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Mid North Coast Branch Inc.***

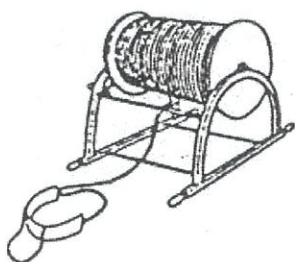
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***2003/04***





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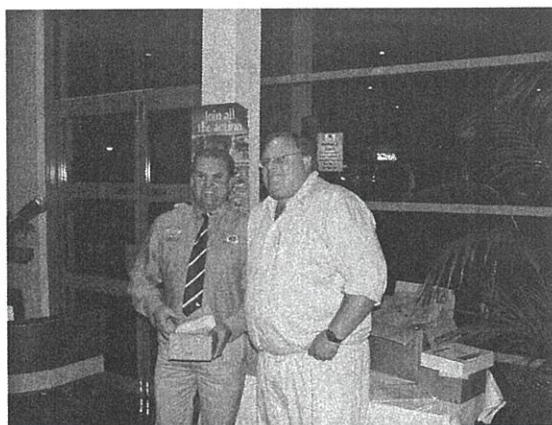
# **2004/05 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 2004/05 Annual General Meeting of  
Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc.  
will be held at the  
Anzac Room, Kempsey Hotel  
on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2003  
commencing at 7.30pm

### **Agenda**

1. Club Affiliation and Accreditation of Delegates
2. Apologies and Proxies
3. Presentation of Annual Reports
4. Presentation of Audited Accounts
5. Election of Officers etc.
6. Motions of which due notice has been given
7. General Business of an urgent nature and of which due notice has been given.

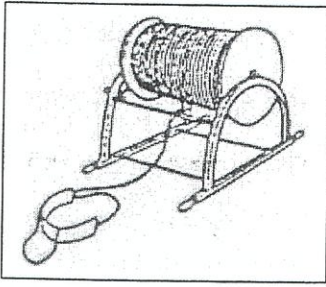
Peter Murphy  
Secretary



***Presentation to Mitchell Dawson as Male Life Saver and Rod McDonagh accepting Female Life Saver of the Year on behalf of Meredith Robertson from Andrew Chubb, SLSNSW Director of Life Saving***

***Cover: Life Member Kevin Ruscoe presenting fellow Life Member Max Waters O.A.M. with a Plaque Recognizing his many years of outstanding service to the Branch***





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

### *Office Bearers 2003/04*

#### National Honours

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

#### S.L.S.A. of Australia Life Members

Reg Saunders\*  
Max Waters O.A.M.

#### S.L.S.N.S.W. Life Members

Reg Saunders\*, Max Waters.O.A.M., Kevin Ruscoe, Bob Smith O.A.M., Tony Hayes,  
Bruce Caldwell

#### S.L.S.M.N.C. Life Members

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

#### Patrons

Rob Oakeshott MP, Andrew Stoner MP, Mark Vaille MHR, Luke Hartsuker MHR,  
Craig Murray Countryenergy, Wayne Richards Mayor Hastings Council,  
Janet Hayes Mayor Kempsey Shire Council, George Hicks Mayor Nambucca Shire  
Council, Paul Hernage Regional Manager Sport & Rec., Sid Goddard Masons,  
Bill Singleton Chairman Banana Coast C/U., Peter Townsend Coastline C/U,  
Presidents Rotary Clubs

#### President:

#### Deputy President:

#### Secretary/Public Officer

#### Treasurer

#### Director of Life Saving and Education

#### Director of Competition and Coaching

#### Chairman Branch JAC

#### Registrar

#### Board Secretary

- Dennis O'Sullivan

- Rod McDonagh

- Peter Murphy

- Stuart Dowrick

- Ken Corbett/Graham Bingham/Hugh Mackay

- Mick Lang

- Peter Cross

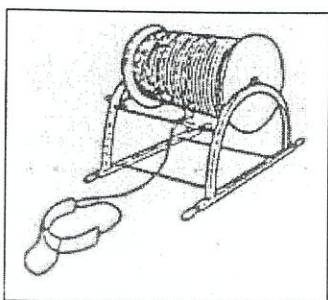
- Bruce Caldwell

- Ken Corbett/Peter Murphy

<b>Education Officer</b>	- Dave Napper
<b>Accident Investigation Officer</b>	- Ray Agland O.A.M.
<b>OH&amp;S Officer</b>	-
<b>District Supervisors</b>	
Macksville Scotts Head	- Bill Richardson
South West Rocks	- Kevin Ruscoe
Hat Head	- Tony Hayes
Kempsey Crescent Head	- Mike Stevenson
Port Macquarie	- Graham Bingham
Tacking Point	- Rob Chappell
Wauchope Bonny Hills	- John Vipond
Camden Haven	- Chalkie Bob Smith O.A.M.
<b>Emergency Services Co-ordinator (North)</b>	- Rod McDonagh
<b>Emergency Services Co-ordinator (South)</b>	- Hugh Mackay
<b>Delegate to SLSNSW</b>	- Dennis O'Sullivan
<b>Branch Team Manager</b>	- Rod McDonagh
<b>Branch Team Coach</b>	- Larry Brook
<b>Director of Community Education</b>	- Meredith Robertson
<b>Child Protection Officer</b>	- Bruce Caldwell
<b>Delegates to JAC</b>	- Dennis O'Sullivan/Graham Mason
<b>Publicity Officers (2)</b>	- Mick Lang
<b>IRB Supervisor (North)</b>	- Rod McDonagh
<b>IRB Supervisor (South)</b>	- Rob Chappell
<b>Gear Stewards</b>	- Mick Lang/Ken Corbett
<b>Minute Secretary</b>	-
<b>Radio Advisers</b>	-
<b>Medical Officers</b>	-
<b>Auditors</b>	- Wrights (Kempsey)
<b>Solicitors</b>	- TBA as required
<b>Meritorious Awards Committee</b>	- Bob Smith, Dennis O'Sullivan, Kevin Ruscoe, Bruce Caldwell, Ray Agland, Rod McDonagh, Mick Lang
<b>Constitution Committee</b>	- Hugh Mackay, Dennis O'Sullivan, Kevin Ruscoe, Ken Wilson, Michael Moran, Rod McDonagh, Peter Murphy, Mick Lang
<b>Finance Committee</b>	- Executive
<b>Life Membership Committee</b>	- Bob Smith, Kevin Ruscoe, Bruce Caldwell, Ray Agland, Tony Hayes, John Vipond
<b>Youth Development Committee</b>	- TBA after consultation
<b>Competition/Selection Committee</b>	- Mick Lang, Ken Corbett, Larry Brook and a Representative from each club.







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

### **President's Report**

Once again the nearly 700 members of Surf Life Saving clubs of the Mid North Coast have patrolled the beaches of the area with distinction during the 2003/04 season. In doing so they managed to perform almost 17,000 hours of voluntary community service and I am pleased to give the report that all members of this Association love to hear that *"no lives were lost while patrols were on duty"*.

Last year Life member Ray Agland was selected as the Macleay Citizen of the Year. This year he went one better and was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the Australia Day Honours List for his services to Surf Life Saving and the Kempsey Community.

Ray was awarded Life membership of Kempsey Crescent Head in August, 1983 and the Branch in July, 1994. Ray has held many positions within the Crescent Head club. Branch positions include Treasurer for many years from 1978, Deputy Superintendent, Team Manager, Accident Investigation Officer and Power Boat Officer. He was also a member of all Branch sub-committees finance, constitution, life, judiciary, meritorious and selection. Ray is also a life member of many other sporting and community organizations on the Macleay.

In being awarded the O.A.M., Ray joins Branch Life Members Max Waters and Chalkie Bob Smith who have also received this honour.

Just rewards to a member who has contributed outstanding service.

Another notable milestone during the season was 5 members obtaining 50-Year Service Awards. These awards were granted to the one and only Allan 'Digit' Dick from Port Macquarie, Life Member and former Branch President and Secretary, Tony Hayes and the evergreens Garry Gillies and Terry Trevillion from South West Rocks and Life Member, John Vipond from Camden Haven.

In addition, Jamie Martin, John Purnell and Col Owen from Port Macquarie were granted 25-Year Service Awards. I have little doubt that there are many members out there who are eligible for these awards and urge the clubs to nominate them.

On a sadder note, we were sorry to learn of the passing of Reg Saunders in June 2003 aged 94. Reg did his Bronze at South West Rocks in 1941 and focused on training of members and the provision of life saving services as Chief Instructor for 10 years. He was Branch Superintendent for 6 years and President for 7 years. He was awarded Life Membership of the Rocks in 1959, the Branch in 1966, SLSNSW in 1961 and Surf Life Saving Australia in 1964. Reg was a strict R&R coach in the days when discipline was the name of the game and a respected judge for 18 years with 10 years experience at Australian Championship level. The Branch had not seen a lot of Reg in recent times but his contribution over many years was enormous.

### **The Executive**

After the trials and tribulation of last season and the retirement of stalwarts Cactus and Judy Moran, the Branch had a relatively new and inexperienced Executive in 2003/04, which naturally enough had some teething problems.



The role of Deputy President was filled by Rod McDonagh for the second year and Rod filled in well on a number of occasions as well as assisting me a great deal. Rod and I met with the Chairman of the Organizational Review Task Force and key members of the State Executive at the Australian to discuss Branch issues and the Debriefing sessions were exhausting.

Peter Murphy took on the position of Secretary and played the role of five eight passing the ball on to the clubs. Unfortunately, many of them do not seem to read emails and miss important messages. The Branch was not able to recruit a minute secretary and this is an area that will need to be addressed.

Mick Lang stepped up to the plate as Director of Competition and had a huge year officiating at every carnival going, running a Level 1 Officials course and fulfilling his club commitments.

Election to the role of Director of Lifesaving and Education would appear to be a hex. The one and only 'Cactus' Michael Moran gave the job away mainly through ill health and Ken Corbett took on the role only to be plagued by illness. Graham Bingham looked at the job but had to decline because of other unforeseen commitments and Hugh Mackay finally accepted the position only to be beset by his own problems. This year Mike Stevenson has been recommended as Director by the Board of Control and it is good to see some new blood. Mike was for many years secretary of the juniors.

The standard of Patrols and Examinations confirmed that the Club Supervisors had the situation well in hand and there were some very good results. The Board of Control Numbers, however, are not what they might be and there will need to be a concerted effort to increase them in the forthcoming season.

Stewart Dowrick took on the Treasurer's job and produced colourful reports which at times appeared to have every one bewildered.

Bruce Caldwell was once again Registrar and did his usual excellent job with. Bruce is right on top of this position actually understands the Complete Patrol Logger, which created havoc in a number of areas. This year will be Bruce's 20<sup>th</sup> in this position and the Branch would be in dire straits without him. He is a Life Member of both the Branch and SLSNSW.

The Junior Activities Group was again led by Chairman Peter Cross and again proved to be an extremely effective Committee. The Executive consisted of Peter, Mike Stevenson, Don Mackenzie, Steve Rice, David Croad, Kerry Fisher, Graham Mason and Karen Young and I congratulate all of them on their efforts.

I am particularly impressed with their attitude in trying to support and strengthen clubs that appear to be struggling. I have also heard excellent reports on the Junior Development Camp.

Youth Development was taken on by the younger members of the Branch with Matt Smith leading the charge. They took a leading role in organizing the Hat Head under 14/16/19 Carnival and the ocean swim at South West Rocks.

## **Sponsorship**

This year the SLSA received its largest sponsorship ever from carriers, DHL who provided every patrolling member with a new uniform and funds to assist the running of the Branch.



NBN television continued its sponsorship of both the Branch and individual clubs and has just forwarded a new sponsorship offer for the next 3 years.

The Banana Coast Credit Union again donated a Wayne McAdam Rescue Board, which was won by Tacking Point.

Another effort, which should not pass without note, was the fund raising associated with the Yamaha Tribal Gathering in Port Macquarie, which raised valuable funds towards the cost of the Branch. Yamaha who are great Association supporters conducted this 2 day event which included a simulated dirt bike ride which proved very popular and the Branch collected a 'gold coin' donation. It brought back all sorts of memories of Bucket Brigades at traffic lights in Sydney in a former life.

The Freemasons (Masonicare) again sponsored the Association's Leadership camp and the Branch had 2 participants, Timica Hawkins (Hat Head) and Meagen Morris (Tacking Point). Members that have been on this course

Telstra have provided direct assistance to 2 clubs.

### **Competition**

Rod Mc Donagh managed the Branch team with Larry Brook as coach and the team acquitted itself well in the Interbranch at Forster. For the first time, the boat crews were female crews and I must admit that they brought a new enthusiasm to the event. The Branch was represented by Macksville Scotts Head and their presence in the team was refreshing. There will be a NSW Country Team touring New Zealand in January competing the Tri-Series against the Central Coast and North Region (NZ). Hopefully the Mid North Coast will be well represented.

The North Coast Academy of Sport through the sponsorship from the Port Macquarie Panthers club again conducted the North Coast Surf Life Saving Programme and this Branch had 6 members selected in the squad. These were Mitchell Dawson, Andrew Gordon, Brent Mason, Ryan Rosenbaum, and Carla and Jenna Witched. This Branch also provided Coach Larry Brook and Programme Secretary Mick Lang.

Nomination have now been called for next years programme and I urge members to submit applications as it will improve both knowledge and performance. If applications are not submitted it is difficult to get members selected in this squad or any representative teams for that matter.

### **Country Championships**

South West Rocks hosted the Country Championships and did a brilliant job in atrocious conditions. Rain fell continuously for the first 2 days when the Junior Carnival was being conducted and it was generally miserable conditions for all concerned. The weather cleared up for the seniors but was replaced by rugged surf conditions which necessitated moving the boat area. This generally creates havoc at a carnival but it is a compliment to the Rocks that everything went fairly smoothly. Some of Rod McDonagh's crew that impressed me with their efforts were Debbie Scott, Rebecca Mitchell, Anne Pierce, Roger Wilkinson and Terry Trevillion who was tireless and a host of others too numerous to mention individually.

The previous sponsor of the Titles declined this year and Rod McDonagh managed to secured local sponsorship from Work Directions without whom the Championships could not have been conducted successfully

Next year the Country Championships are scheduled for Pambula on the Far South Coast and a big effort will be required to reach the standard achieved at the Rocks.

### Mid North Coast Carnivals

There were a number of carnivals held locally starting with the combined Junior/Senior carnival at Crescent Head which was quite successful especially as the Competition Officials Course was conducted the day before and gave new officials the opportunity to be blooded.

This was followed by the Macksville Scotts Head Double Header. As is becoming the norm the Masters carnival on the Saturday was very well attended. Numbers for the Open Carnival were disappointing but this could have been due to the North Coast Boat series conducting heats separately on another section of the beach.

In my mind there is little doubt that the Boat Series is having a detrimental effect on Open Carnivals and there will probably be clashes with local carnivals this season as occurred last season. The Branch policy in regard to giving clearances to compete outside the Branch when there is a local carnival still stands and I believe the Branch should address it before the beginning of the season. I must admit I was more than a little surprised that with the number of crews that were reportedly competing that there was only one crew at the State Titles.

Hat Head again conducted the U14/16/19 carnival and although numbers were down it was enjoyed by all concerned.

Port Macquarie conducted a Double Header in January again and although numbers were down on previous years for the Masters, it was still a great day. The Open carnival, however, was very disappointing and was almost an Interclub between Port and Tacking Point which if nothing else ensured plenty of feeling.

Port have indicated that they intend to vary this format next year by conducting a Masters in January and the Open on the Saturday of the Todd Holden Junior Carnival which traditionally is held on the weekend between the State and Australian.

The Branch Championships were held at Bonny Hills with the Overall Point Score keenly contested between, Port Macquarie, Tacking Point and Wauchope Bonny Hills with Port through weight of numbers just holding out a strong Tacking Point finish.

The Branch Champions and winners of the major Trophies were:

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| • Point Score:                          | <i>Port Macquarie</i>       |
| • Handicap Point Score:                 | <i>Port Macquarie</i>       |
| • J.H. Brown Shield (Swim Events):      | <i>Port Macquarie</i>       |
| • 'Bill Balkin' Boat Shield:            | <i>Wauchope Bonny Hills</i> |
| • 'Bill Saul' Patrol Efficiency Shield: | <i>South West Rocks</i>     |

Age Champions:

U/16 Women's:	<i>Michaela Morgan (PM)</i>	U/16 Men's:	<i>Andrew Mackenzie (PM)</i>
U/19 Women's:	<i>Kim Sheldrick (HH)</i>	U/19 Men's:	<i>Mitchell Dawson (TP)</i>
Open Women's:	<i>Kim Sheldrick (HH)</i>	Open Men's:	<i>Chris Delaney (TP)</i>
Over 30 Women's:	<i>Cath Degan (TP)</i>	Over 30 Men's:	<i>D. Kirkland (PM)</i>



Over 40 Women's: *Anne Walsh (PM)*  
Over 50 Men's: *Fred Middleton (TP)*  
Over 50 Men's: *Bob 'Beau' Smith (WBH)*

Over 40 Men's: *Peter Murphy (TP) - dh*  
*Lindsay Lewis (TP) - dh*

## **NSW Championships**

Branch Representation at the NSW Championships at Shellharbour was very poor with only 4 starters at the Open Championships. SLSNSW still expected the Branch to provide an IRB and crew and at one stage we were not going to be allowed to compete. It turned out that Greg Smith from Port Macquarie and Owen Reagen from Macksville Scotts Head were there although we had not taken our own 'duck'. After many phone calls the crisis was averted. Fortunately it looks like this rule will be reviewed next year.

There were some good results at the Masters particularly for Wauchope Bonny Hills and Tacking Point and the clubs have detailed them in their reports. I congratulate all those that won medals

Despite the number of boat crews that are competing in the North Coast Boat Series only one Masters and no Open crews competed at the State.

## **Australian Championships**

There was a better roll up for the Australian Championships and some good results were achieved by Wauchope Bonny Hills and Tacking Point. It is good to see that Tacking Point picked up gold for the first time and I congratulate all those that achieved success and their clubs.

## **The Future**

The Australian Championships are to be held at Kurrawa for the next 2 years and then go west to Scarborough in Perth for 3 years followed by 3 years in Coffs Harbour.

As Mick Lang has reported elsewhere an exciting proposal next year is the inaugural East Coast Championship and Interstate 'War on water' challenge set down for Tacking Point in February. This event should represent a departure from previous events and should be an exciting spectacle which should put Surf Life Saving in the spotlight locally which should be good for all our clubs.

In addition the Far North Coast Branch is keen to re-establish the North Coast Championships next year.

## **Community Education**

Community Education is an area where I believe that there is crying need and the Branch should be looking to lift its profile in the future. This role was undertaken by Meredith Robertson who was extremely enthusiastic.

An application has been submitted for a grant to purchase equipment to allow us to conduct programmes more effectively and hopefully we will be able to develop an programme such as the one that allowed us to win a NSW Water Safety Awards 2 seasons ago.

## **Branch Annual Dinner and Awards**

SLSNSW was represented by the popular Director of Life Saving and Education who came bearing gifts. This was not the reason he was invited but we weren't about to knock anything back.

The Branch and each club was presented with a cheque for \$2,000 from the Telemarketing. The Branch was presented with an Airway Management Trainer, a Defibrillation Trainer and Cartridge/Pads from the Bequest Funding.

There were some outstanding nominations for the Branch Awards which were handed out at the Branch Annual Dinner. The Nominations were:

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

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| • Mitchell Dawson | Tacking Point        |
| • Brian Kerr      | Hat Head             |
| • Jeff Polverino  | Port Macquarie       |
| • David Stokes    | Wauchope Bonny Hills |

The winner was Mitchell Dawson from Tacking Point who is an outstanding prospect.

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

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| • Leanne Goggin      | Wauchope Bonny Hills |
| • Leanne Griffin     | Hat Head             |
| • Meredith Robertson | South West Rocks     |
| • Amanda Rouse       | Tacking Point        |
| • Jenni Wookey       | Port Macquarie       |

The winner was Meredith Robertson from South West Rocks...

#### **Rookie of the Year**

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| • Jennie Arnold  | Tacking Point        |
| • Jessie Jones   | Tacking Point        |
| • Megan Morris   | Tacking Point        |
| • Tegan Purse    | Tacking Point        |
| • David Rogers   | Wauchope Bonny Hills |
| • Brett Thompson | Port Macquarie       |

The winner was Brett Thompson from Port Macquarie.

#### **Official of the Year**

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| • Debbie Dawson  | Port Macquarie       |
| • Paul Hoole     | Wauchope Bonny Hills |
| • Mick Lang      | Tacking Point        |
| • Mike Stevenson | Hat Head             |

The winner was Mick Lang, President of Tacking Point and Branch Director of Life Saving who had a huge year.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the Annual Dinner each year is the Presentation of the Nipper and Nipperette of the year. This year was no exception and my congratulations go to Dane Rickwood and Tegan Purse both from Tacking Point. The manner in which these two young people



spoke convinced me that if we achieve nothing else we are producing young people who will contribute to the community in the future and achieve in life.

Another highlight of the evening was the Presentation to Life Member Max Waters O.A.M. by fellow Life Member Natures Gentleman, Kevin Ruscoe.

### **Occupational Health and Safety**

This is an area where we have a Duty of Care to our members and it is of concern that we were not able to fill this position last season. There are certain actions that should be taken before we conduct carnivals and even training to ensure the safety of our members. It is an area that will need to be addressed in the forthcoming season.

### **The Future**

At the May meeting the Branch resolved to hold a Planning Weekend to try and map out the future direction of the Branch. At the time I indicated that although I felt it was desperately required for both the Branch and its constituent clubs. The only interest in the proposal, however, has come from Rod McDonagh who has been chasing up venues and it would appear that we could put something together on 21/22 August.

The Branch exists to look after the interest of the 8 member clubs equally. If we do not resolve the current problems at both the Branch and club level, we are in for a lot of grief.

I do not believe that the current situation can be allowed to just float along and that there needs to be a change in attitude NOW.

Accordingly I intend to put the proposal to the meeting on Thursday night seeking a commitment from the clubs and Branch Officers. We will be looking for a minimum of 4 from each club representing a different area of the club from Juniors, young members, management, education, life saving and competition. It would be a 'live in' conference without the option of going home.

It would appear that if we can get some support from SLSNSW and the Branch subsidises it to the extent of say \$3,000 we could charge about \$50/head. I would be asking the clubs to pay for their representatives.

Dennis O'Sullivan



*Andrew Chubb presenting a rough looking lot (with one exception) with cheques and other goodies*



*Andrew Chubb presenting Mick Lang with the Award for Branch Official of the Year*



## DIRECTOR LIFESAVING & EDUCATION

I am pleased to report that no lives were lost during MNC Branch voluntary patrols in the 2003-2004 season.

Kempsey Crescent Head surf club assisted with the recovery of a body at Big Nobby cliff in June last year and I acknowledge with thanks the assistance of Mark Baxter, Hugh Scott and Paul Waterhouse in that incident.

South West Rocks produced a savage shore break on the Saturday of Country Championships which resulted in a number of injuries including a suspected spinal and a near drowning due to exhaustion in the surf conditions. Both patients recovered.

The position of Director Lifesaving was shared by three members during the season. Ken Corbett was the elected DLS but due to injury he was forced to resign after several months. Graham Bingham was then appointed DLS and after a short time he too had to resign due to sudden family commitments. There being no enthusiastic applicants for the position led to my appointment and, since good things come in threes, I found myself grounded for several months.

The Board of Control's new policy of granting district supervisors more responsibility and more hands on contact with the clubs they are supervising has clearly been of great assistance to the Branch during the times of virtual absence of a director.

I thank all district supervisors for their work during the season and it is only with the knowledge that all of my district supervisors have the experience and commitment to perform their duties unsupervised, that I was content that lifesaving standards in the branch were being upheld in a friendly and encouraging manner.

The individual Supervisors reported that both Patrols and Examinations were generally of a high standard.

It was appropriate that the Tom Saul trophy for Patrol Efficiency could be presented by a Councillor Saul who is a relation to the South West Rocks club at the Annual Presentation.

At the Board of Control Annual Meeting, I submit several proposed BOC policies for consideration by the Board and recommendations to the Branch for the future assistance of the Board, the Director, Supervisors and clubs.

The Branch Constitution currently reflects the former situation where there was only one qualification which covered both examination and instruction and competition. When separate qualifications were introduced and the role of Superintendent split into the two directorships, no provision was made for the many people who held a single qualification and the Board has catered for Examiners and people with dual qualifications but not competition.

It was my intention with the proposed policies and constitutional changes that the competition aspect be addressed and that in the life saving area that all levels of the Board and clubs officers and club members would know what was expected of them throughout the Branch and the Director of Lifesaving position would become more of an administrative position with hands on contact and assistance where identified by policies or requested by officers of clubs or branch.



The Board did not endorse the recommendations and recommended that the incoming DLS and District Supervisors determine the format for Patrol Inspections.

The Constitutional problem has not been resolved, however, and it is considered that the Constitution Committee should examine the position to bring the Constitution into line with current practice.

Notwithstanding the feeling that I may owe the Branch something for directing an almost dormant Board of Control (on an administration level) for that past half year, I will be both relieved and thankful to hand over the job to a keen and enthusiastic new director.

Mike Stevenson has been nominated to fill the position for 2004/5 and I am confident that he will do an excellent job and wish him well.

Hugh Mackay  
Director of Life Saving and Education



*Councillor Dean Saul presenting the 'Bill Saul' Shield for Patrol Efficiency to Rod McDonagh*



## **DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION AND COACHING.**

The season has come and gone so quickly it is hard to see where the time went. As this was my first season as your Director of Competition I would like to thank all Club Presidents, Secretaries and Team Managers for their assistance and patience during this season. It was a steep learning curve for me, but one I thoroughly enjoyed.

At this point I would like to especially thank Bruce Caldwell, Chalky Bob Smith, Dennis O'Sullivan & Hugh McKay, for their advice and guidance when I first took up this position last year, their wisdom and experience has been of enormous value to me and I can't thank you enough.

I suppose this is a time for reflection on the past season and identify what is working and what we need to improve.

### **OFFICIALS:**

This season saw approximately 30 new officials complete the Level 1 Officials Course. I congratulate each of those new officials and I encourage you to continue your commitment in this area. With the introduction of one official for each 10 competitors for all carnivals from now on this is an area we need to keep an eye on in the future at both a Club and Branch level.

I encourage experienced officials from each of the Clubs to meet with their rookie officials and encourage them to attend as many carnivals as possible. Try to forge some sort of buddy system within your own Club for officials. A good way to do this is to meet your Club's coaches and set a day when your Club officials speak to your competitors for about 30 minutes and discuss the rules of one aspect of competition, e.g., an ironman event. This could be done 4 or 5 times during the off season. It creates camaraderie within your own Club as well as assisting competitors to understand the rules of competition, not to mention refreshing your own understanding. It is only an idea, but one which may assist your Club and our Branch.

### **INTERBRANCH:**

On reflection we had what I would class a reasonable Interbranch. I am acutely aware it is difficult to compete against some of the larger Branches, but I was disappointed at the number of competitors who were originally selected and then dropped out for various reasons. For me at that early stage in the season and my appointment as the Director of Competition this was an area I needed to look at and see what needed to be done to improve it.

As you are aware at a previous Branch meeting I mentioned having a junior and senior Interbranch Squad for the off season. My aim is to meet at least 3 times during the winter. At these sessions, I will encourage our rookie officials to attend to discuss the rules and any changes to the rules of competition. My aim is to have Club coaches attend and assist in the running of various disciplines, i.e., flags, beach sprints, board, ski and swim.

These clinics I believe will improve the skills of each of the selected members, so they can at least match it with some of their more illustrious competitors as well as improve the morale and camaraderie within our branch. Hopefully it will bring a new and refreshing feel to our Interbranch Team.



Having said that it may also assist in a resurgence to our early Branch carnivals, as competition hopefully will be keen amongst the 'off season' squad to battle out for positions as well as members who weren't originally selected.

#### CARNIVALS:

This is an area I believe needs improving and an injection of something different.

Next Season I would like to see shorter distance events and enduro type events.

Not every carnival would have these events, but some selected carnivals would have some of these types of events.

As a Branch we need to try something different to entice more competitors at our carnivals.

#### COACHES & OFFICIALS:

I am keen to run a coaches course for the Branch, but I need approval from State Centre to conduct same. When I have the necessary approval/assistance and dates, I will inform all Club secretaries of the venue, times and dates.

This is an area I am keen to improve for all Clubs. If there was an area I feel I neglected this season the coaching and development of our competitors was one area.

I will also attempt to put together another officials course for the Branch as well during the off season, time permitting.

At the time of writing I have not listed the awards winners for this season, but they will be acknowledged and rewarded at our Branch Presentation on Saturday the 29 May, 2004.

#### CONCLUSION:

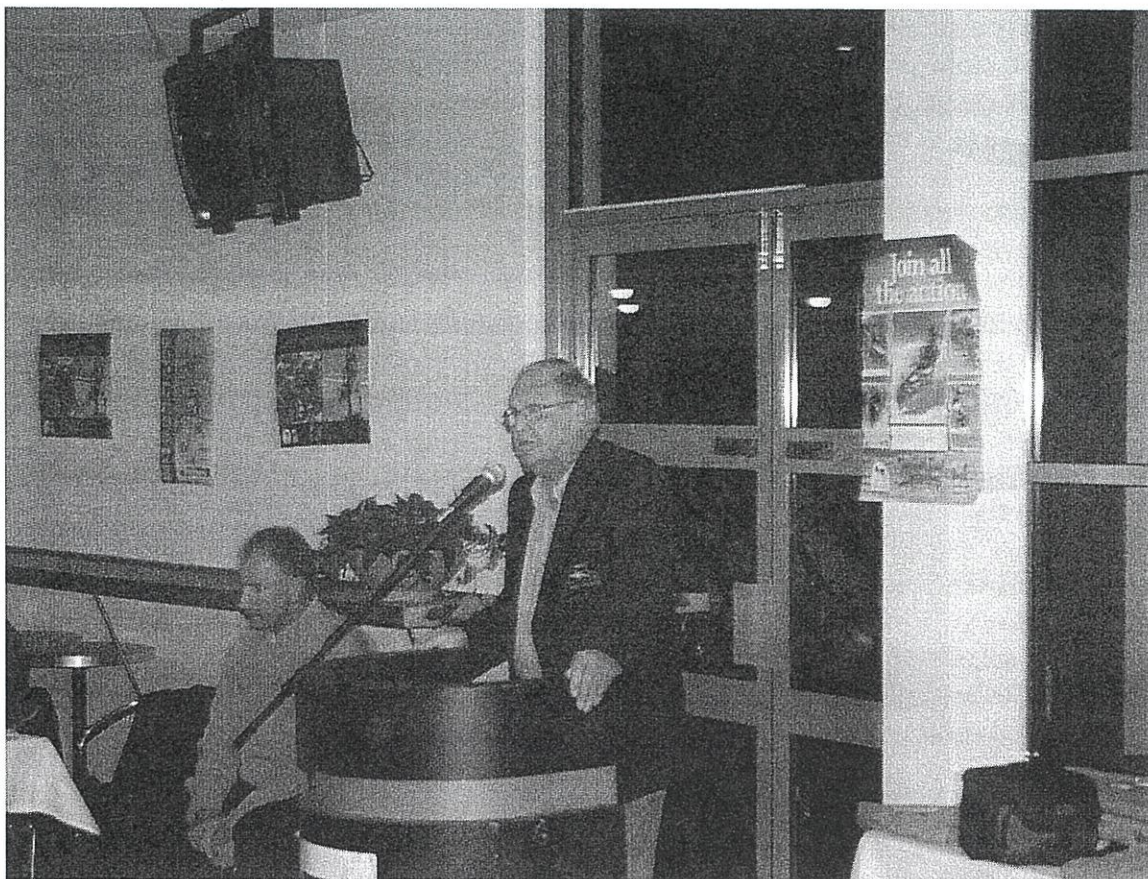
Again I would like to thank everyone who has assisted me this season. I think we are heading in the right direction and we have some talented athletes in our Branch, we just need to work smarter and work together to improve Competition within our Branch.

I also believe we need to work with the Juniors to assist the juniors coming through for their first year in Senior Competition. This is an aspect I will try to work on through the off season.

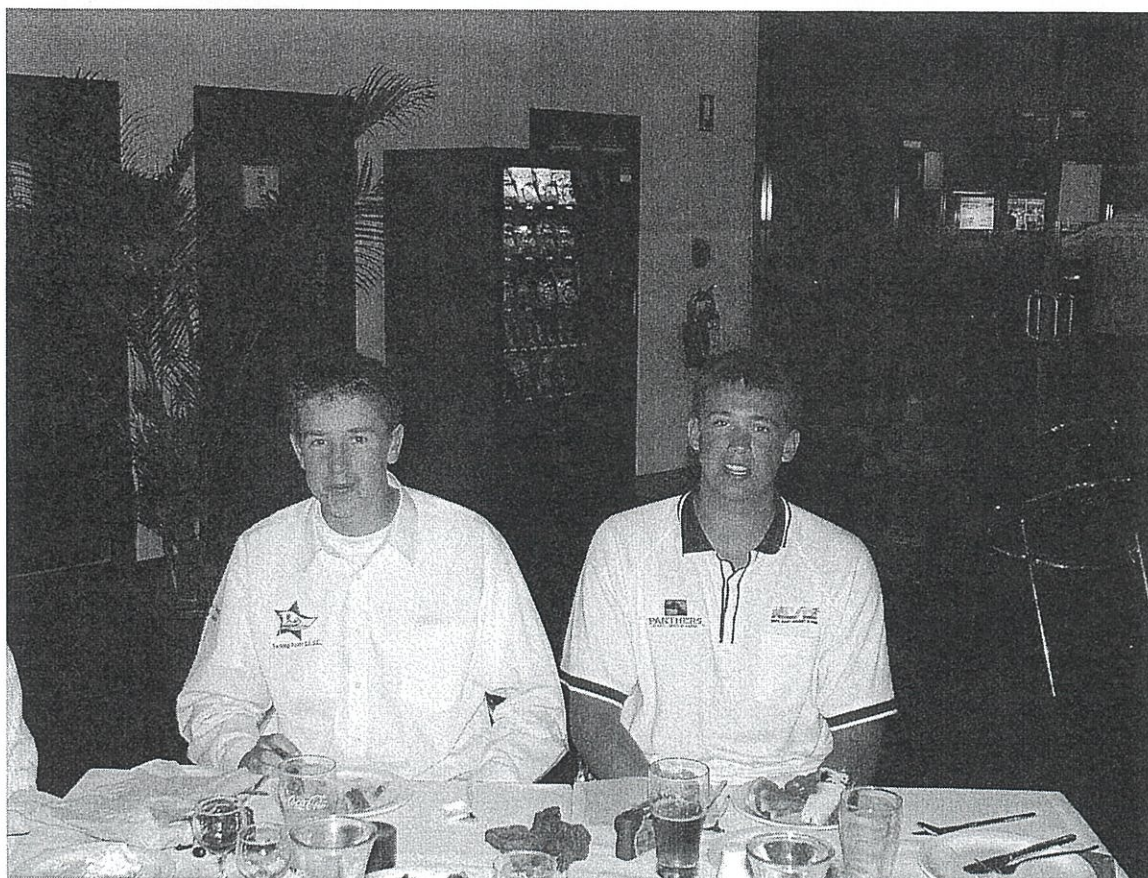
Congratulations to all members who participated at State and Aussies. Hopefully next season we will have more competitors at these carnivals.

Mick Lang  
Director of Competition





*Keith Uptin Chairman of Port Panthers responding to the Appreciation Plaque presented in appreciation of the support for the Elite Programme.*



*Brent Mason and Mitchell Dawson, Members of the Programme. What more can you say.*



## Swimming Events

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# Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast 2003/4 Branch Championships Results

Open Wave Ski	Fred Middleton	TP	Chris Delaney	TP	Beau Bob Smith	WBH	Graham Doak	TP	Chris Jory	TP	Chris Jory	PM	Craig Munro	PM	
Under 19 Yrs Wave Ski	Mitchell Dawson	TP	Ryan Rosenbaum	TP	Callum Johnson	WBH	Chris Jory	WBH	Trent Wai	PM	Trent Wai	WBH	Tim White	WBH	
30-39 Years Wave Ski	Tony Hallinan	TP	Scott Williams	TP	Ray Chapman	PM	Tony Wright	PM	Brett Thompson	PM	Brett Thompson	PM	Peter Cross	PM	
Over 30 Years Womens Wave Ski	Gaby Jory	PM	Donna Cross	PM	Maree Mackenzie	PM									
40-49 Years Wave Ski	Steve Harrison	TP	Graham Doak	TP	Robert Dalrymple	PM	Scott Oxenford	PM	Craig Munro	PM	Craig Munro	PM	Kevin Hall	PM	
50-59 Years Wave Ski	Fred Middleton	TP	Bob Rosenbaum	TP	Larry Brook	PM	Norm Morgan	PM	Alan Suters	PM	Alan Suters	WBH	Wayne Gill	WBH	
Over 60 Years Wave Ski	Beau Bob Smith	WBH	George Fowler	WBH	Chalky Bob Smith	WBH	John Bell	MSH							
Open Ski Relay	Tacking Point "2"	TP	Tacking Point "4"	TP	Tacking Point "1"	TP	Port Macquarie "A"	PM	Tacking Point "3"	PM	Tacking Point "3"	TP	Port Macquarie "B"	PM	
<b>Beach Events</b>															
Open Beach Sprint	Daryl Thompson	SWR	Tony Kee	WBH	Ben Gill	WBH	Heath Bax	WBH	Daniel Gill	PM	Daniel Gill	WBH	Callum Johnson	WBH	
Open Women's Beach Sprint	Kimberley Sheldrick	HH	Natalie Flanagan	WBH	Rachel Buckley	WBH	Cath Deagan	WBH	Jenna Lieveore	TP	Jenna Lieveore	WBH			
Under 19 years Beach Sprint	Fintan Langan	TP	Tony Kee	WBH	Tim White	WBH	Morgan Nash	WBH	Brent Mason	TP	Brent Mason	TP			
Under 19 years Women's Beach Sprint	Kimberley Sheldrick	HH	Natalie Flanagan	WBH	Rachel Buckley	SWR	Jenna Lieveore	WBH	Lisa Midgley	WBH	Lisa Midgley	WBH	Cassie Garvan	WBH	
Under 16 years Beach Sprint	Daniel Ross	WBH	Trent Harrison	TP	Kane Charles	WBH	Andrew Mackenzie	WBH	Ben Dunlop	PM	Ben Dunlop	PM	Matt Rowlandson	TP	
Under 16 years Women's Beach Sprint	Sarah Lieveore	TP	Tahnee Laws	WBH	Natalie Buckley	WBH	Natasha Bowley	PM	Hannah Jory	PM	Hannah Jory	PM	Michaela Morgan	PM	
30-39 Yrs. Beach Sprint	Heath Bax	PM	Darren Gill	WBH	Peter Cross	PM	Scott Williams	PM	Tony Wright	PM	Tony Wright	PM	Jamie Luxford	TP	
30-39 Yrs. Women's Beach Sprint	Cath Deagan	TP	Donna Cross	PM	Marie-Louise O'Neill	WBH	Maree Mackenzie	TP	Jeff Polverino	PM	Jeff Polverino	PM	Peter Murphy	TP	
40-49 Yrs. Beach Sprint	Keith Charles	WBH	Graham Buckley	PM	Paul Smith	TP	David Carew	PM							
40-49 Yrs. Women's Beach Sprint	Anne Walch	PM	Gabby Jory	PM	Vicki Polverino	PM	Janine Dunlop	PM							
50-59 Yrs. Beach Sprint	Ray Sheldrick	HH	Wayne Gill	WBH	Fred Middleton	TP	Bob Rosenbaum	TP	Larry Brook	PM	Larry Brook	PM			
Over 60 Yrs. Beach Sprint	Beau Bob Smith	WBH	George Fowler	WBH	John Bell	MSH									
Open Beach Relay	W/Bonny Hills	WBH	Tacking Point	TP	Port Macquarie	PM									
Open Women's Beach Relay	W/Bonny Hills	WBH	Port Macquarie	PM	Port Macquarie	PM									
Under 19 years Beach Relay	Tacking Point	TP	Port Macquarie	PM	W/Bonny Hills	WBH									
Under 16 years Beach Relay	Port Macquarie	PM	W/Bonny Hills "A"	WBH	Tacking Point	TP	W/Bonny Hills "B"	WBH							
Over 140 years Beach Relay	W/Bonny Hills	WBH	Port Macquarie	PM	Port Macquarie	PM									
Over 170 years Beach Relay	W/Bonny Hills	WBH	Port Macquarie	TP	Tacking Point	TP									
Over 200 years Beach Relay	Port Macquarie	PM	W/Bonny Hills	WBH											
Open Beach Flags	Daryl Thomson	SWR	Paul Williams	PM	Ben Gill	WBH	Richard McGovern	WBH	Peter Cross	PM	Peter Cross	PM	Tony Kee	WBH	
Open Women's Beach Flags	Kimberley Sheldrick	HH	Rachel Buckley	WBH	Natalie Flanagan	WBH	Tahnee Laws	WBH	Jenna Lieveore	WBH	Jenna Lieveore	WBH	Lisa Midgley	WBH	
Under 19 years Beach Flags	Fintan Langan	TP	Tony Kee	WBH	Tim White	WBH	Paul Williams	WBH	Trent Wai	PM	Trent Wai	WBH			
Under 19 years Women's Beach Flags	Kimberley Sheldrick	HH	Natalie Flanagan	WBH	Jenna Lieveore	WBH	Rachel Buckley	WBH	Kathy Darvin	WBH	Kathy Darvin	WBH	Lisa Midgley	WBH	
Under 16 years Beach Flags	Kane Charles	WBH	Dan Ross	WBH	Trent Harrison	TP	Matt Rowlandson	TP	Ben Dunlop	PM	Ben Dunlop	PM	Andrew Mackenzie	PM	
Under 16 years Women's Beach Flags	Tahnee Laws	WBH	Natalie Buckley	WBH	Sarah Lieveore	TP	Natasha Bowley	WBH	Hannah Jory	WBH	Hannah Jory	WBH	Lisa Jones	WBH	
30-39 Yrs Men's Beach Flags	Heath Bax	PM	Darren Gill	WBH	Tony Wright	PM	David Stokes	WBH	Darren Metcalfe	WBH	Darren Metcalfe	WBH	Leigh Goodwin	WBH	
Over 30 Yrs Women's Beach Flags	Donna Cross	PM	Jill Gorrie	TP	Maree Mackenzie	PM	Marie-Louise O'Neill	PM							
40-49 Yrs Men's Beach Flags	Keith Charles	WBH	Brad Miles	PM	David Carew	PM	Noel Jory	PM	Jeff Polverino	PM	Jeff Polverino	PM	Peter Ebert	PM	
40-49 Yrs Women's Beach Flags	Catharina Thompson	PM	Anne Walch	PM	Janine Dunlop	PM	Gaby Jory	PM							
50-59 Yrs Men's Beach Flags	Wayne Gill	WBH	Ray Sheldrick	HH	Larry Brook	PM	Steve Devine	PM	Ken Wilson	PM	Ken Wilson	PM	Norm Morgan	PM	
Over 60 Yrs Beach Flags	Beau Bob Smith	WBH	Chalky Bob Smith	WBH	John Bell	MSH	George Fowler	WBH							

<b>Point Score</b>															
1 Port Macquarie	508	226	Handicap	734	1										
2 Tacking Point	483	0		483	2										
3 Wauchope Bonny Hills	426	10		436	3										
4 Macksville Scotts Head	89	318		407	4										
5 Hat Head	43	261		304	5										
6 South West Rocks	27	163		190	6										



## REGISTRAR

2003/2004 season has come and gone at a rate of knots. Once again the season started at a hectic pace with a training day for club CPL operators held at South West Rocks during September of 2003. This day was well attended by all clubs where many questions were asked and hopefully answered, along with hands on training for the clubs that brought their computers along for the day.

This season has seen a decline in the number of awards gained by Branch clubs. Awards are down by 39 from the previous season, (down 45 season 2002/2003). If this trend continues for the next couple of seasons than some clubs could be in deep trouble with membership and patrolling duties. Bronze Medallions are down 11 and Surf Rescue Certificates are down 14. Maybe it is time for all Branch clubs to have a long hard look at their community education programmes if we wish for our great voluntary organization to continue on the Mid North Coast. Another big concern is the lack of Silver Medallion IRB Driver awards gained within the clubs. There were only 6 SM/IRBD'S gained. Also there were very few internal awards being gained by members of all clubs which is also a worry to the Branch.

Now that all awards and proficiencies are processed through the CPL programme we can see the complete break down of awards that have been carried out and processed by the clubs. A total of 1218 awards, proficiencies, updates and JAC awards were carried out. Of these 417 were JAC awards, 536 were proficiencies and updates, which leaves 265 Surf Life Saving awards gained by 8 clubs

I would like to thank the Branch executive Dos, Peter, Stewart, Rod, Hughie and Mick for their help and support during the season. Also I would like to thank the CPL operators (Chris, Debbie, Rebecca, Jodie, Sue, Maurie, Ken, Warren, Paul, Sue, Sean and Peter) from the eight clubs for putting up their hands and running the CPL programmes on behalf of their clubs. I would also like to offer my sincere thanks to Margaret Black from the North Coast Branch who once again came and helped with instruction at the training day at South West Rocks, and has helped me with problems from clubs during the season via the telephone.

Finally I would like to wish all clubs a successful 2004/2005 season.

Bruce Caldwell  
Registrar

MID NORTH COAST BRANCH												
AWARDS FOR 2003/2004 SEASON												
AWARD	CLUB	MSH	SWR	HH	KCH	PM	TP	WBH	CH	TOTAL	2002/ 2003	2001/ 2002
R.C. / BASIC RC								8		8	13	6
R.C./CPR							1		1	2		1
COMM SRC							2			2		
S.R.C.		10	6	6	5	6	17	2	2	54	68	96
SRC/CPR							1			1		
TOC/SRC											1	
E/SRC												
BRONZE		13	10	8	20	26	14	4		95	106	141
T.O.C. / BM				3	1	4	3	2		13	2	4
P.C. (SILVER MED)												12
E.C. /BM							1			1	4	3
A.R.C.			3	3	2	3	3		1	15	35	19
A.R.C.I. / TOC.RES				3		1				4	2	
A.R.C.E./ ERES				1						1	1	
I.R.B.C.				4	7	5			21	37	38	
I.R.B.D. (SILVER)					4	2				6	15	13
I.R.B.I. /TOCIRB					1	1				2	1	1
I.R.B.E. /EIRB												1
F.A.C./SFA											2	8
F.A.I.												
F.A.E.												
R.O.C.											2	18
R.I.C. /TRAD												
R.E.C.												
GOLD M. (A.L.S.C.)									1	1		
SILVER MED LIFE SUPPORT												3
10 YEAR									3	3		
20 YEAR									2	2		
25 YEAR						3				3	11	
50 YEAR			2			1			1	4	3	6
TLS												1
ELS												
ARC OROPHARYNGEAL												4
SLS DEFIB FACILITATOR												4
SLS DEFIB CERTIFICATE			1		1	5	2	1	1	11		4
ORPHARYNGEAL FACILIT												4
<b>TOTAL</b>		23	22	28	41	57	44	17	33	265		
SEASON 2002/2003		42	64	96	28	72	49	96	8		304	
SEASON 2001/2002		59	57	28	29	53	37	54	26			349
AWARDS FOR THE 2002/2003 SEASON ARE DOWN 45 FROM 2001/2002 SEASON.												
AWARDS FOR THE 2001/2002 SEASON ARE DOWN 53 FROM 2000/2001 SEASON.												



## JAC AWARDS FOR SEASON 2003/2004

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## SLSA AWARD & COMMUNITY AWARD UPDATES FOR 2002/2003 SEASON

AWARDS AND UPDATES FOR 2001/2002 SEASON												
AWARD	CLUB	MSH	SWR	HH	KCH	PM	TP	WBH	CH	TOTAL	2001/ 2002	2001/ 2002
SRC PROF			3	10		6	2		1	22		
BM PROF		21	24	36	39	89	76	57	21	363		
RC/CPR UP DATE												1
FAC/SFA UP DATE												1
FAE UP DATE												1
ARC UP DATE			4	5	5	18	25	4	6	67	39	61
ARCE UP DATE												
IRBC UP DATE				3		18	2		3	26	3	
IRBD UP DATE			2	10	8	14	11	9	3	57	53	47
ROC UP DATE												
ALSC UP DATE											2	
DFC PROF						1				1		
* C.R.C. / BRC												
* C.A.R.C.												12
* C.R.C/C.P.R.												
* SURF RESCUE												
* CRC/CPR UP DATE												
* C.A.R.C. UP DATE												
* C.S.L.S.C.												
* RC/CPR UP DATE												
TOTAL		21	33	64	52	146	116	70	34	536		
											97	
												123
TOTAL NUMBER OF AWARDS,UPDATES/PROFICIENCY'S & JAC AWARDS = 1218												

## **BOARD OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES**

The Mid North Coast JAC has once again achieved a very successful season with high standards attained in competition, surf education and youth development. I believe that our committee should be proud of the way we are evolving and I am looking forward to the exciting developments that we have proposed over the last few months. The introduction of bodyboarding into the junior curriculum, off season training programs and an all new age managers course, show that our commitment to Junior Surf Life Saving is strong.

Once again I urge this committee and individual club committee's alike to realize that many hands make light work. More often than not too much is left up to few people. I believe the reason that our branch has been successful in all facets of our duties is because we have depth and a great wealth of knowledge and experience to draw from. I hope that this can continue and that the Mid North Coast Branch will grow, achieve and prosper accordingly.

Thank you to everyone that has been involved in Junior Surf Life Saving this season, your efforts do not go unrecognized. Hopefully as in all voluntary work, our biggest delight should come in the form of satisfaction, seeing the children of this branch competing and being successful at all levels of surf education, competition and personal achievements. The growth of surf life saving depends heavily on junior activities and our continued commitment to it. From branch delegates to officials, water safety and the tireless efforts of weekend helpers we are a team with a common goal.

Kempsey 1 Crescent Head, Wauchope 1 Bonny Hills and Tacking Point hosted our branch carnivals this season. All carnivals showed good numbers of competitors and it was excellent to see a few new faces in the official capacity after two official courses throughout the season. The Mid North Coast Branch junior interbranch team was selected from the results of the first two carnivals. Once again it was a difficult selection process due to the enormous depth of talent in all age groups. I look forward to some minor improvements in the manner of medal presentations at branch championships next season.

Youth development and leadership is one of the key functions of junior surf life saving and the efforts in this branch to project and put strategies in place in this area are excellent. We have been successful in running yet another superb development and leadership weekend at Bonny 1 Hills. Roughly eighty children from the Mid North Coast and Lower North Coast Branches attended along with instructors and chaperones. The camp was a hit and will be held there again in the 04/05 season.

The junior male and female surf life saver of the year judging was once again a grueling decision making process. The Branch entrants were all excellent. Congratulations to Dane Rickwood and Tegan Purse for being chosen as Male and Female Junior Surf life Savers of the year and for representing our branch so well at state level.

This branch was well represented at the NSW Country Titles held at South West Rocks with some outstanding results by individuals and teams alike. Once again the depth and strength of clubs from this branch was evident with medals across the board.

Numbers of nippers in this branch have steadied this season but it is evident that we need to promote this sport. Hopefully we can build numbers up in declining areas through promotion. Club delegates please make every effort to participate in our branch meetings. It is very important to maintain communication to attain awareness of events and activities within our branch for the benefit of our nippers and for the continued success of this great institution.



A special congratulations to all of our U/14's who have been in nippers for many years, your skills and achievements in Surf Life Saving are a great base for you to build on. I'm sure I speak on behalf of the entire branch when I say, we are proud of you and hope that you will all continue to be involved in Surf Life Saving.

In closing I would like to give special thanks to some outstanding individuals who have given their time and experience for many years to the JAC Executive: Steve Rice, Mike Stevenson, Don Mackenzie, Kerry Fisher, Graham Mason and Karen Young. The inspiration and support during your many seasons on this committee is undoubtedly the reason why the JAC in this branch is so strong. Thank you.

Peter Cross  
JAC Chairman.



*Selection of Photos from Branch Presentation Night featuring Nipper and Nipperette of the Year, Dane Rickwood and Tegan Purse and others*



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### SUMMARY

The level of accumulated funds for the year ending May, 2004 increased from \$22,974.27 to \$43,006.22. This represented a surplus in this period of \$20,031.95.

The accumulated funds are represented by:

- Commonwealth Bank reconciliation of: \$29,972.29
- Coastline Credit Union Passport Account: \$93.34
- Coastline Credit Union Term Deposit: \$12,940.59

Total income during this 12 month period was \$35,324.10. This was made up of:

- General Branch Allocation: \$10,517.71
- DHL Sponsorship: \$13,388.43
- Other General Items: \$10,902.31

A detailed listing of the Breakup of these amounts is contained in the report.

Total expenditure during this period was \$15,292.15. This was made up of:

- Awards and Trophies: \$3,006.82
- Competition for Interbranch: \$6,041.79
- Computers: \$1,739.09
- Other Items: \$4,457.48

A detailed listing of the Breakup of these amounts is contained in the report.

Care should be exercised in interpreting the results, however, as a number of items including the income and costs associated with the Branch Presentation Night, the replacement of equipment for the Branch Trailer, and the Registrar's Lap Top Computer.

It should also be noted that there has been a substantial decrease in the level of expenditure in 2003/04 which will not be sustainable in 2004/05.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Branch Executive for their assistance throughout the year.

Stewart Dowrick  
Honorary Treasurer



## INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the members of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Mid North Coast Branch Incorporated:

### Scope

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Mid North Coast Branch Incorporated for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2003 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2004, comprising of Income & Expenditure Statement and Statement of Funds for the Club. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein, and have determined that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members.

The special purpose financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members of the Club for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's accountability requirements. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

### AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion the financial report of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Mid North Coast Branch Incorporated presents fairly as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2004 the Statement of Funds and the Income & Expenditure of the Club for the period in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act.

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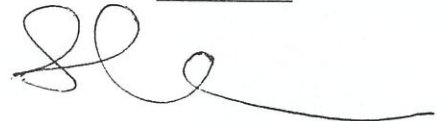
**SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
MID NORTH COAST BRANCH INCORPORATED**

**ACCUMULATED FUNDS STATEMENT  
FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JUNE 2003 TO 31ST MAY 2004**

2003		2004
\$19,685.24	Opening Balance	\$22,974.27
<u>3,289.03</u>	Net Surplus(Deficit) for the year	<u>20,031.95</u>
<u>\$22,974.27</u>	Accumulated Funds as at 31st May 2004	<u>\$43,006.22</u>

**Represented By:**

\$10,455.98	Cash at Commonwealth Bank	\$29,972.29
93.34	Coastline Credit Union Passbook Account	93.34
<u>12,424.95</u>	Coastline Credit Union Term Deposit	<u>12,940.59</u>
<u>\$22,974.27</u>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$43,006.22</u>



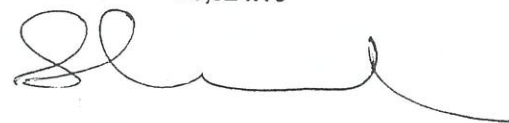


**SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
MID NORTH COAST BRANCH INCORPORATED**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE  
PERIOD FROM 1ST JUNE 2003 TO 31ST MAY 2004**

**RECEIPTS**

<b>2003</b>		<b>2004</b>
1,177.28	Affiliation Fees	781.82
3,208.45	Awards	1,008.63
17.77	Bank Interest Received - Commonwealth Bank	41.91
454.86	Bank Interest Received - Coastline Credit Union	515.64
8,613.24	Branch Allocation	10,517.71
1,477.28	Branch Dinner	0.00
689.82	Carnival Entry Fees	485.45
3,109.09	Directors & Officers Insurance	450.00
4,990.00	Donations	195.80
101.90	Education Programme	30.00
3,414.35	Interbranch Team	4,318.36
22,241.20	Public Liability Insurance	0.00
466.97	Secretary's Telephone Reimbursements	0.00
0.00	Sponsorship	13,388.43
100.00	Trailer/Gear Hire	0.00
<b>50,062.21</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>31,733.75</b>
4,108.32	GST Received from Supplies	2,972.35
992.00	GST/BAS Refund	618.00
5,100.32		3,590.35
<b>\$55,162.53</b>	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>35,324.10</b>



## PAYMENTS

2003		2004
4,210.34	Awards, Trophies & Medals	3,006.82
1,546.36	Branch Dinner Expenses	177.27
319.67	Computer & Fax Repairs and Maintenance	1,739.09
4,050.00	Directors & Officers Insurance	450.00
61.00	Filing Fees (Dept of Fair Trading)	0.00
45.45	Floral Tributes & Arrangements	0.00
45.36	Internet Expenses	0.00
2,400.00	JAC Allocation & Expenses	0.00
1,211.20	Manuals	385.91
385.98	Meetings & Exenses	163.64
556.47	Postage	161.16
400.00	Prize Money	456.14
19,610.00	Public Liability Insurance	0.00
2,631.20	Refund of Public Liability Insurance	0.00
600.00	Secretary's Expenses (petty cash)	0.00
1,339.38	Secretary's Telephone	0.00
44.10	Small Items	265.98
199.09	Travelling Expenses - Other	0.00
6,591.88	Competition Interbranch Team	6,041.79
803.50	Plant & Equipment Insurance	915.99
45.00	Trailer Registration	46.00
0.00	Trailer Insurance	100.00
<b>47,095.98</b>	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>13,909.79</b>
4,346.52	GST Paid for Acquisitions	1,382.36
<u>871.00</u>	GST/BAS Payment	<u>0.00</u>
5,217.52		1,382.36
<b>\$52,313.50</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>15,292.15</b>
<u>440.00</u>	Less Previous unrepresented cheque	<u>0.00</u>
51,873.50		15,292.15
<b><u>\$3,289.03</u></b>	<b>NET PROFIT/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>	<b><u>20,031.95</u></b>






**SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
MID NORTH COAST BRANCH INCORPORATED**

**COMMONWEALTH BANK ACCOUNT  
FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JUNE 2003 TO 31ST MAY 2004**

Commonwealth Bank Account 06 2560 008800558

**INCOME**

DESCRIPTION	\$ Excluding GST	\$ GST Free	\$Totals
Affiliation Fees	781.82		781.82
Awards	1,008.63		1,008.63
Bank Interest		41.91	41.91
Branch Allocation	10,517.71		10,517.71
Carnival Entry Fees	485.45		485.45
Directors & Officers Insurance	450.00		450.00
Donations		195.80	195.80
Education Programme	30.00		30.00
Interbranch Team	3,061.36	1,257.00	4,318.36
Sponsorship	<u>13,388.43</u>		<u>13,388.43</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$29,723.40</b>	<b>\$1,494.71</b>	<b>\$31,218.11</b>
Add GST Received			2,972.35
Add GST /BAS Refund Received			<u>618.00</u>
			3,590.35
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS TO ACCOUNT</b>			<b>\$34,808.46</b>



**SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
MID NORTH COAST BRANCH INCORPORATED**

**COMMONWEALTH BANK ACCOUNT  
FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JUNE 2003 TO 31ST MAY 2004**

Commonwealth Bank Account 06 2560 008800558

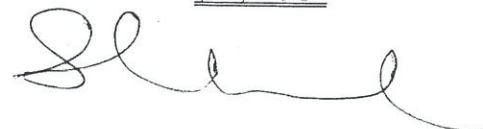
**EXPENSES**

DESCRIPTION	\$ Excluding GST	\$ GST Free	\$Totals
Awards,Trophies & Medals	3,006.82		3,006.82
Branch Dinner Expenses	177.27		177.27
Computer & Fax Repairs & Maintenance	1,739.09		1,739.09
Manuals	385.91		385.91
Meeting & Expenses	163.64		163.64
Postage	161.16		161.16
Prize Money	456.14		456.14
Directors & Officers Insurance	450.00		450.00
Small Items	265.98		265.98
Competition Interbranch Team	6,041.79		6,041.79
Plant & Equipment Insurance	915.99		915.99
Trailer Insurance	100.00		100.00
Trailer Registration	0.00	46.00	46.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$13,863.79</b>	<b>\$46.00</b>	<b>\$13,909.79</b>

Add GST Paid	1,382.36
Add GST/BAS Payment	0.00
	1,382.36

**TOTAL DEDUCTIONS FROM ACCOUNT** **\$15,292.15**

**INCOME OVER EXPENSES** **\$19,516.31**





**SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
MID NORTH COAST BRANCH INCORPORATED**

**BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT  
FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JUNE 2003 TO 31ST MAY 2004**

**COMMONWEALTH BANK**

Account No. 2560 0080 0558

Balance brought forward per bank statement	\$11,899.52
Add Deposits	<u>34,855.76</u>
	46,755.28
Less Withdrawals	<u>16,178.99</u>
	30,576.29
Less Outstanding Cheques (#445268 \$87.00, #445251 \$517.00)	<u>604.00</u>
Bank Balance as at 31st May 2004	<u><b>\$29,972.29</b></u>

**CASH BOOK RECONCILIATION**

Opening Balance brought forward at 1st June 2003	\$10,455.98
Excess Income Over Expenses	<u>19,516.31</u>
Cash Book Closing Balance at 31st May 2004	<u><b>\$29,972.29</b></u>

Balance Per Bank Statement @ 31st May 2004	\$30,576.29
Add outstanding deposits	<u>0.00</u>
	30,576.29
Less Outstanding cheques	<u>604.00</u>
	<u><b>\$29,972.29</b></u>



**SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
MID NORTH COAST BRANCH INCORPORATED**

**BANK ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JUNE 2003 TO 31ST MAY 2004**

COASTLINE CREDIT UNION

Term Deposit No. 8817

Term 12 months

Balance brought forward per bank statement	\$12,424.95
Add Interest Earned	<u>515.64</u>
	12,940.59
Less Bank Fees	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Bank Balance as at 31st May 2004</b>	<b><u>\$12,940.59</u></b>

Passbook Account No. 15635 S1

Opening Balance brought forward at 1st June 2003	\$93.34
<b>Bank Balance at 31st December 2003</b>	<b><u>\$93.34</u></b>





## MACKSVILLE-SCOTTS HEAD

I am pleased to report that our club has completed another successful season at our beach with no lives lost during patrol hours. We again had a very satisfactory number of members undertaking patrols and from early indications this number will increase next year.

The Club obtained 15 Bronze and 10 Surf Rescue Certificate Awards this season. A big thank you is extended to Louis Ballangarry and Bill Richardson who give up their time to train these members.

Our competition numbers have continued to decrease with our surf boats being the most successful area yet again.

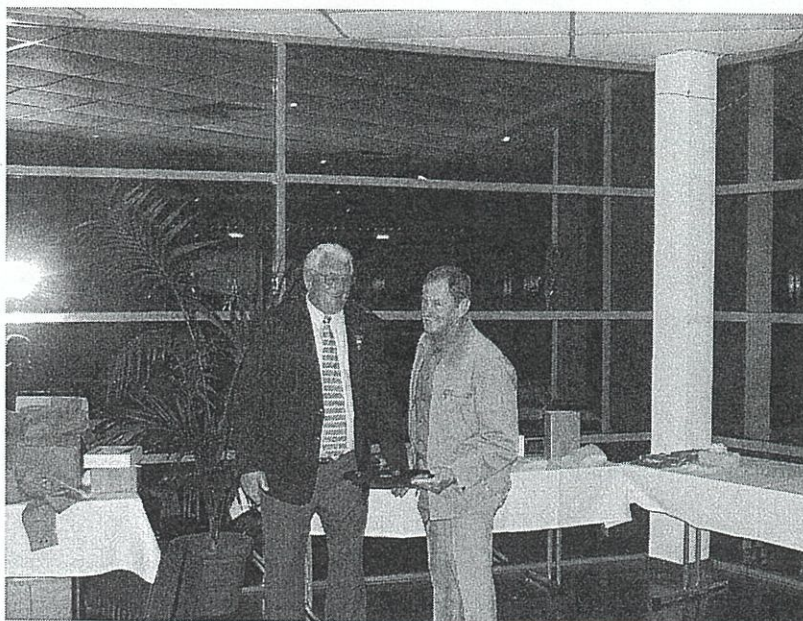
On a more positive note, the Junior Club has had a very successful year increasing its numbers to 86. With their new very positive committee, it is hoped that they will also continue to grow next season.

Our annual carnival held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in November once again proved very popular with clubs from Sydney, Central Coast, Newcastle and Queensland attending. This event would not be the success it is without the support of the major supporters namely, M & H J Webb, Scotts Head Life Style Homes, Scotts Head Reserve Trust, Kennwal Ford and Scotts Head Bowling & Recreation Club. In addition, thanks go to the members and supporters who assisted over this weekend.

During the year our President, Cactus, suffered ill health which curtailed some of his activities, although he was still a major driving force of the Club.

Finally, I would like to thank all our members who gave up their time this season in helping the Club once again fulfil its obligations to the Surf Life Saving movement.

Chris Bell  
Hon. Secretary



*Beaupaire Bob Smith accepting the Bill Balkin Shield from John Vipond representing Joy Balkin*



## SOUTH WEST ROCKS

South West Rocks has had a very busy year with our main focus being the staging of Country Titles.

The only thing not falling into place was Mother Nature when she dished up two cold wet days for the juniors and then two days of rough seas for the seniors.

Overall we were pleased with results and hope that everyone who came enjoyed themselves.

We must thank our local community for their help and support.

Our year as far as membership is concerned has been a tough one. Our membership was down and therefore putting patrols on the beach, particularly at the end of the season has been difficult.

Three more of our members have achieved their 50 year status. Congratulations to Gary Gillies, Tony Hayes and Terry Trevilion. The club is very proud of you.

Once again I would like to thank a very hard working committee and the band of ever present members who always put their hand up to help.

Yours in Surf Life Saving.

Anne Pearce.

Director of Administration.

South West Rocks.



*This pair love a photo*



## HAT HEAD

The end has come to another fantastic season.

Weather was good to us once again, although "Mother Nature" did turn on some good seas at times, enabling some patrols to test their rescue skills.

Patrol Captained by Brian Kerr & member Leanne Griffin are to be commended for their assistance given to a spinal injury during their patrol outside designated area.

They are our nominations for Branch Male & Female Life Saver of the Year

Not as many awards this season as in past. At end of season we had 5 active patrols with an average of 7 Bronze holders and 2 SRC on each.

Unfortunately we are lacking experience to set up anymore at this stage.

We patrolled every Sunday as well as Saturdays during school holidays.

We had our best season ever at Country Titles with Nick Croad winning our first Gold Medal for many years in Senior Ranks. In total club achieved 2 gold 4 silver & a bronze.

Kimberley Sheldrick & Nick Croad competed at Aussie Titles reaching semi finals of the flags. Kimberley gained 2<sup>nd</sup> placing at this years Inter Branch carnival. The only medal won by Mid North Coast Branch.

Club Presentation Night was another successful evening. Wayne Arndell & Robyn Townsend were nominated as Senior Club Persons of the Year & Kimberley Sheldrick, Morgan Griffin & Sigrid Williams our Junior Club Persons.

Senior & Junior Point score went to Ray & Kimberley Sheldrick. Highest Patrol Hours went to "Seniors" Mike Stevenson & Leanne Griffin, "Juniors" Callan Berrigan & Morgan Griffin.

Club was successful in obtaining monies this season through Telstra Grant, in form of a Defibulator & \$1750 Grant from Local Governments Small Gear Grant, we have also applied for Assistance Grants through SLSA to purchase Spinal Board & Neck Braces.

A Local Business also encouraged other businesses he deals with to donate monies to purchase 6 new foam nipper boards.

Membership was down slightly on last year, from 213 to 187. This is including Nippers & Associates as well as Seniors.

I'd like to take this opportunity in thanking every one within the Branch for their assistance again this season

Regards  
Susan Croad  
President Hat Head SLSC

## KEMPSEY CRESCENT-HEAD

The season 2003/2004 commenced with a number of 'new' members taking positions on the club executive.

While this gave a new enthusiasm to our club, I gratefully acknowledge the longer serving members who continually answered questions and pointed us in the right direction.

We were able to organize patrols on Sundays during the latter half of 2003, however due to the efforts of our training officers, we had enough proficient members to reintroduce Saturday patrols in addition to Sundays and Public Holidays in December 2003.

Our patrols were kept busy with 56 active members sharing 8 patrols. Twelve rescues were performed, 59 preventative actions recorded and first aid administered on 22 occasions.

During the season our club received funding from 3 grants, enabling us to purchase a new IRB motor, an additional Rescue Board and 3 mannequins.

In fundraising, we had a busy year with BBQs, Duck Races, Seafood Raffles, a community door knock and a very successful Trivia Night.

The holding of the club Presentation Night in the Surf Club was also well received, and again many thanks to our members who both supported and organized the evening.

Finally, may I thank the members and parents who assist with Nippers throughout the season – these youngsters are the future of our club, and in many cases the reason many 'Mums and Dads' have attained their Bronze and joined as Active Members.

Thank you to our executive, members and supporters and I look forward to season 2004/2005.

Pam Cross  
Secretary



*Club Supervisor of Kempsey Crescent Head and Secretary of the JAC presenting the Junior Awards*



## PORT MACQUARIE

Port Macquarie Surf Life Saving Club had an extremely successful year all round having lost no lives on Flynns Beach. Our Patrolling Members were divided into 14 Patrols with an average of nine members in each Patrol. The dedication of these Patrolling Members saw a greater percentage completing far in excess of their mandatory 25 hours for the season. It was also documented that our Patrols carried out 432 Preventative Actions for the season.

Competition was fierce both within the Club and during Branch Competition with Port Macquarie winning a number of Local Carnivals, Mid North Coast Branch Championships and being placed Overall 4<sup>th</sup> in the NSW Country Titles out of 47 Clubs.

The Senior Clubs Active Members including our Service Members have increased to 168 and our Nippers to 198 with still a number of candidates presently in training.

### CLUB AWARDS:

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Club Person of the Year:        | <i>Jeff. Polverino</i>  |
| • Junior Club Person of the Year: | <i>Andrew Gordon</i>    |
| • Cadet Club Person of the Year:  | <i>Hannah Jory</i>      |
| • Patrol Person of the Year:      | <i>Jenny Wookey</i>     |
| • Special Achievement Award:      | <i>Andrew Mackenzie</i> |
| • Rookie of the Year:             | <i>Brett Thompson</i>   |

### Age Champions:

U/16 Women's:	<i>Michaela Morgan</i>	U/16 Men's:	<i>Nicholas George</i>
U/19 Women's:	<i>Jenna Witchard</i>	U/19 Men's:	<i>Chris Jory</i>
Open Women's:	<i>Ginnette Kobelke</i>	Open Men's:	<i>Norm Kobelke</i>
Over 30 Women's:	<i>Donna Cross</i>	Over 30 Men's:	<i>Tony Wright</i>
Over 40 Women's:	<i>Anne Walsh</i>	Over 40 Men's:	<i>David Carew</i>
Over 50 Women's:	<i>Maree Mackenzie</i>	Over 50 Men's:	<i>Ken Wilson</i>

### AWARDS:

A number and variety of Awards (55) were gained during the 2003/04 Season which included: Surf Life Saving Certif., Bronze Medallion, and Advanced Resus. Certif., I.R.B. Driver, I.R.B. Crewperson, Defibrillation Certif., T.O. Bronze Medallion, T.O. Advanced Resus. Cert. T.O. I.R.B.,

The New Members who gained their Awards were welcomed to the Club and their Awards presented to them by our President Ben Wehlow at our Presentation /Award Night.

### 25 Year AWARD:

3 Members gained their 25yr. Award: Jamie Martin, Colin Owen and John Purnell.

### 50 Year AWARD:

Alan (Digit) Dick was awarded his 50 Year Medallion for his years to Surf Life Saving.



Club Member Noel Jory is currently preparing our Web Site and will have it up and running by the start of the New Season. [www.portmacquarieslsc.org.au](http://www.portmacquarieslsc.org.au)

Our Building renovations are progressing well with some major results expected before the start of the New Season.

The start of the 2004/2005 Season will see Port Macquarie Surf Life Saving Club celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Year in Surf Life Saving. A weekend of celebrations will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2004 with more information being given at a future date.

Ken Wilson



*Ben Wehlow President of Port Macquarie receiving the Shield for the Handicap Point Score from Councillor Bob Sharpham*



*Brett Thompson – Branch Rookie of the Year*



*Mike Stevenson and Ben Wehloe with the JAG Shield*



## TACKING POINT

The season just completed has been one of achievements, change, and direction. Our profile in the Hastings Community is at an all time high, and we eagerly await the 2004/2005 season, which will see our Club on the National Stage.

I would initially like to welcome all the new members to our Club. It doesn't matter whether you are an associate member, patrol member, competitor or simply just helping out. You are a very valuable member of our Club and I wish you happy and successful association with our Club.

I would now like to address aspects of our Club which I feel should be highlighted.

### CLUBHOUSE:

The Club has been tiled and carpeted, slight renovations have been made to the kitchen and a new up to date oven has been installed. At the time of writing the bar area is to undergo alterations to make it more user friendly for the bar staff and for our supporters who use the clubhouse for social functions.

The building committee and the general committee have decided on the following Projects for the next 12 months, sealing of the balcony, clubroom over kiosk and enclosing underneath the balcony. At present new plans are being drawn and will need to be submitted to Council before these alterations can commence.

The Club was very fortunate to have the Richmond Family as proud supporters of our Club and they donated \$10,000.00 over a five year period and this money is primarily for the Clubroom extensions. Towards the end of the year Tony & Penny's youngest son, contracted a serious illness and the family is assisting in his rehabilitation. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

### HIGHLIGHTS

I suppose arguably the biggest achievement for the Club was gaining our first National Medals at the Australian Championships at Kurrawa in March.

Peter Hennessey won a gold medal in the O/55 Ironman, he then teamed up with Fred Middleton to win gold in the O/50 double ski. Jill Gorrie won a silver medal in the O/50 Female Swim after leading all the way and Wayne Hudson won a silver medal in the open Board riding contest.

One of our popular cadet members, Jessica Oxley was selected to attend the Telstra National Youth Forum. This was an amazing achievement as she was selected as one of 18 members out of 180 applicants from all over Australia. The Club is very proud of her achievements.

At the Branch Presentation Mitchell Dawson was selected as the Branch Surf Lifesaver of the Year. This is most prestigious award and thoroughly deserved.

At the AGM for the Mid North Coast Branch, two of our members took up important positions on the Branch Executive for the 2003/2004 season. Peter Murphy took over as secretary and Stewart Dowrick took up the position of treasurer. From a Club point of view we now have a strong representation on the Branch executive, as we also have the Director of Competition & Coaching occupied by your President.

Brent Mason, Mitchell Dawson and Ryan Rosenbaum were again selected in the North Coast Academy of Sport Surf Lifesaving Squad.

We had a strong representation on the Interbranch Team as well as excellent results from our members at Country, State and National Titles. There were so many excellent results, in Junior, Opens and Masters divisions, I will not re-list them here, but their respective achievements have been addressed in earlier Club reports. I again congratulate these members on their fine achievements.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS:

The Club applied for and was fortunate to secure a TELSTRA GRANT for a Gemini IRB.

Our Club had a large representation at the inaugural Catholic Schools Surf Carnival at Byron Bay in November.

Special mention should be made of the following members: Peter Murphy, Brent Mason, Fintan Langan, Mitchell Dawson, Tony Long, Darren Stevens, Dave Rickwood & Sharon Beard who completed the Officials Course and can now officiate at all types of Carnivals throughout Australia.

Our Club's River Swim was again a huge success and was run in conjunction with the Australian Long Course Triathlon. A huge thankyou for all who assisted, participated and supported the event.

The Club also applied for and were granted a Telstra Sports Star. We have been assigned Craig Malzard. I don't really know what sport he participates in but he is sponsored by Telstra at a National level.

#### SOCIAL:

The past season saw our Club hold a number of social/fund raising functions. These included, the Ladies shopping trip, Men's State of Origin trip, Music Trivia night, TAFE dinner, Annual Presentation night, New Years Eve function as well as our popular first and third Friday drinks.

In addition to these functions who will forget the Juniors Branch Championships! Perfect weather, great carnival organised brilliantly by our junior committee and then being entertained by Reggie D and the Bloopers on the balcony.

The following weekend we were entertained by a band named Crank. Troy White and his band members wanted to test out some ideas before they embarked on the Club circuit. Our Club wishes them well and you never know in years to come when they become famous we can say we saw their first gig!

We were also entertained by DJ Pork Pie and I believe this afternoon was also very successful. So we are certainly getting a name for giving our local entertainers the opportunity to entertain in a fabulous atmosphere.

We also applied and were success in securing a Race Day last year. We have also been offered and accepted another Race Day, which is on the 26 July, 2004. Get those hats out ladies!

#### PATROLS:



Again I extend my thanks to all members who gave up their time to patrol our beach during the season. Fortunately we did not have any major dramas, so that is a credit to the vigilance of all patrolling members and I hope we can continue in this vein for the upcoming season. Thankyou.

#### FUTURE DIRECTION:

As you may be aware, we have been chosen to host the inaugural War on Water in February, 2005. This is an interstate series between Queensland and New South Wales. It will be televised by Channel 7 - NATIONALLY, so our beach and Club will be on the National Stage, so to speak. Both Qld & NSW State Councils have committed to the Carnival and at this stage we are in the process of organising the Carnival Program.

This project has seen quite an amount of negotiations between the States, together with the Marketing Company who owns the concept. I have been fortunate to be part of the negotiations and at this stage everything is on track for one of the Largest Sporting Event/Expo's on the North Coast. I will keep everyone up to date as I get information.

To a lesser extent our Club will also host 2 rounds of the North Coast Surf Boat Championships on the weekend of the 13 & 14 November, 2004. This also is a first for our Club and it is expected that we will have in excess of 200 boaties converging on our Beach and Club. We will need plenty of assistance over this weekend so if you can assist see either myself or Damien Bennie.

As you can see our Club is being recognised by State Centre for our eagerness to host events, and with the War on Water this may, hopefully, be the catalyst for the Council to get behind our Club and assist us in upgrading the Clubhouse.

#### CONCLUSION:

In conclusion I would also like to thank all supporters, sponsors, family and friends who have assisted in some way during the season. Your assistance has been appreciated.

I can see a very bright future for our Club. Over the last few seasons we proved that our professionalism in everything we undertook was excellent. We need to continue to improve our professionalism in everything we do. We are now looked upon as an innovative Club, a Club that is prepared to have a go and improve the image of Surf Life Saving on the North Coast.

We have an excellent image throughout the State which is improving all the time and all the accolades and congratulations all go to YOU - members, sponsors, family, friends and supporters of this great Club.

Mick Lang  
PRESIDENT

## WAUCHOPE BONNY HILLS

Our club has once again experienced an outstanding season in many areas.:

### PATROLS:

9 Patrols patrolled The main section in front of our clubhouse on Rainbow Beach. We also continued our hourly surveillance along the entire length of Rainbow Beach(3K)on the clubs quadbike and also around to Bartletts Beach with our I.R.B. These patrols were every Saturday afternoon ,all day Sunday and on all public Holidays. Patrols were generally well attended .

### RESCUES AND FIRST-AID;

Because of our patrols vigilance and preventative action rescues were kept to an absolute minimum with only 3 actual rescues and 11 First aid cases required. The Top Patrolling Members for the Season included: Chalkie Bob Smith, Greg Jamieson, Graham Buckley, Warren Bowley, Leanne Goggin, David Goggin, David Stokes, Alan Suters, Wayne Gill, Martin Hogenboom, Steve Monaghan and Scott Williams.

### AWARDS GAINED;

This is an area our club fell away last season and this needs to be addressed quickly. Only 4 Bronze Medallions,1A.R.C,1Defibrilators Certificate,1Examiners Certificate(B>M) and 4 Level 1 Carnival Officials awards were gained. As with most country clubs many of our Junior members are lost to the city after their H.S.C. exams with employment and tertiary studies. However the J.A.Cs award numbers have been strong thanks to our excellent JAC instructor Leanne Goggin's efforts.

### MEMBERSHIP:

Membership is strong but unless our awards increase next season active patrols strength will start to decrease. We need to encourage more of our JAC parents to become involved.

### COMPETITION:

Another outstanding year for our clubs competitors. Once again our three Masters(Beaurepaire Bob Smith, Chalkie Bob Smith OAM and George Fowler) were very successful taking all before them at Branch Level.

At N.S.W. State level with only the three of them competing they won 11medals and 5 fourth placings to finish third in the Country points score. At the Australian Championships held at Kurrawa the dynamic trio won a further 4 medals and had three 4<sup>th</sup> placings. The 160years boat crew were very unlucky in their final when placed fourth with four boats on the same wave at the finish. WAUCHOPE BONNY HILLS placed second on the masters points score for all country clubs in Australia. Over thirty of our competitors competed at the Australian Championships mainly in the Boat and beach event area. We had 5 boat crews competing with all going past the preliminary sections. Our under 19boys boat crews (2) made it through to the quarter finals only to be crunched at the start when they had been touted as one of the favourites for the final. Our Ladies beach competitors including Rachel and Corrine Buckley, Jenna Levore, Tahnee Laws and Natalie Flanagan competed well and made it through to the semi finals of the Open Women's Beach Relay.



At the N.S.W. Country Championships held at South West Rocks held over a four day period with our JACs on the first two days(in very wet and windy conditions our top competitors were rewarded with a number of medals. In the Senior carnival with dangerous surf conditions prevailing our Ladies Beach Competitors were great. THE OPEN LADIES BEACH RELAY TEAM(Rachel and Corrine Buckley, Jenna Levore, Tahnee Laws and Natalie Flanagan won this event for the THIRD SUCCESSIVE TIME. They beat into second place the Mollymook team who went on to win the Australian Title at Kurrawa. Natalie and Corrine also won medals in beach sprints and beach flags with Kane Charles and Daniel Ross also winning silver and bronze medals in the beach flags events. Our Boat crews competed very well as usual in huge seas.

AT MID NORTH COAST BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS our Masters competitors, our ladies Beach competitors and or Mens Beach competitors and our Boat crews were supreme .Unfortunately very few of our competitors like to compete in the surf races and we finished third behind Port Macquarie and Tacking Point Clubs. FOR THE FIFTH YEAR in a row our Boat crews were champions of the branch and took out the Bill Balkan memorial boat premiership. OUR UNDOUBTED COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR was Beaurepaire Bob Smith.

#### CLUBHOUSE:

Through the leadership of David Stokes our clubhouse interior has improved significantly. We have a new kitchen, new office, and have had our floors sanded and polished for the first time in 40 years. The interior of the upstairs section has all been repainted and when all of our honour boards and photos are in place we can once again be proud of our history section. After two years of trying to get council to move we still do not have a new lease on a property we have build 41 years ago and there is an urgent need for council to maintain the outside section of the clubhouse and remedy some of the dangerous defects to the building. We are also anxious to extend our footprint and make additions to our clubhouse to take advantage of opportunities arising in our growth area. Hopefully Council will move quickly for us in the near future in this regard.

#### FUNDRAISING AND SPONSORSHIP:

In this area our club has been really fortunate this year When one of our surfboats was badly damaged in competition at the Australian Titles and again at an early carnival and a major sponsor for a new boat fell over we were left with one boat and six crews. Mr.Garrick Gabriel from Rawdon Island's Old Schoolhouse and a Marketing expert approached us and offered his services to raise money through BOAT BONDS. With magnificent assistance by Peter Daniels the Editor of our local paper HASTINGS GAZETTE any purchases of boat bonds was given recognition and well in

Excess of \$25,000 was raised and we now have two new boats "GILLY" and "MANFRED" ready for next season. Large sponsors of \$5000 right down to \$50 sponsors came out to help. The club publicly Wishes to thank Garrick and Peter for their fantastic support and all our supporters for their magnificent generosity. The second addition of the bonds will be launched in September with Garrick and Peter assisting us again. The boat bonds (Which covers all areas of surf club equipment) is a magnificent concept

To N.S.W. State Government, Sport And Recreation, Our Local Members Andrew Stoner, Rob Oakeshott Hastings Council, Rainbow Beach Holiday Village, David Olsen(our Life Sponsor),Dale Miller(Timbertown Homes), Wauchope R.S.L Club, Wauchope Rotary Club, Wauchope Apex, Wauchope Lions Club, Wauchope Jockey Club, Peter Smith, Wauchope Motors()Marie and Les Boaden),John Oxley(John McGuigan) Motors, Port Macquarie Slipways for great assistance in repairing our surfboat),Dilor all of the Patrol Uniform Sponsorship, NRMA insurance, Telstra, Fred Keppler our painter who painted the inside of our clubhouse voluntarily. Rainbow Beach Holiday Village is not only a major sponsor but assists in the conducting of our Annual Rainbow



Beach Fun Run. Wauchope Real Estate, Holiday Coast Credit Union, Builders Golf Day, Bligh Williams, David Cavanagh as major contributors towards our Boat bonds and Hastings Co-Op for their continued Sponsorship of Fuel For our I.R.B. and quadbike for patrols. To Wauchope R.S.L. Club for providing our club with our Tractor. To M&S Print for great continuing Support with our Newsletters, To Coastline Real Estate for Publishing our Quarterly Newsletter for Bonny Hills People and to Both Camden Haven Courier and Hastings Gazette for giving us space in their Newspaper on a weekly basis .

FINALLY TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS BIG AND SMALL A HUGE  
THANKYOU FROM ALL CLUB MEMBERS>

THANKS;

To all our Kindred clubs for their support and friendship and the Mid North Coast Branch Executive, To Peter Pearce and all of NSW State executive and Officers and Particularly to Our Club President Paul Hoole and the club executive. Once again acknowledgement of Garrick Gabriel and Peter Daniels for their great efforts.

CLUB PRESENTATIONS;

Our club held its Annual Presentation night at Wauchope RSL last Saturday night with the Major Awards to:

- Male ClubPerson of the Year: DAVID STOKES
- Female Clubperson of the Year: LEANNE GOGGIN
- Under 19Clubpersons of the Year: DANIEL GILL and MELISSA BOWLEY
- Under 16Clubpersons of the Year: DANIEL ROSS and TAHNEE LAWS
- Sportsmans Trophy: UNDER 19 Male Boat Crew
- Rookie of the Year: Tony Kee

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENING WAS THE NAMING OF OUR TWO NEW BOATS;

- “GILLY” named after one of our great club members Life Member, Boat Captain Wayne Gill
- “MANFRED” named after Past Club President and Life Member and the cornerstone of all our Boat history from 1981 Manfred Sonntag.

AND TO ALL OUR CLUB MEMBERS *CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GREAT EFFORTS  
THROUGHOUT THE SEASONWELL DONE>*

This report has been compiled by “Chalkie Bob Smith OAM Life Governor W.B.H. on behalf of  
Club President Paul Hoole 5<sup>th</sup>.July 2004



## **CAMDEN HAVEN**

### **President's Report**

2003/04 Patrol season member numbers were still low with only 28 patrolling members making up 4 patrols. Both patrol attendance and patrol hours were excellent, with over half patrolling members giving over 50 hours each.

Total patrolling hours in excess of 1500 hours were spent on the beach with 161 preventative actions, 12 First Aids, 10 Rescues and 1 30hp motor successfully rescued from the bottom of the bar.

### **SLSA Lifesaving Awards**

Camden Haven Surf Lifesaving Club members attained a modest range of awards for the size of the club. Most members attained a new award, the Crew Persons award which has been designed to educate members so as to reduce injuries for crew members in the Inflatable Rescue Boat. Other awards include the prestigious Gold Medallion, Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion.

In addition the majority of members completed annual proficiencies for the awards attained in previous seasons. For a club of less than 50 patrolling members within a community no greater than 5000 persons, the volume of awards and diversity of those awards can only be appreciated when compared against much larger clubs, who have much greater resources and trainers and examiners.

The members are to be congratulated on having attained the various awards this season and other seasons and are encouraged to fully use their competencies to increase the number of members qualified in various areas through training and examining next season.

### **Rescues**

No major rescues were recorded for the season. This could be due to a number of factors. Patrols have been successful in limiting rescue situations by selecting wave zones of low risk and preventing persons from leaving the flagged area. These are known as preventative actions and for the season over 150 actions were taken by members to prevent rescues from occurring.

There were some occasions that members went beyond the call of duty. Patrol 1's Craig Vickers was quick to establish if persons were indeed in need of rescue, Patrol 2's Pete Lloyd rescued a boat motor from its watery grave on the break wall. Patrol 3 made sure they were ready for a high speed rescue by having the thunder-cat on the beach and Patrol 4's Heath Balkin just choose the best place to place the flags so Heath and his patrol could sit back and enjoy the sun.

As a club we should be proud of achieving a major rescue free summer and continue to improve our skills so as to establish the foundations for another strong summer. In addition the constant improving of rescue equipment will support members in the core operations of preventing loss of life in the beach environment.

### **Thanks and Appreciation**

The club continues to survive as a volunteer organization through support from the community. Financially the club looks healthy with various grant monies being held for major expenditure planned over the next 2 to 3 years. These improvements will see the club have a major facelift so as to improve the services and attract members back to the club.



In the meantime though, local businesses help the club to be financially viable. The North Haven Bowling and Recreation Club has continued to show its dedication to the community by supporting the purchase of an Inflatable Rescue Boat and Motor in 2003. This allows the club to continue to function efficiently and effectively. Their support with providing facilities for the Melbourne Cup Day Fundraising day should also be noted and warm thanks be given to the club and its management.

Members provide their time to patrolling duties for usually 7 hours per day. The club decided on previous seasons that the provision of lunch would be made to members. The expense of this has been covered by two local businesses. Mike Carney Meats and Cookes Bakery both located in the main street of Laurieton donate the ingredients for a BBQ lunch every Sunday and Public Holiday. The amount of food is enough for 5-8 people and encourages members to participate and attend patrols. All members are thankful for their contributions and this has kept patrolling members alert and ready for all situations.

The club thanks its sponsors and values their support, now and in the future.

The club is also at debt to the President Peter Lloyd and Chief Examiner John Vipond. Their continued effort in directing the club over the last twelve months also should be noted and thanked for putting the club before themselves on many occasions where the club takes up personal time with various meetings and commitments.

### **Patrol Attendance Record:**

Due to the dwindling number of members, the remaining have had to take up the brunt of the hours on patrol. In previous seasons there have been a few members who have spent in excess of 100 hours per season on the beach.

The current season has seen the majority of members who patrol spend in excess of 50-60 hours on the beach. In addition to the majority of persons spending the above hours there are a number of patrollers who have given additional time. Of particular interest are Peter Lloyd, Dave Napper, Heath Balkin and Adrian Hutchison, Craig Vickers and Ian Poole who have given a significant amount of time to the club on the beach.

In addition there are the members who work behind the scenes such as John Vipond, Scott McDonald and Dave Hannaford who work on both examiners matters and the mechanical aspects of the IRB section. Special awards will be given to the top 10 patrollers at the Presentation Night and this report should supplement the thanks and appreciation that the club wishes to convey to all members for their time and effort over the season.

### **Club Awards/Champions**

#### **AWARDS**

- Senior Male Patroller of the Year: Craig VICKERS
- Senior Female Patroller of the Year: Frith MITCHELL
- Junior Patroller: Brendan SMITH
- Cadet Patroller: Chantelle HILAN
  
- 10 Year Service Awards: Scott McDonald, Dave Hannaford, Peter Lloyd



- 20 year Service Awards: Heath Balkin, Dave Napper
- 50 Year Long Service Award: John Vipond.

### **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Patrol 1 and 2 came even first overall in the two championship days held over the season.  
Patrol 3 and 4 came third and fourth

Patrol 1 should be congratulated for their strong participation under leadership from Dave Napper and Ian Poole.

Patrol 2 was just lucky to scrape in to equal spot with the assistance of the scorer being on the patrol and some great athleticism.

Last year saw the completion of our office and computer systems. By the start of the new season we should see the completion of our Multi Media Educational and Training Centre in the Club House.

So concludes another season a special thanks to everyone weather patrolling, fundraising, or catering at events

Peter Lloyd  
President



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