eke	MORUYA
O40 Female Surf	Kimberli Eke	MORUYA
O40 Male Beach Run	Dan Beby	BROULEE
O40 Male Board	Dylan Van Der Meulen	BROULEE
O40 Male Ironperson	Dan Beby	BROULEE
O40 Male Ski	Scott Carver	BROULEE
O40 Male Surf	Rhys Davies	BATEMANS BAY
Over 50'S		
O50 Male Board	Troy Burhop	TATHRA
O50 Male Flags	Darren Drewsen	BROULEE
O50 Male Ironperson	Rob Heinemann	BROULEE
O50 Male Ski	Troy Burhop	TATHRA
O50 Male Sprint	Darren Drewsen	BROULEE
O50 Male Surf	Rob Heinemann	BROULEE
Open		
Open Female Board	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE
Open Female Board	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Female Flags	Zara Hall	MORUYA
Open Female Ironperson	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE
Open Female Run	Jennifer Scotton	TATHRA
Open Female Ski	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE
Open Female Sprint	Zara Hall	MORUYA
Open Female Surf	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE
Open Male Board	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE
Open Male Flags	Darren Drewsen	BROULEE
Open Male Ironperson	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE
Open Male Run	Mitchell Beby	BROULEE
Open Male Ski	Scott Carver	BROULEE
Open Male Sprint	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE
Open Male Surf	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE
Under 15		
U15 Female Beach Run	Keira Atkin	BROULEE
U15 Female Board	Keira Atkin	BROULEE
U15 Female Flags	Keira Atkin	BROULEE
U15 Female Ironperson	Keira Atkin	BROULEE
U15 Female Sprint	Keira Atkin	BROULEE
U15 Female Surf	Keira Atkin	BROULEE
U15 Male Board	Isaac Donne	PAMBULA
U15 Male Flags	Jordan Mansfield	PAMBULA
U15 Male Ironperson	Isaac Donne	PAMBULA
U15 Male Run	Jordan Mansfield	PAMBULA
U15 Male Sprint	Isaac Donne	PAMBULA
U15 Male Surf	Isaac Donne	PAMBULA
U15 Tube Race	Isaac Donne	PAMBULA
Under 17		
U17 Female Beach Run	Zara Hall	MORUYA
U17 Female Board	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE
U17 Female Flags	Zara Hall	MORUYA

U17 Female Ironperson	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE
U17 Female Ski	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE
U17 Female Sprint	Zara Hall	MORUYA
U17 Female Surf	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE
U17 Male Beach Run	Mitchell Beby	BROULEE
U17 Male Board	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE
U17 Male Flags	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE
U17 Male Ironperson	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE
U17 Male Ski	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE
U17 Male Sprint	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE
U17 Male Surf	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE
U17 Tube Race	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE
Team Events		
15/17 Mixed Board Relay	BROULEE	BROULEE
Junior Board Rescue	BROULEE A	BROULEE A
Masters Male Double Ski	BROULEE A	BROULEE A
Mixed Beach Sprint Relay	BATEMANS BAY A	BATEMANS BAY A
Open Female Double Ski	BROULEE B	BROULEE B
Open Female Taplin	TATHRA	TATHRA
Open Male Double Ski	BROULEE C	BROULEE C
Open Male Taplin	BROULEE A	BROULEE A
Open Mixed Board Relay	BROULEE A	BROULEE A
Open Mixed Double Ski	BROULEE A	BROULEE A
Open Mixed Taplin	BATEMANS BAY	BATEMANS BAY
U17 Cameron Relay	PAMBULA	PAMBULA
Person Of The Carnival		
Batemans Bay Carnival	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
Tathra Carnival	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
Broulee Carnival	Rachel Duczynski	BROULEE SURFERS
Age Champion		
U15 Pointscore Winner	Isaac Donne	PAMBULA
U17 Pointscore Winner	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE SURFERS
Masters Pointscore Winner	Rachel Duczynski	TATHRA
Overall Champions		
Open Male Pointscore	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE SURFERS
Open Female Pointscore	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE SURFERS
Overall Open Competitor	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE SURFERS
Jack Beale Trophy - Highest Overall Pointscore		BROULEE SURFERS



Country Championships

Event	Name	Club	Place
U9 Female Surf Race	Alani Ziegler	BROULEE	2
U10 Male Surf Race	Max Gunn	BROULEE	2
U11 Female 1km Beach Run	Philippa Latham	BATEMANS BAY	3
U11 Female Beach Flags	Harriet Martin-Dye	BROULEE	2
U11 Female Board Race	Harriet Martin-Dye	BROULEE	1
U11 Female Board Race	Elani Van Der Meulen	BROULEE	2
U12 Male 1km Beach Run	Alexander Hanrahan	BROULEE	2
U13 Female 2km Beach Run	Audrey Knobel	BROULEE	3
U13 Female Board Race	Audrey Knobel	BROULEE	3
U13 Male Ironperson	James Gunn	BROULEE	2
U14 Female 2km Beach Run	Rose Waterson	BROULEE	1
U14 Female Beach Flags	Leala Garden	BATEMANS BAY	2
U14 Female Beach Sprint	Leala Garden	BATEMANS BAY	2
U14 Female Surf Race	Alexis Carver	BROULEE	1
U17 Female Beach Flags	Zara Hall	MORUYA	1
U17 Female Beach Sprint	Zara Hall	MORUYA	1
U17 Female Single Ski	Rosie McPartland	BROULEE	3
U17 Male Beach Flags	Luke Drewsen	BROULEE	3
U17 Male Beach Sprint	Luke Drewsen	BROULEE	1
U17 Male Beach Sprint	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE	3
Open Female Beach Flags	Zara Hall	MORUYA	1
Open Female Beach Sprint	Zara Hall	MORUYA	1
Open Male Beach Flags	Luke Drewsen	BROULEE	1
Open Male Beach Sprint	Luke Drewsen	BROULEE	1
Open Male Beach Sprint	Tristan Heinemann	BROULEE	2
30-39 yrs Female Board Race	Rachel Duczynski	BROULEE	2
30-39 yrs Female Ironperson	Rachel Duczynski	BROULEE	2
30-39 yrs Female Rescue Tube Race	Rachel Duczynski	BROULEE	2
30-39 yrs Female Single Ski	Rachel Duczynski	BROULEE	3
30-39 yrs Female Surf Race	Rachel Duczynski	BROULEE	2
40-49 yrs Female Board Race	Erin Walsh	BROULEE	1
40-49 yrs Male 2Km Beach Run	Daniel Beby	BROULEE	1
40-49 yrs Male Beach Flags	Graham Martin-Dye	BROULEE	2
40-49 yrs Male Board Race	Dylan Van Der Meulen	BROULEE	3
40-49 yrs Male Rescue Tube Race	Graham Martin-Dye	BROULEE	2
40-49 yrs Male Surf Race	Graham Martin-Dye	BROULEE	3
50-59 yrs Female Surf Race	Gabriel Smith	BROULEE	3
50-59 yrs Male Beach Flags	Darren Drewsen	BROULEE	1
50-59 yrs Male Beach Sprint	Darren Drewsen	BROULEE	1
50-59 yrs Male Ironperson	Darren Browning	BROULEE	3
50-59 yrs Male Surf Race	Robert Heinemann	BROULEE	3
110-149 yrs Mixed Board Relay		BROULEE	3
110-149 yrs Mixed Single Ski Relay		BROULEE	2
110-149 yrs Mixed Surf Teams		BROULEE	3
110-149 yrs Mixed Taplin Relay		BROULEE	2
140-199 yrs Female Beach Relay		BROULEE	3
140-199 yrs Male Beach Relay		BROULEE	3
40-49 yrs Female Board Rescue		BROULEE	2
Open Female Beach Relay		BROULEE	2
Open Male Beach Relay		BROULEE	1
U15 Mixed Beach Relay		BROULEE	2
U17 Female Beach Relay		BROULEE	3
U17 Female Single Ski Relay		BROULEE	2
U17 Female Taplin Relay		BROULEE	3
U17 Male Beach Relay		BROULEE	2
U19 Female Single Ski Relay		BROULEE	3
U19 Female Taplin Relay		BROULEE	3
U8-U10 Buchanan Relay		BROULEE	3
Youth Female 2 x 1km Beach Relay		BROULEE	1





NSW State Championships

Event	Name	Club	Place
U13 Female 2km Beach Run	Kaylee Powell	Narooma	3
U11 Female Board Race	Elani Van Der Meulen	Broulee Surfers	4
U13 Male Board Rescue	James Gunn	Broulee Surfers	5
U13 Male Board Rescue	Lewis Gunn	Broulee Surfers	5
U17 Female Beach Flags	Zara Hall	Moruya	1
U17 Female Beach Sprint	Zara Hall	Moruya	5
U19 Male Surf Boat	Kadyn Macdonald	Batemans Bay	2
Reserve Grade Female Surf Boat	Donna Marie Clarke	Batemans Bay	3
Open Male Surf Boat	Timothy Jarrold	Batemans Bay	3



ASRL Championships

Event	Name	Club	Place
180yrs Female Surf Boat	Robyn Trenton	Broulee - Griffin Braves	3
Open Male Surf Boat	Timothy Jarrold	Batemans Bay - Black	1
U19 Male Surf Boat	Kayden Smith	Batemans Bay Hurricanes	1
Reserve Grade Male Surf Boat	Angus Knight	Batemans Bay Stokers	1
200yrs Female Surf Boat	Donna Marie Clarke	Batemans Bay - Banshees	1



Aussies

Event	Name	Club	Place
200yrs Female Surf Boat	Donna Marie Clarke	Batemans Bay Banshees	1
180yrs Male Surf Boat	Luke Price	Moruya - Magnums	4
U17 Female Flags	Zara Hall	Moruya	3
50-54 year's Male Flags	Darren Drewsen	Broulee	1
U14 Male Beach Flags	Liam Tague	Wollong City (Narooma)	3
U14 Male Beach Sprint	Liam Tague	Wollong City (Narooma)	3
U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Liam Tague	Wollong City (Narooma)	1
U15 Mixed Beach Relay	Leala Garden	Wollong City (Batemans Bay)	1



Our Year in Review

Emerging Volunteer Leaders Program

Volunteer Program



Twenty-three volunteers from across the state took part in the evidence-based program, developing skills in self-leadership, communication, teamwork and leading change. Participants explored their strengths and leadership potential, preparing them to step confidently into current and future roles.



Jim from Tathra, Kane from Narooma and Jenny from Broulee Surfers had the opportunity to represent the Far South Coast Branch, along with past president Tony Rettke who was asked to talk about his reflections on being a leader in his role of 15+ years - and we all know he can spin a yarn!

A great opportunity for some of our Branches developing leaders.

SLSNSW 18-15 Program

Ruby O'Leary from Tathra SLSC was lucky enough to be involved in the 18-25 Leadership Program in November 2025.

The 18-25 Program is a dynamic, hands-on experience designed to connect young adults in Surf Life Saving, expand their understanding of opportunities within the organisation, and support both personal and professional growth.

Over three high-energy days, participants have the opportunity to explore diverse pathways far beyond traditional positions and awards within Surf Life Saving.

Building lasting connections with like-minded lifesavers from across the state, it was a immersive, inspiring, and action-packed weekend.





The 2024-2025 SLSNSW Awards of Excellence was held in Sydney on August 2025.

This year we saw a near full contingent of nominations submitted from the Far South Coast Branch, all worthy winners at the Branch AOE 24-25.

Administrator of the Year - Kym O'Halloran, Pambula SLSC

Athlete of the Year - Rosie McPartland, Broulee Surfers SLSC

Club of the Year - Batemans Bay SLSC

Coach of the Year - Neil Innes, Batemans Bay SLSC

Community Education Program - Batemans Bay Surf Awareness Program

Facilitator of the Year - Tracy Innes, Batemans Bay SLSC

Innovation Award -Durras Call Out Hub, Batemans Bay SLSC

Masters Athlete of the Year - Rachel Duczynski, Tathra SLSC

Offical of the Year - Wendy Law, Broulee Surfers SLSC

Patrol Captain of the Year - Darren Browning, Broulee Surfers SLSC

Service Team of the Year - Batemans Bay Nippers Team

Support Operations Member of the Year - Anthony Bellette, Batemans Bay SLSC

Surf Lifesaver of the Year - Scott Kemmis, Broulee Surfers SLSC

Surf Sports Team of the Year - The Banshees, Batemans Bay SLSC

Trainer of the Year - Natalie Browning, Broulee Surfers SLSC

Volunteer of the Year - Garry Griffiths, Batemans Bay SLSC

Youth Athlete of the Year - Zara Hall, Moruya SLSC

Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year -Tanner Liggins, Batemans Bay SLSC

Youth Volunteer of the Year - Deakin McPartland, Broulee Surfers SLSC

Lifeguard of the Year - Ruby O'Leary, Tathra SLSC/Bega Valley

With nominations in, a large contingent of Far South Coast members attended the evening celebrating with members from all over the state. With so many nominated it was great news for two of our members, winning the state award.

A massive congratulations to Anthony Bellette from Batemans Bay SLSC, who was announced as the Surf Life Saving Support Operations Member of the Year. Anthony has been a branch duty officer for many years and was recognised for not just his efforts with our callout crews across the branch, but also his efforts in establishing a callout hub at Durras. Congrats.

Also a winner on the night was Tathra SLSC's very own Ruby O'Leary for taking out the highly prestigious Lifeguard of the Year. This award recognises her work in the Bega Valley with the paid lifeguard service over the summer period. This honour is well earned and well deserved.

The Far South Coast Branch congratulates both of you on your achievements.

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AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE
2025

WINNER

LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR



Ruby O'Leary

Bega Valley Shire Council



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AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE
2025

WINNER

SUPPORT OPERATIONS
MEMBER OF THE YEAR



Anthony Bellette

Batemans Bay SLSC

2025 Mayors Ball



This year the Eurobodalla Shire Council Mayor's Charity Ball was held, proudly standing alongside the other Surf Life Saving Clubs of the Eurobodalla to shine a spotlight on the lifesaving work our volunteers provide year-round.

The event was a wonderful celebration of community spirit, recognising the dedication of our members while helping raise much-needed funds to support vital rescue services, youth development, and beach safety programs across the region.

As volunteer-run clubs, we rely heavily on the ongoing support of our community, and we are so grateful to everyone who helps us continue keeping our beaches safe.

Thanks to this event, our four Eurobodalla surf clubs collectively raised an incredible \$17,396, which will be shared across Batemans Bay, Broulee Surfers, Moruya and Narooma SLSC.

We're proud to be part of such a strong and caring community.

On behalf of Batemans Bay SLSC, Broulee Surfers SLSC, Moruya SLSC and Narooma SLSC a huge thank you to Eurobodalla Shire Council and Mayor Mathew Hatcher for putting on a cracker of an event.



Australia Day Recognition

Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)

The late Jimmy McGrath of Pambula SLSC was honoured with a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) at the 2026 Australia Day awards, recognising his more than 50 years of life saving service to Pambula SLSC, the Far South Coast Branch and the broader community.

Jimmy is sorely missed and left his mark right across our organisation. From running our development program Wambiri for more than 30 years with his good mate Frank Davey OAM, to always lending a hand every George Bass Surf Marathon while wearing speedos, to teaching kids to drive boats, surf boats and RWCs, or lending his culinary skills as chef after patrols - always an unbelievably good feed!

An unbelievably well deserved recognition for a legend of our Branch



Moruya Citizen of the Year

Mike Hallahan who has been awarded Moruya Citizen of the Year at the Moruya Australia Day Ceremony.

Mike is as always a humble quiet achiever, very deserving of this amazing recognition. From club and branch admin, supporting construction projects at many of our clubs, to emergency call out response as a duty officer and establishing Moruya's Same Wave program, Mike's steady leadership has been such an asset to our organisation.

If not helping at the Surf Club, you can also find him volunteering at St Mary's Primary School Moruya, and Moruya High School. He provides a great service to our community through mentoring, guidance and support on all areas of stewardship.

A well deserved award for a true community member.



Same Wave Pambula



Same Wave Moruya



Junior Lifesaver of the Year

The years only seem to get better when it comes to our Junior Lifesaver of the Year Program.

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.

- Ky Nelson - Moruya SLSC
- Scarlett James - Moruya SLSC
- Harry Leach - Broulee Surfers SLSC
- Emma Dawson - Broulee Surfers SLSC
- Kyan Henderson - Batemans Bay SLSC
- Matilda Wilson - Batemans Bay SLSC
- Liam Tague - Narooma SLSC
- Philippa Shovelton - Pambula SLSC

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

- Harry Leach – Broulee Surfers Surf Life Saving Club
- Emma Dawson – Broulee Surfers Surf Life Saving Club

Thankyou to FSC President Andrew Edmunds, Life Members Bruce and Julie Frost and Vikki Marshall, who joined me on the selection panel.

Natalie Browning
Director of Member Development



Harry and Emma 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. They were also joined at the camp by Kane Doull from Narooma SLSC, who attended as a Panel member and mentor.

Developing Leaders.....

EMMA DAWSON NSW JUNIOR LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR

A passionate and effervescent lifesaver, with a bubbly personality to match, Emma is the first ever NSW Junior Lifesaver of the Year to come from Broulee Surfers and the third Far South Coast Branch winner, after Zara Hall (Moruya SLSC) in 2024 and Michelle Bouvett (Tathra SLSC) more than three decades earlier in 1993.

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

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

The panel of judges were impressed with her clear vision for involving her local community more heavily in Surf Life Saving, either as a volunteer or simply to be more beach safe.

"Patrolling on the beaches, it's so great to see the community spirit. The people is what brings me back, it's what makes us want to do what we do. We all have the same goals: saving people, progressing Surf Life Saving and keeping people involved," Emma said.

"The first emotion was absolute shock, everybody in there was worthy of this. But I'm very excited and very proud, we all had the same sort of vision, and it has just been great to work with people like that."

"It feels amazing to start a legacy now. Hopefully people can then follow in my footsteps and hopefully we have a few more winners in the future," Emma said.

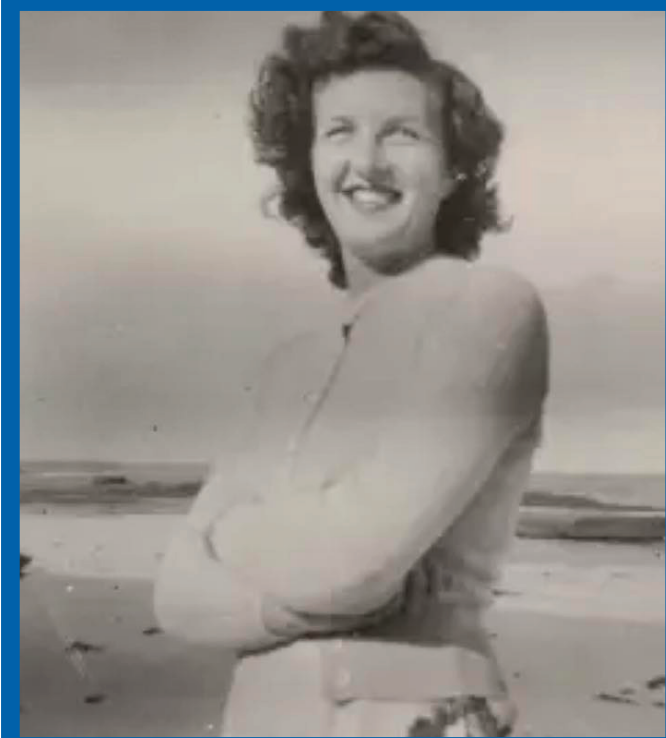
Congratulations Emma, the whole Far South Coast is so proud of you.

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NEW SOUTH WALES**

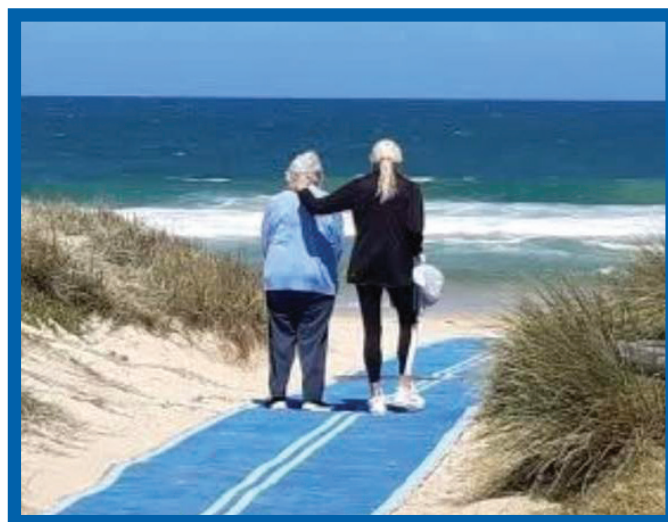


.....of the Future

VALE Myril Bunt



Myril was 95 years young, lived at home and cared for by family until a very short stay in hospital. Her happy smiling face is Myril's lasting legacy, she will be missed by many but has built a legacy that will ensure she is not forgotten in the Moruya community.



Mrs Myril Daphne Bunt. Known to all as Mrs Bunt or Myril, she was the matriarch of Moruya SLSC. Myril and Arthur moved to Moruya from Milton in 1962 where Arthur was a member of the Police Service. The family soon emmersed themselves into the local community. The Moruya Swimming and Surf Club both benefitted greatly from the complete involvement of the whole Bunt family. Children Velma, Roger (deceased) twins Loraine, Shirley and their son Greg were each outstanding swim competitors for both the swimming and our surf club.

Arthur was a bit of a workaholic at both a club and branch level for many years. Myril and Arthur were known to be towing the surf boat around the countryside in support of the club's surfboat crews and were always the first to pat the crew on the back, always with a massive smile.

Myril was the Moruya SLSC Secretary for a number of years and served in several roles at branch level. Across the 80's through the 90's and into the 2000's Myril not only had the Secretary role, she also took on anything extra to run the George Bass Surf Marathon.

The Bunt family are the only Moruya SLSC family who have contributed three life members to the club. Husband Arthur, son Greg and of course the wonderful Myril were all recognised and honoured as Life Members.

VALE Paul Morgan



Paul Morgan served as President of Bermagui SLSC for more than a decade, from 1994 through to the end of the 2004-05 season. During this time, he became a driving force behind the growth and stability of the club, dedicating countless hours to strengthening surf lifesaving in Bermagui and building a strong future for the club and its members.

One of Paul's greatest achievements was leading the fundraising and building appeal that resulted in the construction of Bermagui SLSC's current clubhouse. In the early years, the club operated from sheds, garages and the southern toilet block at Horseshoe Bay. Through Paul's determination, vision and persistence, that dream eventually became a reality — creating a permanent home for the club and future generations of lifesavers.

Paul's influence extended well beyond Bermagui. He was a passionate supporter of the Far South Coast Branch and Surf Life Saving generally, always willing to contribute, support fellow clubs and advocate for the movement. His dedication and service were recognised through Life Memberships of both Bermagui SLSC and the Far South Coast Branch — honours that reflected the immense respect he earned throughout the surf lifesaving community.

Those who worked alongside Paul remember his unwavering commitment, his strong sense of community and his willingness to take on any challenge for the betterment of surf lifesaving. Even after stepping

back from active duties due to ill health, Paul remained a constant and valued presence around the club. He continued attending presentations, welcoming new Bronze and SRC members, and supporting the lifesavers on patrol.



WINNERS

SURF SPORTS POINTSCORE AWARDS

Carnival Pointscore Champions

Batemans Bay Carnival - Tristan Heinemann (Broulee Surfers SLSC)
Tathra Carnival - Rosie McPartland (Broulee Surfers SLSC)
Broulee Surfers Carnival - Rachel Duczynski (Tathra SLSC)

Age Pointscore Champions

U15 Champion - Isaac Donne (Pambula SLSC)
U17 Champion - Tristan Heinemann (Broulee Surfers SLSC)
Masters Champion - Rachel Duczynski (Tathra SLSC)

Male Pointscore Chamion

Tristan Heinemann (Broulee Surfers SLSC)

Female Pointscore Champion

Rosie McPartland (Broulee Surfers SLSC)

Surf Sports Encouragement Award

Tristan Heinemann (Broulee Surfers SLSC)

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Julie & Bruce Frost - Male Junior Lifesaver OTY

Harry Leach (Broulee Surfers SLSC)

Julie & Bruce Frost - Female Junior Lifesaver OTY

Emma Dawson (Broulee Surfers SLSC)

Fergus Thomson Award - Youth Volunteer OTY

Charlie Johnson (Tathra SLSC)

Service Teram OTY

Bermagui Nipper Team (Bermagui SLSC)

EDUCATION AWARDS

Community Engagement OTY

Moruya Open Day & Gotcha 4 Life (Moruya SLSC)

Trainer OTY

Mike Hallahan (Moruya SLSC)

Assessor OTY

Peter Bootes (Pambula SLSC)

Facilitator OTY

Nyrie Tickell (Pambula SLSC)

Branch TAF OTY

Nyrie Tickell (Pambula SLSC)

SURF SPORTS AWARDS

Offical OTY

Anthony Griffiths (Batemans Bay SLSC)

Coach OTY

Neil Innes (Batemans Bay SLSC)

Open Athlete OTY

Zara Hall (Moruya SLSC)

Youth Athlete OTY

Rosie McPartland (Broulee Surfers SLSC)

Masters Athlete OTY

Darren Drewsen (Broulee Surfers SLSC)

Branch Athlete OTY

Rosie McPartland (Broulee Surfers SLSC)
Zara Hall (Moruya SLSC)

Surf Sports Team OTY

Narooma Nauti's (Narooma SLSC)

The Jack Beale Trophy

Broulee Surfers SLSC

LIFESAVING AWARDS

Mike Hallahan Award - Support Ops Member OTY

Anthony Bellette (Batemans Bay SLSC)

Patrol Captain OTY

Paul Hill (Moruya SLSC)

David Pheeney Award - Patrol Efficiency Club OTY

Bermagui SLSC

Youth "Rookie" Lifesaver OTY

Brandon Ford (Pambula SLSC)

Tony Rettke Award - Rescue OTY

Troy Burhop, David Eadie, Tanya Smith
(Tathra SLSC)

MAJOR AWARDS

Presidents Award

Kate Hunt (Batemans Bay SLSC)

Nick Dixon Award - Surf Life Saver OTY

Troy Burhop (Tathra SLSC)

Myril Bunt Award - Administrator OTY

Samuel Robinson (Broulee Surfers SLSC)

Club OTY

Broulee Surfers SLSC

Branch Volunteer OTY

Miep Krechting (Pambula SLSC)



FSCB 2025-2026

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE





CONGRATULATIONS

NATIONAL MEDAL

~ RECIPIENTS ~

The National Medal, a prestigious part of the Australian honours system, celebrates individuals who have shown sustained and diligent service while protecting the community during emergencies and natural disasters. This year Surf Life Saving Australia recognised 18 Far South Coast members with this honour, a testament to their longevity and commitment to Surf Life Saving.

CONGRATULATIONS

Anthony Bellette
Neil Innes
Tracey Innes
Allan Veness
Michael Hallahan
Glenn Baywater
Brendan Constable
Christopher Young
Simon Byrne
Christopher Knox
Alan Birchall
Mark Freedman
Megan Hergenhan
Andrew Johnson OAM
Patricia McCartney
Melissa Meaker
Anthony Rettke ESM
Judy Rettke

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Batemans Bay SLSC

As another incredible season comes to a close, I am once again reminded of what makes Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club so special – our people. Every rescue, every patrol, every training session, every fundraising event and every behind-the-scenes job is only possible because of the dedication of our amazing volunteers.

This season has been one of our busiest and most successful yet. We achieved what matters most, with zero drownings between the red and yellow flags, while continuing to provide a professional and reliable lifesaving service across our patrols and emergency call out area.

Our Call Out Team has once again responded to countless incidents throughout the season, often in difficult and challenging conditions. Their commitment to protecting our community, often at all hours of the day and night, is something our club should be incredibly proud of.

Community engagement remained at the heart of everything we do. Our Big Day Out over the October Long Weekend brought hundreds of locals and visitors through our doors, while our surf awareness programs, school visits, football club education sessions and water safety support at community events allowed us to educate people of all ages about beach safety. One of the highlights of the year was officially opening our kiosk after more than 15 years of planning and hard work. This achievement represents the persistence and determination of many members over many years and will continue to benefit our club well into the future.

Our Junior Activities program continued to go from strength to strength, recording a club record of 198 registered Nippers alongside an incredible 160 Surf Babies. Seeing so many young people enjoying the beach while developing lifesaving skills ensures our future is in very capable hands.

Across surf sports, our members proudly represented Batemans Bay at Branch, State and Australian Championships, bringing home numerous medals and titles. We also proudly hosted our first Senior Carnival in many years, welcomed officials representing our club across Australia and internationally, and celebrated winning the Branch March Past Shield. Behind the scenes, we continued strengthening the foundations of our club. We modernised our financial systems, maintained a strong financial position, ensured every IRB now has a spare operational motor and began the rollout of Shark Bite Kits throughout our patrol area, further enhancing community safety.

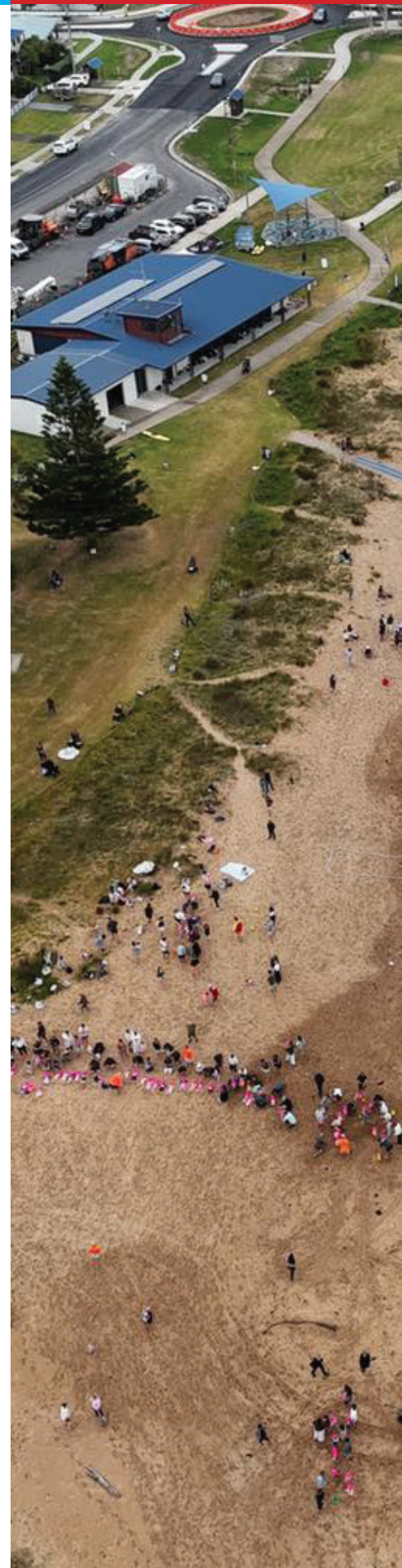
This season also saw our members recognised across the Far South Coast Branch Awards of Excellence, with Anthony “Griffo” Griffiths named Official of the Year, Neil Innes awarded Coach of the Year, Anthony Bellette recognised as Support Operations Member of the Year, and I was deeply humbled to receive the President’s Award. These awards are a reflection not only of the individuals recognised but of the culture and commitment that exists throughout our entire club.

None of these achievements happen by chance. They are the result of hundreds of volunteers contributing thousands of hours. To our patrol members, trainers, assessors, officials, coaches, age managers, committee members, duty officers, call out team, parents, supporters and families—thank you. Your willingness to give your time continues to make an enormous difference to our community.

I would also like to sincerely thank our sponsors, donors, local businesses, Eurobodalla Shire Council, Surf Life Saving Far South Coast Branch, Surf Life Saving NSW, Marine Rescue NSW, NSW Police, NSW Ambulance and all of our emergency service partners. Your ongoing support enables us to continue delivering the highest level of service to our community.

Finally, thank you to our members. It is an absolute privilege to serve as President of Batemans Bay Surf Life Saving Club. Together we continue to build a club that is welcoming, progressive, community-focused and committed to saving lives. I look forward to another successful season as we continue protecting our beaches, developing our members and serving our community with pride.

Kate Hunt
President



Broulee Surfers SLSC

The 2025/26 season has been an outstanding success for Broulee Surfers, marked by continued growth, exceptional service, and a steadfast commitment to innovation.

Through the tireless dedication of our volunteers, the club has strengthened its ability to keep our beaches safe while expanding opportunities for members of all ages to develop lifesaving skills, leadership, and community connections. Embracing new initiatives and continuously improving training, education, and member engagement, the club has enhanced both operational capability and the experience of those it serves.

It has been another excellent year for our club. Our patrollers contributed more than 6,300 patrol hours, completed 18 rescues, watched over 36,000 beachgoers, delivered 36 first aids, carried out more than 1,000 preventions, and responded to numerous call-outs across the Far South Coast and beyond. Thank you to Club Captain Scott Kemmis, Vice Club Captain Michael Chew, our patrol captains, patrollers and call-out crews for another exceptional season. A particular highlight was our Pink Patrol for International Women's Day, with more than 40 women taking to the beach together.

Our membership reached a record 917 members, a fantastic milestone. Thank you to Registrar Julianne Domeny and Jenni McCarthy for ensuring every member was welcomed and equipped with club gear.

Our bar volunteers once again delivered an incredible year, operating Friday nights, Saturday functions and Sunday Sippers while raising significant funds for the club. Thank you to Geoff Wells, Jeff Lucas and the entire bar crew. Likewise, House Captain Meg Snowball

kept the clubhouse running smoothly through countless functions, supported by Gary Thompson, Fuzzy McKay and Paul May for maintenance and repairs. Lynda McKay also did a wonderful job coordinating another successful year of social events.

Our 15th Broulee Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim was another outstanding success. Thank you to Neil and Georgina Kennedy, Gary Pettigrove, and our major sponsor Hotondo Homes through Billy Hughes-Tweedie and Lesa Lalor. The event raised more than \$20,000 for both our club and the local community and showcased exactly what our volunteers can achieve. We're already looking forward to making next year's event even bigger.

Our Nipper and Youth programs remain the benchmark across the branch, with more than 300 Nippers across Broulee and Canberra—the largest Nippers program on the Far South Coast. Thank you to our age managers, parent helpers, water safety volunteers and coordinators Bree Rosenbaum, Matt Hammond and Greg Leach. The effort behind the scenes to deliver these programs each week is enormous. A special thank you to Greg, who concludes an incredible 11 years leading our Canberra program.

The season produced a remarkable achievement when Harry Leach and Emma Dawson were selected as Far South Coast Junior Lifesavers of the Year, before Emma became the first Broulee Surfers member to be named Surf Life Saving NSW Junior Lifesaver of the Year. We couldn't be prouder of her achievement.

We also had a strong contingent attend the Wambiri Development Camp. Thank you to Sierra Chew and all the parent volunteers who made this valuable experience possible.

Our cadet program continues to thrive with 110 members aged 13–18, training across boards, skis and surf sports while representing the club with distinction. Our largest-ever Surf

Sports team finished an impressive 5th overall at the Country Championships at South West Rocks. Congratulations to all competitors, coaches, officials and water safety volunteers, led by Darren Drewsen.

Darren also added another Australian Championship gold medal to his remarkable career, while Luke Drewsen collected another impressive haul of medals. Congratulations to all our members who represented the club with distinction at state and national level.

Broulee proudly hosted several Far South Coast carnivals this season, with thanks to Rumpole and Lynda McKay for once again keeping everyone fed with their legendary BBQs.

Our Canberra Boaties also enjoyed another successful year, with the Griffin Braves winning the South Coast Boat Series and claiming bronze at the ASRL Championships, while again delivering a successful Burley Griffin Gift.

Our education team continued to build the future of the club. Thank you to Gary Pettigrove, Allan Veness, Andrew Mizzi, Jason Domeny, Andrew Edmunds and Natalie Browning, who delivered 22 Bronze Medallions, 40 Surf Rescue Certificates, 11 IRB Crew awards, two RWC awards and an incredible 951 proficiency assessments.

This season also welcomed several new committee members. Sarah Hannahran has been outstanding as Chief Training Officer, managing thousands of awards and keeping our members proficient. Sam Robinson has quickly established himself as an outstanding Treasurer, securing grants and ensuring our finances remain strong. Thank you also to Tess Snowball for keeping members informed through the weekly newsletter and Sierra Chew for stepping into the role of Publicity Officer.

To the Building Committee, thank you to Darren Browning and the team progressing our new Emergency Services Shed. We look forward to continuing to work with Eurobodalla Shire Council and our state and federal representatives to deliver this important project.

Finally, thank you to every member of our committee. The commitment shown behind the scenes is extraordinary and underpins everything we achieve both on and off the beach.

A special acknowledgement to our Executive. Gary Pettigrove has again contributed across patrols, carnivals, training, assessing, boat crews and the Building Committee. Scott Kemmis continues to ensure our lifesaving operations remain among the strongest in the branch and that our patrols are always rescue ready. Sam Robinson has embraced the Treasurer's role with enthusiasm, mastering grants and spreadsheets while learning from Lynda McKay. And to our Secretary, Andy Edmunds – your contribution at club, branch and state level is extraordinary. Thank you for your guidance, wisdom and unwavering support.

Most importantly, thank you to every volunteer who gives their time to this club. Whether you patrol, coach, officiate, teach, serve behind the bar, mow lawns, cook BBQs or simply lend a hand whenever needed, you make Broulee Surf Life Saving Club the special place it is. Together, we've had another remarkable year, and I look forward to what we can achieve together next season.

Natalie Browning
President

Broulee Surfers Club Award	Winner
Club Person of the Year	Jeff Lucas
Female Lifesaver of the Year	Bree Rosenbaum
Male Lifesaver of the Year	Matt Hammond
Female Junior Lifesaver of the Year	Emma Dawson
Male Junior Lifesaver of the Year	Harry Leach
Junior Achiever of the Year	Rosie McPartland & Tristian Heinemann
Athlete of the Year	Luke Drewsen
Young Athlete of the Year	Rosie McPartland
Surf Sport Team of the Year	Under 14 Female Board Rescue Lexi Carver & Rose Waterson
Coach of the Year	Darren Drewsen
Official of the Year	Gary Pettigrove
Trainer of the Year	Andrew Mizzi
Assessor and Facilitator of the Year	Allan Veness
Patrol Captain of the Year	Ted Pettigrove
Support Operations Member of the Year	Darren Browning
Administrator of the Year	Samuel Robinson
Services Team of the Year	Bay to Breakers Ocean Swim
Masters Athlete of the Year	Darren Drewsen

FSCB AOE - Broulee Surfers Winners	Winner
Far South Coast Club of the Year	Broulee Surfers SLSC
Administrator of the Year	Sam Robinson
Female Junior Lifesaver of the Year	Emma Dawson
Male Junior Lifesaver of the Year	Harry Leach
The Jack Beale Trophy for Highest Point Score	Broulee Surfers SLSC
Overall Athlete of the Year	Rosie McPartland
Masters Athlete of the Year	Darren Drewsen
Carnival Point Score Champions	Tristan Heinemann & Rosie McPartland
Age Point Score Champion	Tristan Heinemann
Surf Sports Overall Champions	Tristan Heinemann & Rosie McPartland
Surf Sports Best & Fairest:	Tristan Heinemann



Moruya SLSC

This season has been one of consolidation following significant changes to our Club By-Laws and operating structure. After some refinements, we are confident the new committee structure is practical, effective and will continue to serve the club well.

Once again, there were no lives lost on Moruya Beach during patrol hours, maintaining our unbroken record since the club's formation in 1932. Our Emergency Call Out Team also experienced a quieter season, reflecting safer conditions for beach users across the region.

A major milestone was the club assuming responsibility for a Branch Rescue Water Craft (RWC). Three members qualified as RWC Operators, significantly enhancing our rescue capability, particularly given the challenges of the Moruya River bar.

Our Nippers program continues to thrive under the leadership of Kimberli Eke and her volunteer team. Their focus on fun, inclusion and water safety has created an outstanding environment for young members. Throughout the season, Nippers participated in programs including Rip Ready, Sun Safety, Take 3 for the Sea, Clean Up Australia Day, Drawn to Water, flag skills workshops and an inter-club carnival with Narooma. Board training also attracted record participation, helping build confidence and surf skills. We celebrated eight graduating Nippers and nine members gaining their Surf Rescue Certificate, with several already joining active patrols. It is always rewarding to see our junior members transition into lifesaving roles and begin giving back to the community.

Our Same Wave program continues to provide life-changing surfing experiences for people of all abilities. Thanks to Mike Hallahan and his dedicated volunteers, this inclusive program remains one of the club's most valued community initiatives.



Our patrol members again delivered a safe environment across Moruya Beach, contributing 1,782 patrol hours. We had 78 active patrolling members, with every active member completing patrol hours—an outstanding achievement and a significant turnaround in participation.

Our social media platforms have become an important tool for communication, education and community engagement. With more than 5,000 followers, they help promote surf safety, showcase our volunteers and support programs including Nippers, Same Wave and community events.

Over the past three seasons, we have strengthened governance, increased participation, expanded community programs and significantly improved our financial position. This season the club achieved an almost \$60,000 turnaround from the previous year's trading, placing Moruya SLSC on a strong and sustainable footing.

This year also marks my 63rd consecutive year as a member and lifesaver. While surf lifesaving has evolved, our core purpose remains unchanged: identifying risks, keeping beachgoers safe and preventing incidents before they occur. As governance becomes more complex, we must never forget that surf clubs rely on volunteers. Their time, experience and commitment deserve recognition, support and practical leadership.

Thank you to every member, volunteer, sponsor and supporter for another successful season. The strength of Moruya Surf Life Saving Club has always been its people, and together we continue to build a club our community can be proud of.

Bert Hunt
President

Patrols and Club Activity

Narooma Surf Life Saving Club has enjoyed another strong and productive year patrolling Surf Beach. Our volunteer lifesavers have continued to demonstrate professionalism, vigilance, and commitment to community safety throughout the season. The clubhouse remains a vibrant hub for community activity. Usage of the facility has grown significantly, with multiple community groups now operating weekly programs including Yoga, Tai Chi, Table Tennis, and Pilates. This daily engagement highlights the club's role as a central community asset and strengthens our connection with the broader Narooma community.

Training and Education

The club successfully completed several Bronze Medallion courses during the season, bringing new and enthusiastic members into our patrol ranks. Additionally, all patrolling members were updated on the latest resuscitation techniques, ensuring our lifesavers remain current with best-practice lifesaving standards.

Surf Sports Achievements

Surf Boat Crew – Narooma Naughties

A fresh and energetic surf boat crew emerged this season, comprising athletes aged 15, 16, 19, and 21. Their achievements have been outstanding:
South Coast Boat Series – Under 23 Division: 1st Place
Southern Penguins Representative Crew – Under 23 Male: 2nd Place
2026 SLSNSW Regional Surf Boat Championships: 3rd Place

Their enthusiasm, commitment, and rapid development have brought great pride to Narooma SLSC.

Crew Members:
Bow: Ty Constable
Second Bow: Joel Constable
Second Stroke: Angus Patmore
Stroke: Jorge Constable
Sweep: Brendan Constable



Branch Awards of Excellence

Congratulations to our Branch Awards of Excellence nominees:
Nina Bragg
Liam Tague
Narooma Naughties Surf Boat Crew
We are proud to report that the Narooma Naughties were successful and will represent Narooma and the Far South Coast Branch at the State SLSA Awards of Excellence in Sydney in August.

Nippers Program

A sincere thank-you goes to Nina Bragg for her exceptional leadership of the Nippers Program. Nina's dedication, organisation, and tireless behind-the-scenes work—weekly sessions, carnival preparation, and even coordinating Santa's gifts—are deeply appreciated. Her contribution continues to shape the next generation of Narooma lifesavers.

Junior Athlete – Liam Tague

Junior member Liam Tague continues to excel at state and national levels. His results this season include:
Interbranch: 1st Sprints, 2nd Flags
State Championships: 1st Sprints, 4th Flags
Australian Championships (Aussies): 3rd Sprints, 3rd Flags, 1st Mixed Relay

Liam was selected for the NSW SLS Team, which placed first, and has also been chosen for the 2026/2027 NSW Pathways Academy Program, recognising his potential as a future elite athlete.



Club Awards – 2025/2026 Season

Club Person of the Year: Mat Tate
President's Award: Monica Bird
Male Life Saver of the Year: Matthew Bailey
Female Life Saver of the Year: Leanne Constable
Junior Female: Evie Bailey
Junior Male: Asher Bywater
Junior Life Saver of the Year: Liam Tague
Nipper of the Year: Layla Bailey

Search and Rescue Operations

Narooma SLSC members responded to a significant search and rescue incident at Mystery Bay following reports of a male falling from a cliff. Due to hazardous conditions and failing light, water entry was not possible; however, members conducted shoreline and cliff-top searches. The following day saw a coordinated multi-agency response involving NSW Water Police, Marine Rescue, Narooma SLSC, Bermagui SLSC, and other Far South Coast Branch assets. Narooma members contributed to ocean search operations, demonstrating strong capability and professionalism. Special acknowledgement goes to Ben Bate, who coordinated the search effort and ensured effective utilisation of Branch resources.

UAV (Drone) Operations

The club continues to expand its use of UAVs for beach surveillance. Drones have proven highly effective for monitoring swimmers, identifying marine wildlife, and engaging with the public, who frequently show interest in the technology. Their operational period has now been extended year-round due to the increased number of shark incidents across NSW. Narooma SLSC remains committed to supporting this important safety initiative.

Honours and National Recognition

This season saw several Narooma members recognised at the national level for their long-standing service and commitment to public safety.

Three members received the National Medal, acknowledging more than ten years of dedicated service to the safety and wellbeing of others:

Brendan Constable
Chris Young
Glenn Bywater

In addition, our Chief Training Officer Ben Bate was awarded a Certificate of Recognition for Ten Years in Support Operations for Surf Life Saving Australia. This honour reflects Ben's sustained contribution to operational readiness, training excellence, and emergency response capability within the Far South Coast Branch.

Conclusion

Narooma Surf Life Saving Club has experienced a year of growth, achievement, and strong community engagement. Our members continue to uphold the values of Surf Life Saving through patrol excellence, surf sports success, and community leadership. Thank you to all volunteers, supporters, and families who contribute to the ongoing success of Narooma SLSC.

Brendan O'Mahony
President



Though small in size, Bermagui SLSC is a dynamic and driven club.

Our Nippers program continues to thrive, with an enthusiastic group of new recruits and parents joining our club family. These young lifesavers are the future of our club, and there's no greater joy than seeing their smiling faces on Saturday mornings as they build confidence, learn essential skills, and embrace the surf. Whilst many of the traditional Nippers activities are retained for their time-honoured effectiveness, our 'Building resilient children in uncertain times' program introduces challenges based on Bronze Medallion rescue techniques with appropriate adaption for age, including board and tube rescues and even boogie board rescues. 'Rights of passage' challenges prepare older nippers for their SRC training, which occurs in the second half of their final season, integrated into the normal Nippers program. Context and confidence is then built through the 'Patrol Buddies' co-program, where transitioning nippers join a patrol for the afternoon, to practice their new skills.

Innovation remains at the heart of everything we do, though this is driven by demand, not desire. Drawing our membership from a population of just under 2000 people, presents limitations to recruiting as an option for expanding services and with a zone of responsibility that covers 35km, with 26 accessible beaches, we adapt with innovative programs to improve our service to community, through increased effectiveness of our volunteering commitment. New to this Patrol season, the Club Captain or a delegated club Duty Officer checked the weather forecasts and undertook a risk assessment through our Risk Informed Patrol Matrix. We were able to roster more patrollers at busier times of year and fewer personnel in the quieter shoulder periods, facilitating more effective resource allocation and alignment with our other innovation programs. Regardless of risk assessment outcomes, minimum patrols as per the agreement were undertaken with conditional scale back to surveillance available. Our intent is that scale back would only occur when completely appropriate and not be normalised.

For the 2025-26 Patrol Season, the Risk Informed Patrol Rating was introduced into our Patrol Agreement with State and subsequently, four service adjustments were made as a result of the risk assessment. Following on from extensive interest emerging from our presentation at the 2025 State Lifesaving conference, we have shared our 'Flexible Patrolling' information packs with 104 other surf clubs around Australia and New Zealand, offering ongoing mentoring and support to them, when requested.

This year we have also commenced development of the next phase of our innovative programs. Our Risk Informed Decentralised Surf Lifesaving Services model proposes an automated risk assessment process for every published Beachsafe location with a hazard rating in our area of operations. As we move forward, incorporation of data feed-ins from the Mobile phone ping database (currently with SLSA), weather data, rescue callout data, specific location data and some manual inputs, will be assessed to determine a Risk code for each location, potentially triggering assignment of an appropriate Surf Lifesaving service to that location.

Euan McKenzie
President



Tathra SLSC



I write this part of the Annual Report earlier than normal as I reflect on recent events that have brought the larger part of Tathra and surrounds together. Tathra SLSC operates under the umbrella of Surf Life Saving but would not exist without the caring volunteers and professionals within our community.

Traditional Surf Clubs have revolved around Patrols and surf sports, where ours is reliant on the support of community minded social members. They fulfill roles on the Committee, utilise the Club for healthy water-based activities and create a connection with the broader community. We certainly don't meet any State models, but I am proud of what we are and appreciate everyone's contribution.

We are fortunate to still have about 120 active members to ensure safe swimming between the flags. Outside of the Flags, additional roving Patrols were conducted on the Jetski and IRB. During outgoing tides, 2 rescues occurred at the Bega River mouth and 18 preventative actions at the river mouth, Nelsons and Bithry Inlets. Thankfully, the Safe Rock Fishing campaign may be working, with no call outs this season.

A special mention goes to David Eadie, Troy Burhop and Tanya Smith who rescued a surfer floating face down in the water. They resuscitated him than managed his suspected spinal injury until Ambulance arrived. The surfer was flown to Royal North Shore Hospital where they confirmed he had fractured his spine but as a result of great work by our first responders, still has a chance to walk again. He last sent a video of himself using a walking frame, thanking David, Troy and Tanya for saving his life. Big pats on your backs, you deserve to be very, very proud.

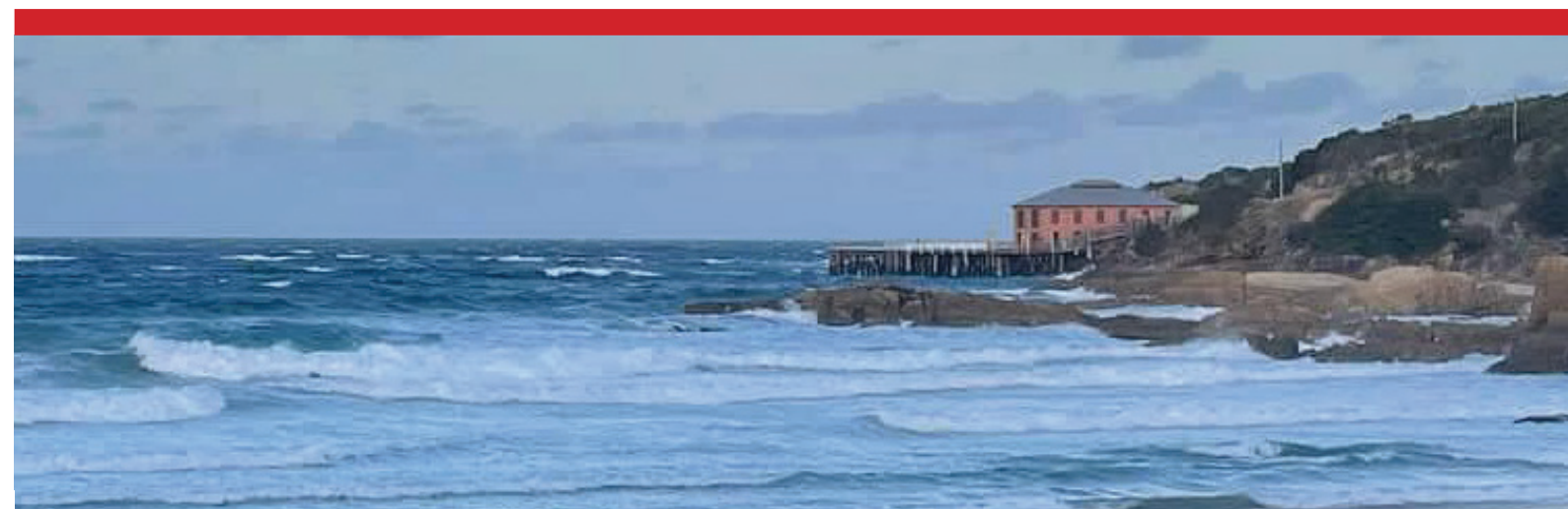
Troy and Rachel continue to run Nippers and offer training for those interested in Surf Sports. Numbers are down on previous years, but a small group attended the Carnivals and gave their best. We really need more interested parents to be involved, for Nippers to continue.

The Boaties have started training for the George Bass. Watching regular early morning session in their new boat, "The Buff" shows the enthusiasm and team work that Tathra Rowers are renowned for. Winter sessions will be a challenge, but history shows you have the commitment. Row on.....

Sharon and Jamie continue to supply the Club with skilled Bronze and SRC holders. Changes with the Run-Swim-Run and Lifesaver CPR were met with mixed opinions though Members completed their Proficiencies with the usual determined effort.

The Club doesn't exist without a committee. As mentioned earlier, our Club isn't the standard Surf Club but a group of Community minded people, doing their bit. A special thanks to our Treasurer, Wendy Bergma who has handed over the reins and taking Mark on another adventure. Wendy also collates our Annual Reports, so you won't be reading this if I don't finish soon:-) Thanks everyone.

Andy Johnson OAM
President



Pambula SLSC

I am proud to present the annual report of Pambula Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) for the 2025/2026 season. As the President of Pambula SLSC, it is my honour to be a part of such a wonderful group of hard working, dedicated volunteers whose primary role is community safety.

Lifesaving Endeavours

It has been another amazing season of service and commitment from our patrolling members at Pambula SLSC. Across the 2025/26 patrol season, our volunteers contributed a total of 2,761 patrol hours, delivering vital beach safety services to our community and visitors. As per Pambula SLSC Surfline Camera between December 2025 and April 2026 over 52,000 people visited Pambula Beach.

Our team responded to 37 preventative actions, administered First Aid 9 times and conducted 2 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.

A special thank you goes to our Emergency Call Out Team, who were tasked numerous times this season and responded professionally and with dedication. Our active membership stood at 76 members this season, a slight increase from last season. We must continue to prioritise upskilling, recruitment, and retention strategies to ensure we can continue to meet our obligations.

Pambula SLSC has so much to offer, and I am confident that, with a united effort, we can strengthen our ranks.



Education Initiatives

The 2025/26 season has been another successful year for education within the club, with members completing a range of awards and qualifications.

Award Number of Participants:	
Bronze Medallion	7
SRC to Bronze Medallion Transition	4
Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)	7
IRB Crew	7
Radio Operators Certificate	3
Advanced Resuscitation Certificate	6
Provide First Aid	12

Congratulations to all members who successfully gained awards this season. Your commitment to training and development strengthens both our club and our lifesaving capability.

A sincere thank you to our trainers, assessors, and content experts for their dedication and support throughout the year. Kerry and Gavin Granger, Peter Bootes, Nyrie Tickell, Chris Briggs, Miep Krechting and Steve Mawby all made significant contributions to our education programs. Special thanks to Nyrie Tickell and Peter Bootes for coordinating and delivering the First Aid courses.



Other Activities

Pambula Nippers Committee ran another successful Nippers season. Thanks to Lauren Moreland and her wonderful team

Same Wave also had another successful season thanks to the ever present dedication of Michele and Peter Bootes.

Gavin and Kerry completed the Beach to Bush Program, visiting Deniliquin, Hay, and Jerilderie. During the program we travelled 1,753 kilometres, visited six schools, and delivered beach safety education to 435 students. The program was very well received, and the students thoroughly enjoyed the interactive activities and displays.

Pambula SLSC Member Recognition

Awards of Excellence - FSC Branch Nominees / Winners

Surf Lifesaver of the Year: Jamie Lynn
Young Surf Lifesaver of the Year: Brandon Ford – WINNER
Volunteer of the Year: Miep Krechting - WINNER
Young Volunteer of the Year: Pip Shovelton
Trainer of the Year: Nyrie Tickell - WINNER
Assessor of the Year: Peter Bootes - WINNER
Administrator of the Year: Lauren Moreland

Congratulations to our well-deserved nominees and winners

Other Awards

Congratulations to Frank Davey awarded SLSNSW Life Membership and Andrew Holt awarded FSC Branch Life Membership

Kerry Bourke
President



Financial Statements



Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Incorporated

ABN: 24 680 373 905

Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2026

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Statement of profit or loss

For the year ended 30 June 2026

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Income		
Carnival Entry Fees	4,705	5,227
Club Capitation Fee Income	15,742	7,358
Donations	-	17,882
Entry Fees - George Bass	-	33,089
Fuel Tax Credits Received	95	681
Insurance Premium Recovered	-	1,938
Interbranch Receipts	13,591	13,227
Interest Received	4,090	3,490
SLSNSW and Government Grant Income	41,409	24,165
Social Functions	759	9,430
Sponsorship Income	5,000	7,749
Sponsorship Income - George Bass	-	60,000
Sundry Income	1,328	2,697
Wambiri Camp	2,000	1,182
Total income	88,719	188,115
Expenses		
Accounting & Bookkeeping	2,818	1,939
Advertising & Marketing	2,141	10,306
Awards, Trophies & Prizes	13,736	33,121
Call Out Crew Expenses	4,745	-
Clothing Expenses	-	24,634
Committee Remuneration	3,500	3,500
Depreciation	6,834	19,030
Equipment Expenses	625	5,812
Fuel & Oil	-	2,984
Garbage Removal - George Bass	-	1,540
Hire Of Facilities - George Bass	-	7,375
Insurance	2,625	2,932
Interbranch Expenses	31,847	24,832
Permits, Licences & Fees	100	-
Postage, Printing & Stationery	114	1,354
Repairs & Maintenance	2,450	4,777
RWC Expenses	3,995	12,879
Social Function Costs	710	11,810
Sundry Payments	-	4,910

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Statement of profit or loss
For the year ended 30 June 2026

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Trailer Expenses	1,329	3,402
Training & Education Expenses	1,494	1,425
Travel & Accommodation	162	13,129
Wambiri Camp Expenses	4,377	3,943
Website - George Bass	-	120
Total expenses	83,602	195,754
Surplus / (deficit) before income taxes	5,117	(7,639)
Income tax	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	5,117	(7,639)

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Statement of changes in equity
For the year ended 30 June 2026

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

2026	Retained earnings	Total	Total equity
	\$	\$	\$
Opening balance	187,057	187,057	187,057
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	5,117	5,117	5,117
Closing balance	192,174	192,174	192,174

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of financial position
As at 30 June 2026

	Note	2026 \$	2025 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	183,367	175,771
GST receivable		157	838
Fuel tax credits receivable		76	-
Total current assets		183,600	176,609
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	3	8,574	10,448
Total assets		192,174	187,057
Net assets		192,174	187,057
Equity			
Retained earnings		192,174	187,057

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving Association of
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Statement of cash flows
For the year ended 30 June 2026

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers	89,224	189,402
Payments to suppliers and employees	(80,758)	(182,362)
Interest received	4,090	3,490
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities	12,556	10,530
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(4,960)	(1,180)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	7,596	9,350
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	175,771	166,421
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	183,367	175,771

Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Incorporated

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 30 June 2026

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 amounts 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 makes 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 nil for charitable purposes (2025: \$17,882). This income was expended on the charitable purposes of the branch with the balance retained for fundraising activities to be held in future periods. No specific fundraising appeals were held by the association.

g. Key Management Personnel and Related Party Transactions

Key management personnel of the association comprise the members of the Committee who are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the association.

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 30 June 2026

1. Material accounting policy information (continued)

g. Key Management Personnel and Related Party Transactions (continued)

During the year, remuneration of \$3,500 (2025: \$3,500) was paid to key management personnel. Apart from this remuneration and reimbursements of substantiated out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the course of carrying out their duties, no other benefits were provided to committee members.

There were no other related party transactions during the financial year.

2. Cash and cash equivalents

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents		
Horizon Bank Term Deposit - Branch	78,136	65,831
Horizon Bank Business Savings - Branch	34,828	38,012
Horizon Bank Term Deposit - George Bass	18,422	26,644
Horizon Bank Business Savings - George Bass	51,981	45,284
Total cash and cash equivalents	183,367	175,771

3. Property, plant and equipment

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Plant and equipment		
Plant & Equipment	72,130	67,170
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(63,556)	(56,722)
Total plant and equipment	8,574	10,448

Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Incorporated

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Statement by members of the committee
For the year ended 30 June 2026

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 2009, 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 2009 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 2026 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: 31/07/2026



**Auditor's Independence Declaration to the members of
Far South Coast Branch Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Incorporated
(Non-Reporting)**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2026, 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.

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SIMON BYRNE
Partner
Registered Company Auditor #153624
MERIMBULA, 30 July 2026



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

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

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 2026, 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 statement by members of the committee.

In our opinion, 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 2026 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 Opinion

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.

Acknowledgement



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, 30 July 2026

Government Recognition

Surf Life Saving Far South Coast Branch acknowledges;

- The NSW Government, through its Emergency Services portfolio, for ongoing funding of statewide operations and programs that benefit clubs, members, and the broader community.
- The NSW Government, through the NSW Office of Sport, for ongoing support to increase participation, safety, and facility usage in Surf Life Saving, including funding provided under the Surf Club Facilities Grant Program.
- The Federal Government, for the Beach Safety Equipment Funding, which provided \$10,000 to each Surf Life Saving Club for the purchase of essential rescue equipment, first aid supplies, and medical resources.
- The Federal Government, for ongoing Vocational Education and Training (VET) funding, which strengthens training capability across the state and supports members to gain the skills and qualifications required to perform their lifesaving roles safely and confidently.



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