



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

## **ANNUAL REPORTS**

and

**Balance Sheet  
2012/2013**



**\$1M To Fund New Surf Life Saving Regional Facility**





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

**2012/2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 2012/13 Annual General Meeting of  
Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc. ABN: 99 526 701 490  
will be held at the  
Anzac Room, Kempsey Hotel  
Thursday 15 July 2013 at 7.30pm

***Agenda***

1. Club Affiliations and Accreditation of Delegates
2. Apologies & Proxies
3. Minutes of previous AGM
4. Business arising from previous AGM minutes
5. Presentation of Annual Reports
6. Presentation of Annual Financial Reports
7. Notice of Motion:

That the Branch formally affiliates with Surf Life Saving New South Wales and Surf Life Saving Australia Ltd and further that the Branch agrees to abide by the Constitutions, Rules and Regulations and Policies, and resolutions of Surf Life Saving New South Wales and Surf Life Saving Australia Ltd.

8. Election of Officers
9. Motions of which due notice has been given.
10. General Business of which due notice has been given.

Joanne Hawkins  
A/Director of Administration



*Junior Leadership Camp 2013*



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

**Office Bearers**

**2012/13**

**National Honours**

Bob Kebby M.B.E.\*  
Max Waters O.A.M.  
Chalkie Bob Smith O.A.M.  
Ray Agland O.A.M.\*  
Michael Moran O.A.M.\*

**SLSA of Australia Life Members**

Reg Saunders\*  
Max Waters O.A.M.  
Chalkie Bob Smith O.A.M.

**SLS New South Wales Life Members**

Reg Saunders\*  
Max Waters O.A.M.  
W. Tom Saul\*  
Kevin Ruscoe\*  
Bob Smith O.A.M.  
Tony Hayes  
Bruce Caldwell  
Dennis O'Sullivan

**SLS Mid North Coast Life Members**

Ken Brenton\*, Sid Griffin\*, Bob Kebby M.B.E\*,  
Reg Saunders\*, W.Tom Saul\*, Max Waters O.A.M,  
Max Sabien\*, Kevin Ruscoe\*,  
Chalkie Bob Smith O.A.M, Ray Agland O.A.M\*,  
Tony Hayes, John(Yakka)Watson\*, Bruce Caldwell,  
Ken Corbett, John Vipond, Graham Bingham,  
Dennis O'Sullivan, Ken Wilson

**Patrons**

Robert Oakeshott MP,	(Member for Lynne)
Andrew Stoner MP,	(Member for Oxley)
Luke Hartsuyker MHR,	(Member for Cowper)
Leslie Williams MP,	(Member for Port Macquarie)
Tony Hayward,	(G.M Port Macquarie Hastings Council)
Liz Campbell,	(Mayor Kempsey Shire Council)
Rhonda Hoban,	(Mayor Nambucca Shire Council)
Michael Slater,	(CEO NPBS)
Paul Hernage,	(Regional Manager Dept. of Sport & Recreation)
Doug Cheetham,	(Wrights Accountants)
Mike Rabbit,	(NBN)
Presidents of	MNC Rotary Clubs
Teale Bryan,	(Telstra Shop - Port Macquarie)
Rick Fuller,	(Leading Edge – Telstra at Kempsey)
David & Julie Lowe,	(BP Plaza Service Station Emerald Downs)
Local Directories	
WESTPAC	
Michael Close,	(Gen Manager ETC)

<b>President</b>	Rod McDonagh
<b>Deputy President</b>	Chris Stewart
<b>Director of Administration</b>	Anne Walsh/Joanne Hawkins
<b>Director of Finance</b>	Mike Stevenson
<b>Director of Surf Sports</b>	Ray McDonagh
<b>Director of Lifesaving</b>	Paul Rayner
<b>Junior Activities Chairperson</b>	Gary Hawkins
<b>Registrar</b>	Bruce Caldwell
<b>Director of Education</b>	Kim Rayner
Public Officer	Rod McDonagh
Member Service Officer	Andy Eames/Gary Hawkins
Deputy Director of Lifesaving	Chris Stewart
Education Officer (North)	(North) Chris Stewart
	(South) Anne Walsh
District Supervisors	
- 2 x North	
- 2 x South	
Emergency Services Co-ordinator	(North) Rod McDonagh
	(South) Mitch Dawson
Support Operations Co-ordinator	
Delegate to SLSNSW	Rod McDonagh
Branch Team Manager	Marion Rickwood
Branch Team Coach	Jeff Polverino
Member Protection Officer	Roger Wilkinson
Publicity Officer	
Gear Steward	Paul Rayner
Chief Scrutineer	Paul Rayner
Official Coordinator	
Accident Investigation Officer	(North) Rod McDonagh
	(South) Ryan Rosenbaum
	Paul Rayner
Radio Officer	
Youth Development Officer	
Medical Officers	Drs Brett Letchford, Stephens & Wilcox, Vincent Lee
Auditors	Wrights Chartered Accountants
Solicitors	As required
Duty Officers	Rod McDonagh, Chris Stewart,
	Paul Rayner, Ryan Rosenbaum
Meritorious Awards Committee	Bob Smith, Rod McDonagh, Paul Rayner,
	Chris Stewart
Constitution Committee	Rod McDonagh, Anne Walsh
	Jan Clingeffer, Ken Wilson
Finance Committee	Rod McDonagh, Ken Wilson, Chris Stewart, Kim Rayner
Life Membership Committee	Bob Smith, Bruce Caldwell, Ken Corbett
	Graham Bingham, Dennis O'Sullivan
Youth Development Committee	Gary Hawkins, Joanne Hawkins, Leanne Goggin
Board of Junior Activities	
Chairperson	Gary Hawkins
Deputy Chairperson	David (Bruno) Brunsden
Secretary	Jo Hawkins
Water Supervisor	
Youth Camp Co-ordinator	Jo Hawkins
Youth Camp Committee	Gary Hawkins, Jo Hawkins, Andy Eames
Gear Steward	Paul Rayner
Delegates to JAC	(North) Chris Stewart, (South) Kim Rayner



## PRESIDENTS REPORT.



*President - Rod McDonagh*

During the 2012-13 season the eight SLS MNC Clubs maintained a professional Life Saving service on the beaches from Camden Haven to Macksville Scotts Head. Some wild weather saw all resources tested but the training and expertise of our patrol members shone through. It must also be mentioned that Clubs provided extended hours to address trends with the bathing public which strengthened our reputation of Vigilance and Service.

In this regard our Support Service Group consisting of a dedicated crew of RWC Operators and Duty Officers were kept busy attending to call outs and routine surveillance patrols. This service is escalating rapidly and many potential drownings have been averted. Thanks also to the Clubs who have provided assistance with personnel and assets in remote locations and at odd hours. I cannot stress enough the profile of this group within the Emergency Services sphere and the praise from other agencies such as Police and Local Government. We are constantly reviewing our procedures and updating our equipment to ensure we provide the optimum response. My thanks to Paul Rayner, Director of Life Saving and Ryan Rosenbaum Support Services Coordinator, for their ongoing dedication.

As always an important aspect of our activities is training and education, this season we have amassed a large number of awards which were coordinated by our Director of Education Kim Rayner. This is a huge task and seems to become more intense as we move along, however the outcomes allow us to offer specialised people able to confidently deal with the tasks they may face as a Life Saver or in the general community.

The Junior Activities group were busy as always, and held a number of carnivals and development camps. This aspect of our membership is extremely healthy and the overall member services policies have been well promoted within the Branch. The Newcastle Permanent Junior Life saver of the Year was hotly contested with Isaac Robinson from South West Rocks and Jade Horton from Tacking Point being selected as the winners. In a great achievement and proud moment for her Club and our Branch Jade was announced as the SLSNSW Female Junior Life saver of the Year. The leadership of Gary Hawkins is acknowledged and his enthusiasm is a major part of the Junior achievements this season.



*SLS MNC 2013 Junior Life Saver of the Year nominees with NPBS Rep. Bob Higham  
Back: Toni Hurkett (PM), Emma Dennis (WBH), Jade Horton (TP), Abbey Wilson (WBH), Olivia Creswick (SWR) Front:  
Lachlan Hawkins (TP), Isaac Robinson (SWR), Dylan Marchingo(PM)*

Competition at both senior and junior events was well patronised and our Interbranch Team performed admirably. The North Coast Boat Series have held regular Carnivals within the Branch and they have been able to maintain a successful series. Our Clubs competed at Country, State and Australian Championships with some very pleasing results. South West Rocks SLSC must be congratulated for their hosting of the NSW Country Championships for the past four years and deserve a well-earned rest.



*NSW Country Championships SWR 2013*

Unfortunately due to a run of cyclonic conditions we were unable to conduct our Branch Championships after three attempts. The decision to cancel the event was not taken lightly but safety of our competitors and water safety/IRB crews had to prevail.

This season we have tried to vary our overall competition strategies and whilst this principle is in the early stages, I am sure it will benefit our competition into the future. Our Surf Sports Director Ray McDonagh has been tireless with his Surf Sport portfolio.

Administration of the Branch is a huge task and I appreciate the efforts of Anne Walsh and Jo Hawkins who stepped into the role earlier this year. These ladies have coordinated the daily operations and responded to our reporting requirements to SLSNSW and other organisations. Similarly our Director of Finance Mike Stevenson has been on top of our financial affairs and his efforts have been outstanding. One disappointing aspect this season has been the lack of attendance by Clubs at our regular Branch meetings. Our role is to provide support and facilitate programs for Clubs to operate effectively, without your input we cannot assist to the best of our ability. Hopefully this situation will improve and Clubs can play a more active part.

Obviously we cannot survive without the assistance of Local Government, SLSNSW 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 who have made substantial achievements this season, more importantly I thank all our volunteer lifesavers for their contribution.

We have some exciting times ahead with the recent announcement of funding for a Regional Lifesaving Facility at Port Macquarie, and I encourage everyone to be involved in our great organisation.

Yours in Life Saving  
Rod McDonagh  
President



## DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION



*Anne Walsh*

Unfortunately our Branch began this season without a Director of Administration. Anne Walsh stepped into the role in September but due to her significant workload regrettably resigned in early February. An EOI was circulated soon after and as my Junior Branch Secretary and club recorder positions had all but come to an end I offered my assistance.

As all correspondence is sent via the DoA, periods without someone in the position made it very difficult to pass on relevant information to clubs and members.

The Branch contact list of Club Presidents, Secretaries and delegates has now been updated so as to broaden communication throughout the Branch. There has been positive feedback that the information is flowing on from Branch to Club executives and from there ultimately to members.



*Joanne Hawkins*



Our Branch Awards of Excellence Night was held at PMSLSC on 29 June.

Congratulations to all Branch and Club Members who received awards or commendations.

Special congratulations to Ken Wilson who was honoured with SLS MNC Life Membership.



*Ken Wilson*



*Tony Haven President SLS NSW*

Exciting times are ahead for the Branch with the \$1million funding granted to help Surf Life Saving NSW build a regional training and operations facility here in Port Macquarie.

The new centre will provide services including:

- \* Training and education for Surf Life Saving members in first aid, rescue and emergency response
- \* First aid and community surf education for members of the public
- \* Store vital emergency response equipment such as jet skis and IRBs for quicker response times
- \* Provide administrative support for 30,000+ members and 32 surf clubs in northern NSW.

We are still working on updating our constitution which hopefully we will see completed in the not to distant future.

We as a Branch must also thank and support our sponsors as without them our Branch wouldn't survive.

Thank you to Bruce Caldwell for my Surfguard training and also to Bruce, Rod and Ken for assisting me with any queries I have had whilst in this caretaker role.

Joanne Hawkins

SLS MNC A/Director of Administration



**Wrights Accountants (Kempsey)**

**Leading Edge Kempsey**

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



The Surf Life Saving season has again come to an end with all of our eight clubs providing patrols and call out services to the communities of the Mid North Coast.

An influx of tourists this season saw an increase in public beachgoers to our area. This is always great to see but places extra strain on our resources. To all new members that graced our beaches for the first time this year, well done and I hope to see you all patrolling well into the future.



We took delivery of a new SeaDoo GTS150 which replaced the aging Local Directories ski in the north of the branch. The Yamaha that has been in service for the past three years has provided excellent service and alas was retired. On behalf of the branch I would like to personally thank the team at Local Directories for their sponsorship of this vessel. The new ski has been purchased out of funds that have been on-going through the Newcastle Permanent Building Society sponsorship to the branch. To Bob Higham and his team a huge thank you for your major contribution to this branch and to Surf Life Saving in this area.

The continued support of our Major Fuel Sponsor BP Lighthouse Plaza has lightened the costly burden of fuelling the ski in the South for operation purposes. To David and Julie, I thank you for your continued support with this venture.

The duty officer system across New South Wales has been a huge success. This season saw us increase our numbers to seven across the area. We have had an increase of call-outs this season with over 32 incidents requiring some form of action. I thank all of you for your time and effort that you put into the emergency services roles within this branch.

On a sad note, we had three drowning's occur within the branch during the life saving season. If there is any consolation with this, they did occur during patrol times. The first incident at Flynn's Beach occurred around 5.45pm midweek, the second incident at Lighthouse Beach occurred midweek around 8.00am. The third incident occurred at South West Rocks in the afternoon, outside of patrol hours.

I would like to personally single out Ryan Rosenbaum for his services throughout the season. He not only was my deputy, but took on the role of running the Duty Officer system within our branch. He was always there to lend a hand with call-outs, and liaising with SLS NSW with our call-out processes. I believe that we have a system now that is second to none.

The Mid North Coast Support Operations Group continued its good work with a stabilisation year. No new members were trained as RWC operators. Members within this group cumulatively patrolled just under 500 hours. This is a huge effort considering the number of patrolling members that this group has. This on top of their normal rostered beach patrols saw 4 of its members place in the top 10 male and female patrolling members for the branch. A very big thank you to those men and women in this group.

A course is listed for the near future to hopefully bolster our numbers further. Congratulations to Gilbert Olzomer from Wauchope Bonny Hills who has joint membership at Maroubra SLSC for being named the Sydney Branch Surf Life Saver of the Year. Well done. Gilbert when at home still continues to patrol at WBH and on the RWC for the branch.

Whilst on duty officers and support operations, a regional workshop for duty officers has been confirmed for July 2013 with a joint focus on other branch duty officers coming to Port Macquarie for the weekend.

The patrol competition was conducted again through the season. The results of this competition were

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Hat Head
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Tacking Point
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Macksville Scots Head

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.



*Ken Parish President Hat Head*

Our eight surf lifesaving clubs patrolled 27,600 hours this season and performed 6,000 plus preventative actions together with over 70 Rescues.

There are some changes afoot with communications within this Branch and we hope to assist clubs with this transition. Unfortunately, Surfcom Ballina is closing down and we will have to find another Surfcor. to assist with our communications.

We need to stay vigilant in the off season and keep our equipment to a standard where we can respond to incidents as they arise.

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.

To the club captains, well done. I thank you for your assistance throughout the season. Keep up the good work and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Paul Rayner  
Director of Lifesaving  
Mid North Coast Branch



*MNC Support Operations*

## Mid North Coast SLS 2012/2013 SURF SPORTS REPORT

Being my first year as surf sports director I was surprised by how little knowledge MNC clubs had on the conduct & role SLSA SURF SPORTS plays in the MID NORTH COAST branch.

One of the biggest concerns is how we conduct our carnivals in the branch.

Surf sports 34<sup>th</sup> edition manual is issued by SLSA under its constitution for the proper administration & management of surf sports competition in Australia.



*Ray McDonagh*

Accordingly MID NORTH COAST members are bound by this & MID NORTH COAST SURF SPORTS is responsible for all SLSA regulations & administration of any competition event conducted by any senior/junior club in the branch. Gone are the days when clubs hold a carnival on a certain day & people just rock up & compete in events.

Now before any carnival can be conducted there are certain safety procedures clubs must commit to & competitors have responsibilities before they can compete in events

\*We must change our ways\* otherwise we are leaving ourselves open to very serious circumstances. To get this message out to clubs I formed a surf sports panel, low & behold we found most clubs did not even have a competition captain or a surf sports director that we could communicate with. As surf sports director I found this very difficult to work with & I urge all clubs senior/junior to look at this position within your clubs allowing our competitors to get the benefits of all SLSA, NSW SLS & MNC branch, surf sports information, news, & opportunities

MNC SLS surf sports agenda this year will be for all clubs to have the new & correct procedures on how to conduct a carnival (before the season starts hopefully).

It was a very hard decision to cancel this years branch championships, again regulations & guidelines set by SLSA surf sports regarding competitor & officials safety could not be comprehensively adhered to & this was the basis for the decision, hopefully we can make them bigger & better next season.

Competition in the branch was good with all clubs attending major events.

MNC SLS branch team competed at the N S W SLS inter-branch championships held at Blackhead beach in the lower north coast branch.

Congratulations must go to Jeff Polverino (coach), Marrian Rickwood (manager)

Dave Rickwood (assistant coach) as the team performed better than any other team has in recent times.





There were many brilliant individual performances, however the overall strength was a team effort. Hopefully the standard this team set can be followed up next year. To all the team members congratulations.

To every mid north coast sls member that competed at Country, State & Australian titles with or without success congratulations, it is no mean feat to compete at these levels.

Port Macquarie & Wauchope Bonny Hills members combined as a team & competed in the NSW IRB premierships series this winter. This was a great effort by all, their dedication was outstanding travelling several times down to Forster for training & practice. Well done to all concerned, keep the rev's up for next year

On that note I encourage every club to join them in next year's competition. IRB racing is the best way to practice & improve your rescue technique.

One very pleasant experience I had during the year was working with the very willing & co-operative officials within the branch & I thank them for their efforts & support.

There are many issues & inconsistencies that MNC SURF SPORTS need to address & work through, this will take some time but hopefully in the end all competition conducted in the branch by all senior/junior clubs will be in accordance with the SLSA surf sports manual.



Finally MNC SLS SURF SPORTS is there to administer & provide competition for all senior /junior clubs in the branch for the benefit of their members, if members don't have competition as a sport then where do they go. We have to look at different carnival formats, timetables & events.

For some members water & beach events don't appeal to them however to accommodate them there are other forms of competition that we must also try.

To all MNC SLS branch executive members & the MNC JUNIOR committee thank you for your assistance & support throughout the last season

RAY MC DONAGH MNC SLS SURF SPORTS DIRECTOR

## SLS MNC Junior Activities Annual Report.



*Gary Hawkins JAC*

Another great season has been held within the Branch by the Juniors. The committee made up of Joanne as Secretary, Bruno as Deputy JAC, Gear Steward Heath Askew, Delegates to the Senior Branch Kim and Chris, worked tirelessly together to bring a season that we all can be proud of. I must also commend the attendance at meetings by the Club Delegates, getting information back to members and bringing ideas and questions to the floor. This has been one of our biggest assets, along side Joanne with good communication.

Junior activities membership was at 923 nippers this season, down 162 nippers on the previous year. After last year's huge growth it was going to be an uphill push to beat those figures. We will work with the

Surf Club Open Day this September to promote the surf safety and education message and try to lift the membership in the Junior ranks.

The highlight of the season for the Mid North Coast Branch would have to be the announcement of this years SLSNSW Female Junior Lifesaver of the Year being named as Jade Horton of Tacking Point SLSC. Along with Issac Robinson from South West Rocks SLSC the pair represented our Branch at a camp in Sydney and both did us proud. My congratulations also go to Olivia Creswick, Toni Hurkett, Dylan Marchingo, Lachlan Hawkins, Emma Dennis and Abby Wilson in being nominated by their Clubs to be finalists in this year's selection, and also to the selection panel being made up by Leanne Goggin, Bronwyn Simpson and Tony Wright. Thankyou to all those involved.



*Jade Horton*

Education is the core and most important part of the Junior members activities, and through the learning of these skills readies them for the future as lifesavers on our beaches. Age specific awards were gained along with Resuscitation and Surf Rescue Certificates. Thanks must extend to Age Managers, Club Trainers, Club and Branch Assessors for their time in ensuring this education component is taught correctly. Age Manager courses were held at several locations and were well attended by those who have the face to face roles with our Junior Members. It is good to know that our nippers are being cared for by Age Managers that have been accredited, and with this in mind look forward to next season when it will be mandatory for all Age Managers undergo the course.

The weather this season has not been kind to our Juniors, with many weekends lost to poor conditions both in the water or on our ever eroding beaches. But never the less Port Macquarie SLSC were able to host the fun Teams Carnival which involved all nippers in attendance competing in teams made up by mixed gender and clubs. A fun afternoon which emphasises participation not competition. Our first Branch carnival was held at SW Rocks, and once again the work parties put on a great carnival with the Interbranch Team being announced afterwards.

The second carnival was held at Tacking Point, which was best described as looking like the Bahamas. With picture perfect conditions water events were well supported at a beach that is usually a little daunting to some. The Branch Championships were unfortunately cancelled due to beach and surf conditions, after several attempts to host them at Macksville Scotts-Head. I would like to thank the host clubs, officials, water safety, recorders and most importantly the nippers and their parents for their patience and understanding in what was really a difficult season.



Junior Leadership Camp was well supported this season and with the venue at Scotts Head still proving to be popular and affordable. During the course of the weekend future pathways within SLS were highlighted in a very interactive program delivered by Andy Eames, Goalsetting was the topic Emily Davidson discussed with eager listening kids, and on the water the participants were introduced to the RWC and IRB. Mock rescues were performed on board and tube under supervision of the water safety and the MSH SLSC patrol. The campfire once again had talent performing, the possums were awoken with games of spotlight and the catwalk was, well lets just say, unusual once again. The Master cooks delivered with the food, with Bruno on the barbie and Wendy and her mum in the kitchen filling us all up. Thanks go to Carolyn Milligan who stepped in at the last minute to assist at the camp, Bruno and MSH SLSC for their continued support and the Bronze proficient Chaperones who love minimal sleep. We have always made the camp open for all, and even those with the worst case allergies and diabetes, were under the watchful eyes of First Aider Tony Silvia. Once again it has been a pleasure to be Camp Director, and look forward to a strong partnership with our sponsor Bob Higham from Newcastle Permanent in the future. Please find the Camp Coordinator's report following.

Talking of sponsors, the Branch could not operate without the sponsorship it receives from both State and Local sources. We are fortunate to have our major sponsor Newcastle Permanent Building Society not only supports our Branch, but also support the Junior Lifesaver of the Year Awards and the Branch Dinner with gifts for our Juniors. I acknowledge the donation of milk from Tony Leviore for the Leadership Camp, all of which would otherwise have to be paid for by increasing prices for the programs. Thankyou.

The future? I can remember when I first attended a Branch meeting as a Club Delegate myself, how I took on the role of Junior Branch Secretary for two seasons, followed by two seasons of Junior Activities Chairperson. I look back at all those who have been there to assist me, to guide me and answer my stupid questions. For those who kept me going when I thought I could not. To Joanne my Secretary and wife, thanks for your patience in my computer skills development, thanks to the Branch Executive both present and past in trusting me with the development of our youngest members, and to all who have my journey so far so enjoyable. This next season will see us move on with the building of a new headquarters in Port Macquarie for Surf Life Saving, working towards a new modern constitution for the Branch, and always a new vision with fresh faces and ideas. I will still be around, hopefully representing Member Services, and still a part of Youth Development.

So thanks again for all that have made this season the success that it has been.

Yours in Surf Life Saving

Gary Hawkins

SLS Mid North Coast Junior Activities Chairperson.





## 2013 SLS MNC Newcastle Permanent Junior Leadership Camp

This seasons camp was again held at Scott's Head, open to all the Under 12's and 13's in our Branch on 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.

After the cancellation just 2 weeks before of our Branch championships due to bad weather and water conditions at Scott's Head we had our fingers crossed. However after just a bit of drizzle on Saturday morning the skies cleared and Scotts Head once again proved to be the perfect location for our camp.

This year the children were under the guidance of our great facilitators Andy Eames and Emily Davidson, Camp Director Gary Hawkins and in the care of wonderful chaperones /water safety /group leaders Bruno, Ian, Tony S, Paul, Hamish, Tony D, Meredith, Louise and Glenn. Thank you also to Carolyn who kept things running smoothly at the camp in my absence.



*Jo Hawkins Camp coordinator*

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

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, the "Cup Game" was hugely popular again this year and 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 Leadership Camp Coordinator









**Director of Education Report**  
**2013**



*Kim Rayner*

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 126 candidates obtain their Bronze Medallion and 68 Surf Rescue Certificates, 33 IRB Crew, 10 IRB Driver, plus 199 other awards, and 2325 proficiencies this season, a huge effort from all concerned.

Our Trainers have contributed in excess of 2500 hours, Assessors have contributed in excess of 200 hours for awards, 400 hours for proficiencies and Facilitators have contributed in excess of 300 hours.

<b>CLUB</b>	<b>No. of Awards Senior</b>	<b>Proficiencies - all Awards</b>	<b>No of Awards Juniors</b>
Camden Haven	29	74	25
Hat Head	34	165	31
Kempsey Crescent Head	27	159	77
Macksville Scotts Head	8	176	46
Port Macquarie	137	535	272
South West Rocks	164	339	119
Tacking Point	111	436	178
Wauchope Bonny Hills	52	316	76
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>2325</b>	<b>824</b>

Currently we have 38 trainers, 25 assessors, and 7 facilitators with 5 probationary trainers and 3 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. Due to changes in the Certificate IV recently all trainers and assessors have been upgraded to the new units of competency.



This year we have seen an increase in clubs presenting Patrol Service Awards and Long Service Awards:-

5 Year Patrol Service Award	83
10 Year Patrol Service Award	27
15 Year Patrol Service Award	15
20 Year Patrol Service Award	11
25 Year Patrol Service Award	4
35 Year Patrol Service Award	1
40 Year Patrol Service Award	1

25 Year Long Service Award	3
30 Year Long Service Award	4
40 Year Long Service Award	3
50 Year Long Service Award	1
60 Year Long Service Award	1

These Patrol & Long Service Awards are a huge effort. Congratulations to all these members. Congratulations to Robert (Chalkie) Smith on 60 Years Long Service. Well Done.

Kim Rayner  
Director of Education SLSMNC Branch



*A very successful IRB Driver & Crew course was held at SWR*

## Registrar's Report 2012/2013

Another season has come and gone and it proved to be just as busy as in previous seasons for the Club Training Officers and Assessors, with three thousand five hundred and sixty two (3562) senior awards, senior proficiencies, JAC awards and proficiencies being carried out, a decrease of three hundred & forty five (345) from the previous season.



*Bruce Caldwell*

This past season 2012/2013, senior awards were down by fifty seven (57) from the previous season, with a total of seven hundred and twenty seven (727) awards gained by new and existing members from the eight clubs in the Mid North Coast Branch. This is still a very good effort by the Training Officers from all of the clubs. There was very big decrease in the Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificates gained this season compared to last season, only eleven (11) Certificates were gained by members as against seventy five (75) last season.

There were a number of clubs that have failed to gain any IRB awards during the season. This is concern as patrols need to have a qualified Silver Medallion IRB Driver in the group. There were thirty three (33) IRB Crew certificates gained along with ten (10) Silver Medallion IRB Drive awards gained. However, more training needs to be carried out in the area of the IRB awards. This area of the awards needs to be looked at for the coming season. There was an increase in the number of Spinal Management Awards received by club members during the season. Twenty five (25) certificates were gained as compared with fourteen (14) last season.

There were only three clubs that had members gain the Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management award (old Patrol Captains award) during the season. There needs to be more of these courses run during the season so that club members can gain this award & the clubs will have qualified members as Patrol Captains on the beach safe guarding the public during the season.

It was pleasing to see 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.

Junior Surf education awards have decreased by one hundred & eleven awards (111) from the previous season, with seven hundred and seventy nine (779) certificates being awarded to JAC members.

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. Nine hundred & sixty eight (968) proficiencies were completed on these days, which was a decrease of seventy nine (79) proficiencies from the previous season.

During the season two hundred and twelve (212) transfers were completed by Branch clubs during the season, a decrease of fifty seven (57).

Once again I strongly recommend that no award courses be run during the months of April and May 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.

Once again I would like to offer my thanks to the Branch executive for their help during the season and also to Helen Williams, Surf Life Saving New South Wales Awards coordinator, for processing and returning awards in time for club presentation nights. Many thanks Helen.

Bruce Caldwell  
Registrar  
Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast.

## Branch Statistics

Category	Total	Male	Female
Probationary	13	11	2
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	968	515	453
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	112	64	48
Active (15-18 yrs)	127	82	45
Active (18yrs and over)	567	382	185
Award Member	18	9	9
Reserve Active	10	7	3
Long Service	57	51	6
Past Active	2	2	0
Associate	648	292	356
Life Member	63	57	6
General	4	2	2
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>2589</b>	<b>1474</b>	<b>1115</b>

Total Patrol Hours	
<b>Mid North Coast Branch</b>	<b>27,585.50</b>
Camden Haven	2,667.00
Hat Head	2,102.00
Kempsey Crescent Head	2,525.50
Macksville-Scotts Head	1,862.50
Mid North Coast Branch - Duty Officers	0.00
Mid North Coast Branch Support Operations Group	492.00
MNC - Support Ski 1 (SW Rocks)	0.00
MNC - Support Ski 2	0.00
Port Macquarie	5,459.50
South West Rocks	4,239.75
Tacking Point	4,384.25
Wauchope Bonny Hills	3,853.00

Leading Female Patrol Members		Leading Male Patrol Members	
	Hours		Hours
1. Jennifer Wookey (ID: 3609171) PM	129.5	1. Paul Rudduck (ID: 3595941) HH	270.0
2. Linda Cooper (ID: 3696576) SWR	90.8	2. Blake Studders (ID: 4651153) PM	133.5
3. Samantha Henshaw (ID: 4522934) SWR	88.0	3. Lyle Holmes (ID: 4479119) SWR	125.3
4. Carolyn Holmes (ID: 4479117) SWR	71.5	4. Maurie Fuller (ID: 3600438) KCH	122.3
5. Emily Davidson (ID: 3610368) PM	68.5	5. Gregory Tyler (ID: 3695833) SWR	119.0

Leading Female Patrol Members		Leading Male Patrol Members	
Mid North Coast Branch - Duty Officers	Hours	Mid North Coast Branch - Duty Officers	Hours
1. Kim Rayner (ID: 4675507)	116.3	1. Tony Silvia (ID: 3671378)	130.3
		2. Paul Rayner (ID: 3610588)	102.8
		3. Ryan Rosenbaum (ID: 3668409)	93.3
		4. David BRUNSDON (ID: 3655200)	79.8
		5. Charles BRAZEL (ID: 3654810)	74.3



SLS Mid North Coast ACTIONS SUMMARY			
<u>CLUB</u>	<u>PREVENTATIVE</u>	<u>RESCUES</u>	<u>FIRST AID</u>
	<u>Actions</u>		
Macksville Scotts Head	90	7	18
South West Rocks	728	21	62
Hat Head	20	2	10
Kempsey Crescent Head	40	5	33
Port Macquarie	3261	13	139
Tacking Point	798	7	35
Wauchope Bonny Hills	694	8	15
Camden Haven	79	1	5
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>5710</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>317</u>

### **2012-13 SLS MNC Awards of Excellence**



***Prizes and Trophies***



***Tony Haven President SLS NSW***



***Jose Ustariz NPBS***



***Leanne Goggin, Rod McDonagh & Jo Hawkins***



***Graham Bingham LM***



***Chalkie Bob Smith LM & Rod McDonagh***



***Life Members Dennis O'Sullivan, Bruce Caldwell, Graham Bingham, Max Waters look on whilst Chalkie Bob Smith presents Ken Wilson with Life Membership***



***Bruce Caldwell LM Slideshow presentation creator!***

## SLS MNC Awards of Excellence

**Junior Branch March Past Championship Shield**

Tacking Point

**Junior Branch Handicap Pointscore Shield**

Tacking Point

**Junior Branch Point Score Shield**

Tacking Point

### Finalists Junior Life Saver of the Year

Olivia Creswick	SWR
Isaac Robinson	SWR
Toni Hurkett	PM
Dylan Marchingo	PM
Jade Horton	TP
Lachlan Hawkins	TP
Emma Dennis	WBH
Abby Wilson	WBH

**Female JLOTY Jade Horton**

**Male JLOTY Isaac Robinson**



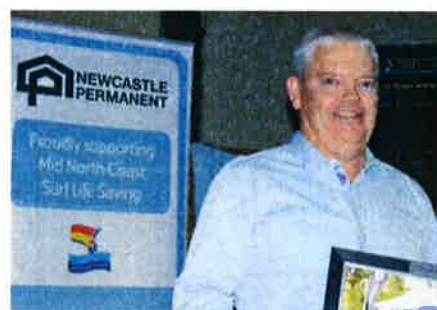
*Jade Horton, Bob Higham NPBS & Isaac Robinson*

### Junior Special Presentation

Thanks to MSHSLSC for their continued support and to NPBS for their ongoing sponsorship with Junior Leadership Camp



*Jason O'Donnell  
President MSH*



*Bob Higham NPBS*

### Young Life Saver of the Year

Harry Towle PM



### Young Athlete of the Year

Troy Wilkinson WBH, Liam Wright PM



Troy Wilkinson WBH



**Athlete of the Year**

Gilbert Olzomer WBH, Bev Towle PM



Gilbert Olzomer WBH

**Masters Athlete of the Year**

Heath Askew SWR, George Fowler WBH,  
Carolyn Turnham PM



George Fowler WBH

**Rookie of the Year**

Meagan Fealy PM



**Coach of the Year**

Darren Gill WBH, Jeff Polverino PM



Darren Gill WBH

**Administrator of the Year**

Greg Tyler, Joanne Hawkins TP, Dione Edwards PM



Dione Edwards PM



High Commendation Jo Hawkins TP

**Assessor of the Year**

Warren White TP, Tony Wright PM  
Tony (Spook) Everingham SWR



Warren White TP

**Facilitator of the Year**

Kerrie Fisher SWR, Kim Rayner PM



Kim Rayner PM



### **Trainer of the Year**

Samantha Henshaw SWR, David Carew PM  
Amanda Higgerson TP, Peter Daniels WBH



Peter Daniels WBH

### **Official of the Year**

Wendy Evans TP, Deb Hurkett PM,  
Ray McDonagh SWR



Ray McDonagh SWR

### **Volunteer of the Year**

Julian Dennis WBH, Kim Rayner PM  
Tony Hayes SWR, Gary Hawkins TP



Tony Hayes SWR

### **Club of the Year**

Wauchope Bonny Hills



### **Female Life Saver of the Year**

Shannon Ryan SWR &



Jennifer Wookey PM



### **Male Life Saver of the Year**

Brett Anderson CH, Tony Silvia SWR  
Ryan Rosebaum TP, Dean Taylor PM



Ryan Rosenbaum TP



High Commendation Tony Silvia SWR

## Tom Saul Memorial Trophy – Branch Patrol Championship



Hat Head 1<sup>st</sup>



Tacking Point 2nd



Macksville Scotts Head 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Rescue of the Month

David Carew PM



*Dave Carew PM*

## Junior Acknowledgment Role in Rescue

Lachlan Hawkins, Finn Black, Mitchel Atherton TP



*Lachlan Hawkins & Tony Haven President SLS NSW*

## Bill Balkin Memorial Shield

Kempsey Crescent Head





## Junior Branch Champions 2012-2013



**Fleur Sherlock PM U/8**



**Cashel Murtagh TP U/8**



**Mia Bales WBH U/9**

**Mitchell Morris TP U/9**



**Miren Davies PM U/10**



**Jared Humphreys TP U/10**

**Tayla Mabon SWR U/11**



**Ryan Horton TP U/11**





**Courtney Gallagher WBH U/12**



**Max Milligan TP U/12**



**Jacinta McEvoy PM U/13**



**Ryan Carroll TP U/13**



**Samantha Broomby TP U/14**



**Lachlan Hawkins TP U/14**

## INTERBRANCH 2012

The Interbranch Championships for 2012 were held at Black Head SLSC in the Lower North Coast on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2012. Tough conditions and a strong north-easterly wind chop tested the surf skills of the Mid North Coast's top surf sports competitors both in the water and on the beach.

Rising superstar Ryan Carroll secured first place in the U13 board, swim and Ironperson events. He was the only competitor to win Gold in all 3 water events out of 500 competitors on the day.

Troy Wilkinson was out done for 2<sup>nd</sup> place to secure a Bronze in the U15 Male Sprints while the newest Rookie to the team Mitchell Evans scored his first silver at the Interbranch Championships in the U12 sprints.

Everyone competed really 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 applauded for their good sportsmanship and efforts over the weekend.

Many thanks must go to the hard working Management & Coaching Staff who worked tirelessly to ensure all competitors had a fantastic experience at this level of competition.

These include : Coach & Assistant Jeff Poverino & Dave Rickwood. Assistant Manager Richard Broomby. Chaperones 'Chalkie' Bob Smith (also for officiating), Deb Hurkett, Jodie Carroll & Glen Stewart. And Jason Carroll for his assistance with Catering & Nutritional Advise. Thank you to Ray McDonagh also for officiating.



### **Interbranch Overall Point score**

- 1 Sydney Northern Beaches 1378
- 2 Sydney 1340
- 3 Central Coast 1259
- 4 Hunter 1116
- 5 Illawarra 973
- 6 South Coast 932
- 7 Far North Coast 870.5
- 8 North Coast 574.5
- 9 Mid North Coast 451
- 10 Lower North Coast 305
- 11 Far South Coast 210



The next Interbranch Championships will be held Sat 14 Dec – Sun 15 Dec 2013 at North Entrance.

Good Luck to All.

Yours in Surf Life Saving,

Maz Rickwood Mid North Coast Interbranch Team Manager





North Coast Surf Boat Series as part of  
Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch

President's Report 2012/2013

2012/2013 has been a massive season for surfrowers on the North coast of New south Wales. Whilst strong racing was achieved through the North Coast Surf Boat Series (NCSBS), crews were also able to make their presence felt at the higher level carnivals later in the season.

The NCSBS experienced steady growth with a record number of crews entering from time to time throughout the season. This combined with the continued loyal support from the NCSBS major sponsors has the Series highly recognised among the community as being well administered and in a strong position to commence the 2013/2014 season, the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NCSBS.

Our strong business partnership with NBN Television continues to raise the exposure of the Series right across Northern NSW. That combined with the support from series major sponsors, The Park Beach Hoey Moey and Tooheys, saw the biggest increase in prize money being offered for years. Many thanks to Mike Rabbitt, Twane Vogelsinger and Paul Ninness for their tremendous support of the surfrowing surf lifesavers of the region. Additionally, the generosity from our minor sponsors arc attack, Vertigo Blue, BISCO and Croker Oars only further strengthens the future outlook of the Series.



On the beach, this year saw a huge shift in the dominance of competition to the southern Clubs in the Series. For the first time in memory Tacking Point managed to win both the premier divisions of Open Men and Open Women.



Also, in a show of strength and consistency, Wauchope Bonny Hills were 2012/2013 Club Champions.

Well done to those Clubs.





I would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts from our dedicated Officials. They are the best I have ever seen in competition and their high level of expertise and friendly and helpful nature is what makes our series the very best. One area of concern is the reducing number of officials regularly attending NCSBS carnivals. As a Series, we need to identify the barriers preventing regular attendance by our Officials and address them. I would like to see each Club attending the NCSBS provide at least one official. To Mick Lang and his team, I thank you all for making our Series a success on the beach because without our officials, we have no Series.

Well done to the host Clubs this season for providing quality venues for carnivals.

Recognition must be given to the NCSBS Committee for all the work carried out throughout the year. Unlike competing, there is no off season for the Committee as the planning and preparation is all year round. In particular Rebecca Mitchell, who has performed the roles of both Secretary and Treasurer with utmost accuracy and professionalism. It is vital that at the forthcoming AGM we receive nominations for all positions on the Committee to reduce the risk of burn out. We all need to share the work load.

The 2013/2014 season will be the NCSBS 20<sup>th</sup> year and I hope it will be our biggest and best yet. As for me, after five years of service to the NCSBS (one as vice President and four as President) it is time to pass the baton on to someone else. I can move on knowing the NCSBS retains its business partners and is in good shape financially and with assets most Branches would envy.

Best regards

Downsy

Brook J Down

President

Park Beach Hoey Moey & Tooheys

North Coast Surf Boat Series



## South West Rocks Surf Life Saving Club Report 2012-13

The South West Rocks Club this year recorded a higher than average number of rescues and preventative actions due to some prolonged big seas and unfavourable weather. Notwithstanding our patrols were conducted in a professional manner and the ongoing training of our members came to the fore. Whilst our beaches are generally portrayed as being relatively safe these figures indicate that we cannot become complacent and need to maintain our service to the community.

Our on call support service officers also responded to a number of out of hours situations in Trial Bay and on the River entrance and once again the expertise and quick response averted any major incidents.

Our training and education was improved on last season and the time and effort that goes into this area of the Club is enormous and I thank our trainers and MNC Branch assistance.

This season was our last at hosting the Country Championships after four years which was a mighty effort but it also moulded our members and the community together. We also managed to bag 29 medals which in itself was a magnificent achievement. Our competitors both junior and senior also attend local events, State & Aussies with some pleasing results.

The JAC Group had a successful season and placed an emphasis on surf education as well as the weekly competitive activities. One of our young Lifesavers Isaac Robinson was selected as the MNC Junior Lifesaver of the year and went on to represent us at the State finals. This is a big achievement for Isaac and also for the Club

The Club has worked hard at streamlining some administrative functions and introduced some strict fiscal policies to improve our bar and bistro operations. This has proved to be very effective but we need to continue to stay on that path to ensure our future sustainability.

With the assistance of NSW Department of Sport & Recreation we undertook renovations to the downstairs toilets, firstaid room and training area which should be of benefit to all who use these facilities.

Overall our Club is in a strong position with a growing membership and look forward to a healthy 2013-2014 season

We acknowledge the assistance of Kempsey Shire Council, SLSMNC, SLSNSW and their associated sponsors such as DHL, Westpac, Woodside and the State Government.

Rod McDonagh  
President



### **HAT HEAD SLSC ANNUAL REPORT 2012/2013 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. We were forced to move our patrols from the beach to the viewing platform because the big seas washed out the beach and we had a drop of two meters onto the beach. The water was at high tide up to the sandhills so we had no beach to set up on. We had to launch the IRB from the creek and keep it located there. 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.

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 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 25<sup>th</sup> May at the surf club and it was a great success. The dress theme was (Op shop chic) 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.



Our AGM is on the 4<sup>th</sup> August at 10am, at Hat Head Surf Club.

I would like to thank Dulux for the paint and H&M Painting for donating their time to paint the surf club. These guys gave up their weekend to paint our club house all we had to do was feed them.



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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## 2012/2013 KCH PRESIDENTS REPORT.

Another season of safe and effective patrolling took place at Killick Beach, Crescent Head. The almost 50 strong, active patrolling members had a somewhat easy season with only 5 rescues throughout the season and 33 first aid treatments. A combination of a safe sand bank at the creek mouth and not a lot of swell throughout the busy periods were the main reasons behind this. As usual, I would like to personally thank all active members for a successful season. A big thank you must also go to our six patrol captains who perform a valuable but often thankless task. All conduct themselves and their patrol in a professional manner.

Nippers continued to be a strong aspect of the club thanks to Shelly McLean and Lea and Dean Mavin. They run a professional outfit where the focus is on fun and surf education. It's great to see the two blue stripes and the splendor of bright blue rashies all over the beach and in the water on Sundays. Thanks also to all the age managers who assist our three stalwarts. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dean and Lea for their involvement over the past couple of seasons and even though they are not finishing completely, they are taking a step back due to work commitments. Thanks for everything.

Competition wise our boat crews continued to have mixed success at the North Coast Surfboat Premiership as well as Country and State. The 160s masters made the semi-final at state. It was also pleasing to see us field two junior boat crews. Further one of these crews competed at Aussies on the Gold Coast, making the quarter finals. The boats continue to provide around 25 patrolling members to the club.

The biggest news for the club was the announcement in the federal budget that we were successful in gaining 2.2 million dollars towards the demolishing and rebuild of our club. I would like to thank local member Rob Oakeshott for his support and help in obtaining this grant. Further, thanks to Peter Drinkwater, Rachel Neeson, of Neeson and Murcutt Architecture, and all the committee who have worked on this. We are now a step closer to our dream.

Finally thanks to all the committee members for their tireless work. You all help with the smooth running of the Club. Special mention must again go to our fund raising coordinator, Ev Jacobs, who through bingo, trivia, duck raffles and BBQ's raised around \$30000. It was pleasing that she was rewarded with life membership this year in recognition of all her work. Also once again the lions share of the work has been performed by Maurie and Robyn Fuller who I believe without their efforts and expertise, we would struggle to exist, as always thanks a million.

See you on the beach.

Yours in Lifesaving

Scott Edwards

## **KCH DATA for the 2012-13 season**

### **2012-2013 Memberships**

77 Junior activity (5-13)

12 Cadet (13-15)

24 Active (15-18)

41 Active (18 and over)

People attending beach 13,759

Hours on Patrol 2375

Rescues 5

#### **First Aids**

Marine stings 7

Cuts and abrasions 21

Major wounds 1

Fractures / Dislocations 2

Spinal / Other 2

New Bronze Awards 13

Bronze Proficiencies 46

## **Port Macquarie SLS Report**

The year began in our off season with the building being painted thanks to Dulux and a new ramp put in to help with disabled surfers and getting the IRB on and off the beach.

We had a very successful proficiency day at Flynn's Beach that helped get our patrols underway with proficient patrolling members. Our membership is on par with the last couple of seasons with 291 Juniors, 21 cadets, 14 active -15-18 years, 115 active, 1 award, 3 reserve active, 8 long service, 162 associate, 15 life members, 1 past active members registered throughout the season.

Our patrols started out strong, but dwindled throughout the season sparking a major overhaul in the structure and make up of the patrols for the upcoming season. This is an opportunity to engage with the patrol captains to seek their input on how to move forward, gain more awards and secure Flynn's Beach into the future.

During the season there was 89 Minor stings, 1 major sting, 31 minor cuts, 1 major wound, 1 spinal, 1 resus, 15 other first aid operations. There were 3932.75 Rostered Hours, 682.75 voluntary, 724 substitute, 134 water safety, 723 arranged a substitute throughout the season. There were 3258 Preventions, 2 lost children, 1 shark alarm and the rescues were 3 no gear, 1 tube, 6 board, 2 irb, 1 RWC.

Port Macquarie had two recognitions of rescue of the month at state level. The first a tragic loss outside of patrol hours where some club members recovered the body of a man who had lost control in a rip. The second David Carew and his wife were walking along Shelley Beach when David noticed a woman struggling. His actions saved her life. Congratulations David.



This season has seen Port Macquarie SLSC trainers put through 20 members for their Bronze Medallion and 13 Surf Rescue Certificates, slightly up from last year. 1770 Units of Competency, 12 recognition, 125 service, 340 junior, 1329 SLSA Education. So a very successful year in the training department thanks to Kim Rayner, our Chief Training Officer.

We also had members obtain some service awards:

- 3 x 10 Year Assessing Service Award
- 2 x 15 Year Assessing Service Award
- 31 x 5 Year Patrol Service Award
- 7 x 10 Year Patrol Service Award
- 5 x 15 Year Patrol Service Award
- 3 x 20 Year Patrol Service Award
- 2 x 25 Year Long Service Award
- 2 x 50 Year Long Service Award

This is an amazing effort for the club and we thank the members for their ongoing commitment.

Competitively the club had the surf boat back in the water after about 5 years. Rick Rolf and his 8 ladies competed in the North Coast Boat Series and had a lot of fun learning the sport this season. The masters crew also took home a silver at the NSW Country titles.

Held for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row at South West Rocks the club put together a solid squad of over 100 Nippers & Seniors at the NSW Country titles. The weather was generally kind on day 1 – and after lunch the Port Macquarie representatives began to grow in stature. It was the heroic efforts of Dylan Marchino in the U14 Flags which ignited the team. Once Dylan was seen to be achieving the impossible the floodgates opened in the flag pits. Briscoe, Evans and then the masters, Towle & Plews demonstrated their talents. But Bev wanted more and she backed it up on the Sprint track. Hugh Mackay was a class above as he bolted down the track leaving Fred Middleton to eat his dust.

Day 2 of the Champs, Mel Cockshutt & Paula Stone had a day out! Mel displayed her skills with success in the 2 Km run, the surf race and the tube race and Paula chimed in with gold in the single ski, board race and the Iron Woman. Carolyn Turnham took out the Surf Race & Tube Race in the 40-49 Females. Liam Wright was also victorious in the 2 km run.

Port Macquarie Surf Life Saving Club had 19 competitors travelling down for the weekend's State carnival. Josh Dwyer in the u12 became State Champion on the Saturday in his beach sprint! Mitchell Evans from Port Macquarie got silver in the same race and Tyler Hyde rounded out the Port Macquarie dominated event in 8th place. To have 3 boys from the small regional centre of Port Macquarie in a State Final is incredible and put us in the prime position for a medal in the Beach Relays with Callum Frewin. Unfortunately, due to the time restraints placed on the event, the Beach Relays were cancelled for 2013. Mitchell went on to come 8th in the final of the Beach Flag event.

They did manage to run the All-Age Relay event where our team performed great with a 5th in the semi-finals (missing the finals by 1 spot). Cayden Briscoe picked up a Silver Medal in the u8 Flags and a 6th in the Beach Sprint. Fleur Sherlock also performed well in the u8 coming 8th in the Sprint and making the semi-finals in the flags. Thanks to Georgie Hamer, Harry & Glen Towle who acted as Competition Manager / Water Safety/ Officials at various meetings and to Mel Cockshutt for keeping club members abreast of the horrendous conditions. Also, thanks to our officials who officiated for our club in the horrendous conditions.

In the seniors held 3 days after the deluge, Carolyn Turnham competed and was delighted with her victories in the surf race and one for tube race. Carolyn also ran a commendable 4<sup>th</sup> in the 2km beach run.

And finally, to the Australian Championships. Congratulations to Carolyn Turnham and Lindsey Lewis for their competition at Aussies. Carolyn Turnham came 4th in her swim and 6th in her tube race Lindsey Lewis made the final in both his board & Iron man events. Well done to you both!

Other events that club members have been involved in throughout the year, Mel Cockshutt – victorious in the Olympic Distance Triathlon & Aquathon in Auckland in October 2012. Also in October Paula Stone completed the 32km 'short course' Coolangatta Gold. Bev Towle, attended the World Surf Life Saving Championships in Adelaide and was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Flags and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Beach Sprint in her age group. Go Bev! Phil Marchingo completed the Ironman Triathlon in just over 12 hours! And in the off season Paula Stone is off to Mauritius to compete in the Mauritius Ocean Classic with Craig Graham, who has also been selected in the Australian Ocean Racing Junior Men's team for the World Championships in Portugal.

This year saw the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our clubs Nippers which is a magnificent milestone for the club. The weekend in March was a success and the gala dinner provided an entertaining and relaxing night for Nippers and club members past and present to catch up and reminisce.

So all in all a good year for Port Macquarie and we all now look forward to a better 2013-14.

### Wauchope Bonny Hills SLSC

The 2012/13 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 were 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; Jason Sargeant (50 hours), Simon Stennett (49.5), John Sargeant (48.5), Elaine Walker (49.75), Andy Eames (51), Troy Wilkinson (54), Michelle Butt (60), Steve Monaghan (61.5), Quaye Clough (64.5), Trent Finch (64.8), Preston Wilson (71). In total our club is very proud that we had 47 individual members who patrolled for 36 or more hours for our club during the season. WBH also contributed a number of members to the MNC Support Operations Group, among them Justin Poppleton, Andy Eames, and Gilbert Olzomer.

Our club is justifiably proud of Andy Eames, who was selected to take up a role in Fiji as the Surfing and Surf Life Saving Education Officer for the Fiji Surfing Association. 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 will do an exceptional job.

Another proud moment for our club came at the end of the season when Gilbert Olzomer was named as the Sydney Branch Lifesaver of the year. Gilbert also joined our club as a nipper and has provided us with outstanding service as well as being an outstanding competitor.

Wauchope Bonny Hills is fortunate in having a highly professional and dedicated 'Lifesaving Education' management team consisting of Peter Daniels, 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.

Administratively, our club transitioned from the very capable stewardship of President Richard McGovern and Administration Director Jan Clingleffer during the season. As is often the case in a transition, this has not been easy, as everyone knows the amount of work that Richard and Jan contributed to the efficient running of the club over a number of years. Both Richard and Jan were primarily responsible for WBH's new clubhouse. Our club pays tribute to the huge contribution made to WBH SLSC by Richard and Jan.

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

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

The 2012/13 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).

- Gilbert Olzomer – our first ever Coolangatta Gold competitor in the Open men's long course division.
- Jarrod Smith, Jason Sargeant, Tyson Weigold, Trent Finch, Troy Wilkinson, Hannah Forwood, Eliza Hopwood, Sophie Smith, Courtney Gallagher, Taylor Sargeant and Hugh Stewart all selected in the Mid North Coast Branch Team.
- Jason Sargeant and Brooke Gallagher selected in the North Coast Academy of Sport SLS program.
- WBH SLSC 8<sup>th</sup> overall in NSW Country Championships point score.
- WBH SLSC winner of North Coast Surf Boat Series overall point score.
- NSW Championship medals – Gil Olzomer (silver Open men's 2 km beach run) and Ella Handley and Sarah Stewart (silver U/14 R & R), George Fowler (gold O/70 men's beach flags and silver o/70 men's beach sprint), and Keith Charles (gold o/55 men's beach flags).
- Australian Championship medals – Gil Olzomer (bronze Open Men's 2km beach run), George Fowler (silver O/70 men's beach sprint and silver O/70 men's beach flags).



On the social and community scene, WBH continues to ensure that it contributes positively to the community, in addition to life saving, and conducted a charity fund raising night for a community family in need, the highly successful Black and White Ball, a community resuscitation event and assisted with the Bonny Hills Walk for a Cure, the Port Macquarie Triathlons as well as a number of school groups, during the 2012/13 season.

We are looking forward to an even better season in 2013/14, with work commencing of our medium and long term strategic plans.

Thanks and best wishes to the MNC Branch and other MNC clubs.

Peter Smith  
PRESIDENT  
WBH SLSC



## CHSLSC Branch Report

CHSLSC has had a huge year in all areas. The club was able to operate patrols with good numbers all the way through the year.



The Nippers showed a second year of growth in numbers. Across the whole club, there has been an increased involvement of many members, including Patrol Members, Nipper Parents, and Associate members volunteering and helping out. Additionally, there are a range of supporting committee's including a Nipper Committee, a Social Committee and a Sponsorship Committee, all providing support to the Surf Club Committee. The club is moving forward, and gaining momentum

### CHSLSC completed:

- over 350 hrs of patrols
- 20 rescues
- 231 preventative actions
- 14 serious First Aid incidents.

### CHSLSC members achieved the following awards

- 2 Surf Rescue Certificates
- 14 Bronze Medallions
- 2 Senior First Aid Certificates
- 4 IRB Crewmen Certificates
- 2 Assessor upgrades
- Multiple 5, 10, 15, 20 & 25 year Long Service Awards

### Membership Statistics

Category	Total Members 2011/2012
Nippers	50
Cadet (13-15yo)	10
Active (15-18yo)	21
Active (18yo+)	36
Associate	13

CHSLSC is building a three bay shed which will give us room to set up a Nippers section in the club. Swimwear branded with the CHSLSC logo has been purchased and is available for all members.

The club continues to support other community groups in the Camden Haven. CHSLSC completed water safety for the Camden Haven Triathlon in November 2012. During July 2013 the club is providing First Aid and Water safety for the Camden Haven Dragon Boat Regatta. CHSLSC members also helped at the Cinemas Under the Stars in Port Macquarie in March 2013.

## **PATROLS**

CHSLSC this year had more than 30 members complete over 40 hours of patrols and another 10 complete more than 30 hours. This has been our best year for a while with the new and enthusiastic members that have helped this consistent growth of our little club.

### **Season 2013/2014**

Although it has been a great year it is acknowledge that we need to get a few more things sorted for next season.



#### **1. Member Recruitment**

The CHSLSC currently has 6 Patrol team which rotate through the Patrol roster during the patrol season. The club would ideally like to see 8 Patrols on the roster to reduce the frequency of patrols for members throughout the season. With the small number of patrols on the roster, holidays of patrol members can have a large impact when trying to ensure the requirement level of coverage. Two extra patrols will reduce this impact.

#### **2. Member Training**

The club is always looking to provide opportunities for members to practice their skills, and develop more. To enable an increased number of Patrols and to reduce the reliance on a few key members it is a priority of the club to increase the number of members holding IRB Driver & Crewman certificates, as well as ARTC certificates.

The club is intending to host a carnival next season for both the Senior Club and Nippers. Hosting a carnival provides opportunity for training and skill development for members, and provides fund raising opportunities for the club.

#### **3. Building Maintenance**

During this season building maintenance has been undertaken. However more always needs to be done. The external walls have been rendered and now need painting. Dulux has donated the paint for every surf club in Australia, however, the club will need to find the funds to pay for the labour.

The new shed will provide much needed space to store equipment more appropriately. However, this brings with it the need to undertake adjustments to existing storage facilities.