



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

Annual Reports

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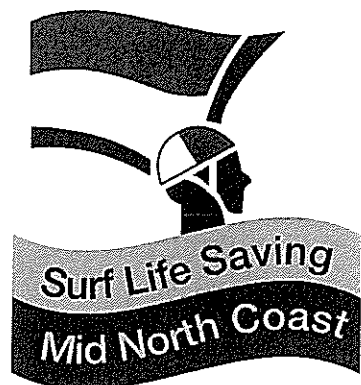
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2007/2008**



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Office Bearers
2007/2008

National Honours

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

SLSA of Australia Life Members

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

SLS New South Wales Life Members

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

SLS Mid North Coast Life Members

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

Patrons:

Rob Oakeshott MP, (Member for Port Macquarie)
 Andrew Stoner MP, (Member for Oxley)
 Mark Vaille MHR, (Member for Lyne)
 Luke Hartsuker MHR, (Member for Cowper)
 Rob Drew (Mayor Hastings Council),
 Betty Green (Mayor Kempsey Shire Council),
 George Hicks (Mayor Nambucca Shire Council),
 Michael McDonald (Chairman NPBS),
 Michael Slater (Deputy Chairman NPBS),
 Paul Hernage (Department of Sport and Recreation),
 Doug Cheetenham (Wrights Accountants),
 Mike Rabbit (NBN TV),
 Bill Wheeler, Thomas Paynter (Port Panthers),
 Barry Pettit (SWR Country Club),
 The Westport Club
 Presidents MNC Rotary Clubs,
 Worshipful Masters MNC Masonic Lodges

President

Dennis O'Sullivan

Deputy President

Rod McDonagh

Director of Administration

Kim Rayner

Director of Finance

Don McKenzie

Director of Lifesaving and Education

Mike Stevenson

Director of Competition and Coaching

Mick Lang

Chairperson Junior Committee

Peter Lambert

Registrar:

Bruce Caldwell

Deputy Director of Lifesaving & Education:

Kim Rayner

Board Secretary:

Kim Rayner

Education Officer - North
- South

Sue Croad & Kerry Fisher

Anne Walsh

Member Protection Information Officer

Roger Wilkinson

OH&S Officer

Ian George

Accident Investigation Officer

Rod McDonagh

Club Supervisors:

- MSH
- SWR
- HH
- KCH
- PM
- TP
- WBH
- CH

Roger Wilkinson

Sue Croad – Mike Stevenson

Tony Hayes

Kerry Fisher

Ryan Rosenbaum

Tony Wright - Kim Rayner

John Vipond

Paul Rayner

Support Operations Coordinator

Paul Rayner

Delegate to SLS NSW

Rod McDonagh

Emergency Services Coordinator - North
- South

Rod McDonagh
Paul Rayner

Gear Steward
Delegates to JAC
Minute Secretary
Chief Scrutineer
Member Services Officer
Branch Team Manager
Branch Team Coach
Publicity Officer

Paul Rayner
Dennis O'Sullivan
Andrew Jones
Warren White
Kim Rayner
Graham Mason
Dave Rickwood

Board of Junior Activities

Treasurer
Secretary
Carnival Superintendent
Asst Branch Team Manager
Water Supervisor
Youth Camp Committee

Don McKenzie
Darran Stephen
Dave Goggin
Peter Cross
Dave Rickwood
Maz Rickwood Jess Regan & Paul Kinnear

Meritorious Awards Committee

Bob Smith, Dennis O'Sullivan, Kevin Ruscoe, Bruce Caldwell,
Rod McDonagh, Mick Lang, Max Waters, Graham Bingham
Ken Wilson, Graham Bingham, Tony Hayes, Sue Croad, Anne
Walsh, Rod McDonagh, Representative from JAC

Constitution Committee

The Executive

Finance Committee

Life Membership Committee

Bob Smith, Kevin Ruscoe, Bruce Caldwell, Ray Agland, Tony
Hayes, John Vipond, Max Waters, Ken Corbett, Graham Bingham

Medical Advisors

Brett Letchford, Anne Wilcox, Vincent Lee

Auditors

Wrights Accountants

Solicitors

As required

The following positions were either unfilled, or held over.

- Director of Community Education
- IRB Supervisors
- Delegate to JAC (1 more)
- Publicity Officer
- Radio Adviser
- Branch Team Chaperone
- Youth Development Committee





Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc.

President's Report:

The 2007/08 season was a notable one for the Mid North Coast Branch for a number of memorable events which were highly successful.

Newcastle Permanent Building Society was again the Branch's major sponsor and without them it is doubtful that we would be able to run many of our programmes. These include:

- The Junior Development Camp
- The Age Managers Course
- The Officials Course and uniforms
- Assessor uniforms
- The Annual Awards Night
- The Junior Life Saver of the Year
- Branch Championships and medals
- Carnival Presentations

Last season it was reported that the Branch had obtained a RWC (Rescue Water Craft) and had a small but enthusiastic group in training. The Perm through the Newcastle Permanent Building Society Charitable Foundation made a special grant to the Branch which the Branch was able to use towards the provision of this item of equipment. Fuel was sponsored by the Mobil Garage at Tacking Point. At this stage of time this is generous support. If the statistics in this report are examined, it should be noted that in the first season of operation, the RWC performed the largest number of rescues in the Branch. Many of these were conducted by Ryan Rosenbaum on a Saturday morning at the mouth of the Hastings River on an incoming tide where inexperienced bathers were being carried from Town Beach into the river.

Support was also forthcoming from the Westport/Mingara club and it was decided to use the funds to finance the Patrol Competition. This enabled the purchase for equipment for the winners and placegetters as well as a presentation on some equipment to every club in the Branch.

Telstra again conducted the "Heroes of the Surf" campaign which was even more successful than last year and raised almost \$22,000 for the clubs for rescue equipment. This money is distributed to the clubs and it is understood that the programme will be run again this year.

Patrol uniforms and financial support was also provided by DHL. Settlement City again sponsored the Settlement City Challenge which promises to be bigger and better again next year. The NSW government provided a grant towards the upgrading of the Camden Haven Club house.

Port Macquarie Hastings Council provided increased support to the clubs in their area and both Kempsey and Nambucca Shire Councils continued their assistance. The grant from the Government through SLSNSW without which we could not operate was continued

Probably the most outstanding achievement for the year was the selection of Mitch Dawson from Tacking Point as NSW Life Saver of the Year. Mitch who then represented NSW in the final at the Australian in Perth and by all reports came very close to winning it except for interstate rivalries.

The Branch also had Paul Rayner from Port Macquarie in the NSW final. Kim Rayner our Branch Director of Administration from Port Macquarie also made the final of the NSW Volunteer of the year and narrowly missed out. This is quite an achievement for a small Country Branch.

Another delightful surprise and honour was to have Kerrie Fisher from South West Rocks announced as NSW Assessor of the year at the NSW Awards of Excellence. To me, this apart from being a personal honour for Kerrie is also a vindication of the effort the Branch has put into Education over the past several seasons and reflection on the standards we are seeking to achieve.

One of the most pleasurable duties that I had to perform was the presentation of Gold Medals to Bev Towle at the State Championships for the 40 to 44 Years Beach Sprint and Beach Flags. Bev subsequently went on to win these events at the Australian at Scarborough and was awarded the Branch's 'Beau' Smith trophy for outstanding performance. Another great honour was to be able to present the Gold Medals to the Tacking Point Under 8 Wade Relay at the State. Tacking Points first Junior Gold Medal.

The Executive of Vice President Rod McDonagh, Director of Administration Kim Rayner, Director of Finance Don Mackenzie, Director of Life Saving and Education Mike Stevenson until March 2008, Director of Competition and Coaching Mick Lang, Registrar Bruce Caldwell and Junior Activities Chairman Peter Lambert performed extremely well.

Rod in particular was of invaluable assistance and I cannot thank him enough for his efforts. Rod also represented the Branch on the State Council due to my position as Director of Finance disqualifying me from that role.

Mike Stevenson continued to handle his increasingly difficult portfolio well although work commitments made it impossible to complete the season. The job was taken over by Kim Rayner on a Care Taker basis and will require a lot of thought for 2008/09

Mick Lang was Director of Competition and has advised that he will not be seeking re-election due to work commitments which will create some major headaches in 2008/09 which will need to be quickly addressed unless an enthusiastic Director can be found.

Kim Rayner got through a huge volume of work in administration and a huge volume of work in the education area. One cannot stress enough just how much work Paul and Kim Rayner do for the Branch

Don Mackenzie again looked after our financial affairs with his usual flair. Bruce Caldwell did his usual sterling job as Registrar. Peter Lambert managed the affairs of the Juniors after reluctantly accepting the role.

Tacking Point was again host to the Country Championships with 1800 competitors with the support of Stramit Building Supplies and Port Macquarie Hasting Council. Once again the event proved to be a huge success and the biggest in Country NSW. The club deserves every accolade it receives for their effort. This year will be last and hopefully the biggest and best.

The Branch Championships were held at Crescent Head and proved very successful. The Branch Team performed creditably at the Interbranch. Unfortunately getting information on the efforts from the Team Management has proved elusive at stage.

This Branch has an enormous depth of talent in Competition, Life Saving and the Educational and could achieve all sorts of results if there is sufficient commitment. I am very pleased with what we have already achieved in the Education area especially after my initial misgiving. Life Saving as a core area and of a high standard needs constant continuous improvement.

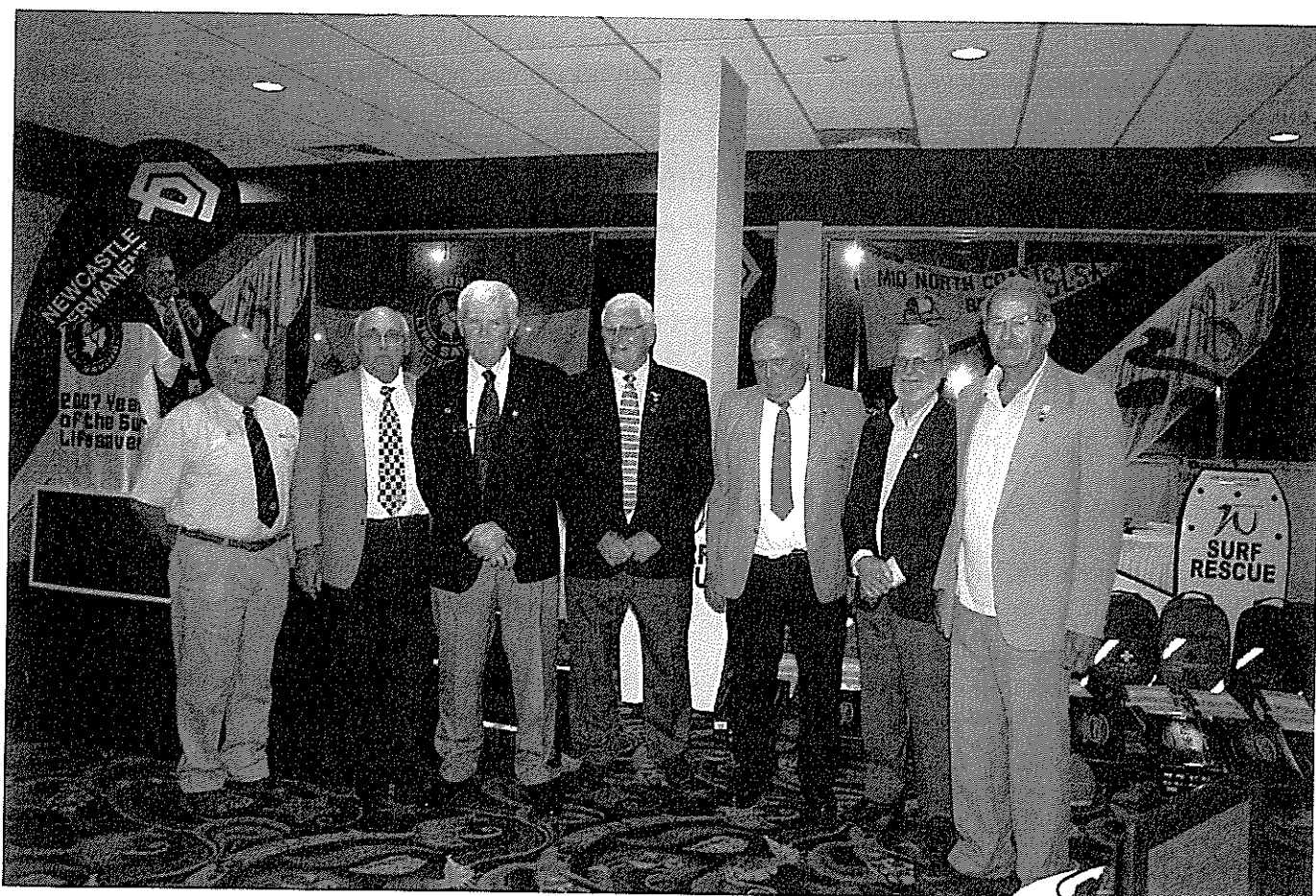
It is my opinion that the RWC service needs to be extended on a fulltime basis to the Macksville/Macleay area of which would require another RWC craft and the training of additional personnel.

I am quite concerned about Surf Sports which are meant to hone our skills to allow us to perform our core activities more skilfully. At this stage there does not appear to be an obvious successor to Mick Lang or the Junior Superintendent which means that we may need to adopt some radical approaches to conduct both Senior and Junior carnivals.

Some attention will also need to be given to the Junior Development Camp as no committee has been appointed at this stage. The same applies to the Interbranch Team. These matters will need to be addressed in the very short term.

I am confident, however, as we enter our eightieth year that these matters can be overcome and that we will have another bumper year.

Dennis O'Sullivan
President



Branch Life Members

Meeting Attendances

Meeting Attendance

	Name	Position/Club/(Proxy)	AGM	General Meetings															
				A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A*	M	J	P	A	Ap		
Executive	Dennis O'Sullivan	President	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	12	11	1		
	Rod McDonagh	Deputy President	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	A	12	9	3			
	Kim Rayner	Secretary	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12	12	0			
	Don MacKenzie	Treasurer	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	12	11	1			
	Mike Stevenson***	Dir Lifesaving & Education	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X			9	8	0			
		Dir Competition & Coaching																	
	Mick Lang	Coaching	X	X	X	X	A	X	A	X		X	A	A	12	7	4		
	Bruce Caldwell	Registrar	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12	12	0		
	Peter Lambert	Chairperson JAC	X		X	A	X			X	X	X	X	X	12	8	1		
	Club Presidents	Greg Bell	MSH	X	X	X	A		X	X	X	X			X	11	8	1	
Rod McDonagh**		SWR (Tony Hayes)	A	A	X	X	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	11	2	9		
Sue Croad		HH	X	X	X	A	A	X	X	X			X	X	11	8	2		
Ross Foster		KCH	X	A	X		A	X	A		X			A	11	4	4		
Rob Oakeshott		PM	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		A	X	11	9	1		
Mick Lang**		TP (Graeme Mason)					A								11	0	1		
Richard McGovern		WBH	A							A	A		A		11	0	4		
Dave Napper		CH	A	X	X	A		X		A	X		X	A	11	5	4		
Club Delegates / Branch Officers		Chris Bell	MSH	X	A	X	A		A	A	X	X				A	11	4	5
		Tony Koch	MSH						X								11	1	0
	Jeneane Donohoe	MSH	A	A	A	X		X	X	X	A		A	A	11	4	6		
	Kerry Fisher	SWR		X					A				A		11	1	2		
	Roger Wilkinson	SWR	X	X	X	A	A	X	A	A	X		X	A	11	6	5		
	Ian Everingham	SWR						X	X	X	X		X	X	11	6	0		
	Mike Stevenson	HH											X		2	1	0		
	James Burnett	HH	X			X	X								11	3	0		
	Maurie Fuller	KCH	X		X			X	X	X	X				11	6	0		
	Steve Filletti	PM			X		X	X	X		X				11	5	0		
	Scott Oxenford	PM					X	X	X	X	X		X		11	6	0		
	Jason Smith	PM								X	X				11	2	0		
	Anne Walsh	PM	X												11	1	0		
	Ken Wilson	PM	X	X				X	X				X		11	5	0		
	Ian George	PM	X	X	X	X									11	4	0		
	Paul Rayner	PM			X	A	A	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	11	7	3		
	Ryan Rosenbaum	TP	A			A				A			A	X	11	1	4		
	Graham Bingham	TP	X			A				X			A		11	2	2		
	Mitch Dawson	TP	A			A				A			A		11	0	4		
	Bob Smith	WBH		X						A			X	A	11	2	2		
	Dave Goggin	WBH		X						X	X				11	3	0		
	Peter Smith	WBH				X		A						A	11	1	2		
	Jan Clingeffer	WBH	X	A	X	A	A	X	A	X	X		X	X	11	7	4		
	John Vipond	CH		X				X		A			X	A	11	3	2		
	Kim Gregory	CH	A	X	X	A	A	X	X	A	X		A	A	11	5	6		
	Greg Moss	CH							X						11	1	0		
	Visitors	Max Waters	PM / LM	A	X											2	1	1	
		Andrew Jones	SLSNSW (Visitor)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12	12	0	
		Peter James	SLSNSW (Visitor)						X							1	1	0	

* The April 2008 Meeting was an Executive Meeting only

** Club President holds Branch Executive Position

*** Mike Stevenson resigned at the March 2008 Meeting

Director of Lifesaving & Education

The 2007/2008 season has seen us grow even further in terms of Educating our members through Surf Life Saving being a Registered Training Organisation. This has been even more cemented by the NSW launch of the Life Saving Academy and its relevant support officers. These two officers have been a great help in making us more professional and accountable. We have had a further number of members undertake their Certificate IV Training and Assessing either by the face to face seminars and training at Coffs Harbour or by the online method, some of which are still ongoing.

Congratulations go to Mitch Dawson for being SLSNSW Life Saver of the Year and also to Kerry Fisher for being SLSNSW Assessor of the Year a well deserved award to both of these members. Also a big congratulations to Dos who at the Branch Annual Presentation Night was bestowed Life Membership.

Patrols have now ceased for the year. I am glad to say we had an incident free season. Congratulations to all clubs on an outstanding season.

Tabled below are the stats for this season, thanks to AJ.

Figures recently compiled from the 8 Clubs of the Mid North Coast Branch and the Mid North Coast Support Operations reveal that local surf lifesavers were kept busy during the recent patrol season

Rescues totalling		352
o No Gear	59	
o Rescue Tube	52	
o Rescue Board	82	
o Inflatable Rescue Boat	53	
o Rescue Water Craft	100	
o Other	6	
Lifesaving Actions totalling		10,310
o Preventions	10,286	
o Lost Children	6	
o Searches	14	
o Shark Alarms	4	
First aid treatments totalling		370
o Marine stings	165	
o Minor cuts and abrasions	149	
o Major incidents	12	
o Other treatments	44	
Incidents requiring an Ambulance		7
Beach Attendance		194,060
Beach closures		42

More than 792 active lifesavers have patrolled the region's beaches this summer, amassing in excess of 23,244 hours on patrol. In financial terms, the value to the community of the lifesaving activities of the 8 Clubs in the Mid North Coast Branch is estimated to be in excess of \$50.093m.

The support operations service consisting of the RWC and its 3 patrolling members accounted for close to 800 preventative actions and performed 100 rescues for the season. An outstanding effort to these dedicated lifesavers. I know they were glad to see the end of the season role around, but will be back again next season as they thoroughly enjoyed the challenge. It is envisaged that a number of new members will come on board in the upcoming seasons, as there has been a lot of interest shown by members. I would like to see more people obtain the necessary awards to undertake training this season, and with this in mind, when the grants role around, look at purchasing another ski for the branch.

Patrol inspections have all been completed and the winner of the Inaugural Patrol Competition sponsored by The Westport Club was Kempsey Crescent Head closely contested by Tacking Point and Hat Head, with all clubs receiving vital patrol equipment.

Congratulations go to the District Supervisors who have undertaken their inspections with professionalism and integrity.

To the branch education officers thank you for a great job throughout the season and lets have an even better season this coming year.

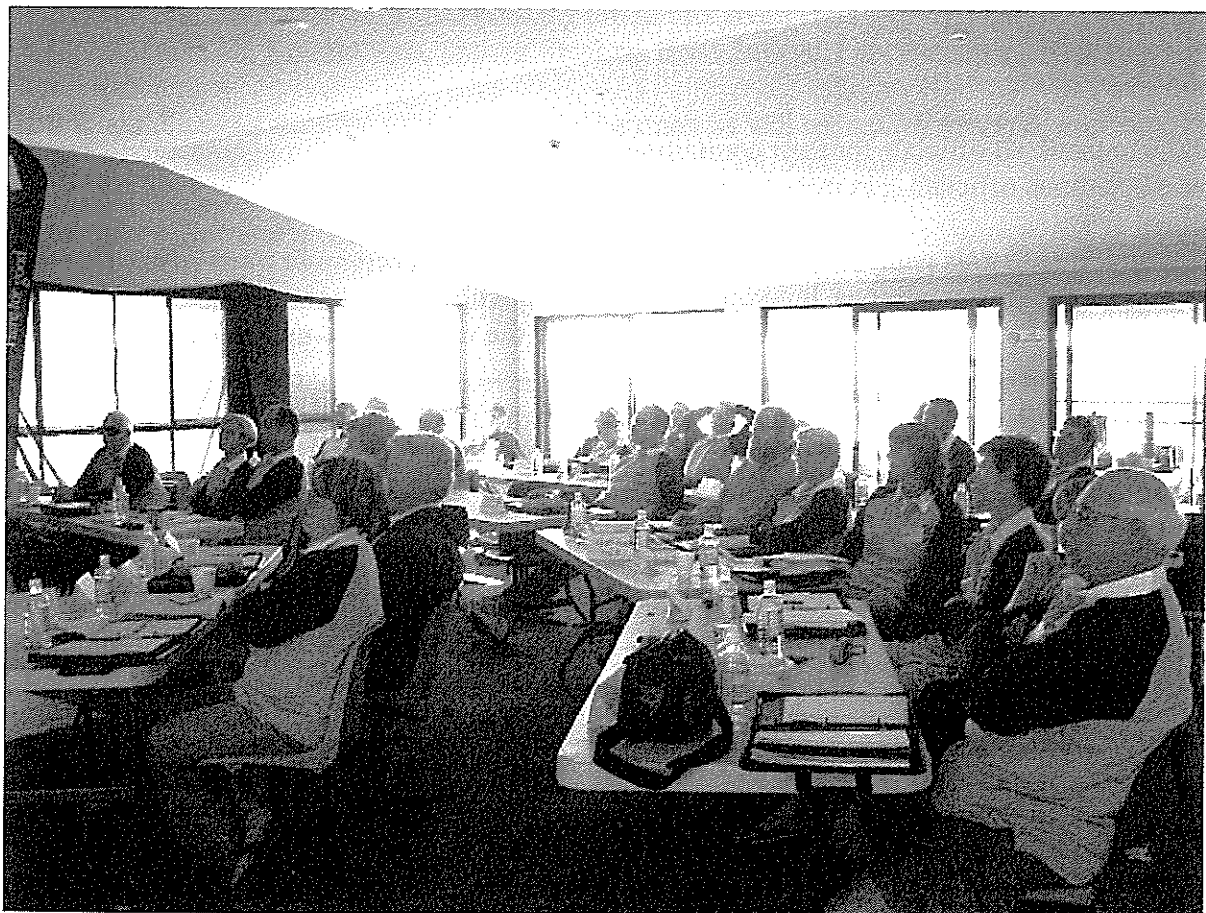
A thank you to Mike Stevenson for the effort he has contributed to the role for the past four years. I wish him well for the future. Hope to see you on the beach.

Five branch personnel recently attended the Annual Lifesaving and Education Conference. The main area that affects us as a branch is that there is now four prerequisites required for patrols, these being Patrol Captain/Vice – holding the Silver Medallion Beach Management Certificate, IRB Driver, IRB Crew and ARC operator. So we need to make sure all Patrol Captains hold this award before the commencement of the season. It would be ideal for all Vice Captains to also hold this award. There are courses set down for the winter months for this particular reason.

There are a few changes that need to be made in relation to the way we do things, ie. Training signs on the beach for surf boats, no training in the river/beach whilst still dark, etc and these new policies will be coming out in the near future.

All in all, a great season.

Kim Rayner
Director of Lifesaving & Education.



Director of Competition and Coaching

This season was another extremely busy one. Each season there seems to be more 'outside' carnivals to choose from and I think this somewhat impacts on our carnivals.

On the positive side, where do you start with so many of our members achieving excellent results.

I suppose one of the first successes was way back in September, 2007 when many members either competed as individuals or in teams at the first Anaconda Endurance event at Forster. This was followed in late September by the long course championships, which were held at Collaroy Beach. The likes of Fred Middleton, Peter Hennessey, Graham Doak, Steve Harrison, Lindsay Lewis all performed extremely well and picked up medals in the masters divisions.

October, 2007 Belinda Neville & Dane Rickwood, both from Tacking Point Club completed the Coolangatta Gold. Both these athletes finished in 11th place in their respective categories.

The South West Rocks club hosted IRB Championships and again they were a huge success. So well done to Rod McDonagh and his team of hard working volunteers who made this event so entertaining and highly successful.

All these achievements were well before most people were thinking about the Branch competition season!

Special congratulations must be extended to Bev Towle from the Port Macquarie Club for achieving gold medals at State and Australian Championships in her respective events.

Also special congratulations must go to the Tacking Point SLSC, U/8 Wade Relay who won Gold at the State Championships. Many an outstanding athlete has commenced their career with a win in the u/8's.

Congratulations to everyone who won medals at State and Australian Championships as well as those competitors who made finals at both these events.

OFFICIALS:

I would like to thank all officials for their commitment and professionalism throughout a long season and I hope you all continue officiating in many years to come.

Some of the rookie officials gained valuable experience this season. There were times when a lot of you were officiating under extreme conditions, but you stuck it out and with your determination everyone gave of their best and continued to make excellent decisions. It hoped by the executive of this Branch that you continue officiating next season.

This dedication shown by all Officials is a credit to you and you should be proud of the fact that you have contributed to the success of each of the carnivals held within this Branch whether it be a junior or open carnival.

I hope to see you all back next year.

CARNIVALS:

We had excellent numbers competing at junior carnivals, but we still can't seem to attract our members to open carnivals. We have to do something!

Attached is a proposal I would like the committee to consider adopting for next season to improve our senior carnivals.

Our master's competitors are held in high regard all over this State and no doubt Australia. Their continued support of our Branch Carnivals is to be commended.

This Branch pioneered surfboard riding as an event at our Branch Carnivals and Branch Championships, last season and continued its success this season.

This is any area that will continue to grow in leaps and bounds and I know they have conducted a carnival after the season had completed. I would like to offer my congratulations to Dave Goggin, Ian 'spook' Everingham & Damien Treloar for their drive and dedication in this area.

Kempsey Crescent Head SLSC hosted this seasons Branch Championships. Congratulations to the Club Executive & members for an excellent weekend.

INTERBRANCH:

This seasons's interbranch team travelled to the Central Coast. Again they found themselves pitted against the strong Branches from Central Coast, Illawarra, Sydney Northern Beaches, Sydney and the Hunter.

As in recent years our Branch Team acquitted themselves well during competition and were excellent ambassadors for our Branch.

I would like to thank Coach Dave Rickwood for a fine job in his first season as Coach. He was well supported by Steve Harrison, Peter Cross and Graeme Mason.

The chaperones who volunteered their time to either prepare meals, organise drinks, take photos and look after any sick members were also an enormous help to the coaches and managers and their role in this Team cannot be underestimated. Thankyou for your time and effort.

STRAMIT COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Tacking Point hosted these championships for the second consecutive year. The feedback I keep getting was that they were better than the previous year. The weather and surf conditions were not kind to us this year and we had to transfer some of the carnival to Bonny Hills, but this was done in an expeditious manner and we did not lose a great deal of time in organising and implementing the change. Well done to the Tacking Point Club and their Team Leaders. Next Season will be the last one at Tacking Point so everyone hopes it will be the best yet and that the weather & surfing Gods are with the Club.

Congratulations to all medal winners from our Branch.

At this point I would like to thank all the water safety personnel, IRB drivers, officials and team managers for their efforts during the weekend. I would also extend my thanks to all Clubs who offered and gave their assistance during these championships.

Finally a huge congratulations to the Tacking Point Club and its members for again putting on an exceptional event. The success of these type of events do not happen without the tireless work of the committee and its members. So the Club should be proud of their members and supporters. Andrew Considine, Andrew Jones, Daniel Pearce, Belinda Camp & Ritchie Lytham, from State Centre, were a huge assistance to the Club and kept the ball rolling all week.

Stramit are committed for another year and they are looking at a long term commitment for these Championships wherever they may go.

CLUBS:

Well done to Port Macquarie who were the Points Score Champions & Water Events Champions. Wauchope Bonny Hills won the handicap award. Every Club achieved some good results during the season.

I know a lot of clubs had representatives at State and Australian Championships some of whom recorded excellent results. Again there are too many to identify individually, but I congratulate you all on a fine effort.

BOARD CHALLENGE:

The Board challenge was an even bigger event this year and will be even bigger next year. The commitment and perseverance of Dave Carew & Dave Rickwood who are the driving forces behind this event, together with the continued support of Settlement City and Greg Bennett from Bennett Surf Boards is the reason it continues to improve as a spectacle and as a prestigious event on the competition calendar.

There will be more information coming out later from the organising committee with confirmation of dates, times, events etc for next season.

CONCLUSION:

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has assisted me this season either officiating, coaching, managing teams, carrying out water safety and competing; for your understanding and support. At times I know decisions don't go your way, but I respect your patience and acceptance of any decision made. This has contributed to a lot of the success of our carnivals.

I will be attending the NSW Board of Surf Sports annual meeting in Sydney on the 31 May, 2008. There are already numerous agenda items up for discussion for next season at this meeting. I will report back re these issues at the AGM.

I envisage an even bigger 2008/2009 season.

Mick Lang
Director of Competition
Mid North Coast Branch



Junior Activities Committee Chairperson

Education

Our 07/08 season started this year with our age manager's course at the Tacking Point surf club. It was a great turn out with 35 in attendance, with 12 of these between the ages of 13 and 17 yrs. Congratulations to those clubs keeping that age group actively involved. My thanks go to Leanne Goggin and Andrew Jones for once again doing a tremendous job on the night.

Junior Lifesaver of the Year

First and foremost I would like to thank everyone involved in the junior program.

Age managers, coaches, parents and committee members, you have all put in a huge effort as always.

And the quality of young life savers on the Mid North Coast just seems to be getting better and better every year.

This is further proof that you must be doing something right.

Congratulations to our branch finalists.

Lauren Gibbs and Rhess Lambert from M.S.H

Marlee Snowden and Thomas Arndell from H.H

Alia Lievore and Rhys Stephen from T.P

Karlyn Wehlow from P.M

Joanna Cox and Michael Dearling from W.B.H

Our finalists were judged over 10 categories which were,

1. Contribution to lifesaving
2. Demonstration of leadership in club activities
3. Encouragement of new members
4. Contribution to their club
5. Awards received in Surf Life Saving
6. Promotion of Surf Lifesaving to the community
7. Attendance record at Club activities
8. Community involvement outside of surf lifesaving
9. Community awards obtained
10. Sporting achievements in surf lifesaving and other sports

As you can see they were really put to the test and should be proud of themselves for their achievements.

I would also like to give a huge thanks to our judging panel that this year consisted of Maz Rickwood, Leanne & Jedd Goggin, Ellie Wilkinson and James Burnett. They gave up there day to pull their hair out over who to choose. But most importantly I would like to congratulate our finalist that were chosen to represent our branch at state level:

Thomas Arndell from H.H Alia Lievore from T.P

At state level Thomas and Alia had to compete against 22 of the states best junior lifesavers, although they did not take out this award they did our branch proud and will have memories and experiences that will last a life time.

Junior Leadership Camp

2007, year of the Lifesaver, saw the return of the much anticipated Newcastle Permanent Leadership Camp, Held at the Bonny Hills Conference Centre, on the 30th Nov through to the 2nd of Dec.

The camp was open to U 12s, 13s, 14s. The organising committee was Paul Kinnear and Jess Regan Headed up by Maz Rickwood and as usual a huge lending hand from A J. A record number of Nippers attended this year, 87 in total.

With everyone arriving at 5 pm we kicked off with Friday night games hosted by Dave, Leanne and Jed Goggin, this was a great ice breaker for the kids. They then had to make their tribal flags and name their teams, this opened up their imagination with names like "The Blue Bottles, The White Tails and The Ginger Ninja's" just to name a few.

Saturday saw a 5 am start for a surf, then back for breakfast. Saturday's events saw the kids start off with digging for a message in the sand to find instructions on what sort of beach sculpture to build, IRB Rides, Board and tube rescues, beach cricket, volley ball and so on. The most popular event without a doubt was flipping the ducky.

After lunch we gave the kids some free time while the chaperones regathered some strength to continue on, afternoon events included dodge ball, the great egg drop, pool games and more touch footy. After dinner for some unknown reason the kids put on a display of cross dressing that had to be seen to be believed.

The evening was finished off with a trivia night hosted by James Burnett, even the chaperones were impressed with the level of knowledge our kids hold.

Sunday was raining so Dave Carew put together some indoor activities with some inner core strength training; we then had events like tug off war, team building and trust exercises and pyramid building. Lunch saw us having the biggest hamburgers you have ever seen, then we headed off to presentation and farewell.

Julie Tancred was there to represent Newcastle Permanent and presented the kids with a certificate and goodies bag from Newcastle Permanent. Our senior President Dennis O'Sullivan was on hand to help with the presentation. The weekend would not have been possible without the help and assistance of so many volunteers if I forget any body I do apologise,

Thank you to; Peter English, Wayne Arndell, Steve Arnott, Steve Filetti, James Burnett, Dave Carew, Dave Rickwood, Dave Brunson, Dave Goggin, Leanne Goggin, Nicky Prior, Julie Olzomer, Deb Del Prete, Debbie Hurkett, Brianna Kelly, Jed Goggin and Dane Rickwood.

To our sponsors Newcastle Permanent and The Surf Shop who without their assistance this weekend would just not be possible for some.

And finally I'd like to thank Paul Kinnear, Jess Regan, Andrew Jones for putting on one of the best events I have ever attended. But most of all to Maz Rickwood who has been the back bone of these camps for 4 to 5 years now and has always done an outstanding job.

Competition

Our Junior Branch carnivals were held at Tacking Point, Macksville-Scotts Head and Kempsey-Crescent Head.

I would like to thank John Hadfield and his team from NAB Port Macquarie for organizing Olympic Gold Medallist Libby Lenton to help start races and sign autographs for the kids, at the Tacking point carnival, Libby was a big hit.

The Macksville-Scotts head Carnival received great feedback as it looked like it would be a logistical nightmare; we had our 8 clubs competing from our branch and four visiting clubs from the North Coast, Nambucca heads, Urunga, North Beach, and Coffs Harbour. The north coast branch have been in touch with us since then and were so impressed with the way the carnival was run they would like to attend again.

To top it off we had a hand full of competitors from South Maroubra who also had a great time. This carnival certainly kept our officials busy.

Our branch Champs at Crescent Head went well considering they had no beach and the march past was almost run in the creek.

As always a good carnival comes back to the commitment of the work parties, water safety, officials and effective communication with the patrols on duty at the time. Congratulations to all involved at all our carnivals this season, a job well done.

This season we have had Jose and Tamara from Newcastle Permanent attend all our carnivals and help with presentations, they are becoming familiar faces at our events and we hope this relationship will continue in the future.

I think it is a great thing that our branch has gained a corporate sponsor like Newcastle Permanent, but on top of that I thank Jose and his staff for donating their time on weekends to attend our events and show a real interest in our junior development.

Interbranch this season saw us travel to Umina on the central coast.

Overall we finished in 8th position but 3rd for country branches.

One of our best results ever.

Congratulations to all our competitors for a job well done.

Also to our team managers, coaches, chaperones and caterers who worked tirelessly to look after just over 50 competitors, congratulations and thank you for all your hard work.

Thanks once again to Donna Cross from The Surf Shop for supplying and subsidising the team uniforms, once again they were a hit on the beach.

Over all we may not have come first but we did create history for S.L.S.N.S.W. in having the first ever female boat sweep to compete at interbranch level. This has never been done by a female before. Congratulations Jess Regan. That's one for the women in a male dominated sport.

I personally took some time out at dinner on Saturday night to try and meet most of our kids.

Never before have I spoken to a more confident, vibrant and high spirited group of young adults. They were all having a great time, taking memories with them that will last a lifetime. Each one of them had a story to tell about how their day went or what they were going to win tomorrow and every single one of them was extremely proud to be representing The Mid North Coast.

Again congratulations to everyone involved.

The Country championships at Tacking Point went very well this year with our juniors pulling in close to 100 medals within our branch, a fantastic effort.

Our individual clubs placed very well.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Points</u>
7 th	Port Macquarie	106
8 th	Tacking Point	102
9 th	Wauchope-Bonny Hills	78
15 th	South West Rocks	31.5
28 th	Hat Head	5
29 th	Kempsey-Crescent Head	4

There are too many competitors to read out but congratulations to all those who competed.

The State Titles at Swansea Belmont were a huge improvement on last year.

Congratulations to all our competitors but could we please applaud these individuals and teams.

Tacking Point

Samantha Broomby	U9 Female Beach Flags	(B)
Tacking Point A	U8 Male Wade Relay	(G)
Tacking Point A	U8 Male Beach Relay	(B)

Wauchope-Bonny Hills

Wauchope-Bonny Hills Red	U14 Male Beach Relay	(G)
Jake Lawrence	U13 Male Beach Sprint	(G)

In Closing

I continued my role as junior branch chairman carrying on from last season.

With a little more knowledge of how things operate and once again an excellent junior committee behind me I did everything in my role to what I believe, was to the best of my ability, Also with the best interest of the junior branch in mind.

I believe as a junior branch we have had a very successful season.

I have had the best year in lifesaving ever, with experiences and friends I will never forget.

I would like to thank for all there help and support for this season,

Andrew Jones, Dennis O'Sullivan, Darran Stephen, Maz & Dave Rickwood, Dave & Leanne Goggin, Don McKenzie, Peter & Donna Cross, Graham Mason, Mick Lang, Kim Raynor, All Junior club Delegates and all the Senior Branch Executive. And most of all, my partner Jess for all her support.

Thank you,

Peter Lambert.

MNC JAC Chairman



Branch Annual Dinner & Awards

AGE CHAMPIONS:

• Under 15 Male	Dylan Carew	PM SLSC
• Under 15 Female	Hannah Munro	PM SLSC
• Under 17 Male	Kye Polverino	PM SLSC
• Under 17 Female	Erin Collins	PM SLSC
• Under 19 Male	Dane Rickwood	TP SLSC
• Under 19 Female	Grace McLeod	MSH SLSC
• Open Male	Dane Rickwood	TP SLSC
• Open Female	Erin Collins	PM SLSC
	Grace McLeod	MSH SLSC
• Over 30 Male	Duncan Kirkland	PM SLSC
• Over 30 Female	Cathryn O'Donnell	MSH SLSC
• Over 40 Male	Tony Wright	PM SLSC
• Over 40 Female	Anne Walsh	PM SLSC
• Over 50 Male	Bob Rosenbaum	TP SLSC

Beau Smith Memorial Trophy – Outstanding Competitive Performance – Bev Towle PM SLSC



Junior Branch March Past Championship Shield

- Port Macquarie

Junior Branch Handicap Point Score Shield

- Tacking Point

Junior Branch Point Score Shield

- Tacking Point

Finalists Junior Life Saver of the Year

- Lauren Gibbs - MSH, Rhees Lambert – MSH, Marlee Snowden – HH, Rhys Stephens – TP, Joanna Cox – WBH, Michael Dearling – WBH, Karlyn Wehlow - PM



Female Junior Life Saver of the Year

- Alia Lievore - TP

Male Junior Life Saver of the Year

- Thomas Arndell - HH

Junior Special Presentation –

- Surf Shop

Bill Balkin Shield

- Kempsey Crescent Head A Crew

JH Brown MLA Shield – Water Events

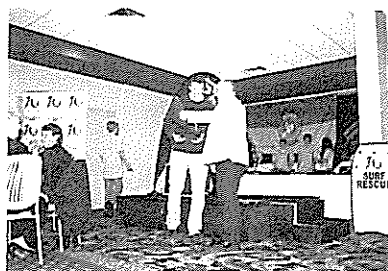
- Port Macquarie

Masonic Lodges Shield – Handicap Point Score

- Wauchope Bonny Hills

Tony Hayes Shield – Branch Championship Point Score

- Port Macquarie



Nominations for Rookie of the Year

- | | |
|------------------|----------------------|
| • Toby Stevenson | Hat Head |
| • Jedd Goggin | Wauchope Bonny Hills |
| • Ross Lindsay | Port Macquarie |
| • Dylan Carew | Port Macquarie |
| • Martin Roods | Port Macquarie |
| • Alby Mitchell | South West Rocks |
| • Lexi Montana | South West Rocks |

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:

- Jedd Goggin - WBH



Nominations for Administrator of the Year

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| • Maz Rickwood | Tacking Point |
| • James Burnett | Hat Head |
| • Jan Clingeffer | Wauchope Bonny Hills |
| • Mick Lang | Tacking Point |
| • Fiona Baker & Deb Hurkett | Port Macquarie |

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR:

- Jan Clingeffer - WBH

Nominations for Competition Official of the Year

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| • Maz Rickwood | Tacking Point |
| • Darren Stephens | Tacking Point |
| • Mick Lang | Tacking Point |
| • Dave Rickwood | Tacking Point |
| • James Burnett | Hat Head |
| • Dave Goggin | Wauchope Bonny Hills |
| • Hugh Mackay | Port Macquarie |
| • Paul Rayner | Port Macquarie |

COMPETITION OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR:

- Dave Rickwood - TP



Nominations for Training Officer

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| • Sue Croad | Hat Head |
| • Roger Wilkinson | South West Rocks |
| • Anne Walsh | Port Macquarie |

TRAINING OFFICER OF THE YEAR:

- Sue Croad - HH

Nominations for Assessor of the Year

- | | |
|----------------|------------------|
| • Kerry Fisher | South West Rocks |
| • Kim Rayner | Port Macquarie |

ASSESSOR OF THE YEAR:

- Kerry Fisher



Nominations for Club Event of the Year

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| • Day on the Beach | Wauchope Bonny Hills |
| • NSW Country Titles | Tacking Point |
| • Australian IRB Championship | South West Rocks |

CLUB EVENT OF THE YEAR:

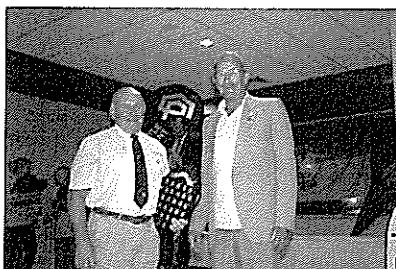
- Day on the Beach - WBH

Nominations for Female Life Saver of the Year

- Leanne Goggin Wauchope Bonny Hills
- Kim Rayner Port Macquarie
- Bev Towle Port Macquarie
- Jenny Wookey Port Macquarie

FEMALE LIFE SAVER OF THE YEAR:

- Leanne Goggin - WBH



Nominations for Male Life Saver of the Year

- Dave Rickwood Tacking Point
- Dane Rickwood Tacking Point
- Callum Johnson Wauchope Bonny Hills
- Ryan Rosenbaum Tacking Point
- Paul Rayner Port Macquarie
- Paul Ruddock Hat Head
- Damien Treloar South West Rocks
- Matt Scully Port Macquarie

MALE LIFE SAVER OF THE YEAR:

- Ryan Rosenbaum – TP



TOM SAUL MEMORIAL TROPHY – BRANCH PATROL CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1st Kempsey Crescent Head
- 2nd Tacking Point
- 3rd Hat Head



Registrar's Report

The 2007/2008 season was another busy one for Club Training Officer's and Branch Assessors with two thousand six hundred and sixty two awards, proficiencies and JAC awards being completed. This figure also included six hundred and seventy three Junior Participation and Competition skills evaluations. Three Junior clubs did not registrar any Participation and Competition evaluations.

Before the season commenced, a proficiency night was held at the Branch office for Assessors to upgrade their skills and become proficient for the awards that they held. Most Assessors attended this night. Another night is planned in August for the coming season and I urge all Assessors to attend to complete their proficiencies early.

The number of awards are down from the previous season with five hundred and thirty two awards being gained by members of Mid North Coast Branch Clubs, but on reporting that figure, there has been an increase in Surf Rescue Certificates with CPR and Bronze Medallions/Certificate II in Public Safety for the season. Most other awards have shown a decrease for the season.

At the commencement of the past season, the four northern Branch clubs each held a proficiency day where members completed proficiencies for all of their awards. These days proved very successful with a big increase in proficiencies being completed by club members. These days also allowed for greater use of assessors time and resources.

It was disappointing to see Mike Stevenson resign from his position of Director of Life Saving and Education at the March Branch meeting. Mike was into his fourth season as the Director and was doing a tremendous job. His job as the Director of Life Saving and Education was not an easy one and I would like to congratulate and thank Mike for his efforts and the assistance that he gave to me over those seasons.

Congratulations to our President, Dennis O'Sullivan, on being given Life Membership of the Branch at our presentation dinner. This is truly a fitting reward for the many years of hard work that Dennis has put into the Branch. It has been through Dennis's efforts that the Branch has gained a major sponsor and this has put the Branch in a sound financial position for the future.

Thanks to the Branch executive for their help during the season and also to Lisa Jones, State Awards Co-ordinator, for processing and returning awards in time for club presentation nights.

Bruce Caldwell
Registrar
Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast.



SURF LIFE SAVING MID NORTH COAST BRANCH
A.B.N. 99 526 701 490

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
INCOME			
Donations		7,251.00	-
Education Fees		3,189.09	2,814.54
Grants Received		2,491.93	8,181.82
Inter Branch Team Income		7,081.25	9,417.27
Interest Received		1,913.40	2,053.66
Affiliation Fees		800.00	800.00
Branch Allocation		8,284.50	15,876.00
Branch Dinner		2,400.00	1,431.82
Club Conference		4,454.55	-
Sponsorship / Fund Raising		38,059.90	31,639.42
Sundry Income		1,211.82	-
		<u>77,137.44</u>	<u>72,214.53</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

SURF LIFE SAVING MID NORTH COAST BRANCH
A.B.N. 99 526 701 490

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
EXPENDITURE			
Advertising & Promotion		1,585.28	-
Awards, Trophies & Medals		1,600.74	3,480.83
Bank Charges		18.00	5.20
Branch Dinner Expenses		4,412.09	3,380.27
Carnival Expenses		1,666.25	2,531.22
Depreciation		3,441.02	719.04
Directors & Officers Expenses		-	1,135.83
JAC Allocation		-	5,000.00
Donations		-	100.00
Education Program Expenses		23,050.88	9,058.12
Branch Equipment		-	4,108.05
Filing Fees		127.27	39.09
Grants Distributed		-	8,181.82
Insurance		2,156.72	864.32
Inter Branch Team Expenses		-	12,675.22
Leadership Camp Expense		5,200.00	-
Manuals		-	98.41
Meetings & Conferences Expense		8,814.08	260.04
Motor Vehicle Expenses		46.36	-
Office Expenses		10,584.68	10,914.68
Operational Expenses		3,568.90	-
Repairs & Maintenance		442.59	-
Sundry Expenses		166.45	1,001.87
Uniforms		3,897.28	2,600.00
		<u>70,778.59</u>	<u>66,154.01</u>
Profit from ordinary activities		<u>6,358.85</u>	<u>6,060.52</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

SURF LIFE SAVING MID NORTH COAST BRANCH
A.B.N. 99 526 701 490

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MAY 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		55,818.24	56,489.68
Trade and other receivables		7,007.43	5,390.09
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>62,825.67</u>	<u>61,879.77</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment		14,221.49	9,279.00
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>14,221.49</u>	<u>9,279.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>77,047.16</u>	<u>71,158.77</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
GST on Supplies		5,770.10	6,240.56
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>5,770.10</u>	<u>6,240.56</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>5,770.10</u>	<u>6,240.56</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>71,277.06</u>	<u>64,918.21</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained earnings		71,277.06	64,918.21
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>71,277.06</u>	<u>64,918.21</u>

**SURF LIFE SAVING MID NORTH COAST BRANCH
BOARD OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES
A.B.N. 37 562 196 821**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2008**

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
INCOME			
Affiliation Fees		1,060.73	1,409.09
Capitation Fees		1,758.18	2,864.09
Competition Fees		2,440.00	1,782.27
Development Camp Income		-	1,914.55
Grants Recieved		2,727.27	-
Donations / Sponsorships		-	5,000.00
Interest Received		58.00	26.56
Leadership Camp Income		13,790.91	-
		<u>21,835.09</u>	<u>12,996.56</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Awards & Presentation Expenses		448.45	-
Bank Charges		-	30.00
Branch Carnival		865.75	2,947.75
Branch Equipment		-	1,128.63
Depreciation		582.66	-
Development Camp Expenses		-	600.00
Interbranch Expenses		-	2,500.00
Leadership Camp Expenses		14,776.60	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses		46.36	-
Training		194.71	-
Sundry Expenses		268.73	541.16
		<u>17,183.26</u>	<u>7,747.54</u>
Profit from ordinary activities		<u>4,651.83</u>	<u>5,249.02</u>

**SURF LIFE SAVING MID NORTH COAST BRANCH
BOARD OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES
A.B.N. 37 562 196 821**

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MAY 2008**

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		14,987.72	13,332.30
Trade and other receivables		1,084.89	690.91
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>16,072.61</u>	<u>14,023.21</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment		3,581.14	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>3,581.14</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>19,653.75</u>	<u>14,023.21</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
GST on Supplies		2,195.58	1,216.87
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>2,195.58</u>	<u>1,216.87</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>2,195.58</u>	<u>1,216.87</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>17,458.17</u>	<u>12,806.34</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained earnings		17,458.17	12,806.34
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>17,458.17</u>	<u>12,806.34</u>

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
SURF LIFE SAVING MID NORTH COAST BRANCH
A.B.N. 99 526 701 490**

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of SURF LIFE SAVING MID NORTH COAST BRANCH (the association) which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 May 2008, and the income statement and cash flow statement, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting under the Associations Incorporation Act. 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.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditors' Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of SURF LIFE SAVING MID NORTH COAST BRANCH presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of SURF LIFE SAVING MID NORTH COAST BRANCH as of 31 May 2008 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Name of Firm: Wrights Chartered Accountants

Name of Partner: _____
Doug Cheetham

Address: 59 Smith Street, Kempsey, NSW 2440

Dated this 3rd day of July 2008

Club Reports

Macksville Scotts Head

The Club is again pleased to report "No Lives Lost" while patrols were on duty. Congratulations must go to all our patrolling members for this result.

The past season has again produced the usual difficulties, with patrols trying to satisfy the three user groups i.e. the swimmers, board riders & fishermen in their boats, who all expect to have priority over the other groups. This year we also responded to a Branch request to patrol for longer periods than we had in past years.

The Branch also introduced a new format for proficiencies this year, which, although resulting in more proficiencies being completed, saw some of our members travelling to other beaches to complete their proficiencies. Hopefully the need to travel for these proficiencies can be reduced.

Congratulations to all members who obtained Awards this year and we sincerely thank the Branch Assessors for their time given to conduct award exams & proficiencies.

Our Club has again been fortunate to have had wonderful support from a number of businesses and individuals this season. Thanks go to our patrol sponsors, Stephen Weller from the Nambucca Hotel, the Bonser Family, Ivy & Ron Eades, our Award sponsors, Nambucca Shire Council, Cactus & Judy Moran, the volunteers who help cater on our carnival dinner & on the other fundraising activities we held during the year such as the Louis Ballangarry Memorial Golf Day and the grocery & trailer raffle organised again by Jeneane Donohoe.

Our Annual Two Day Carnival was again another success even allowing for Surf Life Saving NSW's decision to hold the Interbranch Carnival on the same weekend which resulted in us only being able to hold masters events on both days. My thanks go to all the masters' competitors from other Clubs who supported our Carnival.

The event was further strengthened by the Club hosting a round of the North Coast Boat Series on the same weekend which was well supported by Clubs on the North Coast.

The Club was represented at Branch, Country, State and Australian competitions and I congratulate those who medalled at these events particularly our 240 Boat Crew of Jim Brazel, Ralph Johnson, Peter Pianella & John Silver who won Bronze at State and were 4th at the Aussies.

Our Junior Club had another successful year under the guidance of Paul Kinnear and his committee. This is the final year of Paul & Mandy Kinnear's involvement with the Junior Club. Congratulations to them for all their hard work over the past five years and best wishes to new President Ken Atkins and his committee for the coming season.

At the time of writing we have commenced the process to apply for a Surf Club Facility Development Program grant to improve the existing clubhouse and to construct a new storage facility for our patrol equipment together with a first aid room. A plan has prepared and quotes are being obtained for this work. It will be a free standing building within the Club's leased area immediately to the south of the existing Clubhouse. If successful, the grant will provide 75% of the required funds for the work.

The Club is also establishing a web site to improve communication and interest in the Club. The web site is currently being trialled for implementation in the 2008/2009 season.

South West Rocks

South West Rocks SLSC enjoyed another successful season and acquitted itself well in all aspects of our activities including Lifesaving/Patrols, Administration, Competition and social aspects.

Unfortunately this past season, Mick Adams retired as Administration Director. Mick had done tremendous work and it was a loss to the Club Management Committee. From that time until April, 2008 the position of Administration Director remained vacant. As a result of another change in the Executive the position of Finance Director became also vacant. During that time, the Management Committee was assisted by various officers in conducting the business of the Club. These changes added extra workload to the Committee but we were able to keep the paperwork rolling, however it was a strain at times.

The Executive Committee along with the general management committee met regularly administering the business and life saving requirements of the Club. And what a huge task it is. As the Club has grown, in building size and membership, there comes with it, more to do month by month. To get the feel of that, one only has to look at the financial figures from the previous year to those of the year just gone.

It is pleasing to see the use of our main bar and function centre for weddings and other functions from community organizations, members and the general community who have used the premises for many and various reasons. The income from these functions, the bistro and bar activities has kept the Club finances in a healthy state.

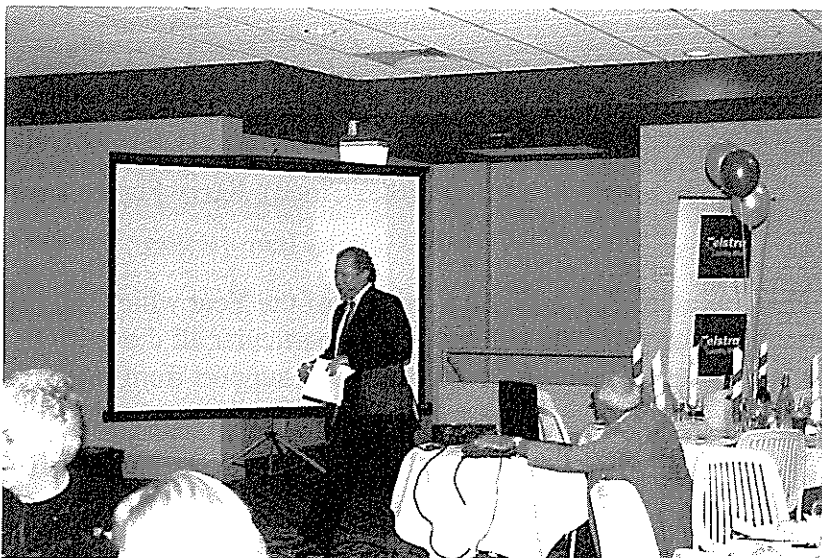
Our Patrols were extended to include Trial Bay which gave us an increased presence. Award training was once again professional in its approach and all involved should be congratulated.

For the first time in 30 years our Club picked up Gold & Bronze medals at the Australian Championships & it would be remiss of me not to mention the efforts of Fiona Casey & Louis Hognon, they did us proud.

Also our Nippers, without a steady stream of these younger members we will not be able to fill the vacancies that occur in our Patrols, which is what we are all about. We need to offer them the training and competition to ensure a future flow into the senior ranks.

Thanks to Surf Lifesaving NSW, Surf Lifesaving Mid North Coast, Newcastle Permanent Building Society, Telstra, DHL, Kempsey Shire Council and our Club Sponsors who are listed in our annual report.

Terry Trevillian
Administration Director.



Hat Head

Hat Head's season was very quite, with this year being the smallest membership for some years.

Nippers this season had 50 regular nippers & parents from one week to the next, competing at all branch carnivals & country titles. All children who attended these days should be proud of their achievements & sportsmanship & we hope to see them and some friends next year.

This season seen Thomas Arndell represent the Mid North Coast as Nipper of the Year & Isiah Barker bring home a bronze medal in u/9 swim from Country Titles. A big thank you must go to Wayne Arndell & Julie Williams plus all water safety especially Paul Rudduck for their time spent every Sunday teaching our children, safety & fun.

Senior membership is again an issue for the Club especially with the increased patrol times required by clubs this past season. We did survive however with 4 Patrols of 6 to 8 bronzes each (not all reliable however) doing some very long hours from 9.00 am to 5.00pm over Christmas period. A big thank you must go out to all volunteers Australia wide, but especially the small band of Hat Head SLSC and again a special mention to Paul Rudduck who was always on call to fill gaps for anyone who couldn't make it, over 160 hours. At one stage one of our patrols not only lost 3 members to uni & work but also their patrol captain had a very slight heart attack & put him out of action as well for a couple of months. Thankfully we had no major incidences to report for another season.

The Club it's self continues to have great support from within the community. Over the season we received \$1650.00 from "tourists". Two of these donations came from campers who had been assisted by either volunteer or paid life guards. We are lucky in that our beach each year is usually "paid patrolled" by members of our club through Surf Lifesaving Services.

Telstra Country Wide campaign proved very fruitful again for our little club with local dealer "Rick Fuller" really getting behind his community and spreading the word. \$5120.00 raised from phone conversions. Donations also from Kempsey Macleay RSL, Kempsey Heights Bowling Club & Hat Head PO & General Store. We have continued weekly raffles at Smithtown Riverview Hotel, Hat Head Bowling & Rec Club & Gladstone Heritage Hotel.

The Club itself is putting back into the community with a Club & NSW Sport & Rec funded disabled car park, walkway & viewing platform. Many members have already put in some 24 hours of volunteer time getting track & platform up, with the next job being car park.

As with everything else this season Club Training has also been very quiet which was an indication of how many members we had:-

5 Bronze, 3 SRC, 1 IRB Driver, 6 IRB Crew & 6 ARC.

Some members also attended Branch run Courses, with 6 SM Patrol captains, 6 Advanced Emergency Care, 6 Defib/Spinal & 6 new 1st Aid. Big thanks to Myself (Sue Croad), Kerry Fisher, Paul & Kim Rayner & other facilitators (Roger Wilkinson & Anne Walsh).

I was lucky enough to be nominated & win Branch Trainer of the Year which was a great Honour. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Club, but in particular all the executive & patrolling members, without them this Club would not survive. Also the continued support from Mid North Coast Branch & State SLSNSW.

Sue Croad
President

Kempsey Crescent Head

This report highlights the major outcomes and successes of the 2007-08 season.

The safety of Crescent Head beach was again maintained through the vigilance of our members. Through 7 patrols, members volunteered 3,066 hours to provide a valuable service to the wider community and all beach users. This service included 88 rescues, 346 preventative actions and 42 First Aid applications.

Dangerous seas and extreme tides, along with the ever changing creek mouth were at times testing to patrol members. May I congratulate Patrol Captains and patrols for these diligence, enthusiasm and efforts in trying conditions.

It was extremely rewarding for our Patrols to be recognized at the Branch Annual Dinner with the Patrol Competition Award. The "soft top" rescue board will be welcomed by both younger and our female members.

May I take this opportunity to thank all trainers and assessors for their dedication and many hours in assisting K-CH members achieve their awards, thus enabling our club to provide a professional community service. In particular, may I thank Kerry Fisher for her support and sharing her expertise with our members.

Earlier in the season our club hosted the Junior and Senior Mid North Coast Branch Carnivals. Thank you to all members and volunteers who assisted in setting up and catering for what was to be a very successful weekend.

A small but enthusiastic group of supporters and members attended the club's Annual Presentation Evening. Thank you to Bruce and Ros Caldwell who were our special guests and presenters. On this evening, Outstanding Patrol Hours Awards were presented to Greg Kings, Anne-Marie Adams and Paul Waterhouse.

Ross Foster
President



PORT MACQUARIE

The Port Macquarie Surf Life Saving Club enjoyed another strong season with many new faces both joining the club and getting involved in different activities. This has been welcomed by many of the existing and long-term members, who have enjoyed some fresh injections from all differing walks of life, and even differing parts of the world.

At an administration level, the new Constitution is bedding itself down with a strong committee of eleven continuing the management of the club, and a big thank you to those eleven. As well, the junior committee continues to fire on all cylinders and at both senior and junior levels it is particularly noticeable, pleasantly surprising and certainly very welcome to see an increased involvement of some top quality women. This is hopefully a strong sign for the future in surf life saving in general and is being reflected in other clubs as well. Thanks to all those new faces who have got involved, and in particular, go the girls!

Building works continue with the completion of the downstairs members area, and the new women's and men's showers have been particularly well received by the membership. We have increased the floor space available for the storing of gear in the club, and this has allowed us to develop some stronger relationships with Flynn's Beach users, such as now allowing us to store a rather bulky disabled surfing chair on-site, that we are pleased gets a fair bit of use. These are the small but important steps forward that come with the improved building space.

Competition continues to be of increasing interest to the club once again, and we were very proud and honoured to once again claim success at the increasingly competitive Branch Championships, and to come in fourth overall at the Country Championships. What was also pleasing was the increased numbers from the club who headed down to Swansea-Belmont for the State Championships, and along with a few regular strong performers like Fred Middleton and Gary Smith, a couple of new faces have emerged this season, including new names to watch like Martin Roods (3rd in State for U16 Beach Sprint), and Bev Towle (1st in 40+ Womens Sprint and Flags). It was a rather lonely Bev who headed off to represent the club at the Aussie titles in Perth, but the whole club was so thrilled with the results when they came through that she managed to remain undefeated on the beach for the season, winning both the sprint and the flags in what were described as a couple of epic battles for anyone who saw it live. Well done to Bev, who, we are also proud to mention, is being eyed off by the Asthma Foundation as a bit of a role model following her lifelong battles with chronic asthma. Great stuff.

On the beach, we continue to see strong patrol numbers and continue to roll with the ups and downs of the seasonal challenges. We had some pretty serious rescues at the beach throughout the season with the king-tides over the Christmas period in particular. Rescues were well performed by many club members throughout the year, including the entire Munro family putting themselves at risk in an excellent rescue, Mark Strachan and his patrol saving a man stuck on rocks at the north end of Flynn's, and even an excellent off-duty rescue by a couple of members who were having a BBQ at the beach, when a man from Melbourne went in for a swim on dusk and got into all sorts of trouble. Well done and thank you to young Dylan Carew and our club's version of David Hasselhof, Matt Scully. Many other rescues were done throughout the year, (including our Junior President rescuing 5 plastic Action Heroes for a distraught young boy) and the club can hold its head high they were done with great professionalism. A big thank you as well to Tacking Point Surf Club for lending a motor to our club towards the end of the season - it was greatly appreciated and is a sign of how busy our beach was this summer, as well as a much appreciated demonstration of the Surf Club ethic from our neighbouring club.

Socially, we got together on several occasions but are appreciating how difficult it is as a club to get together as a group as busy lives seem to always be getting busier. A camping crew started to develop throughout the year, and this will hopefully continue and grow into the future. We are also looking to generate more opportunities to get-together and planning for this is taking place in the off-season. An embarrassment machine....I mean a Karaoke machine, was a hit on New Years Eve, as well as a well attended Presentation Night in May, and these were a couple of the fun highlights for the year.

All up, a good year. Strategically, we as a club see this period as a time of re-growth and that involves asking the question "why" on a lot of occasions. I hope this hasn't ruffled too many feathers along the way, but we see this as an important phase for our club, and hopefully the branch, as we secure our future through strong membership supported by strong governance.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the coming season.

Rob Oakeshott
President
Port Macquarie SLSC

Tacking Point

This season has gone so quickly it seems we didn't have an off season at all. The 2007/2008 season has certainly been one of development as I see our members forming a very strong Club.

I say this because, we have had arguably a record of new junior members join the club, whose parents are very keen to assist the Club in anyway they can. This has led to some of those new parents complete their Bronze medallion and take up positions on Patrol.

Some of the parents who are now second, third or fourth year 'veterans' have also taken up the challenge of standing for positions on the Junior Committee and are looking to stand for executive positions on The Club committee in the coming year/s.

This augres well for the future of our great club. This type of commitment, dedication and passion for our Club breeds spirit and morale that money can't buy.

PATROLS:

Our Club continued to provide the most patrolled hours within the Mid North Coast Branch with a 100% safety record on Lighthouse Beach, despite often extremely difficult conditions. Our Club's emphasis on preventative actions kept rescues down during patrols.

AWARDS:

This year is no exception and for many years our Club has been exited about the many awards we have gained, the fact that many of our junior members have progressed from Surf Rescue Certificate to Bronze Medallion. We, as a CLUB have endeavoured to keep our younger members, keen, interested and passionate about The Club.

Stewart Dowick as Chief Instructor did an outstanding job in this area. He was ably supported with many of these squads by Matt Nelson, Rob Roberts, Darren Stephen, Brett Savage, Paul Bennison, Matt Horton, Damian Bennie & Andrew Birch.

I understand that with Stewart now being the Juniors' Chairman he will relinquish this role, however, I am sure he will assist whoever takes over. Once again thanks Stewart for a job well done.

Well I am extremely happy and proud that this season has seen the fruits of our endeavours, when Mitchell Dawson was named New South Wales Surf Life Saver of the Year. Mitchell was not only possibly the youngest member ever to receive this most pretigious award, but the first in the Mid North Coast Branch.

Mitchell should be extremely proud of his achievements as he has worked hard and spent many hours working for this Club. Having said that, the members of this Club should also be proud of Mitchell's award and achievements, because if it wasn't for the infrastructure you have put into place where our young members now have the training, coaching and guidance to be able to put themselves in a position to follow in Mitchell's footsteps.

Our members successfully achieved more awards this season than previous seasons. Most notably were the number of junior parents who completed their bronze medallions and advanced resuscitation awards. Well done to all those members.

This is an area of the Club that keeps on improving with members and non-members already interested in completing courses already.

At the recent Branch Presentation, Ryan Rosenbaum continued our Club's outstanding success when he was awarded the Mid North Coast's Male Life Saver of the Year. Congratulations to Ryan and I hope he too does well at the State Awards in March next year.

COMPETITION:

Country:

Again our Club members shone in every department during this Major event. The successful hosting of the 2007 Stamit sponsored NSW Country Championships saw us lift even further, when due to weather and surf conditions, we were put under the pump to move to Bonny Hills on the Friday of the event.

Due to the dedication and teamwork of everyone in the club this transfer was done with a minimum of fuss. It is amazing what a Team can do when everyone is working towards the same Goal.

It was extremely pleasing to see the amount of junior parents who gave up their time to assist in many tasks during the Championships.

Don't forget we have it again in January, 2009 and this is the last year of our contract, so lets make it a big one. During my many meetings with Council and Surf Life Saving NSW we have indicated we are looking at over 2000 competitors for the event. This is quite achievable and will put us as the biggest sporting event on the North Coast.

With the experience everyone has had over the last two Championships and with the commeraderie and teamwork we have built, I'm sure we will again show the Surf Life Saving fraternity what a small hardworking Club can do when given the opportunity.

I would like this opportunity to thank all the Clubs within the Branch for their assistance and contribution, whether it was water safety, officiating, setting up or competing. At this point I would also like to make special mention of Steve Hannan and Scott Leis and the Staff of Westpac Business Banking Centre, Port Macquarie for their assistance and kind donation of the Westpac Bus, as well as the merchandising packs they gave to the competitors.

Brad Jones the Licensee of the Tacking Point Tavern gave of his time freely each day of the Championships to ensure the refreshments were well stocked. As our major sponsor, I am grateful for Brad assistance as he went over and above what he had to do. As a Club we are very fortunate to have a person of his calibre on board with us.

What a fantastic effort our Team Leaders and work parties put in during the championships. There is a huge list of members for me to individually nominate who gave up their time to contribute to the overall success of this event. However, I must make special mention of Lynn Rouse and her team who provide the best food for officials, VIP's & work parties. The work this team does should not be under estimated. On behalf of the club thankyou and I hope you will be there next year.

At this juncture it would be remiss of me not to mention all the supporters and businesses within our community who donated their services or goods to ensure the event was a success. Thank you.

Finally to Mark Fisher (Referee) and his team of guys and girls from State Centre who assisted in the setting up of the beach and various areas, thankyou.

COOLANGATTA GOLD:

Two of our members, Belinda Neville and Dane Rickwood contested the gruelling Coolangatta gold in October, 2007. Both finished in 10th place in their respective divisions. Both Belinda and Dane deserve the utmost praise for the efforts in representing our Club at this event. Very few Country Clubs have representatives in this event and I am very proud to say that since this event has been re-ignited, our Club has been represented each year. That's a fantastic effort. I understand our Club will again be represented next season (October, 2008) as Dane is going around again and I believe a few others are thinking about it.

Branch Competition

Once again our club excelled in Competition: As well as providing a number of Branch Champions our Club also won the Junior Branch Award.

The Branch Championships were held at Crescent Head. Our Club was well represented in both Open and Junior events, with the Junior's winning the Branch Points Score. Well done. The Seniors tried hard, but we were beaten in the points score by Port Macquarie. Congratulations to Port.

State & Aussies

The Club sent a strong team to State and came away with numerous medals with the majority of competitors reaching finals in the Opens, age, masters & junior categories.

The Club was represented at the Australian Championships at Scarborough Beach Western Australia by 3 individuals, Dane Rickwood, Trent Harrison and Peter Hennessey. Peter was 2nd in the o/60 Ironman and ski whilst Dane made the final of the ironman and board. Trent injured himself before he left, but still managed to do quite well in each of his events including the final of the double ski with Dane.

The Masters competitors of our Club again enjoyed a successful season and achieved medals in ski, board & ironman events at a Branch, Country and State level. So congratulations to them.

Over the years, the Country, State & Aussie medals that have come out of that little shed on the river is quite mind-blowing really. It takes the likes of Tony Hallinan, Steve Harrison, Graeme Doak, Bob Rosenbaum & Peter Hennessey to generate the enthusiasm and training programs to make that happen, so the Club is extremely fortunate to have the calibre of these men to organise training.

The Surf Boat Area of the Club enjoyed a successful season. The Club boasted crews in the following divisions in the North Coast Surfboat Premiership; U/19's, U/23's, Reserves, Masters. The u/19 crew performed extremely well and it came up to the last race of the season to decide the overall winner of that Division, unfortunately the boys finished second in that race and then second overall. Well done to all.

JUNIOR COMMITTEE:

The Junior Activities Committee headed by Brett Savage and his executive enjoyed a very successful season. The u/8 Wade Relay won Gold at State Championships & Samantha Broomby won bronze in the U/9 beach flags.

Each year we are seeing more and more new members joining this section of the Club. What is more pleasing is the willingness of the new parents who want to undertake awards and become patrolling members. This is great to see and it is a credit to their commitment and dedication to achieve these awards.

At the end of the season Brett decided to stand down as Chairman. Brett did a sterling job and through his leadership the juniors continued to be a strong unit with more and more members coming through the ranks into the cadets and onto patrols. The Club thanks you Brett on your efforts.

At the Juniors AGM, Stewart Dowick was elected the new Chairman. The Juniors will no doubt forge even further ahead under Stewart leadership and dedication.

GRANTS:

The Club still has two large grants which will be used for the extensions of the Club. One from the Port Macquarie Hastings Council Sporting Task Force and the other from Department for Sport and Rec.

BUILDING:

The building committee has had plans drawn up for extensions to the Club and building. These plans have been submitted to Council and the latest information I have are now with the Lands Department for approval.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

I would like to thank this year's fundraising committee for their efforts in organising a number of enjoyable functions, such as the annual shopping trip, which is always well attended, the New Year's Eve fundraiser & the fundraiser for Dane & Trent. These are only a few of their efforts & I'm sure there will be more to come in 08/09. Well done everyone.

BRANCH:

The highlight for our Club from a Branch perspective was the bestowing of Life Membership of the Mid North Coast Branch to our Life Member, Graham Bingham. Graham has done an enormous amount of work not only for this club since its beginnings, but also for the Branch. It is an honour for Graham and his family and we as a Club should also be very proud of Graham's achievements. Congratulations Bingo!

From a competition point of view in my opinion, it has been a frustrating year, with lack of numbers at many senior carnivals. Even the Branch championships drew poor competitor numbers.

It has been a difficult year for Dennis O'Sullivan with illness and juggling the job as State Treasurer. However, he has considerable support from Graham Bingham, Rod McDonagh and Bruce Caldwell.

CONCLUSION:

I would like to thank sponsors, supporters and everyone associated with the Club for your continued support. Without your assistance the Club would find it difficult to maintain the excellent service it provides to our Community.

To the hardworking committee, I thank you for your support and determination during some hectic periods. At times it was difficult, but through teamwork, we achieved the desired outcomes. Thanks for all your efforts. To every other member of this Club, from the U/6' right through I sincerely thank you.

The professionalism displayed by all members of our Club was sensational. We have a very strong and dedicated membership of people who aren't afraid to have a go for the good of the Club. Whilst these members continue their association with the Club, together with the emergence of our younger members into executive positions and with our membership continuing to grow, Tacking Point Surf Lifesaving Club Inc. is in truly great hands.

Mick Lang
PRESIDENT



Wauchope Bonny Hills

The 2007/08 Wauchope Bonny Hills Surf Life Saving Club season has been another successful year for our club.

With the restructure of the club's committees to better reflect a 'one-club' attitude, we did have some teething problems. However, I believe our club is now better positioned to capitalize on this first year 'test run' and will be stronger for our commitment to change.

On that note I would like to thank everyone involved with the move to introduce the new-look structure and also thank Support Officer for NSW, AJ Jones, for his invaluable input into the planning day held in May 07 and then again in June 08, we look forward to an exciting future based on our efforts this season. At the club level, I would also like to personally thank my executive committee for their endeavours during a sometimes difficult season:

Secretary/treasurer - Jan Clingleiffer,
Vice president - Greg Jamieson,
Director of Lifesavings - Steve Robinson,
Boat Captain - Simon Stennett,
Nippers chairman - Dave Goggin and
Youth Development Director - Leanne Goggin.

Many other people need to be thanked from Peter Daniels with surf guard and taking over the training of Bronze groups and Peter Smith - training anyone wanting board/ski or swimming fitness.

To all our JAC age managers, water safety, patrolling members and nippers, everyone has made the club achieve success this year, so let's keep that flow happening.

To all our sponsors, sub-committees and Associate club members I thank you for a fantastic season and our 50th will be a great year with a new rowboat, new IRB and 2 motors, plus new sun safe patrol marquees all ready for the start of our 50th.

This year has seen WBHSLSC increase membership from 233 to 341, increase awards from 156 to 185, increased sponsorship over \$115,000 for the season, we had 20 JAC gain Surf Rescue Cert, and we had great success in all major carnivals with Gold, Silver and Bronze medals hanging around many members' necks. We also achieved great results at the branch presentation with Jan Clingleiffer Administrator of the year, Jed Goggin Rookie of the year, Leanne Goggin female Lifesaver of the year and Event of the year with Canteen and Camp Quality.

NEXT SEASON SEE WAUCHOPE BONNY HILLS SLSC'S 50 YEAR CELEBRATION

WBHSLSC was formed in October 1958, and this coming October we are celebrating the 50th celebrations with activities over the weekend of 17-18-19 October. Friday night, the club will host a cocktail evening at the clubhouse, Saturday evening celebrations will continue with a dinner at the Wauchope RSL and conclude with a Recovery Breakfast at the clubhouse on Sunday morning.

In closing, I look forward to the club's 50th year next season and hope that the organizing committee receives the support from past and current club members it deserves to ensure this event is a fitting tribute to surf life saving and our club.

Richard McGovern
President

Camden Haven

We were again fortunate to have a very strong, enthusiastic and dedicated committee to oversee our club. The season began on a positive note when we were successful in obtaining a SLS facilities grant of \$200,000 from Sport & Recreation to upgrade our club house. After many meetings with Hastings Council I hope that work will finally commence this winter on this exciting project.

Last winter the council completed restoration work on the club house, the arrest concrete cancer and provide a safe access to the building. During the winter period both our IRB's were sent away for necessary repairs to prepare them for the summer. Before the start of the season we held an enjoyable Dinner Ball to celebrate the 100 years of Lifesaving.

The local Camden Haven High school gave us a great Galvanised trailer for our surf boat.

We were very fortunate to receive other donations during the summer. The North Haven Bowling club purchased a defibrillator for the club, the Laurieton services club supplied straps for our spinal board and the Laurieton Rotary club provided a Beach access wheel chair for general public use.

Our tenants in the kiosk have experienced an up and down season weather wise this summer and we wish them well for their future.

Our Patrol captains this year were excellent. Michelle Garvan, Greg Moss, Scott McDonald, Adrian Hutcheson, and Brett Anderson demonstrated strong leadership qualities and made it enjoyable for their patrol throughout the season.

Our clubhouse has been used extensively throughout the season by many local organisations and individuals including Council and NSW police for training and education purposes.

Our club executive worked extremely well this year. Kim Gregory, Greg Moss and Brett Anderson were tireless in their efforts. Brett Anderson, Darren Mearrick and Greg Moss excelled in squad instruction and motivation.

Our nippers were small in number but strong on enthusiasm this year. Mick and Erica Murray did an excellent job and things look promising for our nippers next summer.

We have experienced strong support from the local clubs (Laurieton Services Club, North Haven Bowling Club) and organisations including the chamber of commerce and the Camden Haven Quilters. Our image in the local community is very high. Our profile is kept positive through the support of the local paper the Camden Haven Courier. Without this support we would not be able to function as effectively.

At our successful annual presentation dinner this year three new honour boards were unveiled listing our executive and life members going back to the 1960's. This will provide depth, history and character for our organization.

Our expectations are high for next season.

PATROL STATISTICS

This season as always we were very conscious of our duty of care and we were again able to fulfil our commitment to the SLS Service agreement. The half day patrols have been embraced enthusiastically by all of those that volunteer their valuable time. We increased our patrols from four to six and this allowed us to patrol the beach on Saturday afternoon in the peak period. BBQ lunch is provided for members with the morning patrol cooking & afternoon shift cleaning up, which worked well. To their credit some members were confident and capable enough to take on the challenge of Patrol Captain this year. Members have patrolled on an average of 40 hours over the season. Our small club completed over 1800 hours of patrolling this summer.

No major rescues were recorded for the season. Seas have been moderate and patrols have been successful in limiting rescue situations by selecting wave zones of low risk and preventing persons from leaving the flagged area. Over 150 preventative actions were taken over the season & certainly contributed to keep the beach safe for all.

LIFESAVING AWARDS GAINED BY CLUB MEMBERS

The Mid North Coast Branch presented our Club with the Award for the most awards (pre capita) for the 2007/2008 season (for the second year in a row).

Although only small in number, our dedicated members have excelled themselves this year by obtaining the following awards:

- 1 Advanced Emergency Care
- 30 Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)
- 9 Defibrillation Certificate
- 4 IRB Crew Certificate
- 4 Silver Medallion IRB Driver
- 6 Spinal Management
- 7 Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR endorsed)

SPECIAL CLUB EVENTS

The Camden Haven Triathlon was again successful in 2008 with our Surf Club providing water safety and support for junior and senior athletes in this local event.

Our little Club also provided water safety for the Port Macquarie Iron Man triathlon. Our club provided support and guidance in lifesaving activities to local schools through out the season. We hosted several events & courses this year including an IRB Driver & Crewman's Course, Spinal & defibrillation Course.

The Laurieton United Servicemen's Club is always willing to lend a hand & has made several donations throughout the season. They have also supported us by allowing our Club to hold its very popular Australia Day Raft 'n Craft race at the rear of the Club. A huge crowd enjoyed the spectacle & great time had by all. This fundraiser has gained momentum over the past few years & has helped to raise the profile of our Club & its members within the local community.

Our annual 'Bridge to Bridge' paddle from Kendall to Laurieton took place at the end of April and is a great way of bringing all members together to finish up a busy summer.

Dave Napper
President



Top Patrolling Members 2007/2008 Season

Leading Female Patrol Members		Leading Male Patrol Members	
Camden Haven	Hours	Camden Haven	Hours
1. Michelle Garvan	36.5	1. David Napper	64.5
2. Kim Marshall	31.8	2. Craig Vickers	64.5
3. Joanna Kenafick	31.0	3. Ian Poole	49.8
4. Kristie Bisgrove	23.0	4. Noel Goodyer	41.5
5. Sally Stutsel	21.5	5. Greg Moss	41.0
Hat Head	Hours	Hat Head	Hours
1. Vicki Arndell	79.8	1. Paul Rudduck	188.8
2. Susan Croad	71.3	2. Wayne Arndell	77.3
3. Marlee Snowden	71.3	3. Nathan Foster	75.8
4. Patricia Tolman	68.8	4. Toby Stevenson	75.8
5. JACINTA FROST	66.0	5. Andrew Clarke	71.0
Kempsey Crescent Head	Hours	Kempsey Crescent Head	Hours
1. Anne-marie Adams	80.8	1. Gregory Kings	80.5
2. Nina Parrett	70.5	2. Paul Waterhouse	76.8
3. Joanne Mullins	60.0	3. Peter Nieass	65.5
4. Anna Bartlett	59.8	4. Matthew Parrett	64.5
5. Minnie Marks	57.5	5. Maurie Fuller	61.3
Macksville-Scotts Head	Hours	Macksville-Scotts Head	Hours
1. Jeneane DONOHOE	116.0	1. Christopher STEWART	145.3
2. Rebecca Mitchell	45.5	2. Allan HALL	128.5
3. Christine BELL	40.0	3. David BRUNSDON	72.8
4. Stacey COOPER	36.3	4. Colin LAING	63.5
5. Terri-Anne BROWN	34.0	5. Timothy BROWN	49.5
Mid North Coast Branch Support Operations Group	Hours	Mid North Coast Branch Support Operations Group	Hours
1. Kim Rayner (FERGUSON)	116.0	1. Paul Rayner	179.8
		2. Ryan Rosenbaum	144.0
		3. Mitchell Dawson	46.0
		4. Tony Hallinan	38.3
Port Macquarie	Hours	Port Macquarie	Hours
1. Kim Rayner (FERGUSON)	116.0	1. Paul Rayner	179.8
2. Amber Butler	70.8	2. Matt Scully	80.5
3. Sarah Rayner	68.8	3. Darren Hopkins	66.5
4. Jennifer Wookey	68.8	4. Geoff Woodham	62.5
5. Anne Walsh	60.8	5. Peter Besseling	61.5
South West Rocks	Hours	South West Rocks	Hours
1. Linda Cooper	163.0	1. Damion Treloar	95.5
2. Narelle Winn	52.5	2. Alby Mitchell	90.8
3. Jocelyn Hu	46.3	3. Tony Silvia	79.3
4. Rebecca Mitchell	45.5	4. Terence Trevillian	74.5
5. Lexy Montana	45.3	5. Ron Royle	66.5
Tacking Point	Hours	Tacking Point	Hours
1. Debbie OXLEY	44.5	1. Peter Murphy	60.8
2. Rhonda Worthing	42.0	2. Richard BROOMBY	55.0
3. Jordan DURBRIDGE	39.3	3. BRETT LETCHFORD	54.5
4. Stephanie BROWN	38.5	4. Shaun Durbridge	54.3
5. Belinda HADFIELD	35.5	5. David Oxley	46.8
Wauchope Bonny Hills	Hours	Wauchope Bonny Hills	Hours
1. Leanne Goggin	73.8	1. Jedd Goggin	155.0
2. Sophie Heffernan	61.0	2. Michael Dearling	78.5
3. Tamara Goodwin	51.3	3. Callum Johnston	77.5
4. Jessica Seymour	47.3	4. Stephen Robinson	72.0
5. Brittany Petherick	46.0	5. Peter Daniels	71.0

Photo Gallery

