



*Surf Life Saving New South Wales
Mid North Coast Branch Inc.*

ANNUAL REPORTS
and
Balance Sheet
2013/2014





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2013/14

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Director of Education	Kim Rayner
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Branch Team Manager	Jodie Carroll
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Youth Camp Director	Gary Hawkins
Youth Camp Coordinator	Joanne Hawkins

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Chairperson	
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Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch comprises eight Clubs:



Macksville-Scotts Head



South West Rocks



Hat Head



Kempsey-Crescent Head



Port Macquarie



Tacking Point



Wauchope-Bonny Hills



Camden Haven

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2013-14



Rod McDonagh

The Mid North Coast Branch has continued to maintain a high standard of Life Saving Services to the public during the 2013-14 season. This has been supported by our eight Clubs providing exemplary patrols and fostering membership and education.

Our Director of Life Saving Paul Rayner has guaranteed that all patrols and our Support Services have operated at a professional level. Our Support Services crew have once again performed above and beyond the call of duty and attended an increasing number of emergency situations. Unfortunately some of these situations involved fatalities however these were at isolated locations in unfavourable conditions. It is evident that we seem to attract more “uneducated” people visiting the beach, particularly from overseas which provides additional challenges to Surf Life Saving in general.

In the competition arena we conducted several local Junior and Senior Carnivals with encouraging attendances. The Yarads Young Guns Series was a new concept with competition held over three rounds with a round in the North Coast, Lower North and Mid North Coast Branches. I am sure this Carnival will continue to grow and provide some strong rivalry among the Branches. Thanks to Camden Haven and Macksville Scott’s Head Clubs for conducting the Senior and Junior Branch Championships respectively which were held in good conditions and well organised. Several Clubs attended Country, State and Aussie Champs with some very pleasing results. Director of Surf Sports Ray McDonagh put in a huge effort to coordinate Carnivals.



Senior Branch Championships at Camden Haven SLSC

This season Junior Activities were administered mainly by the Member Services Officer and Director of Surf Sports, which was not entirely a streamlined process. Notwithstanding Junior education, competition and development was delivered to a high standard. Junior Carnivals attracted large numbers and assistance from parents was forthcoming. Junior/youth Development Camps were conducted and an enthusiastic group visited Dee Why SLSC to learn first-hand how our city cousins operate. The Young Life Saver of the Year program was carried out with some quality candidates. It was however disappointing that only a few Clubs nominated their young lifesavers. Congratulations to all who took part in the program, and hopefully we will see some great young people continue into the senior ranks. Gary Hawkins is to be commended for his enthusiasm and efforts facilitating the Member Services role, a magnificent effort.

As always the underestimated tasks involved in Administration are ongoing and needed to provide a communication stream to Clubs and members. Reporting and governance requirements are very important and Director of Administration Jo Hawkins has put in a massive effort keeping things running smoothly and I thank her for her assistance to me during the season. Our Director of Finance Mike Stevenson and Registrar Bruce Caldwell have also been diligent behind the scenes in often unnoticed tasks.

We have some exciting times ahead with the commencement of construction for a Regional Lifesaving Facility at Port Macquarie, which will enable us to provide improved service to our members and provide us with a modern home base for our administration and equipment.



Obviously we cannot survive without the assistance of Local Government, SLNSW and our local sponsors who are mentioned elsewhere in this report. Our major sponsor Newcastle Permanent Building Society have once again provided us with funding and incentives to allow us to improve our life saving capability and foster our membership, their continued support is much valued and I personally thank them for the great relationship we have.

In conclusion I wish to acknowledge our hard working Executive Committee and Deputy President Ken Wilson who stepped up in my absence during the year under some difficult circumstances. More importantly I thank all our volunteer lifesavers and the Club Office Bearers for their contribution and assistance to Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast in 2013-14.

Yours in Surf Life Saving

Rod McDonagh
President



DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION



Joanne Hawkins

The 2013/14 season has drawn to an end and before we know it another one will begin.

This season our Branch has seen high dedication recognised, new initiatives achieved and old competitions reintroduced.

Tony Hayes received an OAM in the Queen's Birthday Honour's, Bruce Caldwell received 40 years of Officiating Certificate and this season has seen Ryan Rosenbaum bestowed with numerous awards. The Member Services Team included an introduction to night operations at their youth development camp in February and also took a youth group to Dee Why for a weekend which included providing Water Safety at Sydney Wet'n'Wild Nippers. A Craft Series was run this season and the Yarad's Young Guns Series and First Aid Competition returned to our Surf Sports Calendar.

We have seen our members selected to attend Australian and State development programmes such as The National Leaders Master Class, NSW Combined Portfolio's Conference, Youth Opportunities Makers and JLOTY and also take part in the Lifesaver Exchange Program.

Another very successful Awards of Excellence and Presentation night was held at SWRSLS on 21 June. Congratulations to all our Branch and Club Members who received awards or commendations. The outstanding awards from the Mid North Coast Branch Awards of Excellence have been nominated for the NSW Awards of Excellence to be held in Sydney on the 16 August. Surf Sports Awards for the season were also presented on the night. A full list of award winners can be found further on in the report.



One of my main aims this season was to improve internal communication between our Branch and clubs. I think this has been achieved with the design and administration of a new website for our Branch. Add this also to the newly created Surf Sports and Education Face book groups, along with the Member Services FB group all of which are updated regularly and clubmail, minutes, reports and appropriate information being emailed promptly for club distribution has ensured all members are kept informed.



Surf Life Saving
Mid North Coast



The new Operations and Training Facility is now in the construction phase with an estimated completion of January 2015. Good news received last month was that SLSNSW has been successful in obtaining \$1,051,245 funding under the Club GRANTS Category 3 scheme. This is in addition to the \$1,051,243 in funding SLSNSW had already been successful in obtaining through the Australian Government's Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport Regional Development Australia Fund.

This facility will be a great opportunity for us to promote our services in education, lifesaving, emergency response and sport into the wider community.

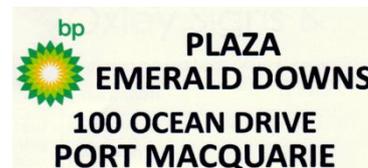


Welcome boost: SLSMNC President Rod McDonagh, Acting Premier and Oxley MP Andrew Stoner, architect David Boram, Port Macquarie MP Leslie Williams, SLSNSW President Tony Haven, and Lifesavers Ryan Rosenbaum TPSLSC, Hugh Hurkett WBHSLSC, Toni Hurkett PMSLSC and Lachlan Hawkins TPSLSC at the funding announcement.

A special thanks to our Branch Sponsors and patrons for their continued support in particular Newcastle Permanent Building Society. We must also thank, acknowledge and support our State and National sponsors and supporters.

To all the Executive and Clubs thank you for your support during the season.

Joanne Hawkins
SLS MNC Director of Administration



Director of Life Saving Annual Report 2014

Another Surf Life Saving season has passed with our eight clubs continuing to service the community. Again, Surf Lifesaving Mid North Coast can boast that we had zero drowning's between the flags this season.

To all members that patrolled our beaches to make a safe swimming environment this year I thank you all. Without you doing the hard yards our beaches would not be the safe haven that swimmers enjoy.

This year has seen one of our members obtain some of the highest accolades that can be bestowed on a Surf Lifesaver. Ryan Rosenbaum from the Tacking Point Surf Life Saving Club was named the Strammit NSW Surf Life Saver of the Year and the DHL Australian Surf Life Saver of the Year. Ryan's dedication to life saving within our branch was second to none completing patrols for his club, the branch on the RWC, performing call-out duties as a branch duty officer, branch supervisor attending to club gear inspections and patrol audits together with training and assessing for his club and the branch. Ryan also was awarded the following awards as well. The Australian Young Innovator of the Year (APCO Australasia), the NSW Most Outstanding contribution to water safety for an individual (NSW Water Safety Awards) and the Port Macquarie Hastings Council Sports Award Volunteer to Sports. Well done Ryan.



Paul Rayner

The Mid North Coast Support Operations Group continued its good work with a number of new members being trained as RWC operators and Duty Officers starting with the group. Seven new members successfully completed their RWC operator's certificate and another two members were added to the Duty Officer ranks. We now have eight very professional duty officers within the Branch who attend to after-hours call-outs and critical incidents within the branch. These members are on call 24/7 and avail themselves on a roster throughout the year. Thank you for all your hard work.

We took delivery of a new RWC for the Branch which was purchased through the BRP Grant \$4\$. This new RWC has commenced operations within the branch and will be a very useful asset.

The duty officer system within the branch attended a number of incidents throughout the year and in particular attended 4 drowning deaths. Critical incident debriefs were held for these incidents and follow ups provided.

Overall across the state, the drowning fatalities were kept to a minimum. This seasons drowning's across the state were well below the norm and again I believe that the strengthening of the support operations network now which includes all branches is working to minimise the gaps that we have in patrolling techniques.



Throughout the year members from across the branch underwent training for the New Silver Medallion Aquatic rescue course with 2 new Facilitators coming on board and a number of members being highly trained within the award, a Thank you should go out the Port Macquarie SES for the Assistance with the training course, with this in mind the night search was rolled out to Junior Lifesavers at the MNC development program with the assistance of the MNC Duty Officers.

With the official unveiling of the Fallen Lifesaver Memorial on Coogee beach on the 27th April 2014 it was a time to remind ourselves of the dedicated personnel who have fought and lost their lives for our great country, the memorial will always stand tall and look over our patrolling lifesavers at Coogee beach.

The patrol competition was conducted again through the season and a special thanks to Newcastle Permanent Building Society for again sponsoring this event. The results of this competition were
1st Place – Camden Haven SLSC
2nd Place – Hat Head SLSC
3rd Place – Port Macquarie SLSC

Congratulations on these results. It was pleasing to see the standard of the patrolling groups on the beach this season and the professionalism when members are attired in their full patrol uniform.

Some Patrol stats for this season:

Our eight surf lifesaving clubs patrolled 25,800 hours this season and performed 13,000 preventative actions together with 185 Rescues. There were also 815 First Aid incidents attended to.

Our top patrolling male member for the Branch again for the second year running was Paul Rudduck from Hat Head SLSC with an astounding 299 hours. Paul continues to rack these numbers of Patrol Hours up on a regular basis. Paul I congratulate you on such dedication to the movement.

Our top female patrolling member for the Branch was Kim Rayner with 122 hours who combined to patrol at Port Macquarie, Tacking Point and Taree Old Bar.

Whilst on Taree Old Bar SLSC, the club was placed into Administration during the season and four of our members freely gave of their time. Jan Cingleffer ex Wauchope Bonny Hills Secretary and Tasmanian National President, together with Mick Lang ex Tacking Point President and MNC Branch Director of Surf Sports were appointed as the Administrators to verse the running of the club. Unfortunately, Mick had to relinquish the role and was ably replaced by Ryan Rosenbaum who attended to the Life Saving portfolio and Kim Rayner who attended to the Education Portfolio. A special thanks to those members who assisted a club in need. Also to all the members that patrolled at Taree Old Bar throughout the season. Well done

To the eight club captains, well done. I thank you for your assistance throughout the season.

Paul Rayner
Director of Lifesaving
Mid North Coast Branch



Mid North Coast SLS 2013/14 SURF SPORTS REPORT

Results from our four major championships of the season reflect the abundance of talented athletes we have within this branch. Clubs from the Mid North Coast branch competed at all levels across a wide range of categories & following events.

Mid North Coast Age Championship

Produced very even & keenly contested competition with eight points separating first & second places in the clubs point score. Individually many stars of the future produced outstanding performances before repeating their efforts in the NSW Country & NSW SLS championships. Mid North Coast Open Championships Showed the quality of competitors especially in the U/15 yrs, U/17 yrs male /female category, plus the ladies masters, all achieved outstanding results at this carnival.

Country Championship Age, open & masters division from all Mid North Coast clubs represented, gained many medals both in the water & on the beach. With their overall strength in all categories from age to masters Tacking Point & Port Macquarie clubs achieved remarkable results coming sixth & eighth respectively in the overall point score. Results from this carnival for U8-U14 boys & girls was outstanding with all clubs in the branch enjoying success.



Ray McDonagh



N.S.W Championship

Many highlights at this event including Wauchope Bonny Hills 3rd placing in the jnr (u10-u13) 2 person R&R. Paul & Jessica Rayner 5th place in the mixed first aid competition. Along with all the Mid North Coast competitors the boat crews showed their skills & achieved outstanding results, with Kempsey Crescent Head crews strong in reserves & U/19 yrs, Wauchope Bonny Hills U/19 male crew were outstanding, Tacking Point & Macksville Scotts Head taking home medals in the masters division. Strong performances from the U/15-U/17 male /female competitors certainly made their presence felt in every event they entered with medals to show for their efforts. Competitors from four of our clubs within the branch absolutely killed them in the ladies masters category, showing all their skills in the water & on the beach, out of 25 events entered, 27 one to six placings were gained including 4 gold, 7 silver, 3 bronze. How good is that? One truly amazing performance in both country & state was achieved by Ryan Carroll from the Tacking Point club. Competing in the Country & state championships Ryan contested 11 events gaining places in all 11 events including 5 gold 5 silver & 1 bronze medal. What is more remarkable about his performances was winning the U/14 yrs ironman at both events. A true champion congratulations to him.



Within the branch various clubs conducted carnivals. The inter branch team competed in the NSW inter branch championship with mixed results. The result is not the only thing the experience of competing against the best in NSW is invaluable for their future, the team was managed by Jodie Carroll coached by Jeff Polverino. These positions are not easy task's & don't receive many pats on the back, thanks to both of you for your time & expertise.

Macksville Scotts Head was the host club for the age championships & under referee Wendy Evans control was very successful. Hosting a branch championship was a first ever for 99% of Camden Haven members, they delivered a great venue on the day with a very helpful & willing work party & their involvement in all aspects of running the carnival was outstanding. As a championship event the inclusion of a first aid competition in the branch created interest from three teams, with a paramedic & a doctor observing they were very impressed with the standard & skills the three teams displayed. We must foster events such as this for members that don't do beach & water events.



The Yarads Young Guns series concentrated on short quick carnivals with specialized events for male & female 15/17/19 yrs competitors between NC, LNC & MNC branches, it proved very successful & the concept widely accepted ,it's on again next year. Another first was the 3 round craft series once the competitors learnt the concept & different nature of racing, they appreciated how hard & beneficial the competition was. Once again they were short quick events lasting approx 2 hrs then all finished. Without clubs & their many workers & support of water safety personnel we cannot conduct competition for our members. To every club who hosted a carnival thank you for all of your hard work & your organizing expertise. To the water safety people you do a great job thank you. Carnivals just would not happen without hard working officials, these people give up their time just for the pleasure of seeing members have the chance to compete & enjoy themselves. Thank you to each & every one of you.

On the subject of officials 17 members in the branch attended junior official courses during the year.

To date three have been accredited, also two members of the branch attended & successfully completed a level two accreditation course. Some news from NSW & SISA surf sports, firstly next year the Australian Youth Championship will be conducted at Kirra Qld this event will be for U14-15 yrs male & female competitors. From NSW surf sports all surf board riding will be conducted as a standalone event most likely held in October venue T.B.A. A recommendation from NSW surf sports that there be no U/8yrs competition conducted at the state titles is still to be approved by the NSW board. Finally South West Rocks hosted the 2014 I.R.B N.S.W. championships. Their organizing & preparation was acclaimed by state president as first class. Well done SWR. It was so good to see the Port Macquarie club compete in this event, hopefully more clubs from the branch will join them next season.



*Tim Atherton Officiating @
Country Championships*

Ray McDonagh
SLS Mid North Coast Director of Surf Sports

SLS MNC Member Services and Youth Development Annual Report.



Gary Hawkins Youth & Member Services Officer

I believe that this season has been one of success and achievement within both of my portfolios. With no nominations for Branch JAC forwarded at the season start, it was deemed appropriate that both myself and Director of Surf Sports Ray McDonough attend Junior Branch meetings prior to monthly Branch meetings and advise club delegates of the season's program of events and ensured communication back to the Branch was effected. The attendance was quite good as has been in the past and the season ran quite well.

This season saw it mandatory for Age Managers to be accredited, and thanks go out to Kim Rayner for assisting me in the delivery of these courses at almost all of the Clubs up and down the coast. The Branch was host to Rowena Clarke (SLSNSW) and Doug Hawkins (Coogee SLSC) for an Age Managers course and JAC course early in the season. Their knowledge and expertise was welcomed from the participants that attended.

Throughout the season the Member Services trailer made appearances at Surf Club Open Day, North Haven Public School Fete, Wauchope Public School, and was utilised by Surf Clubs to promote Surf Lifesaving within our Branch. Bookings are being taken for this coming season, and as it is supplied by SLSNSW to be shared between Branches, it is first in best dressed for its use. Promotional material is supplied by State, and I can stock the trailer to suit your particular audience. I hope to see the Red Trailer out and about more this season.

The first of our Development Programs was held at Scotts Head in February, with 60 of our U/12 and U/13 young lifesavers in attendance. The attendees were enlightened on the JLOTY process by previous State winner Emily Davidson, discussed pathways within the movement by our present Australian SLS of the Year Ryan Rosenbaum, participated in mock rescues with boards and tubes, were taken out in IRBs and RWCs, and overturned and righted an IRB. A campfire, spotlight and plenty of time for networking made sure the weekend catered for everyone. The 6am surf swim is always a hit, with all making the trek to the beach to witness the sunrise.

At the conclusion of the camp all attendees were presented with certificates and hoodies by Bob Higham, representing Newcastle Permanent Building Society, SLSMNC Branch major sponsor. Thanks must also go out to Macksville Scotts Head SLSC for their assistance over the weekend, to the facilitators, chaperones and the master cooks. A great team effort.

The following weekend saw us back up at Scotts Head for the U/14 to U/17 Youth Program. This was the first camp in a while for this age group within our Branch, and was attended by 37 of our youth. The topics and activities were orientated towards pathways after gaining their Bronze Medallion, with all activities based on teamwork. We took part in Surf Sport team races, crewed in the IRB under the guidance of drivers and crewpersons, were given an insight of what it takes to be a RWC operator, duty officer, trainer, coach and award member. The early morning swims were popular so too was the Search and Rescue operation held on the Saturday night. Three hours in the dark looking for two manikins showed the capabilities of our youth, and more importantly showed all another pathway to keep them interested within Surf Life Saving.



Bob Higham NPBS



A new initiative for our Branch saw 19 U/14 to U/17 Youth and 5 chaperones travel to Dee Why SLSC in March for a weekend of Lifesaving activities. On the Friday night we were welcomed by the Dee Why SLSC Youth Group. Saturday morning we all patrolled Dee Why beach alongside council Lifeguards and volunteers, in the afternoon visited both Surf com bases, the State Operations Centre and visited North Palm Beach SLSC (Also known as Summer Bay). The highlight of the weekend was seeing all getting out of bed at 4.30am on the Sunday morning, showered, packed and ready to board the bus for a 6am departure. After a drive in the dark we arrived at Wet n Wild at Prospect where we all participated in water safety and assisting in Age Manager roles with the newest nipper program in the State. A great weekend was had by all.



I wish to recognise the achievements of Ryan Rosenbaum (TP) on his winning of the prestigious SLSA Life Saver of the Year Award, and 2014 Australian Young Public Safety Innovation Award. Other notable achievements by MNC Branch members were Tony Hayes (SWR) for his OAM and Paul Rayner being named Rotary Club's Emergency Services Volunteer of the Year. The hard work and dedication of the Member Services Team was recognised this season with a Highly Commended award being presented to us at the MNC Branch Awards of Excellence. I also wish the best of luck to all MNC Branch members who have been nominated for the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence, these winners will be announced in August. Throughout the season a number of our young Lifesavers attended State run programs. Stephanie Clark (TP) and Lachlan Myers (TP) represented our Branch at this years SLSNSW Junior Lifesaver of the Year camp held at Collaroy in April. At the same time Jade Horton (TP), Harry Towle (PM), Imogen Deutscher (CHaven) and Isaac Robinson (KCHead) were in attendance at the Youth Opportunities Makers workshop.



Lachlan Myers, Stephanie Clarke & Ryan Rosenbaum

In November Jess Rayner (PM), Scott Alaban (PM), Brayden Eastwell (PM) and James Burnett (MSH) attended the SLSNSW Development Networking Program. At the SLSNSW Combined Porfolio Conference in May/June Joanne Hawkins (TP and SLS MNC) attended on my behalf, whilst on the same weekend I attended the SLSA Leader's Masterclass at Mt Macedon in Victoria. The Mid North Coast was well represented at most programs run throughout the State, networking, sharing ideas, developing their leadership skills and improving their confidence and self esteem.

At the commencement of this season I was faced with many challenges, and with the support and advice from those around me, allowed me to achieve so much. I wish to acknowledge the assistance given to me from the Branch executive, members of the MNC Clubs, SLSNSW, and the tireless work of my wife Joanne (SLS MNC Director of Administration). Planning is already underway for next season's activities, and I look forward to being a part of that journey.

Yours in Surf Life Saving,
 Gary Hawkins
 SLSMNC Member Services Officer
 SLSMNC Youth Development Office

2014 SLS MNC Newcastle Permanent Development Camp(s) Coordinator

This season saw SLS MNC hold 2 successful Development Camps and a Youth trip to Dee Why SLSC.

U/12-U/13 JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT CAMP 2014

This seasons camp was again held at Scott's Head, open to all the Under 12's and 13's in our Branch on 14th, 15th, 16th February, 2014.

This year the children were under the guidance of Camp Director Gary Hawkins and facilitators and in the care of wonderful chaperones /water safety /group leaders. Ryan, Emily, James, Tim, Geoff, Peter, Warren, Steve, Michelle, Jodie, Mandy, Bron and Leanne.

As always the kids raved over the Jetski rides, flipping the IRB, enjoyed the board and tube rescues and other water activities. "The Power of Surf Lifesaving" was presented to the kids by Gary and James and Emily did a great session on Goal setting and an introduction to Junior Life Saver of the Year JLOTY. "Fashion Week Festivities" aka "Cross dressing" was as always a big hit, with the best cross dresser being hotly contested.



Jo Hawkins
Camp(s) coordinator



The weather again allowed us to have a camp fire on the Saturday night with lots of marshmallows being toasted and singing around the fire. The kids formed many new friendships over the weekend with Volleyball being a highlight in their freetime activities, no one went hungry thanks to the wonderful meals freshly prepared by Wendy and her mum Heather.

Thank you to MSH Patrol members for their early start

for us on Saturday and to Bob Higham from Newcastle Permanent for presenting the participants with their certificates, hoodies and bags on Sunday afternoon.

Thank you also to all the great kids, facilitators, chaperones and now our very own "camp Master Chefs" for another fantastic camp.

Jo Hawkins
Junior Development Camp
Coordinator



2014 U/14-U/17 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CAMP

This year saw the return to our Branch of a Youth Camp for U/14's to U/17's. It was held at Scotts Head Christian Youth Centre 21, 22, 23 February the week following our Junior Camp held at the same venue. 6 clubs were represented from within our Branch with 37 attendees. The young lifesavers were under the guidance of Camp Director Gary Hawkins and facilitators and in the care of wonderful chaperones /water safety /group leaders. Ryan, Mark, Deb, Michelle, James and Preston.



On arrival we formed them into groups for the weekend activities. Some of these being:
My Perfect Surf Club: Each group designed their perfect surf club this included club structure, equipment they would require and where to source funding.
Surf Sports Events: Team events only no individual events, to promote teamwork.
Media and Lifesaving: Discussion on how the media portrays surf lifesaving.
Reaching for the Stars: Getting

them to realise their true potential.

Pathways: Introduction to the many pathways available to them and the age that they can achieve them.

Introduction to Search and Rescue: We utilized 2 Branch Duty Officers. 2 groups were formed and a command post, they then set out to find their patient. This mission required Communication skills, Teamwork, Patient assessment and First Aid on the patient.

The night search and rescue activity proved to be the most popular. After the SAR was completed there was a debrief and many showed interest in being a Duty Officer.

Everyone was again well fed over the weekend by our very own "camp Master Chefs" Wendy and mum Heather who have now cooked up a storm for us at 4 camps.

Thank you to all the great young lifesavers, facilitators, chaperones and for a fantastic camp.

Jo Hawkins
Youth Camp Coordinator



Ryan Rosenbaum Duty Officer



Locating the patient



Command Post



Patient retrieval



**Director of Education Report
2014**



Kim Rayner

As another season draws to a close, we have seen a few changes in Education, with new awards and changes. This is an ever changing portfolio and the new season will see more changes. Well done to all Trainers, Assessors and Facilitators (TAF) for implementing and embracing these changes. As with everything we do, we learn something new every day, and Education is no different. The season commenced with our annual workshop to re-endorse all TAF for the coming season. At this workshop all clubs completed the Annual Club Audit that is a compulsory component of being part of an Registered Training Organisation. Congratulations to all clubs on all clubs scoring in excess of 85% with some clubs scoring in the high 90's. This is a testament to the hard work that our club education teams are performing. Well Done.

Currently we have 47 trainers, 29 assessors, and 10 facilitators with 12 probationary trainers and 9 probationary assessors available in the branch and a thank you for the hard work they have done in meeting the high standard required of a RTO, this team is proactively challenging themselves to improve on how we deliver courses and assessments. This season saw all Assessors upgraded at the TAF Workshop. Well done on embracing these changes. I would like to congratulate all the trainers, assessors and facilitators for the great effort they have put into educating the members of the Mid North Coast Branch this season.

We have had 155 candidates obtain their Bronze Medallion and 72 Surf Rescue Certificates, 43 IRB Crew, 20 IRB Driver, plus 329 other awards, and 2926 proficiencies this season, a huge effort from all concerned. This is a huge increase from last year, so a lot of work has gone into education this past season to ensure the highest of standards for our members.

Our Trainers have contributed in excess of 3500 hours, Assessors have contributed in excess of 400 hours for awards, 450 hours for proficiencies and Facilitators have contributed in excess of 500 hours.

CLUB	No. of Awards Senior	Proficiencies - all Awards	No of Awards Juniors
Camden Haven	38	77	43
Hat Head	35	204	51
Kempsey Crescent Head	32	168	67
Macksville Scotts Head	57	240	46
Port Macquarie	151	674	290
South West Rocks	49	345	126
Tacking Point	76	481	195
Wauchope Bonny Hills	82	386	133
TOTALS	562	2325	824

These Patrol & Long Service Awards are a huge effort. Congratulations to all these members.

Kim Rayner
Director of Education SLSMNC Branch

Registrar's Report 2013/14

This past season has been no different to any other, very, very busy. All club Training Officers and Assessors were kept on their toes with four thousand one hundred and ninety eight (4198) senior awards, senior proficiencies, JAC awards and proficiencies being carried out. This is an increase of six hundred & thirty six (636) from the previous season.

This past season 2013/2014, senior awards were up by seventy five (75) from the previous season, with a total of eight hundred and two (802) awards gained by new and existing members from the eight clubs in the Mid North Coast Branch. This is a great effort by the Training Officers from all of the clubs. There was big increase in the Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificates gained this season compared to last season, thirty two (32) Certificates were gained by members as against eleven (11) last season.

The past season saw an increase in IRB awards from the previous season. This all looks good for the coming season as Club patrols need to have a qualified Silver Medallion IRB Driver in the group. There were forty three (43) IRB Crew certificates gained along with twenty (20) Silver Medallion IRB Drive awards gained. However, there were a couple of clubs that failed to put any members through for the IRB awards. Those clubs need to be encouraged to run an IRB course during the season.

All clubs had members attend the Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management Courses that were run during the season. These courses resulted in thirty seven (37) members gaining the Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management award (old Patrol Captains award) during the season.

During the 2012 – 2013 season a number of clubs recognizing their members for their years of patrolling duties by awarding them 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 & 40 year National Patrol Service Awards. This past season 2013 – 2014 only two clubs recognized club members for their patrolling work during the season, very disappointing.

Junior Surf education awards have increased by one hundred & twenty three awards (123) from the previous season, with nine hundred and two (902) certificates being awarded to JAC members. Camden Haven SLSC had JAC members gain their surf ed awards for the first time in many years. It is great to see this small club gaining young members once again.

Branch run proficiency days were again held during the first couple of months of the season. Practically all club members completed proficiencies for all of their awards at these days. One thousand three hundred and fifty six (1356) proficiencies were completed on these days, which was an increase of three hundred and eighty eight (388) proficiencies from the previous season.

During the season two hundred and thirty nine (239) transfers were completed by Branch clubs during the season, an increase of twenty seven (7).

Once again I strongly recommend that no award courses be run during the months of May and June by clubs and Branch to allow all clubs to process their awards and finalize their annual reports and more importantly have their awards back from Surf Life Saving New South Wales in time for their Annual Presentation nights. At the time of writing this report a number of clubs still have awards sitting in Surfguard either incomplete or approved and waiting for the clubs to process the members for the various awards.

Once again I would like to offer my thanks to the Branch executive for their help during the season and especially to Ken Wilson, Deputy President, who took the reins during President Rod McDonagh illness. Ken had a number of difficult situations to deal with during this period and handled this with enthusiasm and confidence. Many thanks Ken.

Looking forward to seeing members form all clubs at the Branch meetings and on the beach next season.

Bruce Caldwell
Registrar
Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast.



Bruce Caldwell

AWARD CLUB	MSH	SWR	HH	KCH	PM	TP	WBH	CH	TOTAL	2012/ 2013	2011/ 2012
RC / BASIC RC					15	13			28	21	17
SRC/CPR	11	7	8	3	16	7	17	3	72	68	78
BRONZE MEDALLION	18	22	9	21	25	19	20	21	155	126	132
CERT II AQUATIC SAFETY	18	22	9	21	25	19	20	21	155	147	133
TOC/ BM		1							1	2	6
ASS/BM (ASSESSOR)									0		2
ARTC	3				12	6	10	1	32	11	75
ARTC/TOC					1				1		12
ASS/ARTC (ASSESSOR)									0		8
IRBC	10	9	8	1	7		1	7	43	33	30
Silver Medallion IRBD SM/IRBD	2	1	3	7		2		5	20	10	10
TOC/IRB									0		1
IRBE/EIRB (ASSESSOR)							1		1		
FAC/SFA, ASFA, AFA,	10	3			22	13	6	1	55	25	40
Silver Medallion Advanced First Aid SM/AFA					4	1	3		8	8	
ROC					13	19			32	35	59
Gold Medallion Advanced Life Saving GM/ALS						1			1		
SM/Advanced Emergency Care									0		2
25 YEAR LONG SERVICE		1			3			1	5	3	
30 YEAR LONG SERVICE									0	4	4
40 YEAR LONG SERVICE									0	3	2
50 YEAR LONG SERVICE					1	1			2	1	
60 YEAR LONG SERVICE									0	1	
5 YEAR NATIONAL PATROL Service								5	5	83	27
10 YEAR NATIONAL PATROL Service						14		3	17	27	13
15 YEAR NATIONAL PATROL Service								2	2	15	5
20 YEAR NATIONAL PATROL Service									0	11	2
25 YEAR NATIONAL PATROL Service									0	4	
30 YEAR NATIONAL PATROL Service									0	1	2
35 YEAR NATIONAL PATROL Service									0	1	
40 YEAR NATIONAL PATROL Service									0	1	2
45 YEAR NATIONAL PATROL Service									0		2
40 Year Coaching Service Certificate					1				1		
5 YEAR ASSESSING Certificate								1	1	4	4
10 YEAR ASSESSING Certificate									0	4	1
15 YEAR ASSESSING Certificate									0	2	1
20 YEAR ASSESSING Certificate									0		2
30 YEAR ASSESSING Certificate									0		2
SPM (SPINAL MANAGEMENT)		1			13	3	8		25	25	14
ASS/SPM (Assessor)									0		5
Pain Management Certificate					5	1	3		9	7	7

Provide Advanced Resuscitation					7	1			8		
Rescue Water Craft Operator RWC/OC	1	2			3	1			7		4
SM/Basic Beach Management	2	3	5	5	9	3	8	2	37	8	11
BASIC EMERGENCY CARE						11			11	8	8
Provide Advanced First Aid (PAFA)	1				1		2		4		
Surf Sports Junior Official		5							5		
Surf Coach Level 1									0	5	2
Surf Coach Level 2									0	1	
Surf Official Level 1									0	2	
Surf Official Level 2									0		
JAC Age Managers Course		13		2	11	10	7	5	48	6	29
5 Year Officiating Service Certificate									0	3	2
10 Year Officiating Service Certificate									0	1	1
20 Year Cfficiating Service Certificate									0		2
40 Year Officiating Service Certificate									0		1
TOC Units Cluster		1						1	2	2	
Surf Survival									0	3	
SM/Aquatic Rescue					3		6		9	5	
TOTAL	76	91	42	60	197	145	112	79	802		
SEASON 2012/2013	18	197	39	45	175	148	69	43		727	
SEASON 2011/2012	63	104	34	78	195	170	78	62			760

Awards closed off for Annual Report on the 30/6/2014

AWARDS FOR THE 2013/2014 SEASON TOTALLED 802, AN INCREASE OF 75.

PROFICIENCY UPDATES FOR 2013/2014 SEASON

AWARD CLUB	MSH	SWR	HH	KCH	PM	TP	WBH	CH	TOTAL	2012/2013	2011/2012
SRC/CPR	2	6	9	5	16	23			61	70	66
BM PROF	60	84	44	50	103	110	88	27	566	539	532
TOC/BM	4	3	2	1	7	9	3	2	31		27
ASS/BM PROF	5	3	2		6	5	2	2	25		20
RC Resuscitation Certificate									0	1	
TOC/RC Up Date	5	1	1		6	2	1	1	17		
ARTC Up Date	12	20	21	9	30	24			116	104	78
TOC/ARTC Up Date	3	1	2		3	2		1	12		1
ASS/ARC UP DATE									0		
ASS/ARTC UP DATE		2	1		3	4	1		11		3
IRBC UP DATE	19	30	22	15	29	29	38	5	187	97	107
SM/IRBD UP DATE	15	18	4	7	17	23	24		108	57	61
TOC/IRB UP DATE	3	1	1		4	4			13		19
ASS/IRB UP DATE	4	3			4		1		12		14
ASS/SMAEC									0		3
ROC UP DATE		2			33	6			41	4	9
GM/ALS UP DATE					1	1			2	1	3
PMC Up Date	1				3	5			9		
SPM	11	5	22	3	21	1		1	64	66	62
ASS/SPM Up Date	2	1	2		3	3	2		13		8
ASFA Up Date	10	7	4	1	2	1			25	10	4
ATV/OC Up Date		13					13		26	14	12
RWC/OC	2	2			2	2	2		10	5	10
TOC/RWC		1			2	2			5		5

ASS/RWC					1	1			2		2
FAC/RWC (FACILITATOR)									0		1
TOTAL	158	203	137	91	296	257	175	39	1356		
2012/2013 Season	100	168	114	69	184	166	119	48		968	
2011/2012 SEASON	118	183	121	89	198	192	77	69			1047
AWARD CLUB	MSH	SWR	HH	KCH	PM	TP	WBH	CH	TOTAL	2012/2013	2011/2012
Surf Play 1	10	16	3	13	44	29	19	6	140	75	104
Surf Play 2	5	10	10	8	33	26	14	6	112	115	114
SURF AWARENESS 1 (8)	9	22	9	12	45	22	23	13	155	114	147
SURF AWARENESS 2 (9)	6	15	11	9	33	16	13	10	113	109	112
SURF SAFE 1 (10)	5	15	3	6	30	13	15	10	97	110	104
SURF SAFE 2 (11)	3	15	4	7	34	19	17	15	114	97	128
SURF SMART 1 (12)	3	8	6	9	21	17	11	4	79	93	93
SURF SMART 2 (13)	5	12	5	2	24	19	21	4	92	66	88
TOTAL	46	113	51	66	264	161	133	68	902		
2012/2013 SEASON	46	118	31	69	272	167	76			779	
2011/2012 SEASON	63	111	33	65	219	218	181				890
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation	39	80	35	46	206	117	113	38	674	650	649
Junior Competition Skill Evaluation	30	63	31	25	153	87	75		464	438	537
TOTAL NUMBER OF AWARDS,UPDATES/PROFICIENCY'S & JAC AWARDS 2012/2013 = 3562											
TOTAL NUMBER OF AWARDS,UPDATES/PROFICIENCY'S & JAC AWARDS 2013/2014 = 4198											
TRANSFERS											
	MSH	SWR	HH	KCH	PM	TP	WBH	CH	TOTAL	2012/2013	2011/2012
Transfers IN	10	6	2	5	28	28	29	9	117	98	142
Transfers OUT	17	13	2	5	27	22	25	4	115	111	116
TOTAL	27	19	4	10	55	50	54	13			
Mid North Coast Duty Officers									1	2	7
Mid North Coast Support Operations	1	2			3				6	1	4
Total Number of Transfers =									239		
Total Transfers 2012 - 2013	23	14	6	7	51	54	38	16		212	
Total Transfers 2011 - 2012	36	32	4	19	52	62	40	13			258

Branch Statistics

Category	Total	Male	Female
Probationary	79	40	39
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	961	518	443
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	122	67	55
Active (15-18 yrs)	126	76	50
Active (18yrs and over)	568	394	174
Award Member	19	7	12
Reserve Active	11	5	6
Long Service	52	46	6
Past Active	4	3	1
Associate	645	276	369
Life Member	59	53	6
General	94	38	56
Honorary	2	2	0
Total Members	2742	1525	1217

Total Patrol Hours	
Mid North Coast Branch	27236.75
Camden Haven	1784.00
Hat Head	2329.25
Kempsey Crescent Head	2,512.75
Macksville-Scotts Head	2304.75
Mid North Coast Branch - Duty Officers	0.00
Mid North Coast Branch Support Operations Group	82.50
MNC - Support Ski 1 (SW Rocks)	0.00
MNC - Support Ski 2	0.00
Port Macquarie	5048.75
South West Rocks	3809.50
Tacking Point	4454.25
Wauchope Bonny Hills	4911.00

Leading Female Patrol Members	
	Hours
1. Kim Rayner PM	122.50
2. Marie-Louise O'Neill WBH	120.50
3. Elaine Walker WBH	94
4. Jessica Rayner PM	90.3
5. Michelle Kirkwood WBH	87

Leading Male Patrol Members	
	Hours
1. Paul Ruddock HH	299
2. Brayden Eastwell PM	262.8
3. Andrew Fraser TP	149.3
4. Dean Taylor PM	136.50
5. Jedd Goggin WBH	136.30

SLS Mid North Coast ACTIONS SUMMARY			
CLUB	PREVENTATIVE Actions	RESCUES	FIRST AID
Macksville Scotts Head	233	4	31
South West Rocks	3021	19	21
Hat Head	10	3	20
Kempsey Crescent Head	59	8	55
Port Macquarie	5651	58	68
Tacking Point	500	19	14
Wauchope Bonny Hills	646	7	7
Camden Haven	226	6	9
RWC Group	85	4	0
TOTAL	10431	128	225

2013-14 SLS MNC Awards of Excellence



Prizes & Trophies



SWR SLSC



Club Prizes



Ray McDonagh & Bruce Caldwell



MC Tony Hayes OAM



Rod McDonagh President SLSMNC



***SLSNSW Deputy President
Kerry Clancy***



Club Prizes



***Lachlan Myers, Stephanie Clarke
& Ryan Rosenbaum***



First Aid Competition winners and place getters



Chalkie Bob Smith

SLS MNC Awards of Excellence

Junior Branch March Past Championship Shield

Tacking Point

Junior Branch Handicap Pointscore Shield

Port Macquarie

Junior Branch Point Score Shield

Tacking Point

Finalists Junior Life Saver of the Year

PM

PM

Stephanie Clarke

TP

Lachlan Myers

TP

WBH

WBH

Female JLOTY Stephanie Clarke

Male JLOTY Lachlan Myers



Gary Hawkins, Stephanie Clarke & Lachlan Myers

Junior Special Presentation

Thanks to NPBS for their ongoing sponsorship with Junior and Youth Development



Gary Hawkins & Jose Ustariz NPBS



Junior Development Camp

Junior Age Champions 2013/14 Season

Age Group	Male	Female
U/8	R VANDOROS TP	OLIVIA OAKSHOTT PM
U/9	TAHJ THROWER TP	FLEUR SHERLOCK PM
U/10	JESSIE HYATT & PM JADEN ROSSITER PM	MIA BALES & WBHALANI COCKSHUTT PM
U/11	CHRISTOPHER BROOMBY TP	SARAH STEWART WBH
U/12	RYAN HORTON TP	TAYLA MAYBON SWR
U/13	MAX MILLIGAN TP	JESSIE CARROLL TP
U/14	LACHLAN MYERS TP	JACINTA MCEVOY PM



Olivia Oakeshott U/8 Pm



Tahj Thrower U/9 TP



Fleur Sherlock U/9 PM



Jessie Hyatt U/10 PM



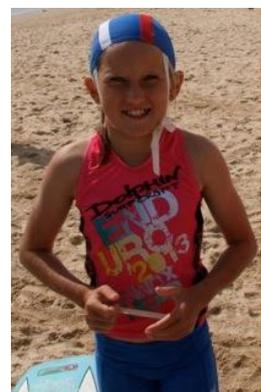
Jaden Rossiter U/10 PM



Mia Bales U/10 WBH



Alani Cockshutt U/10 PM



Sarah Stewart U/11 WBH



Tayla Maybon U/12 SWR



Max Milligan U/13 TP



Lachlan Myers U/14 TP



Jacinta McEvoy U/14 PM

SLSMNC BRANCH CHAMPIONS & SURF SPORTS AWARDS 2013/14 SEASON



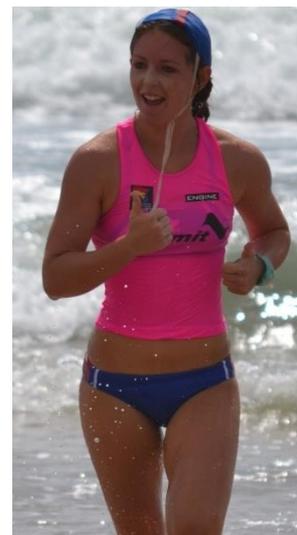
U/15 Champion Lachlan Hawkins TP



U/15 Champions Toni Hurkett PM & Sam Broomby TP



U/17 Champions Troy Wilkinson & Jason Sargeant WBH



U/17 Champion Brooke Gallagher WBH



U/19 Champion Joe Wright PM 30-39 Alex Stapleton PM



30-39 Rebecca Watts PM



40-49 Andrew Draper MSH



40-49 & OPEN Cath O'Donnell MSH



OPEN Ryan Rosenbaum TP



50-59 Jeff Polverion PM



50-59 Amanda Higerson TP



60-69 Hugh McKay PM



**Jason Northey Open Ironman
Hugh Hurkett WBH**



**Outstanding Competitive Performance
Jason Sargeant WBH**



MNC Craft Series Round 1 MSH



MNC Craft Series Round 2 WBH

Tony Hayes Shield Branch Point Score Champions 2013/14

1st	Wauchope Bonny Hills
2nd	Port Macquarie
3rd	Tacking Point
4th	Macksville Scotts Head
5th	South West Rocks
6th	Camden Haven

**Bill Balkin Memorial Shield
Kempsey Crescent Head**



SLS MNC AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2013/14 MAJOR AWARDS

Young Life Saver of the Year

Jess Rayner PM



Young Athlete of the Year

Lachlan Hawkins TP



Athlete of the Year

Troy Wikinison WBH



Masters Athlete of the Year

Raelene Myers TP



Rookie of the Year

Geraldine Clarke WBH



Coach of the Year

David Rickwood TP



Administrator of the Year
Joanne Hawkins TP/SLSMNC



Assessor of the Year
Chris Stewart MSH



Facilitator of the Year
Paul Rayner PM



Official of the Year
Ray McDonagh SWR



Trainer of the Year
Amanda Higginson TP



Club of the Year
MSHSLSC



Team of the Year

MNC Support Operations

High Commendation
Member Service's Team



Volunteer of the Year

Gary Hawkins TP

Female Life Saver of the Year

Michelle Kirkwood WBH



Male Life Saver of the Year

High Commendation
Preston Wilson WBH

Barry Clow MSH



Tom Saul Memorial Trophy – Branch Patrol Championship



Camden Haven 1st



Hat Head 2nd



Port Macquarie



Ken Wilson & Jess Rayner



Kerry Clancy & Ray McDonagh



Gary Hawkins & Rod McDonagh



Paul Rayner & Jose Ustariz



Raelene Myers & John Vipond



Lachlan Hawkins & Councillor Betty Green



Chris Stewart & Glen O'Brien



Max Waters & Joanne Hawkins



Geraldine Clarke & Tony Hayes



Michelle Kirkwood

2014 SLS MNC Lifesaver of the Year



Girls just wanna have fun!!!!

Joanne Hawkins, Michelle Kirkwood & Leanne Goggin



Interbranch 2013

The Interbranch championships for 2013 were held at Soldiers Beach on the Central Coast on the 14th & 15th December 2013. Team captains for this year were Jo Wright and Mollie Carroll and both were exceptional leaders for the team and they even came up with a team chant. With very tricky surf conditions and a strong southerly wind competitors were tested both in the water and on the beach. Ryan Carroll secured 2nd place in both the U/14 Ironman and the U/14 Board as well as a 4th in the U/14 swim. Jessie Carroll was very unlucky not to have placed in the U/13 Board after leading the race the whole way only to place 4th after a party wave brought all the other competitors forward. She also placed 5th in the U/13 Ironwoman. Samantha Broomby placed 5th in the U/15 Board and our new young guns Ryan Horton & Finn Askew managed a 2nd place in the U/12 Board Rescue. On the beach Jo Wright managed an outstanding performance to place 4th in both U/19 sprint and U/19 flags. Everyone competed very well this weekend considering the conditions and it was a great opportunity for some team bonding. As always the behaviour of the team was outstanding and they should be congratulated on their good sportsmanship and effort over the weekend. Many thanks must go to the hard working management and coaching staff who worked tirelessly to ensure all competitors had a fantastic experience at this level of competition. They include: Coach: Jeff Polverino Assistant Coach: Richard Broomby Assistant Manager: Deb Hurkett Chaperones: Shannon Askew, Jason Carroll & Broni Horton The next Interbranch Championships will be held at Catherine Hill Bay SLSC.



Yours in surf life saving,
Jodie Carroll
Mid North Coast Interbranch Team Manager

Interbranch overall point score

- 1 Sydney 1337.5
- 2 Sydney Northern Beaches 1315.5
- 3 Central Coast 1244
- 4 Hunter 1193.5
- 5 Far North Coast 1052
- 6 Illawarra 938
- 7 South Coast 737
- 8 North Coast 670.5
- 9 Mid North Coast 437.5
- 10 Lower North Coast 326
- 11 Far South Coast 262.5

Macksville-Scotts Head SLSC – President’s Report



We come to the end of another season and I am proud to again report that we can repeat our mantra, that is “no lives lost while on patrol”. It is important to reflect on this, and to remember that indeed our core goal is the preservation of life in the aquatic environment.

The Surf Life Saving 2020 framework, developed by Surf Life Saving Australia, defines the strategic directions for the entire movement. It reminds us that we exist to save lives, create great Australians and build better communities. It also reminds us that we are a can do movement. We can strive to do better. We can try, and fail, and try again. We are united in our goal and we are determined to achieve it.

The 2013-14 season has been one of “moving forward”. Our Executive changed somewhat, with James Burnett as Secretary and Chris Stewart returning as Chief Instructor joining Treasurer Chris Bell, Club Captain Peter McNally and myself as President making up the Executive Committee.

Our club and members were deservedly recognised at the 2013-14 Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Awards of Excellence, with the club being awarded Club of the Year, Club Vice Captain Barry Clow named Male Lifesaver of the Year, Chris Stewart awarded Assessor of the Year and the club also receiving an award for most improved delivery of education awards.

The remarkable effort of Colleen Henry saw the club receive funding for the clubhouse renovations, which will include a craft storage area, security improvements, disabled access toilet and refurbishment of the upstairs area into a Members Area and Training/Meeting Room. These improvements are necessary with the club’s goal to increase facilities hiring for functions through our new partnership with Pam Halam at Mid North Coast Realty.

Our Senior Club Person of the Year this season went to Club Captain Peter McNally for his mammoth effort in coordinating the club’s operations. Not only does Peter manage all the patrol operations but he is also a Support Jetski Operator for Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast. Fittingly, Club Vice Captain Barry Clow was named Runner Up Senior Club Person of the Year and Patrol Member of the Year for the work he has put into frontline patrolling, repairing of club equipment and as Facilities Coordinator.

We again hosted the Scotts Head Carnival Weekend in November and the Craft Weekend in June. Both are important fundraisers for our Club and continue to grow in size and success. Competitors come from across the State to row, paddle or swim and we pride the success of these weekends on the social atmosphere of competition.



The club resolved to adopt a new Constitution at a Special General Meeting in May. This was meticulously drafted by Secretary James Burnett and it provides a modern and much-needed replacement to our current Constitution. This has included a significant restructure of the Management Committee into a focus on our core activities of lifesaving, education, surf sports and member development, along with our administration portfolios.

Our competition teams have performed remarkably this year, with our small contingent dominating the Open/Masters Branch Championships at Camden Haven. Our Boaties came home from States with a 2nd and 3rd in the 260 Years and 220 Years respectively, and returned from Aussies in Scarborough (WA) with a 2nd in the 220 Years and 3rd in the 260 Years. Congratulations to Keith McKay (Mooki) and his crews.



The Club's Training Officers have been very busy this season, putting three Surf Rescue Certificate / Bronze Medallion squads through their paces, plus IBR and ART Squads. A big thank you to Chief Instructor Chris Stewart and Training Officers Bill Richardson, James Burnett and Lyle Holmes (SWR), and to our Assessors and other clubs.

I must take the time to thank outgoing Junior President David Brunson for his sustained effort over many years at the head of the Junior Activities Committee. Bruno is well-respected in the Club and across the Branch for his work and we congratulate him for his efforts. The hosting of the Junior Branch Championships again went off like clockwork, with many comments surrounding the carnival's success. We are looking forward to Bruno refocussing his energy and skills as a mentor for our cadet lifesavers.

In closing I would like to thank all Members for a great season and encourage everyone to think about how they can make their surf club a better place.

JASON O'DONNELL



South West Rocks Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

MID NORTH COAST BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT

The 2013-14 Season proved again that the South West Rocks SLSC functioned well in all aspects of Surf Life Saving operations and providing facilities for our members and guests.

The year commenced with an information evening for the Nippers on September 12, 2013. This was a great night for all Nippers and their parents with our JAC delivering a fantastic presentation on what the Nippers are all about, particularly not only to the little under 6's but new family's to the town, this evening would see a growing number of new and old Nippers preparing for the amazing season ahead. This was followed up by the South West Rocks Surf Life Saving Club Open day on September 29, 2013 with a great number of volunteer's helping out but a huge thanks to all for taking on the enormous task of organising this awesome day with a huge attendance from our community.



Membership remained constant allowing our patrols to operate efficiently and fortunately no major incidents took place. All patrolling members should be congratulated on their efforts and the professional job carried out during the season. It would be remiss not to mention our call out teams, Jet Ski operators and Duty Officers who responded to out of hours and out of area emergency situations. Unfortunately one fatality was recorded near Stuarts Point with our response first class, regardless, nothing would have changed the ominous outcome. Well done to our Director of Life Saving and Patrol Officer for their commitment to maintaining our life saving duties.



I would also like to acknowledge and congratulate all of our volunteers who helped out with Macleay River Festival, the Trial Bay Triathlon, the Newcastle Permanent Junior Development Camp, the Yarrads Young Gun Carnival, the Branch Carnival, the Inter Branch Carnival. These events would not be possible if it weren't for the commitment from Age Managers, Water Safety and Officials. The Stramit NSW Country Titles at Mollmook were very well represented with 14 plus Nippers with fabulous results, 5 of them receiving medals and the Men's Boaties going hard and coming out with a Silver Medal.

I would especially like to congratulate our Nippers and parents who attended and competed in the NSW Junior Surf Life Saving Titles at Umina under very poor conditions, I believe it was raining and very cold down there, so well done for sticking it out.

The business operations of the Club are constantly increasing and it is an enormous task. Notwithstanding we have been able to address the challenges and not lose sight of our core functions carried out by the Management Committee. Once again our team has delivered a great community service, maintained healthy nippers, competition, administration and education. I believe our equipment is up to date which allows us to operate at full capacity, some of our patrolling assets are ageing and we will need to consider a replacement program in the coming season.

Obviously we need ongoing training and education for awards to carry out the various roles in the organisation. The education field is very skilled and the quality of our training is reflected in the outstanding people who have gained awards. I consider the Education role one of the most intense parts of surf life saving these days, congratulations to those who committed to complete training courses, and of course, thank you for a job well done by all of the Training Officers for the time and effort they have devoted to facilitating this past season.

We elected a new Life Member early in the season and I am sure all agree with this prestigious honour going to Mick Adams.

Last but certainly not least congratulations to Tony Silvia for gaining his 25year service to Surf Life Saving, and our own Life Member-Life Governor TONY HAYES for his Order of Australia Medal, I am sure all would agree Tony 'Hayesy' Hayes is a very worthy and humble recipient who is very well know in the surf Life Saving movement at all levels.

On behalf of the South west Rocks Surf Life Saving Club our sincere thanks goes out to the Mid North Coast Branch, your continuous support is paramount to the day to day running of our club. Our thanks also to our supporters Surf Life saving NSW (and the State wide sponsors) Newcastle Permanent, SWR Chamber of Commerce, SWR Rotary, Kempsey Shire Council and the numerous local donors.

Yours in Surf Life Saving

Cassie Halverson
Director of Administration
South West Rocks Surf Life Saving Club





HAT HEAD SLSC PRESIDENT REPORT 2013/2014 Season

We have had a very safe and successful year again without having to do many rescues. This year was our lowest number of rescues for many years. A big thanks must go to our patrolling members who didn't let anyone down doing a lot of hours, as we have only five patrols, which means we are on the beach more often.

Thank you to all the hard working committee who have put in many hours during the season, without these members the club would not operate.

The clubhouse needs renovations so we have been applying for grants to complete the work. We have a builder to do the work, all we need is the money (\$490,000) to do the job.

This season our nipper numbers increased considerably, meaning that Sundays were very busy. A big thanks must go to all age managers and parents who did water safety every Sunday and the others who look after the BBQ after nippers finish. Although not many of our nippers are competitive, the ones that have been this have been very successful on the beach and in the water. They all enjoy the fun and competition every Sunday at the beach.



This year we successfully put through our bronze and src squads early on in the season, therefore these members were able to join patrol teams this year giving us more members on the beach.

We held our presentation night on the 3rd May at the surf club and it was a great success. The dress theme was black & white so most members went to great lengths to be way out there with their outfits. One of our members brought his disco, so after dinner, awards and speeches everyone got up on the dance floor and had a great time.



Junior Male (Braiden Daniels) and Female (Grace Gorman) Pointscore



Junior Clubperson 2014 Braiden Daniels.

Our AGM is on the 4th August 2014 at The Heritage Hotel in Gladstone.

Thank you also to Woodside for the cover provided for us to shelter under during surf carnivals and nipper days on the beach.

Also thank you to Telstra and DHL for the uniforms provided, without these we would not have the protection we receive from these on the beach.

Ken Parish
President Hat Head SLSC.



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KEMPSEY CRESCENT HEAD SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB Inc

President's Report for 2013-2014



The 2013/14 surf club season was a very exciting one for the Kempsey Crescent Head SLSC. The Hon. Rob Oakshott, then local MP, was successful in helping the club gain \$2.2M in the Federal Budget toward the demolition and rebuild of our Surf Club. We were successful in a further \$ 51K from the Community Building Partnership Fund and \$305K from the NSW SLS club grants scheme. Along with club funds, we should see the demolition of the existing building start in August and new building commencing shortly after. The club has engaged Neeson Mercutt Architects, from Sydney to design the new clubhouse with it currently out

to tender. Next season will be a tough one, working out of shipping containers, but the following will be very exciting and hopefully work as a great recruitment tool.

On the lifesaving front we had a number of new bronze medallion awardees, who joined our patrolling banks to help keep Killick beach safe. Our 6 patrols did a fantastic job, aided by relatively calm conditions, allowed the club to go through the season incident free. I would like to sincerely thank the other 5 Patrol Captains, Greg Kings, Dave Bartlett, Mick Conomos, Adam Clay and Brad Booth for their professional job throughout the season. Thanks also to all patrolling members.

I would also like to thank the committee for their tireless work, especially with the design and paperwork surrounding the new development. As is customary over the past few seasons I would like to single out both Robyn and Maurie Fuller, who do the lion's share of the work and honestly I believe the club would struggle to exist without them. From the bottom of my heart thank you. Evelyn Jacobs also deserves a special mention; Evelyn carries out a tremendous amount of fundraising for the club. She gained life membership from the club for her efforts and featured on the NSW SLS website as part of volunteer week. Lastly, I would like to thank new comer Steve Pellen who was instrumental in preparing and submitting the grant application paperwork.

Our Nippers continued to have strong numbers and were again led by the tireless Shelly McLean. The sea of Blue rashies on the beach, followed by the procession of pink when they took to the water, is always great to see on a Sunday. They are learning valuable skills whilst participating in a healthy sport/lifestyle and are the future of our club.

On the competitive front our boat crews continued their success. We had 6 crews compete in the North Coast Boat Series where we took out the club championship as well as the Open Boat and Open Female Boat, a feat that the club has not done previously. Our "200's" crew of Frank Evill, Dave Bartlett, Gavin Burke and Mick Conomos made finals at the ASRL Open and State. Our "A" crew made the major semi at Manly (rowing reserves) and the minor semi-final at state. Our "junior" crew made the semis at the ASRL Open and quarters at state, again some of our best ever results. The most pleasing aspect of the boating fraternity is when you take into consideration the families wives and girlfriends that are involved through the rowers also, make up ¾ of our patrolling members.

In closing I would like to thank all members, friends and supporters of the Kempsey Crescent Head SLSC for another successful season. With exciting times ahead I look forward to next season and hope to see you all back on the beach.

Yours in lifesaving
Scott Edwards
President KCHSLC Inc.





PMSLSC Annual Report for 2013-2014

It has been a great season for Port Macquarie Surf Life Saving Club. The season began with a change in committee, seeing Rick Rolff at the helm. With a positive attitude and a committed team around him the club set about making some changes. It was great to see everyone jumping in and doing their bit to share the work load.

Cameron McKee and Dean Taylor set about restructuring the patrols and arranging more IRB drivers to be trained to enable more patrols to be rostered. The patrolling members were engaged and consulted and this provided more efficient patrols at Flynn's. This also encouraged members to gain more awards to boost the strength of each patrol. This in turn showed a great year for our training.

Paul Rayner took over as Chief Training Officer and created a 'super bronze' squad. This enabled the participants to undertake the Bronze Medallion Course or SRC course and add on a number of other awards as they went along. Some members were awarded up to six awards at the completion of this course being Bronze Medallion, Radio Operators, Advanced Resuscitation Techniques, Spinal Management, Apply First Aid (Senior First Aid) and some even went on to complete their IRB Crewman's award. Although this course was very time intensive, it was very rewarding to be able to put members on the beach with multiple awards. This will only improve the patrol strengths on the beach already.

Competition

Competition at Port Macquarie is growing in strength with more training options available to members. Winter training has proven very popular this year in readiness for a great start to 2014 season. The touring trip to Mollymook proved a success with a 9th overall placing. Port Macquarie fielded competitors across the 3 days in Juniors, Seniors and boats.

State was lesser in numbers, however there were some good results. The branch championships showed Port Macquarie field great numbers and some great results to match. Huge thanks To Cam McKee for rallying the troops.



The girls surf boats had a good season, while still learning the ropes. Their boat handling skills were the standout improvement, allowing for a dry year for sweep, president Rick. The boys and girls in the IRB competition showed enormous commitment in training and competition this season. Well done to Nick George and his team.

We also had great numbers at our club champs with some tight tussles, particularly in the over 40 men.

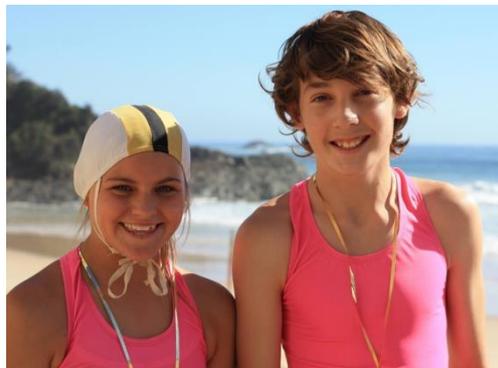
PMSLSC Nippers

What a great season the junior activities members have had in 2013-2014. Looking back, the year has been filled with laughter, colour and movement. The requirement for pink rashies to be worn when participating in water activities certainly adds a new dimension to our Sunday mornings.

The season got off to a great start with lots of families turning out to register their kids. Registration numbers eventually peaked at a record 302 nippers by season's end.

The club continued to improve our competitive performances at the all-important branch carnivals. We certainly closed the gap with our cross-town rivals -Tacking Point - who have dominated us in competition for a number of years now. At the season-ending branch championships we fell agonisingly short of reclaiming the title. But our performance did see us claim the Branch Handicap Point score award which is an amazing result! Congratulations and well done to all those nippers who contributed to this achievement.

The club is particularly proud of the Junior Life Saver participants this season. Every U14 in the club and went through the program, with the eventual being Emily Towle and Luke Milligan (pictured).



of the Year
applied
winners

Club Involvement



The club has had many activities on throughout the season showing great involvement by members. From BBQ's to market stalls to the bucket drive at the Donut, its fantastic to see members of all ages helping the club raise funds. The Westport Carols by Candlelight was a huge success for the club and a lot of fun for all members who took part in running the BBQ.

Club members at Coles BBQ.

Club Awards

Rookie of the year

President's Award

U/15 Club Person

U/17 Club Person

Club Person of the Year

Kylie Rosenbaum

Dione Edwards

Toni Hurkett

Blake Studders

Cameron McKee

Here's to a bigger and better 2014!

Rick Rolff

President PMSLSC

President's Report Tacking Point S.L.S.C

The 2013/2014 seasons was one of success, achievements and change at Tacking Point SLSC. The Annual General Meeting in August 2013 saw a new President elected when Patrick Staunton took over the reins from the outgoing President, Richard Broomby. Joining Patrick was a new Director of Administration, Christine Lesmond and a new Director of Finance, Tina Woodward. Completing the set of new arrivals was Grant Dezius as the new Director of Life Saving.

Filling the remaining seats on the Board of Directors are long time stalwarts, Mick Lang as Director of Surf Sports and Vice President, Amanda Higgerson as Director of Education and Tim Atherton as Director of Junior Development. Staying on as registrar was Hamish Black and back again as half of the Grant Committee (Tim Atherton the other half) was Warren (Wayne) Mason.

Other office bearers include Mark Lesmond as IRB Captain, Andrew Birch as Radio Captain, Damien Bennie as Boat Captain and Jason Bryant as First Aid Officer. As is always the case, these are just the people that have an official title to go with the hours they give the club and doesn't included the army of unsung volunteers that help with the daily running of the club.

In our core business of life saving 2013/2014 season was another great success with no drowning's on what is some times a less than user-friendly beach.

The statistics for the 2013/2014 season

☐	Rostered patrol hours (fulfilled)	3670
☐	Substitute hours	476
☐	Voluntary hours	210

Rescues

	IRB	13
	Tube	2
	Board	4
	Total Rescues	19

First Aid

☐	Spinals	2
☐	Fractures	1
☐	Minor first aid	4
☐	Other first aid	7
☐	Lost children	3
☐	Preventative actions	496
*	Shark alarms	1

This year's great achievement in water safety was a huge endorsement of the quality and dedication of the Life Savers that patrol Lighthouse Beach.

The past season has been another fantastic year on the competition front right across the club, from the tiny little nippers right up to the more senior members of the club. Our junior and cadet members had a stellar year with terrific results achieved by all our competitors including, but not restricted to, Lachlan Hawkins, Ryan Carroll, Samantha Broomby and Hunter Leishman. Many long hours of training goes into these successes with the tutelage of the current Mid North Coast Branch, Coach of the Year, David Rickwood.

The Boomsticks, the open Female surfboat crew also enjoyed an outstanding season with Kevin Owers (KO) as their sweep. The girls received an invitation to compete in the Ocean Thunder Pro Surf Boat Series. The girls and KO did the club proud and 'punched well above their weight' with very respectable results in all rounds. KO and the ladies ran untold raffles at the club on Sunday afternoons to raise much needed funds and were helped along the way by their main sponsor *Dial Before You Dig*.

The master competitors had also had a great year competing at club, branch Country and State level. The stand out athletes of the year are Raelene Myers, Amanda Higgerson and Peter Hennessey.

The last twelve months have seen members of the club recognized for their efforts on a larger stage with Lachlan Myers and Stephanie Clark being awarded the title of Junior Life Savers of The Year for the Mid North Coast Branch. Other members who received awards from SLSMNC are listed below

Branch Age Champions

- U/15 Male: **Lachlan Hawkins**
- U/15 Female: **Samantha Broomby**
- Open Male: **Ryan Rosenbaum**
- 50+ Female: **Amanda Higgerson**

Other award recipients

- Volunteer of the Year: **Gary Hawkins TP/SLSMNC**
- Trainer of the Year: **Amanda Higgerson**
- Administrator of the Year: **Joanne Hawkins TP/SLSMNC**
- Coach of the Year: **Dave Rickwood**
- Young Athlete of the Year: **Lachlan Hawkins**
- Masters Athlete of the Year: **Raelene Myers**



Our very own Ryan Rosenbaum was given the huge honor of being awarded *The Australian Life Saver of The Year*. Ryan went through a series of rigorous selection criteria to come out on top of a very big pile as the most exceptional Life Saver walking the beaches of Australia. Ryan has also won awards for innovation in public safety in the last year. Ryan's achievements stand testament not only to his own efforts; they also speak volumes for his heritage with his father Bob Rosenbaum being a Life Member of Tacking Point SLSC. There is also a long line of junior coaches, trainers and Nipper age managers that look at Ryan's accomplishments with a sense of pride.

This year also marked another member milestone with Peter Hennessey reaching the amazing 50 Years of Service to Surf Life Saving. The club now has a brand new Hayden ski bearing Peter's name to commemorate his achievement in service and his love of ski paddling. Peter is still a regular competitor at Masters events on his ski and is a source of inspiration to all of the more senior members of the club who either do, or wish to compete.

The education of all our members at Tacking Point is in fantastic hands with our Director of Education, Amanda Higgerson being awarded both the Tacking Point S.L.S.C. club person of the Year and Mid North Coast Branch Trainer of The Year. Amanda Lives and breaths Surf Life Saving and education in equal measure and as such the club is blessed to have some one of her dedication leading the other club trainers. Through the hard work Amanda puts in tacking Point has and will continue to offer courses and awards like the Bronze Medallion, Surf Rescue Certificate, IRB, ARTC, First Aid and Radio Operator. Obviously the running of these courses is a team effort and all of the club trainers do a great job of skill sharing.

One milestone for the club was the awarding of a NSW State Government Grant, supported by Sport and Recreation, a division of Communities NSW, which allows for the commencement of a major renovation of the club that has been on the drawing board for nigh on twenty years. The club is now in the final stage of planning and it is hoped that the start of work is imminent. The first stage is disabled access to the upstairs area of the club, which will be followed, in next year's off-season with a major revamp of the hall itself including the moving of the bar to make room for new amenities. The club is also looking forward to having an awning that partially covers the existing beach side deck that will greatly increase the attractiveness of the club as a venue for the public to hire.

In the world of modern surf clubs, having an income is pivotal to running a successful operation. The last season has seen our bar and bistro opened to the public on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings with great success. The employment of a bar manager has been a great asset to the club with the day to day running of the bar now being taken care of by a well qualified and experienced overseer.

The profit made by the bar in the last season has allowed much needed and overdue maintenance to be carried out on the club infrastructure and equipment.

It is with great anticipation that we look forward to next summer as the bar/bistro is now establishing a name for itself as a family friendly venue with great drinks and food at arguably the best prices in town, all in the best venue in town. As always the hiring of the hall to the public for functions is also a large part of the club's income and it is hoped that in future this will become an even larger contributor with the upgrade of the facilities.

The funds that the club raises through the facilities are complimentary to the help that we get from our sponsors and supporters. This help comes in all shapes and forms, whether it be a monetary grant or goods supplied for free or at a discounted price. Tacking Point S.L.S.C. would like to take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks to all our sponsors and supporters, large and small.

In no particular order they are listed below

- ***Local Directories***
- ***Dial Before You Dig***
- ***Trademark Mitre 10***
- ***J.R.Richards***
- ***Port Macquarie-Hastings Council***
- ***NSW State Government***
- ***Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch***
- ***Surf Life Saving New South Wales***
- ***Surf Life Saving Australia***
- ***Surf Life Saving Foundation***
- ***DHL***
- ***Telstra***
- ***NSW Government's Ministry for Police and Emergency Services***
- ***Hastings Co-Op IGA***
- ***Shaw Gidley***
- ***Compass Financial***

Tacking Point S.L.S.C would also like to thank ***Stramit Building Products*** for its support of the NSW Country Titles and ***Clubs NSW*** for their support of the NSW State Titles.

Without a doubt our most important supporters are the local community. With the monies raised and the grants received, it is the club's mission statement to provide better aquatic safety on Lighthouse Beach and better facilities for the community at large in the club house.

This year has also been a major milestone for the club. Tacking Point S.L.S.C. celebrated 40 years of service to the local community and life saving as a whole, this was a fabulous achievement by all the members past and present.

The past four decades has seen the club grow generation after generation, with foundation members having their children and now their grandchildren join the club. Members of the club have shared the grief of family and club members lost and the joys of prospective new members born. These trials and tribulations, the up and downs that life throws at us, are shared amongst friends and are what has made this club more like a family than a group of volunteers.

We would all recognize the fact that Lighthouse beach is sometimes not the user-friendliest beach on the coast, and that's why we love it. Over the years, these challenging conditions, combined with dedicated coaches and trainers, have produced some superb athletes and exceptional lifesavers.

The future of the club is looking bright with a whole swag of exceptional young athletes and lifesavers coming up through the ranks, to fill the enormous shoes of an older generation.

As we approach a new season with hope and anticipation, I must say a special thankyou to the other members of the committee who don't just work tirelessly at keeping the club going, they also toil to take the club into the future so we can continue to provide our vital service to the community.

Patrick J. Staunton
President
Tacking Point Surf Life Saving Club

Wauchope Bonny Hills SLSC Inc.



It gives me great pride to present this report to the Mid North Coast Branch Surf Life Saving on behalf of the Executive and members of the Wauchope Bonny Hills Surf Life Saving Club.

The 2013/14 season has been another highly successful season for our club.

We proudly say that no lives were lost at Bonny Hills beaches whilst WBH patrols were on duty. Our members have patrolled in excess of the requirements of our lifesaving agreement and were involved in a number of "out of hours" responses during the season.

We are extremely fortunate in having many members who contribute to our lifesaving functions, with staggering voluntary contributions of time. Just some of those are; Marie-Louise (Lou) O'Neill (120.2 hours), Preston Wilson (109.5 hours), Elaine Walker (94), Paul Hoole (90.5), Michelle Butt (78), Michelle Kirkwood (87). In total our club is very proud that we had 28 individual members who patrolled for 50 or more hours for our club during the season. WBH also contributed members to the MNC Support Operations Group, among them Justin Poppleton and Gilbert Olzomer.

This season our club elected Michelle Kirkwood and Lou O'Neill as our co Directors of Lifesaving and they have led the way in improving our lifesaving standards and the efficiency and professionalism of our patrols. Michelle and Lou transformed our patrols with their leadership and enthusiasm. They implemented a Facebook patrol swap system, identified and targeted areas of weakness such as IRBD's and ARTC and encouraged members to attend these training courses. Overall Michelle and Lou generally lifted our patrolling strength and performance.

It was therefore fitting that Michelle and Lou were both nominated for prestigious awards at the Mid North Coast Branch Awards of Excellence, with Michelle being awarded the Branch Surf Life Saver of the Year Award. Our club wishes Michelle all the best as she represents both WBH and MNC Branch at the NSW Awards of Excellence in Sydney.

The Wauchope Bonny Hills surf club 2013/14 season got off to a great start when we were successful in gaining a NSW Department of Community Services grant aimed at addressing participation and involvement in community. With this grant we were able to implement our “Nippers to legends” program involving a television commercial, a paid liaison officer who visited schools, a reduction in membership fees for certain categories and gift bags for the first 500 members joining or renewing for the season. We dovetailed the timing of this initiative with the surf club open day, a day on which we also conducted our Life-members reunion. During the course of the Life-members function we presented each patrol to the audience. And just to top the day off a new surf boat – The Steve MONO Monaghan – was christened in front of a large crowd. The “Nippers to legends” initiative combined with the Surf Club open day / Life members function provided the perfect launch for our season. So many people were involved with this project however, special thanks need to go to Jan Dennis for securing the grant, Melinda and Steve Robinson and Raquel Seale.

Our “Nippers to Legends” project and Jan Dennis have also been nominated for the NSW Awards of Excellence in the Initiative of the Year Category. Congratulations Jan.

For the second year in a row WBH had a competitor in the Coolangatta Gold in October 2013. Jason Sargeant represented our club in this season’s event and put in a very credible effort to finish strongly in what is one of the world’s toughest events. Jason went on to win NSW Country medals and make multiple NSW Championship finals.

At about the same time our surfboat crews were travelling far and wide representing our club in the Australian Surf Rowers League (ASRL) Triple Crown. This event commenced at Surfers Paradise on Queensland’s Gold Coast where WBH had the “Teletubbies”, the “Chubby Chasers” and the “Rejects” competing. The Teletubbies proceeded to Victoria and concluded the ASRL Triple Crown at the Manly carnival in January 2014. The Open Mens Crew (The Teletubbies) of Manfred Sonntag, Russell Eichmann, Brandon Armstrong, Boyd Hetherington and Tony Kee performed admirably against the strongest crews in Australia. They also received plenty of TV time, not only in Australia but were also featured in a British program. Our U/19 Crew (The Chubby Chasers) of Harry Cain, Nathan Grose, Aaron Ross, Sam Monaghan and Steve Monaghan also attended Surfers Paradise and performing brilliantly however they next travelled to Robe in South Australia for the ASRL Young Guns event against crews from South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, NSW and New Zealand with our crew finishing second overall.



Wauchope Bonny Hills is fortunate in having a highly professional and dedicated ‘Lifesaving Education’ management team consisting of Peter Daniels, Steve Cornell, Justin Poppleton, Chalkie Bob Smith and Dale Finch. This team ensured new club members were trained for lifesaving awards in an efficient manner, thus ensuring that we had a good number of new patrolling members.

Our club is justifiably proud of Andy Eames, who in 2012 was selected to take up a role in Fiji as the Surfing and Surf Life Saving Education Officer for the Fiji Surfing Association and has just been re-appointed for a further 12 month period. This is an exciting and worthy opportunity for Andy who has contributed so much to WBH SLSC since joining as a nipper. We know he has been doing an exceptional job.

The 2013/14 season was another outstanding success on the competitive front for the Wauchope Bonny Hills Surf Club. There were so many highlights and contributors that I am sure I will miss someone in this brief report (if I do it is in no way intentional).

- Jason Sargeant – our second ever Coolangatta Gold competitor, NSW Country Championship medallist and multiple NSW Championship finalist.
- Hugh Hurkett – NSW Country Championship gold medallist and multiple NSW Championship finalist.
- Troy Wilkinson – NSW Country Championship medallist and multiple NSW Championship finalist.
- Ella Handley - NSW Championship medallist and NSW Country Championship gold medallist.
- Mia Bales – NSW Championship medallist and NSW Country Championship gold and silver medallist.
- Courtney Gallagher, Keeley Sinclair, Elizabeth Pike and Melinda Burke – NSW Championship medallists.
- Sarah Stewart – multiple NSW Country Championship medallist and NSW Championship finalist.
- Raquel Seale – NSW Championship medallist and NSW Country Championship gold and silver medallist.
- Elaine Walker – NSW Championship finalist and NSW country Championship medallist.
- Wauchope Bonny Hills proudly competed at NSW Country, NSW and Australian Championships in 2013/14 season.

The Wauchope Bonny Hills Surf Club Australian Championship team travelled to Perth and again represented the club proudly. Our team consisted of two boat crews (the Teletubbies and the Chubby Chasers) and three open / masters competitors. We were greatly assisted by the generous assistance and support provided by Wick Hurd and Tony Carney in transporting our equipment to and from Perth. The entire team had a fantastic time.



On the social and community scene, WBH continues to ensure that it contributes positively to the community. In addition to life saving our club conducted the “Bonny Hills Carols on the Deck”, the highly successful “Black and White Ball”, a community resuscitation event and assisted with the “Bonny Hills Walk for a Cure” cancer fundraiser, the Port Macquarie Triathlons as well as assisting a number of school groups, during the 2013/14 season.

The club's function centre, "Beaches at Bonny Hills" continues to operate as the premier venue for celebrations on the coast and in turn contributes to our positive financial health.

We are also very fortunate to have the commitment of great sponsors and supporters:

- **FIRST NATIONAL REAL ESTATE NORTH HAVEN**

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- **PORT ORTHODONTICS**

Principle Nippers partner

- **HASTINGS CO-OP FUEL SUPPLIES – Fuel supplier**
- **The FAT FISH Bistro**
- **SAMSUNG**
- **WAUCHOPE LIONS CLUB**
- **M & S PRINT**
- **NSW Department of Community Services**
- **Port Macquarie Hastings Council**
- **The Wauchope and Bonny Hills and surrounding communities – Thank you**

To the current members of the Wauchope Bonny Hills Executive, my thanks for all of your hard work and desire to ensure that WBH continues to move forward.

To every single Wauchope Bonny Hills member thanks, congratulations and keep enjoying your club.

Regards

Peter

On a MNC Branch perspective I would like to thank Rod and the executive team for all of your hard work. I would also like to give my best wishes to every other club within the Branch.

With the construction of the new building in Port Macquarie there is justifiable optimism in the future of Surf Life Saving in our area. I believe that we need to continually challenge ourselves if we want Surf Life Saving to remain in a healthy state and develop into the future. Medium to long term thought should be given to the following:

- Administrative burden on volunteers at club level, how can we reduce this?
- Should there be a greater sharing of resources and intellectual property between the clubs e.g. would two or three clubs combine to have a paid administrative resource?
- How do we keep attracting members who are capable of performing rescues?
- Are we doing enough to attract and retain athletic, surf- smart kids?
- Why isn't PMHC using ALS Lifeguarding?
- Should we look at a dedicated publicity role, to ensure that MNC Branch is highly visible in old (TV, Radio, Print) media as well as having a more active presence in new forms of media.
- Should MNC Branch consider an "Icon" event to be run each year to raise the competitive profile of the movement and the clubs?

Regards

Peter Smith

PRESIDENT

WAUCHOPE BONNY HILLS SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Camden Haven SLSC President's Report 2013/2014

The Camden Haven Club has had a busy and largely successful season. Our relatively new committee was successful in recruiting new members and boosting surf life saving resources on our beach and on the Mid North Coast.

It was a pleasure for our club to host the Branch Championships in February and we look forward to hosting a joint senior and junior Championships in the 2014/2015 season.

Personally I wish to thank all fellow committee members of the Camden Haven SLSC for their support, efforts and assistance during the past season. On behalf of our club I wish to thank all in the Branch for their support during the season particularly Jo Hawkins, Gary Hawkins, Ryan Rosenbaum, Kim Rayner and Paul Rayner. Thank you to all sponsors of surf life saving who's financial support assists us in fulfilling our volunteer duties.

Congratulations to everybody involved in surf life saving on the Mid North Coast for their contributions during the last season. All SLS volunteers should be proud of what SLSMNC have achieved during the past season.

Hope you all have a safe and prosperous winter and I look forward to seeing you all on the beach next season.

Glen O'Brien
President – Camden Haven SLSC (Inc)

