

# SURF LIFE SAVING NEW SOUTH WALES

110TH ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17



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# OUR MISSION

To save lives, create great Australians and build better communities.

Today, Surf Life Saving NSW (SLSNSW) has members across 129 Surf Life Saving Clubs (SLSCs) and 11 branches who perform thousands of rescues, preventative actions and first aid treatments each year.

The origins of Surf Life Saving can be traced back to the actions of Mr William Gocher who, in September 1902 at Manly Beach, defied the law of the time by bathing during the prohibited daylight hours. As the popularity of surf bathing quickly grew into a national pastime, its dangers became apparent.

Small groups of experienced, regular surfers began to form themselves into lifesaving bodies to help people who needed rescuing from an unfamiliar environment.

As these lifesaving bodies or 'clubs' grew in size and number, the need for a united front to raise money and ask for help from local councils and the NSW Government was identified and the NSW Surf Bathing Association was formed on 18 October 1907. The name of the Association was later changed to the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, and in 1991 it was changed again to Surf Life Saving Australia.

Surf Life Saving NSW, formerly known as the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia (NSW State Centre) has operated within the state boundaries of NSW to fulfil the mission and goals of the Association since 1907.

Since recording began in 1949 our members have performed almost 367,000 rescues.





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## PATRON'S MESSAGE

“Thank you to Surf Life Saving NSW and all members for your ongoing and positive contribution to the community of New South Wales.”



On behalf of the community of New South Wales, and as Patron of Surf Life Saving NSW, I would like to convey my sincere thanks to all surf lifesaving volunteers for their efforts over another busy season, protecting almost 6.7 million visitors on our beaches and volunteering more than 650,000 hours on patrol. Our surf lifesavers are exceptional role models for volunteerism in this state.

Our beaches and coastal lifestyle are an important part of our identity and culture and Surf Life Saving is an iconic and inclusive community movement which is integral to the safety of the many thousands of people - both Australians and visitors alike - who flock to our beaches.

The impact Surf Life Saving makes on the lives of young people, families and communities everywhere is enormous. Encouraging and engaging youth and people from multicultural backgrounds, providing opportunities for people to enjoy healthy, active lifestyles and promoting cohesion within local communities are all good examples of the benefits of this organisation.

I had the great pleasure of attending the 2017 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships at Swansea Belmont SLSC in March where more than 6500 volunteer surf lifesavers came together in a fantastic demonstration of participation and the spirit of competition.

In presenting medals to many of these motivated competitors, it was an honour to share in the celebration of their achievements after a long season of training and commitment.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the important contribution that the entire surf lifesaving movement makes to the community, not only through conducting preventative actions and rescues, but also through educating the general public and promoting important life skills such as CPR and First Aid.

Thank you to Surf Life Saving NSW and all members for your ongoing and positive contribution to the community of New South Wales.

**General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd)**  
Governor of New South Wales

# MINISTER'S FOREWORD

“On behalf of the NSW Government, I thank all SLSNSW volunteers from the 129 surf clubs across NSW for your dedication to protecting beachgoers in NSW”



It is with great pleasure I provide the foreword for the 110th Annual Report of Surf Life Saving New South Wales (SLSNSW).

This season saw our lifesavers carry out almost 5,000 rescues and perform nearly 127,000 preventative actions, along with 15,750 first aid treatments.

In 2016/17 there wasn't a single death between the red and yellow flags, which is a testament to the vital role SLSNSW plays in keeping the general public safe on patrolled beaches. However, the season was not free of tragedy, with 31 lives lost along our coastline.

The NSW Government's message is clear: where there is water there is danger. Swimmers should never underestimate the conditions or overestimate their abilities. It is absolutely crucial that all beachgoers swim within the flags at patrolled beaches not only in NSW, but right across the nation.

The Surf Rescue Emergency Response System has directed 535 requests for assistance from Police and emergency services this year. The NSW Ambulance Service was tasked to beaches 546 times, further demonstrating the vital relationship between SLSNSW and other emergency service agencies.

Over the summer peak period we experienced a spike in drownings across all NSW waterways. The NSW Government acted quickly, implementing a public safety awareness campaign and partnering with key water safety organisations. I am grateful for the support of SLSNSW in helping to drive these safety messages in the community.

In May, I hosted the inaugural NSW Water Safety Forum at NSW Parliament House. The analysis of data shared with forum attendees, as well as the insights revealed through discussions, will be used to inform the Government's future drowning prevention measures.

I was also pleased to see additional funding allocated over three years, to enable SLSNSW to develop an emergency marker pilot program to help emergency services locate triple zero (000) callers from remote coastal areas.

Finally, on behalf of the NSW Government, I thank all SLSNSW volunteers from the 129 surf clubs across NSW for your dedication to protecting beachgoers in NSW. I congratulate the organisation on its efforts to educate the community about the importance of water safety. The work you do is greatly appreciated.

**The Hon. Troy Grant, MP**  
Minister for Emergency Services

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

“Thank you to everyone for another outstanding year and I would like to wish everyone who will be pulling on the red and yellow a safe and happy summer on the beach.”



I am pleased to be able to present to you, some of our achievements detailed for the 2016/17 Surf Life Saving New South Wales Annual Report.

In my first full year as President, I could reflect on the challenges, however our successes far outweigh those challenges tenfold. Surf Life Saving is strong and versatile however we will need to continually evolve in the future to deliver first-class lifesaving services to our communities, protect the welfare and wellbeing of our members and ensure our clubs remain relevant and sustainable.

Several changes to the composition of the Board of Surf Life Saving NSW presented us with an ideal opportunity to review and re-evaluate our strategic direction and define the key activities and areas of focus for the next few years.

An extensive Strategic Review was begun, including consultation across our entire stakeholder base – from branches and clubs, through to individual members, government and corporate partners and supporters. This far-reaching review process was the first step on the path toward developing a new Strategic Plan for your organisation, which will inform and guide our operations through to 2020.

Your new strategic plan re-focuses and reinforces the position our members hold, firmly at the centre of all that we do. In addition it will articulate the collaboration, innovation and impact we will need to deliver across the organisation in order to effectively recruit and retain a strong membership base yet remain flexible and agile enough to adapt to changes in the way we deliver services and engage with the community.

Like many other volunteer organisations we will no doubt face significant challenges over the coming years. Drawing on our proud 110 year history, I am determined that the trust and respect we enjoy from the community can be sustained and our legacy fiercely guarded.

In September 2016 I was pleased to launch the inaugural Surf Life Saving NSW *Coastal Safety Report*. This important publication documents current and historical coastal drowning data and provides a comprehensive overview of Surf Life Saving assets and operations.

More recently it was heartening to see the NSW coastal drowning death toll fall in 2016/17 to 31 from the previous year's 53. While any drowning death is a tragedy, I congratulate our patrolling members for their vigilance in protecting the public and visitors to our beaches throughout the season.

We continue to be extremely grateful for the support of the NSW Government, including the doubling of the Surf Club Facility Grants program from \$2M per year to \$4M. I would also like to thank our coastal councils, Government departments and agencies with which we interact or have partnered with on important public safety projects. Our political leaders continue to express their appreciation to all our volunteers in NSW.

Thanks also to our major partners, in particular ClubsNSW and Stramit Building Products, who support our volunteers across a range of programs and to our partners at the national level, DHL and Westpac.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of the staff at Surf Life Saving NSW who all work so hard to help deliver the Board's vision. Following the retirement of long-serving CEO Phillip Vanny AM in October last year, Adam Weir was appointed Acting Chief Executive and I would like to sincerely thank Adam for his support and guidance during this time and welcome our new CEO Steven Pearce who will continue to lead the Board's initiatives.

There are so many success stories from across the organisation this year right through local club level to state-wide initiatives, which are helping save lives beyond the flags, and it is these stories that highlight everything that is wonderful about our organisation.

Thank you to everyone for your trust to lead your organisation, to finish another outstanding year and I would like to wish all our volunteers a safe and happy summer on the beach.

**David Murray**  
President



# CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

“The heart and soul of our great organisation are the members and I would like to thank you all for your continuing efforts, serving the community and ensuring the safety of the public on the state’s beaches.”



Welcome to the Annual Report of Surf Life Saving NSW (SLSNSW) for 2016/17.

This year has been another successful one for the organisation both on and off the beach. Pleasingly after a year where 53 people drowned in NSW coastal waters that number fell to 31, a figure that would have been much greater if not for the remarkable efforts of everyone in the lifesaving community who continue to work tirelessly to further reduce coastal drownings in NSW.

SLSNSW continues to take a lead role as a peak water safety organisation in NSW, and 2016 saw the completion of ‘Project Blueprint’. After securing funding from the NSW Government’s Water Safety Black Spots Fund, SLSNSW carried out coastal risk assessments at every beach over a four year period between 2012 and 2016.

In November 2016 we were pleased to be able to table the final Project Blueprint report at a special ceremony attended by the NSW Parliamentary Friends of Surf Life Saving.

Chaired by Melinda Pavey and co-Deputy Chairs Adam Crouch and Yasmin Catley, these wonderful and enthusiastic supporters of our movement, the Parliamentary Friends of Surf Life Saving, has grown over the last 12 months to 31 members representing a cross section of politics. It has been extremely pleasing to welcome several new members to our Parliamentary Friends group, including a number from inland electorates, a result which can be attributed to the strong leadership of the group. Our sincere thanks go to all of our Parliamentary Friends, and we hope to foster and grow this important partnership in the future.

We have continued to work closely with the NSW Government including collaborating on public water safety advertising campaigns with the Department of Justice after a spike in drownings over summer, and we were successful in securing a number of funding grants.

This financial year SLSNSW secured the Enhanced Rescue Capability Grant and the Operational Grant, which provides funding for our frontline services of \$9 million over the next three years.

It was also very pleasing to announce alongside the Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Sport, the increased commitment from the NSW Government to sustain and maintain surf club buildings in NSW thanks to the doubling of the Surf Club Facility Grant from \$2M to \$4M per year, with the cap being reset so that previous recipients of the grant are able to apply for funding to complete vital building projects.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the NSW Government for their continued support of the organisation, and for recognising the enormous contribution of our volunteer surf lifesavers.

The 2016/17 season also saw SLSNSW continue to lead the way, nationally and internationally, through innovation in life saving technology. Working with our partners at Westpac Little Ripper Lifesaver our organisation has invested in the development of world first UAV (drone) technology that is delivering fantastic opportunities for our lifesavers to apply their knowledge to increasing our surveillance capability and preventative lifesaving capacity. Over the course of the year SLSNSW has trained almost 50 lifesavers and lifeguards in the Civil Aviation Safety Authority’s RPA Pilot Qualification. After more than two years of testing and trialling UAVs, SLSNSW is now working towards a broader operational rollout of this technology in key locations along the NSW coastline.

This has been a year unlike any other for our organisation, with many challenges, however it is extremely pleasing to deliver this Annual Report and recognise the significant successes that were achieved. These successes would not have been possible without the continued support of all of our partners, in particular ClubsNSW and Stramit Building Products.

Following the retirement of CEO Phil Vanny AM in October, I was honoured to be asked to step in as Acting CEO for the remainder of the financial year. After 16 years of service to SLSNSW and more than 30 years contributing to water safety policy and direction in NSW, I would like to personally thank Phil Vanny for his support and guidance.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to the SLSNSW Board for giving me the opportunity to lead the organisation in the capacity of Acting CEO, and I want to sincerely thank the staff for their dedication and support in delivering such outstanding results.

Of course, the heart and soul of our great organisation are the members and I would like to thank you all for your continuing efforts, serving the community and ensuring the safety of the public on the state’s beaches.

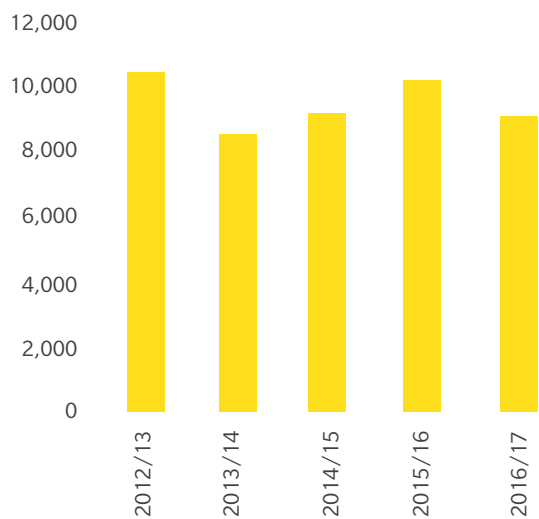
**Adam Weir**  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

# SEASON SNAPSHOT

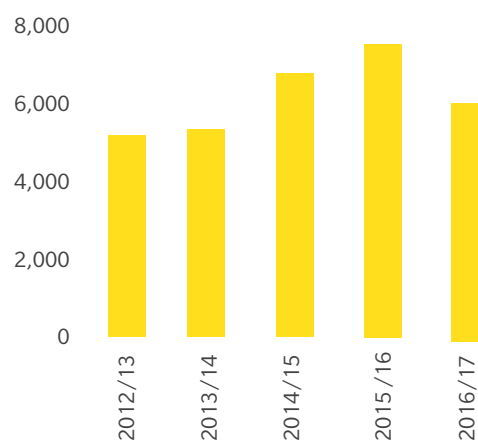
Highlights	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
<b>Lifesavers &amp; Lifeguards</b>					
Coastal Drownings	48	30	37	53	31
Rescues	5,158	5,322	6,755	7,502	6,107
First Aid Treatments	26,392	10,344	14,903	21,168	26,958
Preventative Actions	440,783	373,843	425,478	412,706	417,402
Emergency callouts	543	469	505	735	535
<b>Member Service &amp; Support</b>					
Total Membership	76,922	75,916	77,022	74,686	75,410
Membership Growth	2%	-1%	1%	-3%	+1%
Male	45,280	44,679	44,946	43,768	43,855
Female	31,641	31,237	32,076	30,894	31,547
Indeterminate	0	0	0	24	8
Staff	65	67	75	74	76
<b>Training</b>					
SLSA Awards	34,396	35,888	33,634	32,082	32,990
Community Training	43,790	40,425	52,658	69,987	80,399
Total Awards granted	78,186	76,313	86,292	102,069	113,389
Growth	8%	-2%	13%	18%	10%
<b>Sports Participation</b>					
Junior	4,907	4,101	3,970	3,832	4,046
Opens	3,936	2,995	3,368	4,304	3,322
Masters	1,593	1,437	1,826	2,042	1,699
Total SLSNSW Competitors	10,436	8,533	9,164	10,178	9,067



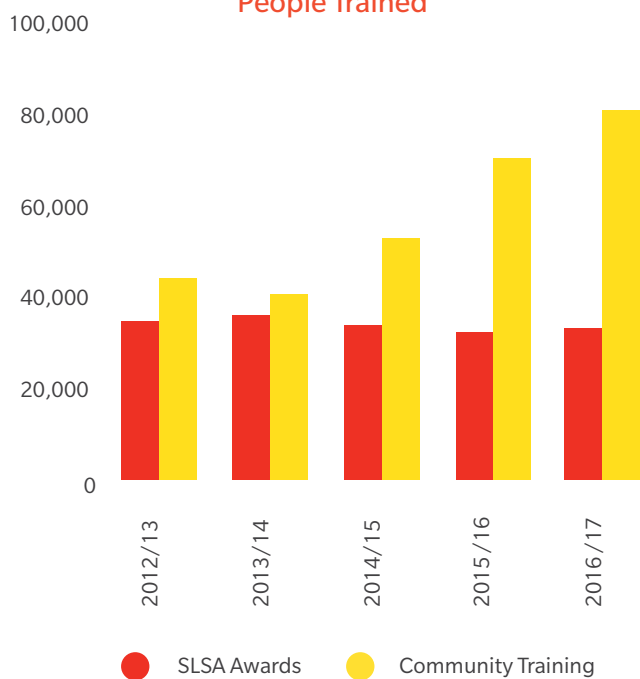
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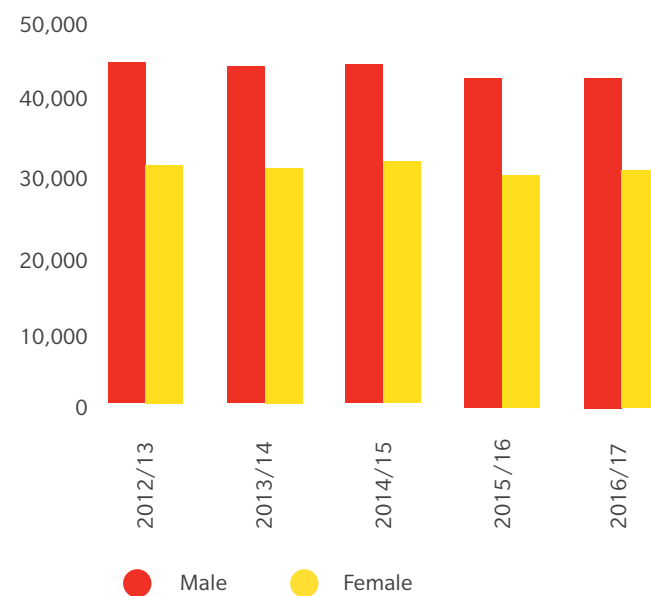
People Rescued



People Trained



Membership





# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Finances	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$'000s</b>	<b>\$'000s</b>	<b>\$'000s</b>		<b>\$'000s</b>
Grants	\$8,993	\$6,552	\$6,386	\$4,988	\$6,381
Service Provision	\$8,430	\$8,683	\$9,505	\$10,198	\$11,197
Sponsorship	\$1,342	\$1,229	\$1,278	\$1,319	\$1,153
Fundraising	\$3,577	\$3,697	\$2,910	\$1,635	\$1,703
Other	\$46	\$68	\$268	\$338	\$1,383
Interest	\$443	\$356	\$292	\$240	\$198
	\$22,831	\$20,586	\$20,639	\$18,718	\$22,015
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>\$'000s</b>	<b>\$'000s</b>	<b>\$'000s</b>	<b>\$'000s</b>	<b>\$'000s</b>
Fundraising	\$1,372	\$1,091	\$952	\$0	\$0
Core Activities	\$8,245	\$8,663	\$8,983	\$10,115	\$10,441
Grants to clubs/branches	\$4,192	\$4,868	\$3,669	\$3,826	\$4,978
Grants to affiliates & prov.	\$3,131	\$0			
Administration	\$4,254	\$4,096	\$4,059	\$4,366	\$5,116
Other	\$168	\$225	\$491		
Property revaluation decrement	\$0	\$1,317	\$0		
	\$21,363	\$20,259	\$18,153	\$18,307	\$20,535
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$1,467</b>	<b>\$326</b>	<b>\$2,486</b>	<b>\$410</b>	<b>\$1,481</b>
<b>Net Assets \$M</b>	<b>\$15.8M</b>	<b>\$16.1M</b>	<b>\$18.6M</b>	<b>\$19M</b>	<b>\$20.5M</b>

## Pictured on p10

- Launch of the Project Blueprint final reports at NSW Parliamentary Friends of Surf Life Saving - NSW Parliament House November 2016
- NSW Rescue of the Year - Camden Haven SLSC



# DIRECTORS



## David Murray – President

David is recently retired after being a business owner for 35 years; he was also a consultant for Australian Private Boards and was the Managing Director of TNS Distribution. Since joining North Curl Curl SLSC in 1993, David has held various positions within the movement including but not limited to; Vice President and President of Sydney Northern Beaches Branch and Vice President and President of North Curl Curl SLSC. In 2010 David received Life Membership of North Curl Curl SLSC.



## Kerry Clancy – Deputy President (until May 2017)

Kerry is a member of Sawtell SLSC gaining her Bronze Medallion in 1993. As well as being a patrolling member, Kerry took on the position of the North Coast Branch Junior Activities Chairman in 1993 and represented the branch as a delegate at the NSW Council meetings. In 2002 Kerry was elected North Coast Branch President, a position she holds today. Kerry has officiated at many surf sports events at all levels and has been an integral part of the North Coast Branch management team. Kerry was the first female State Councillor and was the first female on the Board of Directors of SLSNSW. Kerry is a life member of SLSNSW.



## Dean Dudley – Director of Education (until May 2017)

Dr Dean Dudley is a Churchill Fellow and Senior Lecturer (Education) at Macquarie University. He also serves as a Chief Examiner for the NSW Educational Standards Authority, World Regional Vice-President (Oceania) to Federation Internationale d'Education Physique (FIEP), and Honorary Chair of Learning and Development for Surf Life Saving Australia. Dean's work is focused on evidence-based approaches to education that yield high quality effects in student learning and health-related outcomes. Dean is the Deputy President of Bulli SLSC.



## Glenn Langley – Director of Member Services (until May 2017)

Glenn Langley is the Managing Director of Langley Group of Companies. Between 2010 & 2013 he was the Director of Youth and Membership for the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch and has assisted in developing programs to aid retention and increase membership across all age groups. Glenn gained his Bronze Medallion in 1988 and was awarded Life Membership of the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch in 2009. Glenn has held many club and branch positions over the past 29 years and has obtained a number of awards during this time. He is also an active patrolling member of Newport SLSC.





### John Restuccia – Director of Lifesaving (until May 2017)

John Restuccia has been employed with BOC for the past 18 years. His current role is Key Account Manager for the Hospital-ity section (NSW). John has been heavily involved in Surf Life Saving and over his 30 years of patrolling, he has an exemplary 100% patrol attendance at Maroubra. At a club level, he has also been the President, Club Captain, RWC Driver and ORB Skipper. John was the previous Director of Lifesaving for Sydney Branch and has been awarded with Life Membership of Maroubra SLSC, Sydney Branch and SLSNSW. John was Director of Lifesaving at SLSNSW for 12 years.



### Pip Butt – Director of Finance

Philippa (Pip) Butt is a Chartered Accountant at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). Pip leads innovation for Assurance at PwC following a background in financial statement audit and internal audit. Pip has a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting and Management) with the Australian National University, a Graduate Diploma of Chartered Accounting with the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia and is a member of the AICD. Pip is an active member of Broulee Surfers SLSC and Queenscliff SLSC.



### Donald van Keimpema – Director of Surf Sports

Donald started his working career as an apprentice carpenter at the ripe age of 16 years and is now a construction manager for Mojo Homes, managing and leading a team of 12 construction supervisors looking after 130 concurrent residential building projects. Don became involved in Surf Life Saving when his children joined Shelly Beach SLSC as nippers in 1992. He has an extensive understanding of surf sports at all levels of competition and coaching (particularly Pool Rescue) as well as a broad range of experience as a former Club President. Don supported the development of Pool Rescue competition in NSW and is a highly respected official. Don has also previously held the National Officiating Advisor role for SLSA which includes education and succession planning to support surf sport at all levels.



### Adam Weir – Acting Chief Executive Officer (from October 2016)

Acting CEO Adam Weir has been heavily involved in Surf Life Saving for more than three decades. Originally joining Cronulla SLSC as a Nipper, Adam enjoyed a highly successful competitive career which including captaining his country and an Australian Sports Medal in 2000. After working at Surf Life Saving Australia in a variety of roles, Adam moved to SLSNSW in 2013 where he is a senior member of the operations and managerial team with knowledge of multiple portfolios. Adam is also a member of the International Life Saving Rescue Commission and currently chairs the ILS Rescue Operations Committee.

# GOVERNANCE

## State Council

The State Council of Surf Life Saving NSW (SLSNSW) consists of 11 Branch Presidents.

### Duties

- Elect the Directors
- Inform the Board of significant issues affecting the membership
- Assist the Board design and review SLSNSW’s strategic direction
- Discuss State-wide issues
- Approve any amendments to the Constitution
- Provide feedback to the Board on the results of its governance decisions in practice at the member level.
- Meets formally twice per year.

The AGM is to be held within the period of six months after the end of the financial year, but is usually held in November. The Election State Council Meeting is held preferably in May.

## Board of Directors

President, Deputy President, Director of Finance, Director of Lifesaving, Director of Education, Director of Surf Sports and Director of Member Services.

### Duties

- Oversee SLSNSW’s strategic direction and priorities
- Interact with key stakeholders to inform them of achievements and ensuring that they have input into determining strategic goals and direction
- Regularly scanning the external operating environment to ensure that SLSNSW’s strategic direction remains both appropriate and achievable
- Monitor organisational performance and evaluate strategic results
- Ensure financial viability and security of SLSNSW by setting financial governance policies
- Report back to the stakeholders at the AGM
- In accordance with the SLSNSW Strategic Plan, establish the policy framework for governing SLSNSW, from which all operational policies and actions are developed
- Evaluate its effectiveness as a Board of Directors
- Appoint committees, panels, advisers to carry out aspects of their work
- Meets as often as is deemed necessary in every calendar year.
- Rotating 2 year terms for Directors
- President, Director of Finance, Director of Education and Director of Surf Sports shall be elected in each year of even number
- Deputy President, Director of Lifesaving and Director of Members Services shall be elected in each year of odd number

## Advisers

As soon as practical after the Election State Council Meeting, the Board may appoint:

- A Lifesaving Adviser
- An Education Adviser
- A Surf Sports Adviser
- A Member Services Adviser
- Or any other Adviser that the SLSNSW Board may consider necessary from time to time and whom need not be members

### Role of Advisers

The SLSNSW advisory positions oversee and advise in speciality areas of surf lifesaving, such as surf sports, coaching, education, medical and health.

### Duties

- May be required to attend State Council Meetings (without the right to vote)
- May be invited to attend Board Meetings for specific discussions (without the right to vote)

## Standing Committees

- Life Membership and Honours Committee
- The Rules and Constitution Committee
- Meritorious Awards Committee
- Finance and Audit Compliance Committee

Appointed or elected for two years or for longer terms by the Board. Other committees may be formed if required and will be appointed by the Board according to the Constitution.

## Governance and Organisational Structure



# STAFF

## Senior Management

Adam Weir	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Daniel Gaffney**	Chief Operating Officer
Ross Bidencope	Chief Financial Officer
Carolyn Wiseman	Human Resources Manager
Michelle Bainbridge	Government Relations Manager

## Administration

Elise Panetta	PA to CEO
Natasha Argent	Office Coordinator
Claudia Zegarra	Human Resources Administrator
Aleya Wiggins	Receptionist/Office Assistant
Nick Piper #	Office Assistant

## Australian Lifeguard Service (ALS)

Brent Manieri **	ALS (NSW) Manager
Oliver Munson**	Lifeguard Operating Manager
Jane Dunwoodie**	Lifeguard Recruitment & Recognition Coordinator
Ruben Roxburgh**	Lifeguard Education Coordinator
Patria Harris**	Lifeguard Officer
Phil Dunn**	Lifeguard Coordinator (Southern)
Scott McCartney**	Lifeguard Coordinator (Northern)
Brad Woodward**	Pittwater Supervisor
Steve Mills**	Far North Coast Supervisor
James Turnham**	Port Macquarie Supervisor
Phil Rock**	Port Stephens Supervisor

## Academy Education

Louise Cooke	Academy Education Manager
Joanne Massey #	Academy Community Education Project Officer
Natalie Muir	Academy Education Officer
Judy Spicer	Academy Support Officer
Steven Allen	Academy Support Officer
Tiffany Chapman	Academy Education Administration Officer

## Australian Lifesaving Academy (ALA)

Holly Chave**	Academy Business Manager
Andrew McIvor**	AESS Manager
Phillipa McNamara**	Academy Sales Manager
Mia Pacey**	Academy Business Officer
Rachel Strong**	Academy Sales Support Administrator
Hannah Davie**	Academy Sales Support Administrator
Jan McKenna**	Academy Administration Coordinator
Elizabeth Jones**#	Academy Administration Officer
Margaret McKinnon**#	Academy Administration Officer
Daniel Gay**	Academy Trainer Manager
Jon Corbyn**	First Aid Services Coordinator
Chris McCaskie**	Academy Trainer
Craig Carney**	Academy Trainer
Kim Spicer**	Academy Trainer
Terry Hanlon**	Academy Trainer
Cheryl White**	Academy Trainer

## Finance

Rebecca Churchill	Finance Manager
Joanna Johnston #	Payroll Officer
Carolyn Tremble #	Accounts Officer

## Lifesaving

Andy Kent	Lifesaving Manager (Acting Operations Manager)
Chris Twine	Coastal Risk & Research Coordinator
Lachlan Wild	Lifesaving Officer
Maddison Scutts #	Lifesaving Officer (Volunteer Support)
Andrew Ugarte- Carral	Duty Operation Coordinator
Cameron Callaghan #	Duty Operations Officer
David Vinson #	Duty Operations Officer
Gabby Tinson #	Duty Operations Officer
Jackson Towns#	Duty Operations Officer
Nic Owen #	Duty Operations Officer
Rebecca Chapman #	Duty Operations Officer

## Media and Communications

Donna Wishart	Media & Communications Manager
Liam Howitt	Media & Communications Coordinator
Elise Hancock	Design & Communications Officer
Zach Workman-Brown	Digital Communications Officer
Phillip Brent	Media & Communications Officer

## Member Services

Kate Higginbotham	Member Services Manager
Alisha Reber	Quality Club Officer (Metro)
Sean Hendry	Quality Club Officer (Southern)
Simon Lee	Quality Club Officer (Northern)
Naomi Stevenson	Member Services Officer
Nicole Krite	Membership Engagement Officer

## Partnerships

Christina Voyage	Partnerships Manager
Chris O'Rorke	Partnerships Coordinator
Jordan Ingham-Rhodes	Partnerships Coordinator

## Surf Sports

Rob Pidgeon	Sports Manager
Luke Stigter	Sports Events Coordinator
Tim Piper	Sports Development Officer
James Trickey	Sports Officer
Denise Lees	Sports Officer

## Port Macquarie Region

Tony O'Mara	Port Macquarie Regional Manager
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# Part Time/Casual

# OFFICE BEARERS & PATRONS

## Patron

His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC  
DSC (Ret'd) Governor of New South Wales

## Board of Directors

David Murray #	President
Kerry Clancy	Deputy President
Dr Dean Dudley	Director of Education
Pip Butt	Director of Finance
John Restuccia	Director of Lifesaving
Glenn Langley	Director of Member Services
Don van Keimpema	Director of Surf Sports
Phillip Vanny AM ^	Chief Executive Officer
Adam Weir ^	Acting Chief Executive Officer

## State Councillors

Wilson Cregan	Far North Coast
Kerry Clancy	North Coast
Rod McDonagh	Mid North Coast
Brian Wilcox	Lower North Coast
Henry Scruton	Hunter
Stuart Harvey	Central Coast
Doug Menzies	Sydney Northern Beaches
George Shales	Sydney
Val Zanotto	Illawarra
Steve Jones	South Coast
Tony Rettke	Far South Coast

## State Advisers

Richie Lytham OAM	Surf Sports Adviser
Greg Arthur Allum OAM	Surf Sports Technical Adviser
Henry Scruton	Powercraft Adviser
Dr John Lennard	Medical Adviser
Troy Eady	Physiotherapist

## NSW Interstate Team

Jim Walker	Head Coach
Scott McCartney	Assistant Coach
Damien Benson	Assistant Coach
Steve Marley	Team Manager
Tracey McKinnier	Assistant Team Manager

## NSW Pool Rescue Interstate Team

Andrew Bowden	Head Coach
Max Serpa Gonzalez	Team Manager

## NSW Surf Boat Interstate Team

Greg Heard	Manager
Lachlan Payne	Assistant Team Manager

## NSW IRB State Team

Steven Robson	Coach
Andrew Turner	Team Manager
Steven Guy	Development Team Manager

## NSW U18 Pool Rescue Development Team

Ela Heiniger	Head Coach
Blake McCrindle	Team Manager
Shelley Smith	Assistant Team Manager

## 2017 NSW Country Team

Alan Beveridge	Head Coach
Scott McCartney	Assistant Head Coach
Dennis Allen	Team Manager
Jo Anne Prior	Assistant Team Manager

## Other Positions

Pitcher Partners	Auditors
Stephen Chu	Honorary Photographer
Bill Sheridan	Honorary Photographer
Ray Brennan OAM	Honorary Historian

## Committees and Panels

### Finance, Audit & Compliance Committee

Pip Butt (Chairperson)
David Murray
Lise Barry
Paul Bolton (From January 2017)
John Petty
Richard Norgard (Until November 2016)
Ross Bidecope ^
Phillip Vanny AM ^
Adam Weir ^

### Life Membership and Honours Committee

Richie Lytham OAM (Chairperson)
Kim Holdom
Peter M Pearce OAM
Robert Arthur Smith OAM

### Meritorious Awards Committee

David Murray (Chairperson)
John Restuccia
Richie Lytham OAM
Robert Arthur Smith OAM
Julie Wilcox

### Rules and Constitution Committee

Stephen Strange (Chairperson)
John Beasley OAM
Rod McDonagh
Damian O'Shannassy
Simon Vincent
Don van Keimpema (Chairperson)
Garry Mensforth
Ian Miller
Wayne Druery
John Masters

### Judiciary

David Olsen
Gary Daly
Jedd Goggin
Ian Toll
Tracey Hare-Boyd

## Boat Commission

Richie Lytham OAM (Chairperson)
Greg Heard
Mick Lang
Barry Lowe
Brett Main
Nathan Perry

## Education Selection Panel

Adrienne Lowe
Jane Davis
Geoff Horsey

## Member Services Selection Panel

Peter Agnew
Stephanie McGuinness
Cheryl McCarthy

## Sports Selection Panel

Louis Tassone
Graham Bruce
Keith Caldwell

## Lifesaving Selection Panel

Julie Wilcox
John Restuccia
Peter MacMahon

## Volunteer Selection Panel

Katie Dixon
Keith Grima
Shannon Job
Sue Hunt

## Junior Lifesaver of the Year Panel

Tracey Hare-Boyd
Jess Rayner
Sue Hunt
Gary Hawkins
Steve Knight

## # Australian Councillor

^ Non-voting position





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# LIFESAVING SERVICES

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The 2016/17 season was again challenging with volunteer lifesavers and support services called upon to assist many thousands of people along our coastline. These incidents ranged from the simple and reactive such as treating marine stings and dehydration to conducting preventative actions as well as a significant number of complex, multi-agency rescue and recovery efforts.

Beach attendance was just under 6,700,000 people for the season with over 4,960 rescues. Despite our best efforts there were 31 drownings on our coastline, down both on last year and the five year average. No drownings occurred between the flags, however it is concerning that a large percentage are occurring away from a patrol service and outside patrol hours.

We are grateful for the dedication and efforts of all our active patrol members. Patrol volunteers continue to meet the community needs, although at times stretched to the limits with resources, they continue to maintain high standards.

## Lifesaving Operations & Programs

Throughout this season there were a number of challenges for the Lifesaving team, and they deserve to be congratulated on their achievements. Highlights include;

- Migration of Sydney Branch from analogue to the digital radio network.
- Integration with Marine Area Command on high traffic days and long weekends.
- Coordination with Department of Primary Industries on significant aerial shark surveillance.
- Significant discounts on new equipment to clubs through bulk purchasing and equipment grants.
- Successful increase in the Support Operations Grant.
- Continuing deployment of Emergency Response Beacons to known blackspot locations.
- Oversubscription of the Lifesaving Exchange Programs.
- Successful grant proposal from SLSA Blackspot Funding for Coastal Signage Program.
- With Bureau of Meteorology, launch of SLSNSW Dangerous Surf Warning Program.
- SurfCom Operators completed 3,611 volunteer hours, up 500 hours from last season.

SLSNSW has continued its support of branches and clubs with the purchase of essential lifesaving equipment worth more than \$460,000 through the Lifesaving Equipment Grant. Another \$77,994 was provided through the Support Operations Grant to branches to assist them with operational costs associated with their Support Operations initiatives.

The state Rescue of the Month Program, with over 30 nominations, continues to recognise the brave and selfless work by individuals, clubs and support services in the carriage of their volunteer duties. At a national level, New South Wales clubs also continue to be

recognised, winning National Rescue of the Month for five of the last ten nomination periods.

The Lifesaving Exchange Program was held over the Australia Day Long Weekend with 15 members from 13 clubs participating. The program is in its ninth season with 174 members aged between 18 and 25 participating since inception. The New Zealand Lifesaving Exchange Program has operated since 2010 and provides participants with a unique opportunity to develop and share their experiences at an international level. Sarah Bugbird of Merewether SLSC and Matthew Calbert of Ocean Beach SLSC represented SLSNSW during this year's New Zealand Lifesaving Exchange Program along with our facilitators Anthony Turner and Nicole Krite.

It was a busy season for the Surf Emergency Response System (SERS) with 535 calls received from emergency services. The majority of these were direct tasking from the NSW Police. This resulted in State Duty Officers, Branch Duty Officers and club callout teams responding to 294 requests for assistance. A total of 546 calls were made for ambulance assistance which resulted in 335 patients requiring further treatment and transportation to hospital.

The Surf Life Saving Coastal Radio Network continues to play a vital role in surf lifesaving operations with the migration from analogue to digital radio continuing up and down the coast and the first stage of the Sydney Branch transition completed.

Our sincere thanks goes to our partners at NSW Police Marine Area Command, Police Radio (communications) and Polair. We would also like to commend the Department of Primary Industries, Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter, the NSW Ambulance Service, Marine Rescue NSW, Council Lifeguards and our Australian Lifeguard Service partners for their continued support and willingness to engage with SurfCom. The highly professional coordination and partnership with these agencies is integral to providing a safe and secure environment for all lifesavers and the beach-going public.

Our thanks and gratitude must also go to two giants in NSW Lifesaving - John Restuccia, our outgoing NSW Director of Lifesaving and Andy Kent our Lifesaving Manager who has returned to New Zealand after 4 ½ years with SLSNSW. Both have guided the Lifesaving Department through exciting and tumultuous times and SLSNSW is the better organisation for their involvement. Further thanks to the 11 Branch Directors of Lifesaving and their teams for their hard work and continued support and collaboration.

Finally, sincerest thanks to the SurfCom team, State Duty Officers and numerous volunteer Advisors. Most importantly, thanks to all our volunteers on the water's edge for their continued dedication, diligence, skill and commitment in promoting safe swimming practices, preventing drowning and treating injuries on our beaches.

**Stuart Harvey**  
Director of Lifesaving

# AUSTRALIAN LIFEGUARD SERVICE (NSW)

“The ALS NSW continues to pride itself on being proactive rather than reactive and the strongest indicator of this was once again the high number of preventative actions that were undertaken by lifeguards.”

It is with great pride that I present to you the Australian Lifeguard Service NSW (ALS NSW) Annual Report for the provision of professional lifeguard services during the 2016/17 season. Over the past 12 months the ALS NSW has continued to make significant improvements towards our operations and contracts across NSW.

## Contracts and Service Partners

During 2016 Port Macquarie-Hastings Council (PMHC) undertook an extensive external review of the services they provide to their community. Following this review it was resolved that council would explore opportunities to provide increased levels of lifeguard services by proceeding to formal tender for the potential best value outsourcing of these services. In July 2016 the ALS NSW were confirmed as the successful tenderer for this significant contract.

The awarding of this contract to the ALS NSW was a direct reflection of the hard work, professionalism and value-add services that the lifeguards and management provide across the breadth of NSW. The ALS NSW was able to deliver council a suite of additional value and extensions to service that would greatly benefit the PMHC community and its visitors. It is with great pleasure that I can report that the first year of this contract was extraordinarily successful, and my sincere thanks is extended to both PMHC Council and the PMHC lifeguard team for their professionalism during the first year of service delivery.

Following on from the awarding of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council contract, the past year has also seen the ALS NSW retain contracts with Tweed Shire Council, Byron Shire Council, Clarence Valley Council, MidCoast Council (formerly Greater Taree City Council), Parramatta City Council and Tweed Coast Holiday Parks.

A noticeable achievement and significant gain for water safety in NSW were the extensions of service in both Tweed Shire Council and Clarence Valley Council. The extensions provided in the new contracts will give greater patrol coverage for residents and visitors to these popular holiday destinations. It is pleasing to see our partners continuing to recognise the value of the service we provide to their communities and continuing to work with us to achieve one of our key strategic objectives – the reduction of drowning in the NSW community.

Following the 2016/17 season the ALS NSW surveyed all council partners to gauge feedback on the services we provide. Key findings from this survey were that all respondents would highly recommend our services to other councils/regulatory bodies and that the service provided was either exceptional or exceeded their expectations.

The ALS NSW thanks all our council and contract partners for recognising the importance of providing quality professional

lifeguard services to their local communities and visitors. The ALS NSW looks forward to continuing to provide a high level of service to all our contract partners, a number of partnerships which have now been in operation for over 30 years.

## Internal Management Operations

The 2016/17 season saw the ALS NSW implement an online rostering and timesheet management system. This system was put in place so that lifeguard supervisors and lifeguards had a more efficient way of identifying availability and communicating work rosters. This system also provided the management team with a more streamlined system for managing timesheets and payroll information.

## Lifeguard Operations

During the 2016/17 season lifeguards were required to be diligent at all times as more than 4.7 million people visited our patrolled locations across NSW. Across the season 370 employed lifeguards completed over 94,000 patrol hours, conducted 1,141 rescues, undertook more than 290,000 preventative actions, and performed approximately 11,200 first aid treatments.

The past season has seen approximately 850,000 more people visit our patrolled locations when compared to the 2015/16 season and this increased patronage is reflected in the increases in rescues, preventative actions and first aid treatment statistics. The ALS NSW continues to pride itself on being proactive rather than reactive and the strongest indicator of this was once again the high number of preventative actions that were undertaken by lifeguards. I would like to acknowledge all of our lifeguards for the professionalism they exhibited and the enthusiasm they continue to show towards their roles.

## Looking Ahead

The ensuing 12 months will see a number of contract terms conclude with a number of these contracts being affected by the recent council amalgamations in NSW. One of the major benefits declared during the amalgamation process was that the amalgamations would provide enhanced service delivery and savings through the reduction of duplication to each community. The ALS NSW is looking forward to working alongside these newly formed councils to explore, through tender processes, ways in which we would be able to extend services to each council's respective community.

Once more the ALS NSW thanks all our contract partners, SLSNSW branches and clubs for their ongoing support. We look forward to continuing to build on these strong relationships and the foundation that has been forged over numerous seasons.

**Brent Manieri**  
ALS NSW Manager



# AUSTRALIAN LIFESAVING ACADEMY

“2016/17 was the most successful year yet for the ALA NSW across both First Aid Training and First Aid Services.”

The Australian Lifesaving Academy NSW (ALA NSW) under the Surf Life Saving NSW Registered Training Organisation (RTO ID 90394) has been servicing the NSW and ACT community for over 13 years. 2016/17 was the most successful year yet for the ALA NSW across both First Aid Training and First Aid Services. At 30 June 2017 the ALA NSW has trained 454,980 course participants since its inception in 2004. This is a fantastic milestone to reach, and a credit to all ALA NSW team members both current and former.

“Transforming everyday Australians into lifesavers” remains the core mission of the ALA NSW. The ALA NSW strives to meet this mission through the delivery of effective First Aid Training, the provision of frontline First Aid Services and Water Safety at events, and through surf and water safety education programs throughout the state.

## First Aid Training

During the past year the ALA NSW has seen solid growth in its First Aid Training delivery. For the period July 2016 – June 2017 the ALA NSW delivered 80,399 awards in comparison to 2015/16 when 69,987 awards were delivered, representing a 14.88% increase.

Of the 80,399 total awards delivered during the period, 12,146 were First Aid awards and 44,313 were CPR awards. The remaining 23,940 comprised of Education and Care First Aid, the Department of Education (DoE) Anaphylaxis course, Emergency Care, Advanced Resuscitation, Spinal Management, Junior First Aid, Advanced First Aid, Remote Area First Aid and accredited Asthma and Anaphylaxis.

For the 2017 calendar year the ALA NSW booked 347 public First Aid courses at 24 different locations across NSW and the ACT. The ALA NSW increased the course offerings at public courses to include Low Voltage Rescue and the Occupational Skill Set. The ALA NSW also introduced new public course venues at Cabramatta and Sutherland to provide more weekday first aid courses for the community and club members in these areas.

Having now completed 18 months of the initial 2 year contract as part of the approved panel for the provision of First Aid, CPR and Anaphylaxis training for all NSW DoE staff, the ALA NSW has seen a significant increase in training within the NSW schools sector. The ALA NSW currently trains at over 1500 NSW schools, an increase of 122 schools between July 2016 and July 2017.

In December 2016, the ALA NSW received notification to become an endorsed provider of registered professional development with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) (formally known as BOSTES - Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards NSW). All NSW teaching staff who graduated post 2004 are required to complete a minimum 50 hours of NESA registered professional development over a five year period. From 1 January

2018, all teachers must be accredited with NESA to start, continue or return to teaching in a NSW school. This includes anyone who started teaching prior to 2004. As a result of this requirement, the ALA NSW's endorsement with NESA represents significant potential for business growth within the NSW school market.

Other significant developments within the ALA NSW's training operations over the past 12 months included securing a training partnership with Jemena Asset Management Pty Ltd for the delivery of First Aid Training across NSW, VIC, NT, TAS, and QLD for a 3 year contract term.

The ALA NSW has also increased First Aid Training delivery with key clients such as Westpac, Department of Parliamentary Services, Pacific Smiles Group, Bunnings and UNE Partnerships Pty Ltd.

In October 2016 the ALA NSW again utilised an external telemarketing company, Kuchikomi, to grow the broader market and income for the ALA within the NSW childcare market. There were 789 childcare centres on the list, all of whom we called over 15 days. The campaign delivered a total of 140 warm leads, which equated to an average conversion rate of 38%.

During the past year the ALA NSW achieved significant growth in the Academy Trainer team. Increased professional development opportunities has seen the ALA NSW DoE approved trainer numbers increase to 86 across NSW and an additional 19 trainers are now accredited to deliver Education and Care First Aid. 2016/17 saw the additions of Low Voltage Rescue and Occupational First Aid training to the ALA NSW's scope of delivery along with an increase in Provide Advanced First Aid, Remote First Aid and Advanced Resuscitation training courses.

## ALA NSW Milestones since inception in 2004:

- Over 122,000 First Aid certificates delivered
- Over 218,000 CPR certificates delivered
- Over 33,000 Emergency Care certificates delivered
- Over 14,000 people trained in Accredited Asthma & Anaphylaxis
- Over 9,000 (Junior) school students trained in Junior First Aid and Basic Resus
- 25,029 NSW School Staff trained in the new NSW DoE Anaphylaxis Course since January 1, 2016

### Holly Chave

Academy Business Manager

### Phillipa McNamara

Academy Sales Manager

### Dan Gay

Academy Trainer Manager



# AUSTRALIAN EVENT SAFETY SERVICES

The Australian Event Safety Services (AESS) has experienced another year of strong growth. In 2016/17 our service provision has increased by 13% overall, with growth in first aid services being the major contributor.

The AESS continues to provide aquatic rescue, first aid and risk management services to a varied client base. This includes schools, sporting groups, production companies, festivals, cultural and community groups, as well as government organisations.

In 2016/17, AESS staff were provided with ongoing training opportunities to develop their skill base and qualifications and to ensure they were ready to respond to any situation.

The professionalism of our staff goes a long way to furthering the reputation of the AESS and they should be thanked for this.

The AESS would like to thank our clients and commended surf clubs for their ongoing support during the season. The AESS looks forward to furthering these partnerships in 2017/18.

**Andrew McIvor**

Australian Event Safety Services Manager



# EDUCATION

“A huge thank you as always to our enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers who manage and support this portfolio in NSW clubs and branches.”

The 2016/17 year has seen some exciting projects undertaken in Education to better support our volunteer educators, to improve the reach of our community education programs across the state, and to ensure that we are targeting those most at risk of coastal drowning with these programs.

## Member Training

The final year of the 2014-17 Member Education work plan was implemented in 2016/17, kicking off the season with the third triennial Chief Training Officer (CTO) Conference. The conference was attended by 91 participants from 74 clubs across the state and delivered workshops on technology, development planning, learning, leadership and management and grants. Following the conference, a CTO Facebook group was started to promote and foster ongoing networking across NSW.

Building on the work that was completed last season to streamline the Trainer, Assessor and Facilitator (TAF) re-endorsement process, SLSNSW continued working with branches to support the running of professional development workshops at Education pre-season meetings and administering the TAF re-endorsement process via the SLSA Members Portal. 82% of TAFs who needed to re-endorse by the end of 2016 chose to do so, with over 300 accessing the online pre-season update.

Ongoing support was also provided for the delivery of Training Officer courses across the state, with four courses for members supported in the Far North Coast, Far South Coast, Illawarra and Central Coast.

Changes to the Australian Resuscitation Council (ARC) Guidelines in 2016 required revisions to our Spinal Management course, as well as minor changes to first aid practices taught in the Bronze Medallion. New resources for the Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue, Silver Medallion Beach Management and Gold Medallion (Advanced Lifesaving) were also launched at the start of 2016/17, following a national review.

As we reach the end of a three-year work plan of significant achievements within Member Education, we look forward to the next three years which will be driven by federal funding to support the upskilling of TAFs, support for CTOs, recruitment and retention strategies for all involved in Education as well as the updating of technology to further reduce the administrative burden on our volunteers. The funding will greatly assist Surf Life Saving during a time of major change in the vocational education and training (VET) sector.

During what was another busy year for all involved in Member Education, over 70% of clubs have increased their number of active proficient Bronze members from the previous season. Our thanks go to all those dedicated volunteers within education at their club and branch level.

## Registered Training Organisation (RTO)

SLSNSW continues to receive excellent feedback from our Learner and Employer Surveys, which target both Surf Life Saving NSW members and commercial participants.

At the start of 2016, SLSNSW made a commitment to implement the Unique Student Identifier (USI) scheme for our commercial participants to ensure the relevance and competitiveness of the training services we provide. During the 12 month period, we successfully collected and validated 88% of our participants' USIs, enabling over 37,500 of our clients to view their qualifications on their online national transcript, along with all other nationally recognised training completed with other RTOs.

## Community Education

2016/17 saw the implementation of SLSNSW's three-year Black Spot Drowning Prevention Program. The program utilises evidence from coastal safety briefs, behavioural insights research and coastal risk assessments to drive strategies that will reduce drowning in NSW.

As part of this program, our focus in community education is on educating groups from Western Sydney and from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities, whilst working with Branches to help them build sustainable community education delivery models.

This season we reached; 1,400 participants in Western Sydney through our subsidised theory and on-beach practical programs, plus an additional 3,150 through community events.

- Worked with two Branches to build their capacity to deliver community education, delivering theory presentations, on-beach practical programs and community events to an additional 2,700+ participants.
- Reached almost 700 participants from CALD communities through our subsidised theory and on-beach practical programs, plus an additional 4,000+ through partner community events.
- Our Beach to Bush program continues to be popular, delivering surf education to thousands of students living 50km or more away from the beach. The sponsorship of this year's program by Clubs NSW and the Cancer Institute NSW enabled us to reach over 5,500 students across 22 towns/cities in rural NSW.

Working closely with our Media & Communications Team, we have continued to support our Coastal Accommodation Network (a network of over 130 coastal accommodation providers throughout NSW) with the provision of resources, dangerous surf warnings and a regular e-newsletter. Through this network, we aim to raise awareness of beach safety among visitors to coastal locations, ultimately reducing the incidence of rescues and drowning in these locations.

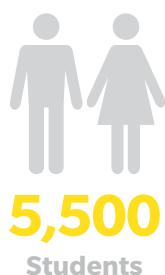
**Dean Dudley**

Director of Education

**Louise Cooke**

Academy Education Manager

## BEACH TO BUSH



## BLACK SPOT REDUCTION PROGRAM



## COMMUNITY EDUCATION





# SURF SPORTS

“There have been some significant gains made across various areas of surf sport including high performance, event delivery and sport touring teams which overall, directly aligns with SLSNSW’s strategic priorities.”

Most of our surf sports competitors, officials and volunteers will remember the 2016/17 season as the year the State Championships returned to Blacksmiths Beach, Swansea Belmont SLSC. The carnival rewarded our states best with some challenging and exciting surf conditions across the Age, Masters and Open Championships. A huge thank you must go out to the officials, water safety, first aid and powercraft personnel for their contribution to ensure a safe competitive environment for our members.

There have been some significant gains made across various areas of surf sport including high performance, event delivery and sport touring teams which overall, directly aligns with SLSNSW’s strategic priorities.

Some key highlights for the 2016/17 season were:

- Increased participation in a variety of major events, including the Stramit NSW Country Surf Life Saving Championships and the NSW Pool Rescue Championships.
- NSW Country successfully defending the Trans-Tasman Tri Series trophy for the third time and on New Zealand shores in January 2017.
- NSW winners of the Surf Boat Interstate Championship at Shellharbour, NSW.
- NSW won the Youth Interstate Championships in Queensland in January 2017, while the Open Team came in a close second, placing NSW second overall.
- 12 NSW athletes were selected in the Open and Youth Australian Life Saving Team which competed at the Lifesaving World Championships in the Netherlands in September 2016.

## Coaching

Contributions were made toward the following strategic goals:

- To provide high quality education and accredited training to our members and the community.
- To promote healthy lifestyles and wellbeing in the community.
- To increase grassroots participation in sport and recreational activities at all levels of the movement.

NSW has embraced the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS), facilitating the continued roll out and assisting SLSA with the Performance Coach accreditation. Now into its second season the NCAS has seen an increase in the uptake of the number of online learning components of the course with over 90 members on the pathway to Development Coach accreditation and 47 completing the Foundation Coach modules. NSW was involved in the pilot of the Performance Coach accreditation.

SLSNSW continues to offer numerous opportunities for new and developing coaches to learn from some of the most recognised and respected coaches in the sport through our Junior and Senior Development Academies, Beach Development Clinic, and Pool Rescue clinics.

To continue to grow the coaching pathway, SLSNSW offers further opportunities for our up and coming coaches with Development or Assistant Coach positions available on some representative team tours and programs.

## Officiating

Contributions were made toward the following strategic goals:

- To be adaptive, flexible and move with change.
- To develop a culture where innovation thrives and is shared.
- To offer diverse sport and recreational pathways to people of all abilities.
- To invest in sporting pathways to ensure sustained participation.

Our strategic priorities of Active for Life, Innovation of SLS and Learning for Life continue to be fostered and supported through quality officiating at all levels of competition within the organisation.

A new innovation this season was the design and delivery of a Safety and Emergency Management Coordinators (SEMC) workshop, which was aimed at supporting the education, experience and development of our members who fulfil this very important safety role at our sport events at all levels. The workshop was piloted successfully and with some further refinement can be rolled out at a Branch level.

The program was facilitated by a team of NSW’s most experienced safety officials including the NSW Open Championships SEMC and former SLSNSW Director of Lifesaving, John Restuccia as well as the current Australian Championships SEMC, Stephen Leahy. SLSNSW hand-picked experienced SEMCs including Peter Hogarth, Joel Wiseman and Bruce Gould to facilitate and provide insights for the workshop.

SLSNSW accredited 282 new officials during the 2016/17 season. This brings the total number of accredited officials in NSW to:

- Junior – 170 (41 new)
- Level 1 – 1,183 (238 new)
- Level 2 – 170 (3 new)
- Level 3 – 34



## Events

Contributions were made toward the following strategic goals:

- To be adaptive, flexible and move with change.
- To offer diverse sport and recreational pathways to people of all abilities.
- To invest in sporting pathways to ensure sustained participation.
- To enhance the health and fitness of our members.
- To promote healthy lifestyles and wellbeing in the community.
- To increase grassroots participation in sport and recreational activities at all levels of the movement.

Continuous improvement in member satisfaction and safety at events are key focal points in surf sports and directly align with our strategic plan through the priority areas of Active for Life and Involving all Australians.

A total of eight Championship events and five other events were contested in NSW during the year, with the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships once again the blue ribbon event. This season was the first year back at Blacksmiths Beach with Swansea Belmont SLSC proving to be an experienced and capable host venue and club. SLSNSW thanks the Organising Committee and the many members and supporters of the host club. Thanks must also go to our valuable partners, Lake Macquarie City Council for their support of the NSW Championships. The Surf Sport team is now well into the planning of the 2018 edition.

The success of these events brings added pressure to further develop and improve competition to enhance the safety and overall experience for our members, volunteers and stakeholders.

The NSW Pool Rescue Championships relocated successfully to Ryde Aquatic and Leisure Centre in Sydney in July 2016 after outgrowing the Woy Woy venue. This event offers another opportunity for members to participate in events which are outside the traditional realm of Surf Life Saving competitions and as a consequence of its success, we may need to move the event to a larger venue in the near future.

SLSNSW works closely with host clubs and branches, along with local Councils, in order to deliver events of the highest quality. Our aim is for each of our members and stakeholders to walk away from an event with great memories and a positive attitude towards the organisation. SLSNSW acknowledges the enormous contribution made by clubs; from officiating to water safety and powercraft, from the work party to the competitors themselves. We achieve success through everyone working harmoniously together to showcase the sport of Surf Life Saving.

Events	
<b>2016 NSW Pool Rescue Championships</b>	
9 – 10 July	Ryde Aquatic & Leisure Centre, Sydney Referee: Ken Sellers
<b>2016 NSW Board Riding Championships</b>	
19 – 21 August	Soldiers Beach, Central Coast Referee: Terry Aldridge
<b>2016 Interbranch Championships</b>	
10 – 11 December	The Lakes SLSC, Central Coast Referee: Wayne Druery
<b>2017 Stramit NSW Country Championships</b>	
4 – 5 February	South West Rocks SLSC, Mid North Coast Referee: Dennis Allen
<b>2017 Best of the Best Surf Boat Challenge</b>	
4 February	North Narrabeen SLSC, Sydney Northern Beaches Referee: Tony Haven
<b>2017 NSW Lifesaving Events - Supported by ClubsNSW</b>	
25 – 26 February	Swansea Belmont SLSC, Hunter Referee: Stephen Marley
<b>2017 NSW Age Championships - Supported by ClubsNSW</b>	
3 – 5 March	Swansea Belmont SLSC, Hunter Referee: Wayne Druery
<b>2017 NSW Masters Championships - Supported by ClubsNSW</b>	
8 & 9 March	Swansea Belmont SLSC, Hunter Referee: Craig Susans
<b>2017 NSW Open Championships - Supported by ClubsNSW</b>	
10 - 12 March	Swansea Belmont SLSC, Hunter Referee: Stephen Marley
<b>2017 NSW IRB Premiership Series</b>	
May – June	Caves Beach SLSC, Hunter   Mollmook SLSC, South Coast   Ocean Beach SLSC, Central Coast   Cape Hawke SLSC, Lower North Coast Premiership Referees: Barry Antella, Nigel Penn, Kaz Marks, Mal Flew
<b>2017 NSW IRB Championships</b>	
1 - 2 July	South West Rocks SLSC, Mid North Coast Referee: Nigel Penn

## Surf Sports Results

For a full list of the 2016/17 Surf Sports results, visit our website [www.surflifesaving.com.au](http://www.surflifesaving.com.au)

# SURF SPORTS CONTINUED

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## Representative Teams and Athlete Development

Contributions were made toward the following strategic goals:

- To develop a more inclusive organisation for all Australians to participate in.
- To ensure our leadership reflects the diversity of our membership.
- To foster the development of our state surf sport teams and athletes.
- To invest in sporting pathways to ensure sustained participation.
- To offer diverse sport and recreational pathways to people of all abilities.

Our strategic priority of Active for Life continues to be supported through quality development programs, representative teams and other developmental opportunities.

SLNSW continues to develop our top tier athletes through various tours such as the U18 NSW Development Pool Rescue Team which competed at the New Zealand Pool Championships in 2016. Our elite athletes are also exposed to some of the best sports science technologies on offer through programs with the NSW Junior and Senior Performance Academies.

NSW representative teams once again enjoyed good results in very tight competitive conditions which reflects the valuable pathway in place for our NSW athletes. Our representative calendar started with the NSW IRB Interstate team improving on their previous year with a second at the Australian IRB Interstate Championships on home soil at Mollymook SLSC in July 2016.

A NSW Pool Rescue Interstate Team claimed second overall at the Australian Pool Rescue Championships held on the Gold Coast in August 2016. The NSW Surf Boat Interstate Team was declared winners of the Surf Boat Interstate hosted by Shellharbour SLSC in February 2017.

In January 2017, the NSW Surf Interstate Team (under the guidance of Jim Walker) travelled to Alexandra Headland in Queensland and came away with a very narrow second place in the overall pointscore. However, the future of NSW looks strong with the Youth Team putting in a stellar performance to win on a countback with QLD.

### 2016/17 Development Programs and Representative Touring Teams

#### 2016 NSW IRB Interstate

22 July Mollymook SLSC, South Coast, NSW

#### 2016 NSW Pool Rescue Interstate

5 – 7 August Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, Southport Queensland

#### 2016 NSW Pool Rescue Development Team Tour to New Zealand

5 – 9 October AUT Millennium Aquatic Centre Auckland, New Zealand

#### 2016 Junior Development Academy

6 – 7 October Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen

#### 2016 Senior Performance Academy

11 – 13 November Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen

#### 2016 Beach Development Clinic

27 November Newport SLSC, Sydney Northern Beaches

#### 2017 NSW Country Team

6, 9 & 10 January Waipu Cove SLSC, Omaha SLSC and Takapuna Beach; New Zealand

#### 2017 NSW Surf Interstate

20 January Alexandra Headland SLSC, Queensland

#### 2017 NSW Surf Boat Interstate

17 February Shellharbour SLSC, South Coast

#### 2016 Pool Rescue Development Clinics

May to July Various in Far North Coast, Hunter, Sydney, Illawarra

## Summary

To continue to deliver against our strategic objectives in sport, SLNSW requires dedicated members, strategic thinking and strong financial planning and leadership.

A huge thank you must go to all our NSW members who dedicate their time to advance the sport of Surf Life Saving in the key areas of event management, coaching, officiating, team management and various working groups. A special thanks goes to ‘Dad’s Army’ who continue to spend countless hours maintaining all the gear and equipment that is required at events throughout the year.

### Donald van Keimpema

Director of Surf Sport

### Rob Pidgeon

Sports Manager

# GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT & PEAK BODY REPRESENTATION

SLSNSW would like to extend our thanks to the Premier and the NSW Government for supporting our operations, services and programs through the following grants, which enable us to further our charitable purpose.

## NSW Office of Sport

### Capital Facility Development Program

The Surf Club Facility Grant Program was established 12 years ago to assist SLSCs develop their facilities to increase the usage, safety and participation in Surf Life Saving and the use of Surf Life Saving facilities by the general public, community groups and club members.

In June 2017, the Premier of NSW, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, announced that this grant would be doubled from \$2m to \$4m per year. In addition, clubs that had previously received the maximum amount of funding under this grant would be able to reapply for grants.

## NSW Office of Justice - Ministry for Emergency Services

### Co-operative funding

In 2016/17 the NSW Government recommitted funding for SLSNSW through the Co-operative Funding Agreement for the next three years. The renewal of this support was announced by the Minister for Emergency Services, the Hon. Troy Grant MP.

### Enhanced Rescue Capabilities Grant

We were grateful for the NSW Government's renewal of the Enhanced Rescue Capability Grant for another three years. This grant provides vital funding for infrastructure and equipment which supports the delivery of surf lifesaving services in NSW. Through this grant SLSNSW is able to fund the delivery of the Coastal Radio Network, lifesaving gear and equipment grants, branch support operations, critical incident mental health support and this year, Samsung tablet devices were provided to every SLSC as we look at new ways to make the lives of volunteers easier on the beach.

## Federal Government

On behalf of our Surf Life Saving Clubs, we would like to thank the Federal Government for funding through the Beach Safety Equipment Fund which directed \$5,000 to every surf club for the purchase of vital rescue equipment, first aid and medical supplies.

## Government Engagement

### NSW Parliamentary Friends of Surf Life Saving

SLSNSW would like to thank The Hon. Melinda Pavey MP for the active position that she has undertaken as Chairperson of the NSW Parliamentary Friends of Surf Life Saving, along with our co-Deputy Chairs, Mr Adam Crouch MP and Ms Yasmin Catley MP. SLSNSW would also like to thank all our Parliamentary Friends for their ongoing support of the activities of SLSNSW. We are also pleased to announce that during 2016/17 we welcomed 10 new NSW Parliamentary Friends of Surf Life Saving. While many of our Parliamentary Friends are lifesavers themselves, we are pleased to see new members representing communities away from coastal areas, lend their support.

### Political representation at events

Surf Life Saving NSW would like to sincerely thank the Mr Bruce Notley-Smith MP for officially opening our Raising of the Flags ceremony to launch the 2016/17 NSW Surf Life Saving patrol season. We would also like to thank The Hon. Troy Grant MP and Mr Adam Crouch MP for attending our 2017 Awards of Excellence. Thank you also to State MPs and the Mayors of Kempsey Shire Council and Lake Macquarie City Council who attended our Country and State Championships.

### Shark Management Strategy

SLSNSW and the Australian Lifeguard Service (ALS) were represented at regular Shark Management and community consultative meetings held over the last year. SLSNSW continued to support the Department of Primary Industries in educating the community about sharks through the distribution of SharkSmart information through the Coastal Accommodation Network, and providing beach safety information through the Beachsafe App and website.



SLSNSW President David Murray, Minister for Emergency Services Troy Grant, Member for Manly James Griffin and SLSNSW acting CEO Adam Weir at the SLSNSW Government Funding Announcement.

# GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT & PEAK BODY REPRESENTATION CONTINUED

## Peak Body Representation On Government And Industry Advisory Groups, Reference Groups And Committees

In recognition of our peak body status, SLSNSW was represented on a number of Government and industry-based committees, reference and advisory groups in 2016/17.

### New South Wales

Surf Life Saving NSW has representatives on the following state-based committees and groups:

- The NSW Water Safety Advisory Council, which consists of Government agencies and members of not-for-profit organisations focussed on preventing drowning and committed to water safety education and awareness.
- The NSW Safer Coastal Waters Sub-Committee, Marine Stakeholder Consultative Group, State Marine Rescue Consultative Committee and Rock Fishing Working Group.
- Sport NSW (NSW Sports Federation) whose mission is to lead NSW sport in building relevant, healthy communities.
- The Austswim NSW State Advisory Committee, which is the state industry body for the teaching of swimming and water safety.
- The Marine Consultative Meeting for the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM), which comprises agencies such as Marine Rescue NSW and Transport for NSW.
- The Emergency Services Spatial Information Group (ESSIC), which is run by the Emergency Information Coordination Unit (EICU) through the NSW Land and Property Information Department.
- Regional Marine Rescue Sub-Committees, Regional Rescue Committees, Regional Emergency Management Committees and Local Emergency Management Committees across the state.
- The NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust – Community Advisory Committee.
- The Recreational Vessels Advisory Group (RVAG) (NSW Maritime) comprises representatives of peak recreational user groups, including Yachting NSW, Australian Power Boat Association, NSW Rowing Association, NSW Water-ski Association and Boat Owners' Association of NSW as well as representatives from Marine Rescue NSW and NSW Police.

### National

Surf Life Saving NSW has representatives on the following committees:

- Australian Standards Committee CS-093 - AS 2416 Water Safety Signs and Beach Safety Flags
- A trust member on the Committee for the National Monument for Fallen Lifesavers
- SLSNSW adheres to the guidelines of the Australian Resuscitation Council NSW.

### International

The International Lifesaving Federation (ILS) is the world authority for drowning prevention, lifesaving and lifesaving sport. The ILS leads, supports and collaborates with national and international organisations engaged in drowning prevention, water safety, water rescue, lifesaving, lifeguarding and lifesaving sport. Surf Life Saving NSW has representatives on the following ILS committees:

- International Lifesaving Federation Rescue Commission
- International Lifesaving Federation Rescue Operations Committee

Surf Life Saving NSW is also represented on:

- The International Standards Committee TC 145/SC 1 – ISO 20712 Water Safety Signs and Beach Safety Flags



*SLSNSW President David Murray, Member for Coogee Bruce Notley-Smith and Bronte club members raising the flags at the 2016/17 season launch.*



# MEMBER SERVICES

“Our clubs and branches continue to work hard in an environment where volunteerism across the community is in decline.”

The Member Services team has worked hard throughout 2016/17 to deliver various projects and programs which contribute to successful outcomes against the Surf Life Saving NSW Strategic Plan 2013/14 to 2016/17. To fulfil this there are eight key areas of work undertaken by the portfolio, including club sustainability, leadership, member growth, member recognition, junior membership, youth membership, inclusion, and member protection.

The total memberships for the 2016/17 season were 75,410, meaning that there has been a nearly 1% increase in membership from the previous season. Unfortunately, when you break down the membership categories we saw another decrease in the junior membership of approximately 1% and a continued decline in active patrolling membership of 1.5%.

However our clubs and branches continue to work hard in an environment where traditional forms of volunteerism across the community are in decline; where those who do volunteer have less time to give; and where flexible, one-off and project volunteering are more popular models of volunteering than in the past. Congratulations to all those Surf Life Saving Clubs who have managed to maintain or increase their membership despite these challenges.

## Building Club Sustainability

Contributions were made to the following strategic goals:

- To develop viable and sustainable clubs.
- For all our Surf Life Saving Clubs to achieve Bronze level status in the Quality Club Program.
- To optimise our resources and maximise the movement's capacity to deliver our future goals.
- To foster continuous improvement across the organisation.

2016/17 has seen a continued and strengthened focus on our strategic priorities of Healthy Clubs and an Effective State Movement. Projects such as the Club Guide, the Quality Club Program and the Club Sustainability Program enable and support continuous improvement across the organisation, with the aim of continuing to build sustainability within our clubs.

Versions 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 of the Club Guide were released online this season, providing clubs with a centralised resource for vital information about club operations.

Participation in the Quality Club Program continues to provide significant benefits to clubs, with 44 clubs registering to participate this season; 33 of these clubs are aiming for Bronze, 7 aiming for Silver, and 4 are aiming for the Gold level. Congratulations are extended to all these clubs for their dedication to continuous improvement and work to ensure ongoing sustainability within their club.

The 2016/17 season saw the second year of implementation of the Club Sustainability Program across the state. Club Sustainability Reports are completed for every SLSNSW club

and those clubs who need greater support, as identified through these evidence based health indicators, are provided with more guidance and advice in an effort to empower them to operate effectively into the future. These reports take a whole of Club approach and include data from administration, membership, education, lifesaving and sport.

## Developing Strong Leadership

Contributions were made to the following strategic goals:

- To value members by providing them with recognition, direction and support.
- To deliver a strategic unified effort to leverage the collective intelligence and skills of our people.
- To ensure our leadership reflects the diversity of our membership.
- Promoting volunteerism as a pathway to employment.
- To develop a culture where innovation thrives and is shared.

Our strategic priorities of Healthy Clubs, Effective State Movement, Involving All Australians and Learning for Life continue to be supported through the provision of high quality leadership development programs for our young people.

In addition to the funding provided to our branches to run their own programs, SLSNSW successfully delivered three leadership development programs which aimed to build each individual's capacity within the areas of leadership, teamwork, networking, interpersonal skills, problem solving, decision making and strategic planning. The programs also aim to provide participants with a better understanding of Surf Life Saving – its structure, processes and pathways – and to network and share ideas with like-minded peers from across the state.

The season kicked off with the Development Networking Program for members aged between 18 and 25 years, while towards the end of the season a program was run for our U14 Junior Lifesaver of the Year finalists, during which interviews were conducted to crown our NSW Junior Lifesavers of the Year. Run in conjunction with this program was the Youth Opportunity Makers workshop for our 15 to 17 year old members. Additionally, a number of members were supported with their progression to the Surf Life Saving national development programs.

One of the key development opportunities within these programs is also the skills that are learnt and refined by our facilitation teams. Led and mentored by truly amazing volunteer coordinators, our facilitators learn confidence, team-work, communication, problem-solving, initiative, planning and organising skills. Thank you to all our 2016/17 facilitation teams for your commitment!

# MEMBER SERVICES CONTINUED

## Recruiting and Retaining Membership

Contributions were made to the following strategic goals:

- To increase membership each season.
- To value members by providing them with recognition, direction and support.
- To make it easier for members of the community to give, get involved and be safe.
- To encourage volunteerism and broaden the volunteer base across the state.

Volunteer recruitment and retention is another vital part of the work we do, contributing to our strategic priorities of Healthy Clubs and Involving all Australians. This work ensures Surf Life Saving Clubs in NSW remain strong and resilient.

The annual Surf Club Open Day was held on Sunday 16 October 2016, with 89 Surf Life Saving Clubs opening their doors to the public to showcase their efforts in keeping our beaches safe and illustrating how people can give, get involved and be safe. In addition to the resources provided to participating clubs, SLSNSW also coordinated state-wide media, resulting in a significant media presence for the event.

The SLSNSW Awards of Excellence, held on Saturday 13 August 2016 at the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney, recognised the outstanding achievements and contributions across all aspects of Surf Life Saving. Twenty award categories recognised the accomplishments of members, clubs and branches, with winners of 11 nominations put forward for the Surf Life Saving Australia Awards, all very worthy candidates in their respective categories. Particular recognition must go to Kane Hughes of North Cronulla SLSC who was awarded the national Lifesaver of the Year, Wayne Druery of Cronulla SLSC who was awarded national Official of the Year, and Jemma Smith of Umina SLSC who was awarded national Young Athlete of the Year.

Member Services also worked to have the outstanding achievements of our members, clubs and branches recognised externally throughout the state. This season SLSNSW nominated members for the Centre of Volunteering NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards, the NSW Sports Awards, the Premier's Volunteer Recognition Award, and the Sports NSW Community Sports Volunteer Awards. Particular congratulations to all members who were named as finalists or winners.

## Innovating Junior Development Programs

Contributions were made to the following strategic goals:

- To reduce the rate of drowning in NSW.
- To increase grassroots participation in sport and recreational activities at all levels of the movement.
- Enhance the health and fitness of our members.
- To be adaptive, flexible and move with change.

While SLSNSW continues to provide guidance and support for clubs who are delivering junior development programs, there has been a continued focus on expanding the opportunities to deliver surf education to all children throughout NSW in an effort to deliver on our strategic priorities of Saving Lives 24/7, Active for Life and Innovating Surf Life Saving.

The 2016/17 season of the Wet 'n' Wild Sydney Nipper program consisted of 153 Nippers aged from 6 to 12 in the U6-U12 taking part in weekly sessions from November until the season-ending carnival in late March.

Throughout the program the Nippers were taught beach safety and awareness on topics including beach signage, sun safety, personal safety and wellbeing, identifying hazards, through to recognition of emergency situations, basic rescue techniques and an introduction to first aid. They are also provided with ecosurf education including water conservation, sun safety, energy conservation and weather impacts. Surf Sport activities reinforced the skills that one day could help them potentially perform a rescue by giving an opportunity to practice techniques on dolphin diving, correct beach and water positioning, body surfing and board use.

The Age Manager is a fundamental role within the Nippers program and is responsible for the care, safety, well-being and development of the junior lifesaver. We like to thank all parents who volunteered for this crucial role in the 2016/17 season.

Once again SLSNSW members from coastal clubs continued to support the program this year fulfilling the roles of Water Safety personnel and Age Manager Assistants. Twenty clubs provided assistance, with a total of 1,135 hours of support being provided by their members throughout the season.

Additionally our sincere thanks to North Steyne SLSC for once again hosting the Wet 'n' Wild Nippers and their families during the annual beach day. The Club did an outstanding job in organising a wonderful learning opportunity that extended the surf education experience for all participants, and enriched our program by allowing the Sydney Wet 'n' Wild Nippers to practice their skills in a dynamic beach environment.

## Involving All Australians

Contributions were made to the following Strategic Goals:

- For Surf Life Saving Clubs to be vibrant community hubs.
- To develop a more inclusive organisation for all Australians to participate in.
- To make it easier for members of the community to give, get involved and be safe.
- To remain relevant to our members, the community and the Government.

“We were pleased to see that there were significant outcomes in terms of social inclusion, personal confidence, knowledge and skills, friendships, new experiences and challenges for people with disability who engaged with the projects.”

Inclusion is a key area of work for SLSNSW, as it contributes to our strategic priorities of Healthy Clubs, Involving all Australians and Innovating SLS.

The 2016/17 season has seen the conclusion of the SLSNSW Community Inclusion Project, a three year project funded by Family and Community Services (FACS). This project aimed to see people with disability have improved access to beach precincts where their rights of equal and independent access, choice and inclusion are recognised and celebrated, enabling them to fully participate in community life.

The project included the roll out of a grants program for Surf Life Saving Clubs, community organisations, businesses and Local Councils located in the Newcastle, Bondi and Pambula precincts. Projects were varied and included, but were not limited to; buddy swim programs, accessible beach safety signage, AUSLAN translated surf safety video, disability awareness training, access and inclusion rating systems for local businesses, access ramps, and beach wheelchair and locker purchases.

The University of Technology Sydney provided evaluation services for the project, and we were pleased to see that there were significant outcomes in terms of social inclusion, personal confidence, knowledge and skills, friendships, new experiences and challenges for people with disability who engaged with the projects. There were also impacts for the family/carers and friends

of participants, disability service providers, the community and Surf Life Saving Clubs. Ultimately the project enabled a greater connectedness amongst members of these communities.

As we move into the 2017/18 season thanks goes to all members who volunteer their time to support Surf Life Saving – whether that is in a lifesaving capacity, on a committee, in an education role, as an Age Manager, cooking the BBQ or in the numerous other roles that help your clubs and branches. Particular thanks goes to club and branch Directors of Member Services, who work hard throughout the season to ensure that our members are engaged with their clubs.

A very special thank you goes to Glenn Langley, the outgoing SLSNSW Director of Member Services. Glenn has led the Member Services portfolio for four years, providing support and guidance, and advocating for the important work we do in ensuring our members continue to remain engaged and passionate about the Surf Life Saving movement.

**Glenn Langley**


Director of Member Services

**Trent Thomas**

Director of Member Services

**Kate Higginbotham**

Member Services Manager



*‘Don’t Dis My Ability’  
ambassador Cormac  
Ryan with his family at  
the SLSNSW Community  
Inclusion Small Grant  
announcement.*



# FUNDRAISING AND PARTNERSHIPS

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## Fundraising

As an organisation that serves the community, SLSNSW relies on generous contributions and donations from members of the public to provide core lifesaving services across NSW beaches. The positive impact of charitable donations and fundraising dollars from the community cannot be underestimated. To assist in the sustained financial sustainability of all NSW based surf clubs and ensure they are equipped to patrol, SLSNSW has continued to professionalise and strengthen our fundraising efforts to maximise efficiencies and ensure targets are met and exceeded.

## Fundraising Activities

**Raffles & Lotteries:** The 2016/17 season was the third year the Surf Life Saving Foundation (SLSF) was responsible for all operations of the national lottery program and national philanthropic program. SLSNSW currently receives a minimum guarantee of funds from the SLSF as a result of the national programs and SLSNSW continues to distribute 75% of all lottery income to all compliant NSW branches and clubs. The SLSF has generated success in the past 12 months in regard to its commercial raffle and lotteries as ticket prices have remained competitive with other charities and the prizes on offer becoming more appealing. These inducements have included property as well as cash prizes.

**National Campaigns:** The SLSF also manages the philanthropic campaigns on a national level. In 2016/17, the public facing campaigns included; Be a Lifesaver, Tax Time Appeal, Australia Day Appeal and Christmas Appeal amongst others. Such campaigns reinforce that Surf Life Saving is a charity in need of philanthropic support and tailor the message between existing regular givers and new, first time givers. The SLSF aims to build rapport with each and every individual giver to encourage them on a journey of giving over their lifetime to facilitate ongoing support.

**Go Fundraise:** SLSNSW continued its relationship with online fundraising platform Go Fundraise during 2016/17. This platform allows SLSNSW to leverage off major third party events in NSW, such as the Blackmores Sydney Running Festival. SLSNSW is also able to use Go Fundraise to manage and create our own events and appeals that peaked considerably around the start of summer, the end of financial year and also Christmas.

## Events

SLSNSW delivers and supports a wide range of fundraising events to both promote awareness and raise funds for state-wide surf life saving operations. Over the last 12 months, we have partnered with highly visible events to become an official charity partner whilst also encouraging others to fundraise on our behalf during their own community events.

In 2016/17, SLSNSW undertook an array of public facing and organisational events to raise funds including;

**Sydney International Boat Show:** The 2016 Sydney International Boat Show was held from 28th July – 1st August, 2016 at the Glebe Island Exhibition Centre. SLSNSW was offered a complimentary 3m x 3m stand in the “Marine Precinct” for the course of the event. SLSNSW distributed educational material as part of the Rip Currents marketing campaign, sold Marine First Aid Kits to boating enthusiasts and raised funds through the sale of essential beach items such as sunscreen, board shorts and beach balls whilst also accepting donations.

**Blackmores Sydney Running Festival:** The BSRF was staged on September 18th with SLSNSW named as an official Supporter Charity. SLSNSW staff and volunteers gave up their time early Sunday morning before the event to assist with the start line of the race, with 20 volunteers cheering on participants as they left from Milsons Point on the start of their journey. Throughout the lead up to the event, participants could fundraise for SLSNSW and encourage donations from their friends and family to support our front line services.

**Start of Summer:** To welcome the start of summer on December 1 SLSNSW set up two temporary activations; one at Martin Place and one at Manly Beach, to create buzz around the new and summer season whilst also fundraising for the movement. Through the sale of branded promotional items and community donations, the exercise proved fruitful in reminding passers-by of the efforts of our volunteer lifesavers and the important role they play on the beach each weekend.

**Surf Life Saving NSW Race Day:** The third Surf Life Saving NSW Race Day, was held on Saturday 17th December 2016 at Royal Randwick Racecourse and coincided with Villiers Stakes Day. The Ball Room Luncheon successfully saw 300 supporters enjoy the hospitality of the Australian Turf Club whilst hearing from champion athletes such as Shannon Eckstein, Naomi Flood, Katie Williams and Blake Shinn. The event provided a generous source of fundraising through proceeds from table packages, live auctions, raffles and donations from the race going public.

## Grants

Over the past 12 months, the Grant Seeking Unit (GSU) which sits within the Surf Life Saving Foundation has gained real traction with several NSW surf clubs. The GSU's main focus is to research appropriate grant opportunities from private trusts and foundations and relevant government agencies, communicate this information via state entities to clubs and branches and to offer grant writing support and grant seeking advice to surf clubs when assistance is requested. The GSU has enabled SLS clubs to gain grants, monetary, equipment or program based, that otherwise would have taken some time to acquire. In 2016/17, on behalf of NSW surf clubs, the GSU assisted and lodged 44 grants submissions for funds close to \$6 million.



An aerial photograph of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, showing its intricate steel lattice structure. In the background, the Sydney Opera House is visible on the water. The city of Sydney is spread out across the horizon under a clear blue sky.

## Aims for the Future

Looking towards the 2017/18 financial year, SLSNSW plans to focus on the following areas:

- Continuing relationship with the Surf Life Saving Foundation by working together and liaising on a variety of Surf Life Saving fundraising programs for the benefit of all surf clubs;
- Growing the involvement and engagement between SLSNSW clubs and branches and the Grant Seeking Unit to deliver a higher submission and success rate of both government and private grants;
- Increasing the SLSNSW partnership portfolio and creating sponsor properties outside the traditional assets that have been sold;
- Building partnerships with third party events to increase SLSNSW fundraising opportunities and public presence;
- Identify ways in which fundraising for SLSNSW can be leveraged off existing partners and sponsors;
- Create exciting and innovative fundraising opportunities that are beyond the stock standard 'tin rattle'.

**Christina Voyage**  
Partnerships Manager

# STATE PARTNERS

## Your local club | ClubsNSW

### ClubsNSW

ClubsNSW is the peak industry association that represents the not for profit registered club industry in New South Wales. There are over 1,400 clubs spread across metropolitan and regional areas including Bowling Clubs, RSL and Ex-Services Clubs, Sporting and recreation Clubs, Cultural Clubs, Religious Clubs and Community and Workers' Clubs. ClubsNSW is the major partner of Surf Life Saving New South Wales, their involvement includes the naming rights partner of the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships, supporting Partner of the Stramit Surf Life Saving Country Championships and supporting partner of the Beach to Bush educational program.

ClubsNSW further manage the ClubGRANTS whereby surf clubs can apply for multiple grants related to education, programs, front line services and capital works with many surf clubs receiving significant funds from this program over the years.



### Wet 'n' Wild

The 2016/17 season of Wet 'n' Wild Nippers was again delivered as part of an ongoing partnership between Wet 'n' Wild Sydney and SLSNSW. The program aims to engage and educate young children on beach and water safety and awareness in an environment they may not have had exposure to being residents of Western Sydney. With 168 participants and 30 Age Managers, we hope to increase participation in the coming years.



### Engine Swim

Engine specialise in providing swimming products for elite athletes and servicing the swimming and surf life saving communities. Engine is Surf Life Saving New South Wales' swimwear partner and a supporting partner of both the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships and the Stramit Surf Life Saving Country Championships.



### Stramit Building Products

Stramit Building Products is one of Australia's leading manufacturers of steel building products. Stramit Building Products has been a proud supporter of Surf Life Saving New South Wales since 2007. Their support includes being the naming rights partner of the Surf Life Saving Country Championships and the Surf Life Saving Awards of Excellence.

The 2016/17 season marked a tremendous milestone in the relationship between Stramit and SLSNSW; celebrating an incredible 10 years of partnership. Throughout the decade-long partnership, Stramit have emphatically supported the Country Championships and the Awards of Excellence as well as the wider surf life saving movement.



### Cancer Institute NSW

The Cancer Institute NSW is part of the NSW Government Health Department. One of their key goals is to reduce the incidence of skin cancer in NSW. The Cancer Institute NSW supports SLSNSW through sponsoring the Beach to Bush educational program whereby SLSNSW presenters incorporate sun safety messages into each and every presentation.



### Dolphin

Dolphin Surf Craft is one of the largest surf craft manufacturers in Australia, producing custom handmade craft for elite competitors of Surf Life Saving competitions. Dolphin provides clubs across NSW with discounted rescue boards accessible through the SLSNSW Lifesaving Equipment Grant each year.



### Lake Macquarie City Council and Dantia

As an event partner for the State Championships whilst they are hosted at Swansea-Belmont, the support received from both Lake Macquarie City Council and Dantia is significant. From Chamber of Commerce support, monetary contribution and value in kind through the use of heavy duty vehicles, the Championships are greatly enhanced by the expertise and operational support of both organisations.



### Kempsey Shire Council

As an event partner for the Country Championships hosted at South West Rocks, local support from Kempsey Shire Council allows for the smooth execution of the event. Providing SLSNSW with both monetary and value in kind support allows the event to successfully proceed.



### News Limited

One of the country's largest media organisations, News Limited distributed free weekend newspapers to all NSW surf clubs during the 2016/17 season. Surf clubs were provided with the option to use the papers as a fundraising opportunity or to distribute to their members as a gesture of thanks. In return for supporting this distribution, Surf Life Saving New South Wales received significant in-kind advertising, which was used to promote key messages about beach safety throughout the season.



### Nexba

Nexba's Naturally Sugar Free Soft Drinks aim to provide Australians with a healthy alternative to sugary drinks. With a background in surf life saving, Founder Troy Douglas has supported SLSNSW in his latest venture. Nexba gave back 1% of sales last summer to SLSNSW to support our members who continue to keep our beaches safe. This is Nexba's promise, supporting communities that live out their "Naturally Brave" mantra.



# NATIONAL PARTNERS



## DHL

DHL is the global leader in express, overload transport and air freight and is the world's number one in ocean freight and contract logistics. DHL has been helping Surf Lifesavers deliver safer beaches since 2003. DHL supports SLSNSW through the provision of patrol uniforms and monetary support to each of the 11 branches in the state.



## BRP

BRP provides in-kind support by providing powerful lifesaving tools and enable lifesavers to move around the beach and water quickly ensuring they are rescue ready and that performing rescues can be performed with greater efficiency. The partnership with BRP has been in place since 2009.



## Dulux

Dulux Australia has continued with the Surf Club Project which aims to help protect and preserve some of Australia's most important and iconic buildings from some of the world's most severe weather conditions. Through the Surf Club Project, which commenced in 2014, Dulux donated 100 litres of paint every year to every club throughout Australia. So far, 152 clubs have participated and been repainted.



## Westpac

Westpac has been proudly partnering with Surf Life Saving Australia for 42 years. In what is the longest corporate community partnership in Australia, Westpac has supported the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Service (WLRHS). The oldest civilian search and rescue service in Australia WLRHS has performed more than 70,000 missions nationally. Since its inception in 1973, no one has paid to be rescued. With a rescue fleet of 16 helicopters and 2 rescue boats across 13 bases nationally, the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Service is a vital extension of SLSA's front-line services.



## Coates Hire

Coates Hire is the new Naming Rights Partner for Surf Life Saving Australia's iconic annual event, the Coates Hire Coolangatta Gold. Through their delivery of event infrastructure equipment they are able to bring national events like The Aussies to life.



## Virgin Australia

Virgin Australia is the official airline of Surf Life Saving, raising the awareness of surf safety for both international and domestic tourists on our beaches. Virgin Australia promotes beach safety to inbound tourists and domestic passengers through their in-flight entertainment system, Voyeur magazine and key advertising spots throughout Australian airports, educating travellers before they visit NSW beaches.



# MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

“We will continue to focus on digital growth as we work to engage with both our membership and wider community into the future.”

The main goal of the Media and Communications strategy is to enhance the Surf Life Saving brand while also communicating important information to the public and our own membership, and in season 2016/17 we renewed our focus on these important communication goals.

We continued to develop relationships with all our key stakeholders and major partners, including Surf Life Saving Australia, state and federal governments, media outlets, emergency services agencies, sponsors and the general public.

## Developing Our Message

It has been a busy 12 months for the team as we continue to write across a diverse range of publications to ensure that our messages are getting communicated to as wide an audience as possible.

Across the financial year 208 media releases were distributed to the mainstream press. All operational portfolios were covered with content syndicated widely in print media, on television networks, and across all major radio stations state-wide and nationally.

Additionally 303 stories were published on the SLSNSW website. On 14 occasions we issued a Dangerous Surf Warning (subsequently renamed as Hazardous Surf Warnings) to the wider public and to accommodation providers.

In 2016/17 we continued to produce both *SurfLife* our corporate magazine and *Beyond The Flags* targeted at the membership with both being published quarterly.

A new initiative released last September was the publication of the *NSW Coastal Safety Report*. This document comprehensively reviews and assesses the current and historical coastal drowning data as well as gives an overview of the state's Surf Life Saving assets and capability.

## Working With Government Departments

As one of the leading water safety authorities in the state, SLSNSW is often invited to contribute to water safety campaigns in an advisory capacity. When the deaths of at least 20 people across beaches, lakes, and pools over the summer period earlier this year attracted significant media attention the state government through the Department of Justice asked SLSNSW to collaborate in an evocative advertisement campaign that ran through several weeks through to the end of the season raising awareness of water safety in the public consciousness.

The situation also prompted an almost unprecedented show of unity with all the state's major water safety representatives; uniting to deliver a safety message to the public ahead of Australia Day.

## Key Events

The media team has been involved in co-ordinating a number of events during the season which has been crucial in getting our key messages across to a wide audience.

Our flagship event, Raising the Flags incorporating the season launch was hosted by Bronte Surf Life Saving Club and was well attended.

After four seasons at Ocean Beach - Umina, the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships headed north to Blacksmiths Beach in March 2017. We partnered with the Newcastle Herald and KOFM to provide extended coverage and features from the event.

The Herald published a photo wrap of the competition following the Age and Open Championships while KOFM did an outside broadcast from the venue during the competition and ran regular advertisements in the weeks preceeding.

## Moving Into Digital Sphere

In recent seasons it has become apparent that there is a need for the Surf Life Saving brand to have greater presence in the digital environment, and this has again been an increased focus for the media and communications team.

This year we have enjoyed significant growth across all aspects of our digital footprint. We increased our Facebook followers by 22%, produced 32 high quality videos that were viewed over 300,000 times, an incredible 292% increase on 2015/16.

Our Twitter and Instagram feeds also both enjoyed strong growth while we embraced new technology in Snapchat, giving an insiders glimpse into some of our events including development camps and the Awards of Excellence.

Overall it has been a pleasing year for the team and we will continue to focus on digital growth as we work to engage with both our membership and wider community into the future.

**Donna Wishart**  
Media & Communications Manager



### Facebook

- 22% increase in followers
- 32 videos produced
- 308,225 video views
- 12,788,810 impressions
- 132,595 engagements



### Twitter

- 30% increase in followers
- 1,196,621 impressions
- 21,550 engagements
- 3,840 clicks



### Instagram

- 33% increase in followers
- 27,593 #mysurflife engagements
- 37,845 likes
- 3,258 comments



### LinkedIn

- 19.4% increase in followers
- 127,382 impressions
- 2,409 engagements
- 1,324 clicks





# BRANCH REPORTS



# FAR NORTH COAST

The Far North Coast (FNC) Branch continues to grow and progress with plenty of highlights during the 2016/17 season.

After a challenging season the previous summer our focus was directed towards support services, improved mobility, and increased surveillance capability. To that end it has been a successful year.

## Achievements

Some of our achievements over the last 12 months include;

- Mark Laverty became only the seventh Life Member of the Lennox Head-Alstonville Surf Club.
- Cudgen’s Angus MacPhail was named NSW Lifeguard of the Year.
- NSW’s gifted Under 18 Pool Rescue athletes competed against New Zealand’s best in their 2016 Championships, with Byron Bay’s Ela Heiniger and Gabrielle Kay both winning Gold. Anthea Warne from Cudgen also won three gold medals in an outstanding performance at that level.
- During the Spring School Holidays a group of Cudgen Nippers and their parents visited Vietnam to share their water safety knowledge.
- Byron Bay lifesavers Jy Timperley and Caitlin Callahan, along with Cudgen’s Haley Smith and Anthea Warne were all part of the NSW Senior Performance Academy in Sydney.
- Our Inter-Branch Team again performed brilliantly, winning the Country point-score and finishing 5th overall.
- A National Meritorious Award was an outstanding accolade for Debrah Cheers of Fingal Rovers SLSC.
- Eleven FNC surf lifesavers toured New Zealand with the successful NSW Country team which was crowned Trans-Tasman Champions.
- Eight swimmers were saved at Yamba’s Pippi Beach in what Greg Wyllie (Lifeguard Supervisor) described as one of the most “professional, methodical, and impressive” mass rescues he has seen. Lifeguards Mikey Gilliman and Harry Fahey showed extreme fitness and skill to perform this rescue.
- Cudgen took out the NSW Country Championships in emphatic fashion ending the six year reign of Byron Bay.
- Emily Keith (Ballina) and Tahl Collinson (Brunswick) were part of the Annual City/Country lifesaving exchange program.

- FNC clubs were well represented at the NSW Championships and enjoyed plenty of success.
- Byron Bay surf lifesaver, Matilda Shirley, capped off her Nipper days by winning the Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award for NSW. Cooper Taylor represented Cabarita Beach.

## Acknowledgments

- I would like to acknowledge the assistance and support given to the Fingal Rovers SLSC by Mike Crawley and his leadership group – Mark Humphries, David Rope, Kyle Beattie, and Hayden Kidd. Their work for that club was wholehearted, unselfish and professional, and it is certainly appreciated by the branch and the club.
- The FNC Branch continues to grow and prosper and there are many who can feel proud of their efforts. My sincere appreciation and a simple thanks must go to all our magnificent lifesavers, families and supporters, and those involved with the junior movement, our emergency services, district supervisors, and the Ballina Jet Boat.
- To our sponsors who make it all possible, Club Presidents, the hard working Branch Executive, and government representatives who believe in what we do - our sincere thanks.
- Finally to the local community right across the Far North Coast, and the wider beach going public, we appreciate your ongoing support. Surf Life Saving is an organisation of which we all can be proud, and it will continue as Australia’s biggest volunteer water safety body for many years to come.

**Wilson Cregan**  
Branch President

41,274	133	1,381	7,236
Patrol Hours	Rescues	First Aids	Preventative Actions

# NORTH COAST

All North Coast Branch clubs are to be congratulated on yet another successful patrolling season, and I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Branch to thank our lifesavers who work tirelessly to keep the north coast beaches safe. Our eight clubs enjoyed an extremely successful 2016/17 season and it gives me great pride to reflect on our achievements over the past 12 months.

## Achievements

- Surf sports in the Branch have remained steady with our clubs performing well at the NSW Country Championships and a number of athletes travelled to Swansea Belmont for the State Championships earlier this year.
- The support operations group are always on standby and provide the out-of-hours help that is relied upon when needed. It would be remiss when talking about these volunteers not to mention the amazing efforts of the group who worked tirelessly alongside Red Rock-Corindi SLSC during the entire Easter Break in a large scale search operation for a teenager who went missing in the remote area of the Yuraygir National park.
- Our young lifesavers Nicolas Bulloch (Coffs Harbour SLSC) and Ashleigh Slater (Woolgoolga SLSC) proudly represented the North Coast at the Junior Lifesaver of the Year program.
- Our focus on education continued this season and is capably organised by Sue Neil who ensures clubs always have the required number of trainers and assessors to maintain their operational standards.
- All North Coast U14 members participated in the annual Junior Development Camp which is an important milestone for these youngsters as they begin to make the transition to the senior ranks.
- All North Coast clubs were compliant with their Lifesaving agreements and were successful in patrolling their beaches with no lives lost between the flags. Keeping the public safe is something that we all aspire to and we are delighted that our lifesavers do everything possible to uphold that tradition.

## Acknowledgments

- On a personal level, I wish to publically acknowledge and thank Wayne Scott for his dedication to surf sports in the North Coast Branch. Affectionately known far and wide as “Wheelie”, he has served as the Director of Surf Sports for many years and has made the decision to retire from the position. Wayne has had a huge influence in the Branch and leaves a strong legacy.
- I would like to thank all members of the North Coast Branch executive who have contributed to the efficient organisation of the Branch, ably helped by the staff of Surf Life Saving NSW.
- Finally to all our members, sponsors, family and the wider lifesaving community, thank you for all your efforts over the past season and we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable season in 2017/18.

**Kerry Clancy**  
Branch President

# 22,779

Patrol Hours

# 32

Rescues

# 211

First Aids

# 1,968

Preventative  
Actions

# MID NORTH COAST

It’s been another busy and successful summer for our eight surf clubs throughout the Mid North Coast Branch, and as President it’s a privilege to be able to reflect on our achievements for another season.

## Achievements

- The Branch was represented by Kye Gill (Wauchope-Bonny Hills) and Elizabeth Duffy (Port Macquarie) at the 2017 Junior Lifesaver of the Year Development Program held in Sydney. Both these juniors capped of their Nipper careers with this significant achievement, and are amazing role models and a credit to their clubs, their families and themselves. The pair has a keen interest in Branch affairs and actively encourages their peers to become involved in our movement. They are a testament to the quality of the juniors moving their way forward in Surf Life Saving and give us old hands confidence in the future of our great movement.
- On Easter Saturday a number of Camden Haven Lifesavers were involved in a dramatic rescue of a stranded holiday maker after hours. Two of those who answered the urgent message were local club members Phil Traves and Tony Worton and were joined by teenage members Jacob Worton (Tony’s son) and Jay Toogood with Adam Toogood and club president Michelle Garvan. The group were honoured with the NSW Rescue of the Month Award for April and subsequently, the NSW Rescue of the Year.
- It’s been a busy year for surf sports locally. We sent a team to compete at the Interbranch Championships held at The Lakes on the Central Coast where they performed to a high level ending the competition eighth overall.
- Our clubs did enjoy some strong results at this year’s Country Championships with three finishing inside the top ten in the overall point-score. Congratulations to Port Macquarie (4th), Tacking Point (8th) and Wauchope-Bonny Hills (10th).
- While on the subject of the Country Championships, South West Rocks hosted the event in February for a second straight year and we look forward to welcoming everyone again in 2018 for what promises to be another exciting competition.

## Acknowledgements

- First I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all our members. No matter whether you’re a patrolling lifesaver, an aspiring Nipper, or a hardy veteran all of you play a crucial role in our organisation.
- The Branch simply could not function without our members who fulfil the many roles within our clubs and my thanks to everyone for another job well done.
- Our club Presidents have faced some challenges during the past season and I commend them all for their continuing dedication.
- To my fellow Branch Directors across all the portfolios I would like to send out my sincere thanks for your efforts. Every decision you make is for the betterment of the movement as a whole and it’s a pleasure to work with such dedicated and committed people.
- Finally our thanks to Surf Life Saving NSW Directors and staff, Kempsey Shire Council, Nambucca Shire Council and Port Macquarie Hastings Council who have afforded various financial and in-kind support throughout the 2016/17 season.

Thanks to everyone and have a safe and enjoyable summer.

**Rod McDonagh**  
Branch President

26,684

Patrol Hours

123

Rescues

603

First Aids

2,900

Preventative  
Actions



# LOWER NORTH COAST

Congratulations to all members of Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch for a successful 2016/17 season with no lives lost on our patrolled beaches.

Our six clubs, from Crowdy Head SLSC in the north to Pacific Palms SLSC in the south, have once again shown the dedication needed to maintain the high standards required to keep our beaches safe during patrol hours and provide support services to save lives through the Emergency Callout System.

## Achievements

- Our education teams in clubs and at branch have worked hard again this season facilitating 1995 awards. The awards gained have spanned the whole education program including Nippers.
- One of our most important jobs is running our Nipper and youth programs. By educating our kids and keeping them active we keep them, and their family and friends, alive in the surf and hopefully put them on a pathway in life of physical activity and community participation. We also gain most of our patrolling members and supporters from Nipper parents.
- It was a special moment for Kady Tritton (Forster) and Kynan Witherow-Strutt (Pacific Palms) who represented the Branch at the 2017 Junior Lifesaver of the Year program in April.
- As well as patrolling we have been involved in many community events including carnivals, ocean swims, triathlons and adventure races which helps to position us firmly at the heart of our communities, where we want to be. Our surf clubs continue to be used by many groups within our area as a meeting point and this should be encouraged as a way of keeping our communities engaged with us.
- The many community education programs run by clubs, including Blackhead Special Nippers, Forster Christmas holiday Surf School, the Koori Girls and Boys Surf Program, and Forster Youth Group Beach to Bush Program should be applauded for their innovation and value to the communities that we live in.

## Acknowledgments

- Thank you to the club Presidents and Executives for endless hours of planning and administration that keep our clubs functioning. In the future we hope to establish a paid administrator in our branch, to help mentor and educate club administrators in their roles.
- Our Support Operations and club call out teams have once again put in many hours doing extended search and rescue operations with not always the positive result that we seek. The dedication of these teams to give up their time to help with rescue or recovery operations is really inspiring.
- To our sponsors large and small, thank you for helping us save lives and keep our communities safe. We are blessed to have a major sponsor in Newcastle Permanent who not only sponsors surf lifesaving but is involved in heavily supporting many important community initiatives where we live.
- Thank you to our local, state and federal political friends for their support of our clubs and organisation.
- To the teams at SLSNSW and SLSA we appreciate your ongoing support.
- I would like to thank our Branch Executives, our clubs, and of course our members for their efforts over the last year.
- We are looking forward to helping our clubs and members meet their goals in 2017/18.

**Brian Wilcox**  
Branch President

# 14,415

Patrol Hours

# 37

Rescues

# 300

First Aids

# 1,545

Preventative  
Actions

# HUNTER

As we reflect on our 99th year of operation it's fair to say that the 2016/17 season was a hectic one for Hunter Branch. To the 13 Clubs Executives, Patrolling Members, Educators, Assessors, Age Managers, Coaches and Officials, thank you for an exceptionally well run season.

### Achievements

- Cooks Hill SLSC and Nobbys SLSC began their rebuilds and refurbishments, while Tea Gardens-Hawks Nest SLSC is set to start their total refurb in September. Merewether SLSC and Dixon Park SLSC are close to submitting DAs on their refurbishments.
- CEO Rhonda Scruton was recognised by Australian Sports Chaplaincy for her contribution to building stronger communities in May.
- All 13 clubs achieved the Hunter Platinum level in the Club Quality Program.
- Cooks Hill SLSC achieved two NSW Rescue of the Month Awards thanks to the courageous efforts of Mark Doherty and Malcolm Kelly with Mark also receiving National recognition.
- No lifesaving breaches were recorded for a third season.
- This year we boasted 27 RWC Drivers, 12 RWC Drivers in training and 18 Duty Officers and 8 District Supervisors.
- Fingal Beach SLSC hosted a Summer of Surf Round.
- The Hunter Branch conducted 3 Carnivals for the Newcastle Perm Series, Branch Championships and five clubs hosted Special Events (Ocean Swims).
- The opening round of the IRB premiership was staged at Caves Beach SLSC, while in March Swansea Belmont SLSC hosted a highly successful State Championships.
- Daniel Collins and Justin McMorland made the NSW Team. Steve Marley (Catherine Hill Bay) was Team Manager.
- Hunter lifesavers also pulled on the green and gold with Daniel Collins (Australian Team) and Nicola Owen (Australian Youth Team) with Brett Main (Caves) the Coach of the Australian Boat Crew.

- It was another big year in education as all clubs met sustainability targets.
- Kaitlyn McMahon (Cooks Hill SLSC) and Jayden Wright (Redhead SLSC) represented the branch at the 2017 Junior Lifesaver of the Year program in Sydney.
- This season we continued to produce high quality Trainers and Assessors across the branch as they gained qualifications through central venue assessments.
- 63 Youth attended the Development Camp at Nelson Bay in January, which was extremely well received. It was so successful we are conducting U13-14 camp and U15-17 camps next season.

### Acknowledgments

- Thanks to the support of Newcastle Permanent Hunter Branch could supply Age Managers shirts, pink high vis singlets, water safety rash shirts and wide brimmed hats to members, while with the assistance of Streets Hunter Branch could supply officials shirts and wide brimmed hats to all officials.
- The staff of our very busy Community Education Program, continue to inspire new members and make the lives of their fellow lifesavers easier by educating the community on Surf safety and awareness. This program is in its 20th year, and I would like to congratulate them on all they have achieved.
- To our Hunter Directors who work so hard to support staff and members we thank you for your ongoing efforts, and to the SLSNSW staff and Directors thank you for your support throughout the season.
- On behalf of Hunter Branch, I would like to wish everyone within the membership a safe and happy time on patrol in 2017/18.

**Henry Scruton**  
Branch President

68,409

Patrol Hours

496

Rescues

1,266

First Aids

24,283

Preventative  
Actions

# CENTRAL COAST

It was another successful season for Surf Life Saving Central Coast Branch (SLSCC) and our 15 affiliated surf clubs with no lives lost at Central Coast patrolled beaches once again thanks to the vigilance and service of our dedicated patrol members and lifesaving support operation teams.

The branch's core role is to support the 15 Central Coast SLSCs and a big focus over the past season has been working with club executive members to collectively enhance governance, transparency and consistency in administration.

## Achievements

- SLSCC regards the Quality Club Program as an integral club management tool and encourage all of our clubs to have positive involvement in this program we are proud of the following "quality clubs" this season: Shelly Beach (Gold level), Soldiers Beach, North Entrance, Terrigal, Avoca and Ocean Beach (Bronze Level).
- To further boost the organisation's ability to save lives on Central Coast beaches, SLSCC became the first volunteer surf rescue service to implement a compliant UAV (drone) Surf Rescue Service after six local surf lifesavers progressed through the inaugural Little Ripper Lifesaver Academy program to gain their CASA Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) Operators Certificate.
- Jenni Darwin and Graeme Carroll (Umina SLSC) took out NSW and Australian Rescue of the Month in September 2016 after their quick actions saved the life of a baby.
- SLSCC continued our long-term tradition of developing local athletes with a representative team of 18 athletes touring Northern Region New Zealand in January to compete in the Trans-Tasman Tri Series.
- Our Board of Surf Sports improved junior surf sports carnivals after implementing the outcomes of a Junior Carnival Review Committee formed in the off-season. The Newcastle Permanent Junior Iron person Series and Streets Surf Boat Series were again hotly contested and have built reputations as being the leading series of their kind in NSW.
- Our members gained thousands of awards during the season and we must pay tribute to our many devoted trainers, assessors and facilitators for delivering these courses.
- In 2016/17 SLSCC delivered a 13-14 Youth Development Camp, The Rookie Lifesaver Program, Junior Lifesaver of the Year and the 15-17 Youth Leadership Program.

- Central Coast were represented by Hayden Doyle (Ocean Beach) and Skye O'Mara (Terrigal) at the NSW Junior Lifesaver of the Year in Sydney.
- We continue to expand our award winning community education programs delivering our free Beach Safety presentations to 67 primary schools and 25,548 students. In addition to this we delivered our on beach practical Surf Fun Day Program to a further 3,741 students in addition to our other community education programs and initiatives including the Rip Awareness Demonstration Events and Summer Surf Schools.

## Acknowledgments

- Thank you to our valued sponsors and to Local, State and Federal Government representatives who continue to support our great movement.
- To the hard working Directors and staff of our governing bodies SLSNSW and SLSA thank you for your support over the season, while I would also like to acknowledge and thank our State and National sponsors Stramit Building Products, ClubsNSW, Westpac, DHL, Dulux and BRP.
- Finally to the SLSCC Directors, their partners who support them to volunteer their time and our staff of SLSCC for your commitment and dedication in supporting our membership. Thank you for your time and dedication to the Central Coast community.

See you on the beach in 2017/18.

**Stuart Harvey**  
Branch President

# 100,061

Patrol Hours

# 1,119

Rescues

# 2,141

First Aids

# 17,110

Preventative  
Actions

# SYDNEY NORTHERN BEACHES

It has been another busy season for our volunteer surf lifesavers, keeping a watchful eye on an estimated three million beach goers across our 21 patrolled beaches. Our 5,773 patrolling members conducted 781 rescues compared to 1,611 in the previous season and conducted 27,983 preventative actions.

### Achievements

- The winner of the President's Award this year was Geoff Raper from North Palm Beach SLSC. Geoff was our Director of Lifesaving over the past four years and at the same time maintained a very busy schedule as Director of Lifesaving and Patrol Captain at his own club as well as being a Branch Duty Officer, RWC Operator, Surfcom Operator and Assessor. Geoff is a true lifesaver who leads by example.
- I would also like to recognise some of the winners from our recent Awards of Excellence. Our most outstanding club in 2016/17 was North Palm Beach SLSC and our most improved Club was Mona Vale SLSC. Our Lifesaver of the Year was Lara Boyle from Whale Beach SLSC, our Volunteer of the Year was David Cowell from North Steyne SLSC and our Initiative of the Year went to Mona Vale SLSC for their Special Needs Branch Championships program.
- We conducted 34 carnivals and 14 Special events over the busy summer season. The carnivals attracted a total of 9,088 entries.
- We continued to experiment with carnival formats to address falling competitor numbers and are pleased to report some success with the new formats.
- We split our junior carnivals into beach only or water only carnivals and split our Branch Championships the same way with a beach carnival covering all age groups from juniors to masters. Separate water events were held on different days at different venues allowing many competitors the opportunity to compete in both.
- Our new format Fast Five carnivals also proved successful as did our craft only carnivals.
- Congratulations to Manly LSC for their 8th consecutive NSW Age Championships win and to Newport for their 4th year as the NSW Open Championships winners.
- Collectively you contributed more than 144,000 hours and provided a safe place for nearly three million beach users to enjoy our part of the NSW coastline.

- The high quality of our patrols this season was evident through our patrol audits with four clubs achieving an average score of 347 (99.1%) and 19 of our 21 Clubs achieving scores of 347 or higher on at least one audit.

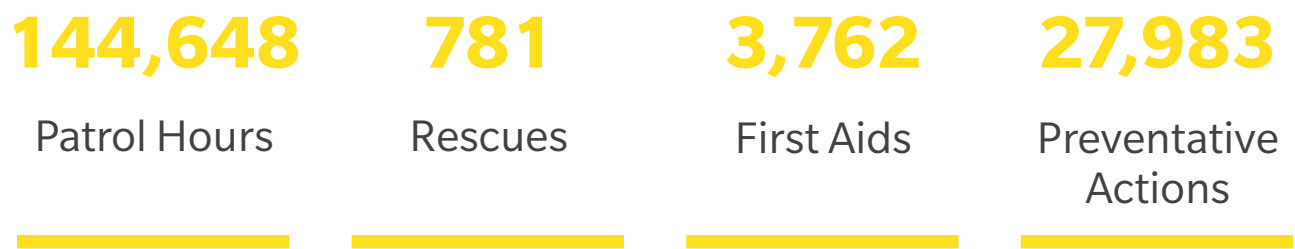
Congratulations to our NSW Junior Lifesaver of the Year Winner Elliott Prasad from Narrabeen Beach SLSC and Dee Why SLSC's Mandela Raj-Seppings who did her club and Branch proud.

### Acknowledgments

- I would like to thank all of those who have contributed to this great effort in 2016/17, our front-line lifesavers, support operations teams (Duty Officers, Surfcom operators, RWC operators, and Traumatic Incident Peer Support group); our Facilitators, Assessors and Trainers; our Surf Sports Officials; and those who work behind the scenes in club administration and support activities. Last but not least a big thank you to our sponsors and supporters - without your financial support none of this would have been possible.
- To the patrolling members who gave up their weekends, Christmas and Easter breaks and public holidays to serve and protect the beach going public, congratulations on another successful and busy season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Directors and staff at Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches who do such an outstanding job in supporting and delivering the branch vision for the betterment of our members.

**Doug Menzies**  
Branch President





# SYDNEY

The 2016/17 season has been extremely busy for Surf Life Saving Sydney. In my third year as President, I have been very fortunate to have continuity and stability with an extremely supportive board. Our focus this season has been maintaining relevancy to the 15 clubs in our branch.

## Achievements

- The key areas of focus this past season have been on strategy and innovation while continuing to improve the operational aspects of the organisation. Under the guidance of Peter Agnew we have been in a position to ensure we have a strategic focus while delivering against our core operational requirements.
- On a lifesaving and education front Simon Torsellini and his team continued to deliver some great results across the portfolio. The ever-increasing requirement for the support operations teams across the branch responding to challenging incidents required many hours of interactions from all the teams.
- I have been very encouraged by the number of clubs who have taken up the SLSNSW quality clubs program. We currently have 11 of the 15 clubs who have met the quality club status as recognised by SLSNSW obtaining 9 Bronze level, 1 Silver level and 1 Gold level rating.
- Sydney Branch also took a team to the SLSNSW Interbranch championships held at The Lakes on the Central Coast and came away with the winners trophy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team Manager John De Cean and the competitors for achieving a great result.
- The Surf Sports team lead by Wayne Druery has also provided some great opportunities supported by the clubs. The main focus was to continually challenge the way we do things today. The team have continued to deliver on the objectives set by hosting a second series of Nutri-Grain Iron series in Sydney Branch which was successfully run at North Cronulla.
- The Member Services team has also been working on a strategy to engage more youth and females into key positions within the organisation while ensuring we have a succession plan in place.
- The Junior Development team lead by Doug Hawkins continued to manage juniors and deliver the development camps. These camps ensure our juniors are provided with the necessary skills to be future leaders of the organisation.

- A special mention to our Junior Lifesaver of the Year representatives Asher Wilson (Coogee), and Bridget Crick (South Maroubra) who attended the state camp with their peers from other branches.
- The financial health and compliance of the organisation has been led by John De Cean. The decision was made to engage an external book keeper to manage the accounts which has enabled us to have a clear separation from operational activities.

## Acknowledgments

- The 2016/17 Surf Life Saving Awards of Excellence was a great success and a tribute to the work the BOM and office staff put into the evening. The evening was a great success with a number of winners going on to win at both the SLSNSW and SLSSA levels, in particular Surf Sports Official of the Year - Wayne Druery, and Surf Lifesaver of the Year - Kane Hughes.
- I would like to take this opportunity to reconfirm that no lives were lost between the flags in Sydney Branch. To the Board of SLSS Management I thank you and would acknowledge the staff and President of SLSNSW David Murray for their continued support during the season.

### George Shales

Branch President

# 144,023

Patrol Hours

# 1,801

Rescues

# 4,857

First Aids

# 32,141

Preventative  
Actions

# ILLAWARRA

Congratulations to members of Surf Life Saving Illawarra Branch (SLSI) for another successful season. Well done to our patrolling members whose efforts ensured no lives lost between the flags for another year. I am very proud of the hard work and achievements made by each of our 17 clubs throughout the 2016/17 season.

### Achievements

- Fletcher Atkins from Corrimal SLSC and Alyssa Norris from Windang SLSC represented SLSI at the Junior Lifesaver of the year program.
- Tegan Robertson from Bellambi SLSC and Keiran McKay from North Wollongong SLSC represented SLSI at the SLSNSW Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop program.
- Anthony Turner attended the Lifesaving Exchange Program in New Zealand, mentoring two young lifesavers.
- SLSI had 4 clubs receive Rescue of the Month throughout the season; Helensburgh-Stanwell Park,(Branch, State & National), Windang (Branch, State & National), North Wollongong (Branch, State & National) and Bulli (Branch).
- The Sydney Water Surf Series enter into its 15th season with just over 1 100 athletes competing over four rounds in November and December.
- The SLSI Junior Development Carnival in January at Sandon Point SLSC is always a good carnival, no results taken, great to see officials, water safety, coaches, managers helping kids/ clubs in the development stage of surf sports involvement.
- Shannon Eckstein clinic organised by Bulli SLSC is another great initiative which was conducted in the January school holidays with over 70 kids enjoying the experience from several clubs.
- We were successful with the purchase of another two RWCs through the Community Building Partnership Grants, which completes a new fleet for the Illawarra.
- This season saw 4 clubs receive 100% in their Patrol Audits.
- The Illawarra experienced an extremely high temperature range during the Christmas & New Year period, which saw an increase in attendance across the 17 patrolled beaches.
- During the patrolling hours, there were no lives lost. This is a credit to all patrolling members.
- 2016/17 was a successful season for Illawarra Branch in Education. There were 188 new Bronze Medallion holders.
- The Education portfolio has formed a committee consisting of a breakdown of the portfolio: Courses, Compliance & Community Education.

- We saw a renewed interest in the Age Managers Course with an attendance of 22 participants from various clubs complete the practical component. The Branch has worked closely with clubs to encourage members to develop their skills within this area.

### Acknowledgments

- SLSI would like to acknowledge and thank our sponsors for their invaluable support throughout the 2016/17 season.
- We thank Ryan Park MP, Paul Scully MP and Lee Evans MP for the Community Building Partnership Grants where we received three Rescue Water Craft to replace our ageing fleet.
- SLSI was successful in receiving two grants, Holden Home Ground Advantage Grant & FundAbility Grant for Riding the Wave Inclusion Program. With these grants, we have been able to purchase more equipment for the program and offer to more clubs.
- I would also like to acknowledge and thank the SLSI Board for their dedication and continued support throughout the season. Thank you also to our staff for their commitment and support.
- The SLSI would also like to thank the SLSNSW Board and staff for their support over the last 12 months and we are looking forward to an even bigger and better 2017/18 season.

Val Zanotto  
Branch President

49,069

Patrol Hours

209

Rescues

602

First Aids

9,063

Preventative  
Actions

# SOUTH COAST

The volunteers of South Coast Branch in the 2016/17 season have continued to provide outstanding service to the community in lifesaving patrols, emergency out of Hours callouts for search and rescue and provision of branch and club based programs in Training, Leadership Development, Junior Activities, and Surf Sport (health & well-being) activities.

Our branch, club executives and management committees have contributed sound leadership and decision making that has continued to enhance our lifesaving operations and importantly has provided a strong development within our organisation of inclusion and support for all who join surf lifesaving either as a patrolling member, junior activity member, or social member. The branch encourages discussion on governance, finance, personal development, patrol and participation with emergency services.

## Achievements

- The Branch was represented by Liam Furney (Shellharbour SLSC) and Zoe Anderson (Nowra-Culburra SLSC) at the NSW Junior Lifesaver of the Year program. Liam and Zoe showed experience beyond their years and are a credit to themselves and their club.
- Kiama SLSC surf lifesavers who crewed Surf Rescue 50 were involved in an early hours callout where they successfully rescued a rock fisher. Their efforts were recognised with the NSW Rescue of the Month which is a great reward for the dedication they have for their roles.
- South Coast Branch joined with Shoalhaven City Council in supporting a grant application for beach wheelchairs for disability access to beaches at the four Shoalhaven Surf Life Saving Clubs and other locations. The branch also provided funds to ensure that each surf club had one adult and one child's beach wheelchair. The chairs are now available for use by the community at the four Shoalhaven Surf Life Saving Clubs.
- Within the Branch we have seen our clubs active in hosting a number of significant events during the season. Shellharbour SLSC hosted the Australian Surfboat Rowers League Championships which was a huge success and the effort of the club members was outstanding for the event. Mollymook SLSC hosted a series of the State IRB Championships and continued to show how well organised they are as a club.

- South Coast Branch currently has a Development Application before Shoalhaven City Council to construct a branch administration, training and storage headquarters. Shoalhaven City Council has allocated a site to branch within the Integrated Emergency Management Centre at South Nowra. Once our DA is approved branch will commence to seek out funding opportunities to build the facility. In the meantime Council recently approved access for the branch to use the former North Nowra Rural Fire Station for storage of our extensive equipment, trailers and vehicle.

## Acknowledgments

- In writing this report it is important to acknowledge that our branch funding for our operations and support to our clubs is predominately provided through donations and sponsorship from within our community. Branch has in the past year distributed to our nine clubs in excess of \$39,000 in equipment funded by our supporters.
- Branch further acknowledges the support of the NSW Government in gear and equipment grant funds including the NSW Government funding for capital and minor works for our surf life saving clubs which greatly assists in the development and upkeep of our buildings.
- South Coast Branch recognises the importance in valuing the efforts of all our volunteer members and we thank them for their contribution to our communities in knowing there are volunteers committed to providing a safe experience for the community at our patrolled beaches.

In closing I acknowledge the efforts and contribution of the Board of Directors and staff of SLSNSW to our organisation.

**Stephan Jones**  
Branch President

# 33,400

Patrol Hours

# 128

Rescues

# 434

First Aids

# 1,727

Preventative  
Actions



# FAR SOUTH COAST

It's been a highly successful and enjoyable 2016/17 season for all of our seven clubs across the Far South Coast, and I am delighted to once again have the opportunity to reflect on some of our achievements over the past 12 months.

## Achievements

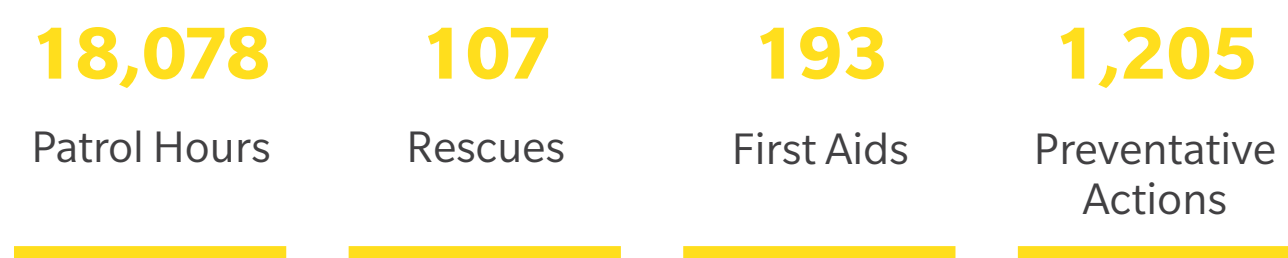
- Darcy Coppin (Moruya SLSC) and Joel Doble (Batemans Bay SLSC) were our Junior Lifesavers of the Year.
- Bermagui SLSC recently introduced Special nippers into their club program. The branch appreciates the ongoing work from Pambula SLSC and Moruya SLSC in their Same Wave program. This is such an asset to our community and is highly regarded, a hearty congratulations to all involved.
- Sue Hunt had a fantastic year. Not only is she Director of the Member Services and Administration portfolios but she was also named SLSNSW Volunteer of the Year in August 2016.
- Matthew Goddard from Broulee Surfers SLSC received a NSW Rescue of the Month award.
- Thanks to our Director of Finance Wendy Law for not only putting the budget together, but also wearing another cap as team manager at the 2016 InterBranch Championships held at The Lakes.
- I would like to thank Sean Hendry, Andrew Holt, Tony Dale and a swag of parents for all their efforts to help us send our best competitors North to represent us at this annual competition. We retained our position of 10th from last season with an exceptional performance from Geordie Kemp (U14s) from Batemans Bay with 2nd in the flags and 4th in the sprint, while Patrick Broe (U12s) from Pambula claimed a third place in the beach sprint.
- A contingent of Far South Coast lifesavers participated at both the NSW Country and NSW Surf Life Saving Championships bringing great credit to themselves and clubs.

## Acknowledgments

- I'm pleased to report that our RWC stable has never been as healthy. We have been successful with our bid for a new RWC from the BRP Grant and we have also purchased a used jetski from the Central Coast Branch, while the Illawarra branch generously donated one of their jetski's to us. This now gives us a total of 4, and will help with various water safety requirements going forward.
- To my directors at Branch, thank you for your commitment over the season. All of you continue to go above and beyond the call of duty and always for the betterment of the movement. Your efforts are all very much appreciated.
- I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to Acting SLSNSW CEO Adam Weir for his support and leadership over the past 12 months. It has been a pleasure to deal with him thanks to his commitment and professionalism.
- Finally to all our lifesavers who front up each weekend whether it's for active patrol duties or as a Nipper, our great movement couldn't exist without you. I hope your season has been as enjoyable for you as it has for me.

See you on the beach.

**Tony Rettke**  
Branch President





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**OUR  
MEMBERS**

# LIFE MEMBERS

Year	Name				
1949	Michael Burke BEM*	1952	Vic Besomo*	1971	Ron Field OAM*
1949	Jack Cahill*	1952	Alf Loton*	1971	John Rosewell OAM*
1949	Jack Cameron*	1952	Charles Nightingale*	1971	William Singleton OAM
1949	Geoff Cohen*	1952	Alan Paterson*	1971	Cedric Walton*
1949	Myer Cohen*	1953	Arthur Castleman MBE*	1972	Ron Chesher OAM
1949	Vince Cronin*	1953	Alfred 'Pop' Denison*	1972	Alan Fitzgerald MBE*
1949	Sir Adrian Curlewis CVO CBE*	1953	Ernest 'Bob' Kebby MBE*	1972	Gus Staunton MBE
1949	Frank Dargan*	1953	George Lindsay*	1973	Laurie Maria*
1949	Garnett Dart*	1953	Jack Roberts*	1973	Albert Moseley OAM*
1949	Greg Dellitt*	1955	Robert Brydon*	1973	Harry Ragan*
1949	John Dillon*	1955	Vince Williams MBE*	1974	Max Waters OAM
1949	Fred Emms*	1956	Tom Meagher OBE*	1974	Alan Whelpton AO
1949	Allan Figtree*	1956	Vic Rushby*	1975	Don Rodgers OAM*
1949	Wilfred Goold*	1956	Reg Shanahan*	1975	Max Sabien*
1949	George Hanley*	1957	William Davies*	1976	John Watson AM
1949	Noel Hayton MBE*	1957	Don Lucas OBE*	1977	Kevin Lunn
1949	Ernest Heath*	1957	Arthur Olson*	1977	Robert McKenna*
1949	Jack Hodge*	1957	Jack Pateman*	1977	Kevin Morrison
1949	George Johnson*	1957	Gordon Wilson*	1978	John Beasley OAM
1949	Cec Mack*	1958	George Bignall*	1978	Nick Dixon*
1949	James McRorie*	1958	Jim Flanagan BEM*	1978	John Reeves OAM
1949	Ted Marshall BEM*	1958	Bernie Fletcher*	1978	Thomas Saul*
1949	George Millar*	1958	Edward Ovens*	1979	Percy Ainsworth*
1949	Tom Moran*	1958	Les Scoble*	1980	Lindsay Paton OAM
1949	Roger Moroney*	1959	Sid Griffin*	1981	Ray Bradley*
1949	Harry Small*	1959	Mark Martin*	1981	Keith Kennedy
1949	Alec Sutherland*	1959	Rupert Michaelis*	1981	Bryce Norman OAM*
1949	David Thompson*	1959	John 'Peter' Newman*	1982	Ron Buist*
1949	Lal Turner*	1961	Alec Davidson*	1982	William Marshall OAM*
1949	George Webb*	1961	Reg Saunders*	1982	Ernie Stephens OAM
1949	Ken Watson MBE*	1961	George Williams*	1983	Don Gray OAM
1949	Cyril Whitehead*	1963	Con Asmussen MBE*	1983	Robert Little OAM
1949	Stan Windon*	1963	James Dempster*	1983	Gordon McNaughton OAM
1950	Ralph Plummer*	1963	Walter Crain MBE*	1984	Doug Ferguson OAM*
1950	Frank Tier*	1964	Gil Grant OAM*	1985	Michael Byrnes OAM
1950	Gordon Worland*	1964	Ron Howells OAM*	1985	Max Godbee OAM*
1951	Stan Baker*	1965	Ken Brenton*	1986	Ray Brown OAM*
1951	William Foerster*	1965	Harry Clark OAM*	1986	Bert King OAM*
1951	Jack Hansen*	1966	Jack O'Reilly BEM*	1986	Graham Nicholson*
1951	Lionel McDonald OAM*	1966	Paddy Slaven*	1987	John Dewey*
1951	Frank Payne*	1966	Jim Switzer OAM*	1987	William Ingram*
1951	Jack Preston*	1967	William Haskew*	1987	Royce Jackson OAM*
1951	Percy Stephens*	1968	Hector McDonald OAM*	1988	Frank Catt
1951	Herb Street*	1968	John Vaughan OAM*	1988	Ernie Davis OAM
		1969	George Critcher*	1988	Paul Smith OAM*

1988	John Staples	2001	Kevin Stanford OAM	2010	Robert Langbein
1988	Ian 'Rick' Wright OAM	2001	Stephen Strange	2010	Brett Harrod
1989	William Eady OAM*	2002	Evan Griffiths OAM	2010	Graham Bruce
1989	Neville Henshaw OAM*	2002	David Pheeney*	2010	Peter Burst
1989	Kevin Ruscoe*	2002	John Sharpe OAM	2011	Ian Goode OAM
1990	John Bevan	2002	Ken Sweeny*	2011	Maureen Worth
1990	Allan Dawson*	2003	Peter Ellercamp	2012	Michael Bate
1990	Fred McGrory OAM*	2003	David Lawler OAM*	2012	Denise Lees OAM
1990	Cliff Marsh OAM	2003	Robert Parkhill	2012	Warren Rennie AM
1991	Charlie Cox OAM	2003	Keith Sutton*	2012	William (Bill) Seay OAM*
1991	Peter Liddle*	2004	Eddy Bergsma OAM	2013	John Restuccia
1992	Chris Conrick*	2004	Ken Leonard*	2013	Kerry Clancy
1992	Ken Murray	2004	Warren Lupica	2013	Graham Howard
1993	John Meehan OAM	2004	Richie Lytham OAM	2014	John Mills
1993	Neil Montgomery OAM	2004	Ron Pears OAM	2014	Reginald Wood
1993	Michael Moran OAM*	2004	Brian Wilson*	2014	Stephen Knight
1993	Ken Priest	2005	Ted Brooker OAM	2014	Rhonda Scruton
1993	Ron Strong OAM	2005	Paul Day	2014	Chris Paul
1994	Harry Brown OAM	2005	Kim Holdom	2015	Barry Antella OAM
1994	Ron Shepherd	2005	Graham Lees OAM	2015	Keith Caldwell
1994	Fergus Thomson OAM*	2005	Peter Pearce OAM	2015	Stuart Harvey
1996	William Gray*	2005	Dave Thompson	2015	Howard (Spike) Jones
1996	Frank Osborne	2006	Alan Beveridge	2015	Colin Laing
1996	Rex Sargeant*	2006	Andrew Chubb	2015	Kenneth Sellers
1997	John Edstein OAM	2006	Ross Matthews OAM	2015	Jennifer Drury
1997	Trevor Elliott	2006	Jim Poplin	2016	Peter Agnew ESM
1997	John Fraser OAM	2006	Bill Wonson*	2016	Terrence Aldridge
1998	David Piper OAM	2007	Richard Bignold	2016	Garry Andrew
1998	Maurice 'Bill' Singleton*	2007	Wilson Cregan	2016	John DeCean
1998	Robert Smith OAM	2007	Ivan Johnson OAM	2016	Peter Kirkwood
1998	Col White	2007	Jeffrey Lucke	2016	Rhonda Lycett
1998	Bill Worth OAM*	2007	Phillip Vanny AM	2016	Rod McDonagh
1999	Ken Bond*	2007	Robert (Bobo) White	2016	Alistair (Slim) Peebles
1999	Ron Bradley OAM	2008	Gregory Allum OAM	2016	Craig Susans
1999	Arthur Bunt BEM*	2008	Anthony Haven AM		
1999	Ken English	2008	John Masters		
1999	Anthony Hayes	2008	Kevin Neilson		
1999	Neil Purcell OAM	2009	Ray Brennan OAM		
1999	Owen Ramsay*	2009	Gary Cook		
2000	Michael Bartlett	2009	Elton Cummings		
2000	Graham Carlisle OAM*	2009	Henry Scruton		
2000	David Roberts OAM*	2009	Peter Daley*		
2001	Terry Boardman OAM	2009	Simon Moriarty		
2001	Bruce Caldwell	2010	Jeff Mowbray		
2001	William Goodman OAM*	2010	Donald Allan		
2001	Barrie Pitt	2010	Dennis O'Sullivan		

\*Deceased



## NEW LIFE MEMBERS



### Peter (Cuz) Kirkwood Maroubra/Cape Hawke SLSC

Peter has been a member of Maroubra SLSC for 52 years and Cape Hawke SLSC since 2012. Peter has played a major role in SLSNSW and SLSA development programs and coaching since 1998. He devised the Level 1 and 2 coaching courses for SLSNSW and delivered Level 3 instruction with SLSA. Peter was the SLSA Coaching Advisor for 11 years and was part of the High Performance Committee when the Australian team won the 2000 and 2002 World Championships.

Throughout his time as a coach, Peter has influenced and mentored many surf sport competitors which was highlighted when he established the North Coast Academy of Sport. Peter has also spent a lot of time in other countries implementing and conducting coaching clinics.

Peter also negotiated and prepared a submission to the Australian Sports Commission to have Level 1 and 2 Coaching Courses recognised.

In 2016, he was awarded with his 30 year Surf Life Saving Coaching Service Certificate. To this day, Peter continues to win medals as a competitor at both NSW and Australian Championships.

In addition to Peter's dedication to sport, he has also proved to be an invaluable member of Maroubra's patrolling team. He served as Club Captain and was awarded a 10 year medal for patrol service.



### Garry Andrew Copacabana SLSC

Garry joined Dee Why SLSC in 1968 and gained his Bronze Medallion that year. He spent two years at the Northern Beaches club before he moved to the Central Coast and joined Copacabana SLSC in 1972 where he held multiple positions including club President.

During his time at Copacabana he was President for a total of three years and Senior Vice/Vice President for a further three. He also trained over 150 surf lifesavers while he was the Club Instructor/Trainer.

Garry was instrumental in promoting surf sports at the club, introducing surf skis and re-designing the club's competition cap in the mid-1970s. For over 40 years, he was the R&R and March Past Coach and was an official at all carnival levels.

Garry was the first Copacabana member to achieve medals at Branch, State and National championships, the first to hold Branch and State positions and to obtain his IRB Drivers award.

Garry was the Deputy President of CCJSLSA (Central Coast Junior Association) for three seasons in the 1980s and was the NSWJSLSA (NSW Junior Association) Superintendent from 1985 to 1990.

Garry gained club Life Membership in 1984 and was awarded Central Coast Branch Life Membership in 2013.



### John DeCean Bondi SBLSC/Wanda SLSC

John joined Bondi SBLSC in 1968 and obtained his Bronze Medallion in 1970. Since then, John has been a member of three other Sydney clubs; North Bondi, Burning Palms and Wanda. Today, John is an active member of both Bondi and Wanda SLSCs.

Throughout his time as a surf lifesaver, John has held various positions including President of Sydney Branch and Sydney Branch Juniors for five and six years respectively. As President of Sydney Branch, John contributed to the SLSNSW State Council.

John has held positions at all four clubs, mainly at Bondi where he was President, Treasurer, Secretary, Team Selector and Team Manager for more than 25 years.

In recent years, John has played a key role at Wanda and has continued his involvement with Sydney Branch. At Wanda he has been the Director of Administration, Member Services and Lifesaving. He is the current Director of Finance for Sydney Branch and selected the team which won the Interbranch Championships in 2016.

John achieved Life Membership of Bondi in 1978 and Sydney Branch in 1998.



### Alistair Peebles Avoca Beach SLSC

Alistair "Slim" Peebles began his journey in Surf Life Saving in the 1974-75 season when he joined Avoca Beach SLSC.

After obtaining his Bronze Medallion, Slim spent the next 18 summers as an active patrolling member and also contributed heavily behind the scenes for his club. At various stages he has been Club Captain, Branch Superintendent, Competition Manager and a Member of the Board of Examiners.

He was deservedly elevated to Life Membership at both club (1998) and branch level (2007).

An early adopter of the IRB Drivers qualification, Slim certainly found his niche both as a competitor and later coach and manager of touring teams both in Australia and internationally.

The Boxing Day Tsunami of 2004 left an impact on him and alongside fellow Avoca Beach Life Member John Mitchell, Slim was a driving force behind an initiative to deliver a program on safety and beach culture to Thai locals living in Phuket and Phi Phi Island.

This program has continued to evolve and expand in recent years with Slim making several trips overseas to continue both training and delivering equipment, while Thai Lifeguards have also come to Australia to enhance their own skills and experiences.

Over the last four years Slim has also been a familiar presence at the State Championships driving the courtesy bus at Ocean Beach-Umina. Despite not being a member of either of the host clubs, his willingness to get in and help out is what has endeared him to the broader lifesaving community.



### Rod McDonagh South West Rocks SLSC

Rod McDonagh's distinguished career in Surf Life Saving began when he joined Cape Hawke SLSC in 1979.

After obtaining his Bronze Medallion in 1981 he served continuously in many positions at his club including Club Captain and Competition Captain. He also competed in all disciplines during this time including the IRB in what was to later become a special interest to him.

Work took him further north but he wasn't lost to Surf Life Saving, becoming a member of South West Rocks SLSC. He enthusiastically embraced his new club and was elected President in 1997 and still holds this office 20 years on.

Rod continued working at a branch level and was elected Branch President in 2011. His dedication to all Mid North Coast clubs and his willingness to engage with all stakeholders has made him a valued member of the community.

In the last two years he has continued to drive the very successful NSW Country Championships in his role as Chair of the Organising Committee.

Between 1990 and 2016, Rod officiated at 12 World Life Saving Championships including roles as a Starter and Deputy Referee. He was acknowledged for his efforts with the International Lifesaving Federation Platinum Medal presented to him at Rescue 2016 in The Netherlands.

Rod is a Life Member of the club and Branch and has made a sustained and lasting impact on Surf Life Saving on the Mid North Coast.



### Rhonda Lycett Mona Vale SLSC

Like many Australians Rhonda Lycett's introduction to Surf Life Saving was through her children when she became a Nipper parent in 1979 at Mona Vale SLSC.

The following year she took on the role of Age Manager, a position she would hold for another seven seasons and also served as Treasurer for the junior club.

Searching for her next challenge she started officiating in 1985 and has been a welcome and familiar face on the beach ever since.

Rhonda obtained her Bronze Medallion in 1995 and her influence on the senior club has been just as profound where she has held positions including Registrar, Chief Instructor and Training Officer. She's also dabbled in the coaching area and coached R&R and Champion Lifesaver competitors to NSW medals.

At a branch level she has served as Team Manager, Team Chaperone, Official, and was awarded Recorder of the Year.

Even now she can often be found on the beach on a Sunday morning, encouraging and mentoring the next generation of Nippers and is always willing to share a laugh, tell a story and reflect on her own experiences.

In 2016 Rhonda's dedication to the Sydney Northern Beaches Surf Life Saving community was formally recognised when she was elevated to Life Membership.

## NEW LIFE MEMBERS CONTINUED



### Craig Susans Queenscliff SLSC

Craig Susans joined Queenscliff SLSC in the 1970-71 season and obtained his Bronze Medallion in 1973. A passionate champion surf sports competitor in his own right, Craig's desire to give back to the movement that had given him so much enjoyment was the catalyst for a relationship and legacy that continues to grow.

At a club level he served as Deputy President and later did a two-year stint as President and remains an active committee member among the many positions he has held.

Drawing on his history as a competitor and confident he could communicate well with athletes, Craig undertook his Officials Accreditation course in 2001.

It is a trait that has earned him the respect of all those he has worked with and he continues to play an important role at all carnivals that he is involved with ensuring that competitors, officials, and spectators come away with positive memories.

Over the years he has worn many branch hats including serving as SNB Director of Surf Sports, Branch Team Selector and Officials Mentor but it is perhaps as referee that he has really made his mark.

Since 2007 he has refereed at numerous club, branch, state, and national carnivals.

At Blacksmiths Beach in 2017 he was again in the official hot seat as he performed the role of carnival referee for the Masters Championships.

Craig received Life Membership at Queenscliff in 2003 and for Sydney Northern Beaches in 2016.



### Peter Agnew ESM North Bondi SLSC

North Bondi's Peter Agnew has been heavily involved in all aspects of Surf Life Saving for over three decades.

After obtaining his Bronze Medallion in 1985, Peter proved to be an effective and dedicated surf lifesaver and made significant contributions at a club, state, and national level.

Some of his many achievements at North Bondi include serving as Club Captain, IRB Captain, Assistant Chief Instructor and Club Vice President.

Since 1986 he has served with distinction at branch level and is currently Deputy President. He holds a Level 3 accreditation as a Surf Sports Official, and has had a particular interest in education having been a member of the highly active committee for seven seasons.

Professionally Peter worked at Surf Life Saving Australia for a decade first as National Lifesaving Manager and later as General Operations Manager. During this time he continued his work on various volunteer committees as well as being heavily involved with his club.

In recent summers he has been a member of the SLSNSW Grievance Committee, and outside of Surf Life Saving was honoured with an Emergency Services Medal in 2015.

Peter was recognised with Life Membership at his beloved North Bondi club in 2005 and was also elevated to Life Member status at Sydney Branch the following season.



### Terry Aldridge Black Head SLSC

Terry has been a surf lifesaver for an incredible 51 years. He joined North Curl Curl SLSC in 1965 and gained his Bronze Medallion the following year. In 1984, he moved to the Lower North Coast where he became a member of Black Head SLSC. To this day, Terry is a member of both clubs and has held various positions including President and Vice President of Black Head. At branch level, Terry has been the Director of Surf Sports for the last 11 years.

Terry has been an Instructor/Trainer at Black Head SLSC since 1968 and has been an Official since 1999. Terry has officiated at local, Branch and NSW Championships where he has been the Board Riding Referee at both Country and State Championships for over six years.

Terry has been a competitor for many years, mainly as a surf boat sweep and board rider.

A wall and floor tiler by trade, Terry has also given a vast amount of his time to his club and other local surf clubs upgrading and repairing clubhouse facilities.

Terry was awarded Black Head Life Membership in 2006 and a year later was presented with Lower North Coast Life Membership.





*New Life Members receiving their certificates at the 2017 NSW Surf Life Saving Championships*



*Life Members Maureen Worth, Denise Lees OAM, Kerry Clancy, Rhonda Scruton, Jenny Drury and Rhonda Lycett*



# MEMBER RECOGNITION

## State Championship Referees

Pool Rescue Championships	Ken Sellers
Board Riding Championships	Terry Aldridge
Interbranch Championships	Wayne Druery
Country Championships	Dennis Allen
Age Championships	Wayne Druery
Masters Championships	Craig Susans
Open Championships	Steve Marley
IRB Championships	Nigel Penn

## 40+ Officiating Award

John De Cean	Wanda SLSC
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## 50+ Officiating Award

Robert "Chalkie" Smith	Wauchope-Bonny Hills SLSC
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## 2017 Interstate Surf Team

Kirsty Higginson	Nowra-Culburra SLSC BOO
Blake Drysdale	Newport SLSC
Laura Shorter	Newport SLSC
Taylor Puskaric	Manly LSC
Riley Fitzsimmons	Avoca Beach SLSC
Matthew Day	North Cronulla SLSC
Jake Evans	Elouera SLSC
Rachel Wood	Umina SLSC
Daniel Collins	Redhead SLSC
Matthew Sperring	Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC
Jemma Smith	Umina SLSC
Luke Chaffer	Cudgen Headland SLSC
Ngaire Hadfield	Cronulla SLSC
Justin McMorland	Redhead SLSC
Naomi Scott	Manly LSC
Bradley Woodward	Shelly Beach SLSC
Grace Gurr	Manly LSC
Lizzie Welborn	North Bondi SLSC
Hannah Minogue (C)	Newport SLSC
Max Brooks	Newport SLSC
Lara Moses	Newport SLSC
Georgia Miller	Newport SLSC
Will Budd	North Cronulla SLSC

## Team Management

Head Coach	Jimmy Walker (North Bondi SLSC)
Assistant Coach	Scott McCartney (Cudgen Headland SLSC)
Assistant Coach	Damien Benson (Avoca Beach SLSC)
Team Manager	Steve Marley (Catherine Hill Bay SLSC)
Assistant Team Manager	Tracey McKinnier (North Cronulla SLSC)

## 2017 Interstate Surfboat Teams

### Open Men (Bulli SLSC)

Dean Roberts
Ben Lowe
Heath Mercer
Fraser Worthington
Shane Geloven (S)

### Open Women (Palm Beach SLSC)

Verity Boulton
Lucy Polkinghorn
Elyse Reynolds
Alexandra Tyrrell
Peter Spence (S)

### Reserve Men (Palm Beach SLSC)

Phillip Blacklaw
Jack Hook
Scott Keenan
Anthony Serventi
Peter Spence (S)

### Reserve Women (Wollongong City SLSC)

Karri Ryan
Rani Hulme
Vida Oakes
Emma Prowse
Brett Dingwall (S)

### U23 Men (North Cronulla SLSC)

James Budd
Zac Hughes
Mitch Bouzouinis
Jack Mentha
Adam Purdie (S)

### U23 Women (Newport SLSC)

Katherine Hulton
Celestine May
Piret May
Zoe King
Michael King (S)

### U19 Men (North Cronulla SLSC)

Christian Ruhen
Blake Eason
Karl Cleary
Darcy Smith
Adam Purdie (S)

### U19 Women (North Cronulla SLSC)

Alysha Lerond
Hayley Urquhart
Siobhan Davidson
Karli Hyer-Warton
Mark McDonald (S)

## Team Management

Team Manager	Greg Heard (Queenscliff SLSC)
Assistant Team Manager	Lachlan Payne (Gerrigong SLSC)

## 2016 Interstate IRB Team

Jacob Black	Catherine Hill Bay SLSC
Joel Eaton	North Cronulla SLSC
Max Gazzard	Catherine Hill Bay SLSC
Danielle Herman	North Cronulla SLSC
Elissa Hughes	North Cronulla SLSC
Kane Hughes	North Cronulla SLSC
Kaitlin Isabella	Kiama Downs SLSC
Kate Janssen	North Cronulla SLSC
Rhianna Kevill	Catherine Hill Bay SLSC
Liam Kleyn	Caves Beach SLSC
Corey Lewis	North Cronulla SLSC
Addison Lewis	North Cronulla SLSC
Mitch Lobson	Caves Beach SLSC
Bridgette Lockhart	Thirroul SLSC
Emma Lockhart	Thirroul SLSC
Daniel McGowan	Thirroul SLSC
Vivienne Rickets	Caves Beach SLSC
Matt Lewis	Kiama Downs SLSC

## Team Management

Head Coach	Steve Robson (Thirroul SLSC)
Team Manager	Andrew Turner (Thirroul SLSC)

## 2016 Interstate IRB Development Team

Felicity Hassett	North Cronulla SLSC
Oliver Kleyn	Caves Beach SLSC
Bronte Bagala	Terrigal SLSC
Nathan Bow	Woonona SLSC
Bronte Chadwick	South Maroubra SLSC
Benjamin Clarke	South Maroubra SLSC
Jacob Davies	Caves Beach SLSC
Gabrielle Grieves	Caves Beach SLSC
Madeleine Grinly	Catherine Hill Bay SLSC
Tristen Muscat	Elouera SLSC
Joshua Muscat	Elouera SLSC
Andrew Selosse	Queenscliff SLSC
Codie Wem	South Maroubra SLSC
Caitlin Williams	Catherine Hill Bay SLSC
Elliot Yandle	Queenscliff SLSC
Harrison Yandle	Queenscliff SLSC

## Team Management

Team Manager	Steven Guy (Kiama Downs SLSC)
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**2016 Interstate Pool Rescue Team**

Madeleine Bakker	Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC
Lachlan Braddish	Umina SLSC
Keelan Bridge	Bronte SLSC
Joshua Brown	Lennox Head-Alstonville SLSC BOO
Finn Flaherty	Avoca Beach SLSC
Ethan Garland	North Cronulla SLSC
Jett Garland	North Cronulla SLSC
Ela Heiniger	Byron Bay SLSC BOO
Blake Hessel	Shelly Beach SLSC
Kaylah Holmes	Umina SLSC
Rachelle King	Terrigal SLSC
Callum Lowe-Griffiths	Queenscliff SLSC
Georgia Miller	Newport SLSC
Timothy Schofield	Terrigal SLSC
Jemma Smith	Umina SLSC
Brittany Stoker	Wanda SLSC
Kiera Warn	Wanda SLSC
Anthea Warne	Cudgen Headland SLSC
Rachel Wood	Umina SLSC
Bradley Woodward	Shelly Beach SLSC

**Team Management**

Head Coach	Andrew Bowden (Bronte SLSC)
Team Manager	Max Serpa Gonzalez (Bronte SLSC)

**2016 U18 Pool Rescue Development Team**

Emily Doyle	Manly LSC
Kurt Stavrou	Wanda SLSC
Timothy Ford	Cronulla SLSC
Jack Curran	Caves Beach SLSC
Alexandra Smirolodo	Bulli SLSC
Gabrielle Kay	Byron Bay SLSC
Anthea Warne	Cudgen Headland SLSC
Matthew Sperring	Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC
Bailey Proud	Redhead SLSC
Keeley Booth	Avoca Beach SLSC

**Team Management**

Head Coach	Ela Heiniger (Byron Bay SLSC BOO)
Team Manager	Blake McCrindle (Wanda SLSC)
Assistant Team Manager	Shelley Smith (Umina SLSC)

**2017 NSW Country Team**

Shaylla Young	Cudgen Headland SLSC
Anthea Warne	Cudgen Headland SLSC
Madeleine Bakker	Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC
Claudia Crawford	Cabarita Beach SLSC
Joshua Jones	Cudgen Headland SLSC
Will Jones	Byron Bay SLSC

Bradley Hunt	Byron Bay SLSC
Jayde Bagnall	Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC
Caitlin Callahan	Byron Bay SLSC
Tahlia Kollen	Sawtell SLSC
Luke Chaffer	Cudgen Headland SLSC
Matthew Sperring	Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC
Jy Timperley	Byron Bay SLSC
Jedd Mitchell	Coffs Harbour SLSC
Nadine Canning	Cudgen Headland SLSC
Jordan White	Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC
Maddison Prior	Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC
Brett Willims	Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC
Jack Carberry	Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC
Angus Macphail	Cudgen Headland SLSC

**Team Management**

Head Coach	Alan Beveridge (Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC)
Assistant Coach	Scott McCartney (Cudgen Headland SLSC)
Team Manager	Dennis Allen (Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC)
Assistant Team Manager	Jo Anne Prior (Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC)

**18-25 Development Networking Program**

Blake Studders	Port Macquarie SLSC
Brittany Banks	North Bondi SLSC
Christine van Deventer	Fairy Meadow SLSC
Connie Wood	Helensburgh-Stanwell Park SLSC
Corie-lee Smith	The Entrance SLSC
Elizabeth Lawson	Wollongong City SLSC
Emily Keith	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore SLSC
Floyd Higgins	Whale Beach SLSC
Grace Morley	Wamberal SLSC
Jarrold Tranter	North Cronulla SLSC
Lachlan Towns	Elouera SLSC
Lara Boyle	Whale Beach SLSC
Luke Blunn	Evans Head-Casino SLSC
Maddison O'Grady-Lee	The Entrance SLSC
Madeline Grayson	Broulee Surfers SLSC
Matthew Calbert	Ocean Beach SLSC
Michael Bonnici	Wanda SLSC
Michael Jones	North Curl Curl SLSC
Molly Yeldon	Bronte SLSC
Naomi Flood	Shellharbour SLSC
Nicholas Pavlakis	South Maroubra SLSC
Patrick Mullan	Woolgoolga SLSC
Todd Barber	Avalon Beach SLSC
Zachary Donnelly	Nobbys SLSC

**Facilitators**

Coordinator	Jake McDonald
Facilitator	Annie Bretherton
Facilitator	Rosie Taliano
Facilitator	Dilan Houston

**2016/17 Junior Lifesaver of the Year Finalists**

Matilda Shirley	Byron Bay SLSC
Cooper Taylor	Cabarita Beach SLSC
Ashleigh Slater	Woolgoolga SLSC
Nicholas Bulloch	Coffs Harbour SLSC
Elizabeth Duffy	Port Macquarie SLSC
Kye Gill	Wauchope-Bonny Hills SLSC
Kady Tritton	Forster SLSC
Kynan Witherow-Strutt	Pacific Palms SLSC
Kaitlyn McMahon	Cooks Hill SLSC
Jayden Wright	Redhead SLSC
Skye O'Mara	Terrigal SLSC
Hayden Doyle	Ocean Beach SLSC
Mandela Raj-Seppings	Dee Why SLSC
Elliott Prasad	Narrabeen Beach SLSC
Bridget Crick	South Maroubra SLSC
Asher Wilson	Coogee SLSC
Alyssa Norris	Windang SLSC
Fletcher Atkins	Corrimal SLSC
Zoe Anderson	Nowra-Culburra SLSC
Liam Furney	Shellharbour SLSC
Darcy Coppin	Moruya SLSC
Joel Doble	Batemans Bay SLSC

**Facilitators**

Coordinator	Zoe Heiniger
Assistant Coordinator	Lucy Ellis
Facilitator	Jake McDonald
Facilitator	Matthew Calbert
Facilitator	Luke Blunn

**2017 Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop**

Brandon Dahdah	Bilgola SLSC
Byron Vinkovic	Shellharbour SLSC
Dan Davis	Taree-Old Bar SLSC
Deklan Smith	Terrigal SLSC
Elizabeth Brydon	Nobbys SLSC
Ella Cook	Narrabeen Beach SLSC
Eric Hills	Bermagui SLSC
Georgia Ray	Soldiers Beach SLSC
Hannah Cusack	Macmasters Beach SLSC
Hayley Ashcroft	Pambula SLSC
Isaac Plunkett	Port Macquarie SLSC
Jack Frzop	North Bondi SLSC
Jack Tougher-Wells	Wauchope-Bonny Hills SLSC
Jesse Willis	Wauchope-Bonny Hills SLSC
Joshua Gray	Toowoona Bay SLSC



#### 2017 Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop (cont.)

Keira Paine	Bilgola SLSC
Kieran McKay	North Wollongong SLSC
Lily Murphy	Lennox Head SLSC
Luke Walmsley	Caves Beach SLSC
Max Moon	Manly LSC
Michael de Francesco	North Cronulla SLSC
Molly Aiken	Black Head SLSC
Morgen Parkin	Minni Water-Wooli SLSC
Sarah Wilson	Cudgen Headland SLSC
Scott Senior	Broulee Surfers SLSC
Tegan Robertson	Bellambi SLSC
Thomas Kofod	Shellharbour SLSC
Thomas McGhee	Red Rock-Corindi SLSC
Yasmine Ruttiman	Woolgoolga SLSC
Zoe Nink	The Lakes SLSC

#### Facilitators

Coordinator	Dilan Houston
Assistant Coordinator	Fletcher Budd
Facilitator	Shannon Fox
Facilitator	Jade Heber
Facilitator	Jordan Smith

#### 2016/17 Lifesaving Exchange Program

##### City to Country

Jade Heber	Ocean Beach SLSC
Matthew Calbert	Ocean Beach SLSC
Ryan Chiswell	Ocean Beach SLSC
Nick Hadzipasic	Long Reef SLSC
Danielle Edwards	North Steyne SLSC
Emily Harrison	Bronte SLSC
Charlie Pavlou	Maroubra SLSC
Brittany Banks	North Bondi SLSC
Jarrold Tranter	North Cronulla SLSC

#### Facilitators

Nixy Krite	South Maroubra SLSC
Anthony Turner	Thirroul SLSC

##### Country to City

Emily Keith	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore SLSC
Tahl Collinson	Brunswick SLSC
Mitchell Bailey	Tacking Point SLSC
Sarah Bugbird	Merewether SLSC
Samantha Hallett	Caves Beach SLSC
Samantha Law	Broulee Surfers SLSC

#### Facilitators

Rosie Taliano	North Bondi SLSC
Andrew Edmunds	Broulee Surfers SLSC

#### New Zealand

Matthew Calbert	Ocean Beach SLSC
Sarah Bugbird	Merewether SLSC

#### Facilitators

Nixy Krite	South Maroubra SLSC
Anthony Turner	Thirroul SLSC

# MEMBER RECOGNITION CONTINUED

2016/17 Rescue of the Month		
Month	Winner	Club/Service
July/August 2016	N/A	N/A
September 2016	Jenni Darwin and Graeme Carroll	Umina SLSC
October 2016	Malcolm Kelly	Cooks Hill SLSC
November 2016	Nicholas Lowe and Lochleigh Thomson	Helensburgh-Stanwell Park SLSC
December 2016	Doug Hockey, Kaye Norris, Jayson Norris, Russell Trott and Nic Digenni	Windang SLSC
January 2017	Kevin Ryan, Kieran McKay, Lachlan Kimberley, Paul Hanrahan, Lachlan Sweeny, Chloe Bourke, Sian Bourke, Eliza Gottaas-Healey, Timothy Tapia, Brittany Tapia, Helen Tapia and Michael Tapia	North Wollongong SLSC
February 2017	Mark Doherty	Cooks Hill SLSC
March 2017	Matthew Goddard	Broulee Surfers SLSC
April 2017	Tony Worton, Jacob Worton, Phil Traves, Adam Toogood, Jay Toogood and Michelle Garvan	Camden Haven SLSC
May/June 2017	Glenn Matthews, Shane Wicks, Rhys Dawson, Tom Daly and Gregg Delahunty	Surf Rescue 50

2017 Awards of Excellence		
Award	Winner	Club
Surf Lifesaver	Lara Boyle	Whale Beach SLSC
Volunteer	Wayne Druery	Cronulla SLSC
Club	Bermagui SLSC	Bermagui SLSC
Branch	Surf Life Saving Sydney	Surf Life Saving Sydney
Trainer	Susan Croad	Hat Head SLSC
Assessor	Ramzy Fawzy	Wamberal SLSC
Facilitator	Janne Moran	Pacific Palms SLSC
Community Education Program	Surf Life Saving Central Coast	Surf Life Saving Central Coast
Initiative	Special Needs Branch Championships	Mona Vale SLSC
Administrator	Patricia Watts	Shelly Beach SLSC
Services Team	Member Services	Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast
Young Lifesaver	Ryan Chiswell	Ocean Beach SLSC
Junior Lifesaver (Female)	Matilda Shirley	Byron Bay SLSC
Junior Lifesaver (Male)	Elliott Prasad	Narrabeen Beach SLSC
Rescue	Camden Haven SLSC	Camden Haven SLSC
Lifeguard	Jai Sheridan	Byron Shire
Sports Team	Open First Aid Team	Freshwater SLSC
Official	Wayne Scott	Red Rock-Corindi SLSC
Coach	Jock Campbell	Wanda SLSC
Athlete	Jake Lynch	Newport SLSC
Masters Athlete	Paul Lemmon	Terrigal SLSC
Youth Athlete	Jemma Smith	Umina SLSC

## Pictured on p58

- National Rescue of the Month: November 2016 - Lochleigh Thomson (Helensburgh-Stanwell Park SLSC) and SLSA President Graham Ford
- 2017 Junior Lifesavers of the Year: Matilda Shirley (Byron Bay SLSC), Elliot Prasad (Narrabeen Beach SLSC)
- Surf Lifesaver of the Year: Lara Boyle (Whale Beach SLSC)



# HONOURING MEMBERS

## Hall of Fame

Mona Vale SLSC Boat Crew

## SLSA Meritorious Awards

### Commendation

Michele Kaye Manly LSC

Nigel Kassulke Manly LSC

Yao Xen Tan North Steyne SLSC

### Individual Certificate of Merit

Debrah Cheers Fingal Rovers SLSC

Denver Brown Wamberal SLSC

### Group Certificate of Merit

Avoca Beach SLSC

### Individual Certificate with Bronze Insert

Saul Duran ALS Ballina

### Group Certificate with Bronze Insert

North Bondi SLSC

### Certificate with Silver Insert

Rick Walden, Keith McReynolds and John Molnar Westpac Helicopter

## SLSA Life Membership

Dick Bignold Cronulla SLSC

Graham Ford AM Bronte SLSC

## SLSA Awards of Excellence

Official of the Year Wayne Druery (Cronulla SLSC)

Youth Athlete of the Year Jemma Smith (Umina SLSC)

Lifesaver of the Year Kane Hughes (North Cronulla SLSC)

## Medal of the Order of Australia

Ms Christine Hopton OAM

Mr Graham Lees OAM

Mr Robert McInerney OAM

Mr John Salmon OAM

Ms Kerry Salmon OAM

Mr Donald Stewart OAM

Mr David Uther OAM

Mr Peter Wyllie OAM

Mr Jack Sullivan OAM

Mr Rod Austin OAM

Mr Peter James OAM

Mr Grant McMahon OAM

Mr Peter Pearce OAM

Mr John Anderson OAM

## Member of the Order of Australia

Mr Tony Bonner AM

## Saxon Bird Trophy

James de Vries Shelly Beach SLSC

## Jacob Lollback Trophy

Charlie Brooks Newport SLSC

## 2016 Community Sports Awards

Official Of The Year Ray McDonagh (Finalist)

Coach Of The Year Trent Herring (Finalist)

Administrator Of The Year Joanne Hawkins (Finalist)

Volunteer Management Awards Club Cudgen Headland (Finalist)

Volunteer Management Awards Event Surf Life Saving NSW (Winner)

## 2016 Sports Awards

Masters Athlete Of The Year Laura Thurtell (Finalist)

Team Of The Year Bulli Open Men's Boat Crew (Finalist)

Coach Of The Year Glenn Hall (Finalist)

Official Of The Year Wayne Druery (Finalist)

Administrator Of The Year Brienna Elford (Finalist)

Volunteer Director Of The Year Sue Hunt (Finalist)

Young Athlete Of The Year Jemma Smith (Winner)



# FINANCIAL REPORT



# DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT

It is my pleasure to present the audited Balance Sheet and Financial Statement of Surf Life Saving New South Wales (SLSNSW), and its controlled entity (Surf Life Saving Services Pty Ltd) for the 12 months ending 30th June 2017. Whilst the matters against a past senior employee are still under investigation SLSNSW can report the current result reflects recoveries to 30th June 2017 net of expenses of \$0.53M. SLSNSW continues to seek further recoveries.

## Operational and Financial Review

For the year ended 30 June 2017 SLSNSW reported a surplus of \$1.48m (2016 \$0.41m), which is a 261% increase on prior year. Revenue for the period increased by 18% to \$22.02m (2016 \$18.72m). This is primarily due to increased government funding, commercial revenue and insurance recovery. In what has been another challenging year, it is pleasing that through the efforts of SLSNSW staff the organisation has been able to report a surplus of \$1.48m.

## Government Funding

Recurrent funding from the Government has increased from last year, by 30% to \$5.9m (2016 \$4.52m). The main reason is the reinstatement of the Enhanced Rescue Capabilities grant (\$1.2m). Overall, Government funding represented 27% of total revenue (2016 24%).

During the year the following major operational and capital funding was received and/or announced by the Government:

### NSW Office of Communities, Sport and Recreation

- Capital Facility Development Program - \$2m was received in 2016/17 to assist SLSCs with much needed building maintenance and construction of new SLSC facilities and we welcome the announcement of increased funding to \$4m per year.

### NSW Ministry for Police and Emergency Services

- Ongoing Co-operative funding - \$1.7m to assist state wide operations of SLSNSW.
- Enhanced Rescue Capabilities Grant - \$1.3m to specifically cover Emergency Response/Communications, Lifesaving equipment and resources and education.
- Water Safety Black Spots Fund:
  - Emergency Marker Pilot - \$32,000
  - Enhancement of Drowning Prevention - \$50,000

### Australian Government

Through the Australian Government's Beach Safety Equipment Fund \$5,000 was directed to every Surf Life Saving Club, \$645,000 in total for the purchase of vital rescue equipment, first aid and medical supplies.

## Fundraising Revenue

Fundraising revenue increased overall by 14% to \$1.86m (2016 \$1.6m). Unsolicited bequests of \$0.16m (2016 \$44,000) were the major reason for the increase.

SLSNSW fundraising distributions to clubs and branches will remain stable with all compliant clubs and branches to receive \$5,781 from 2017 fundraising (\$5,801 distributed 2016).

It gives me great delight to see the contribution that SLSNSW makes to the clubs and branches through its fundraising distributions.

Since 2007/08 SLSNSW has distributed \$63,134 to every compliant club and branch, which is collectively over \$8.8m.

## Sponsorship

In 2017 we welcomed the continuing partnership with ClubsNSW and retained the support of our other key sponsors DHL, Westpac, and Stramit Building Products – thank you. Sponsorship revenue over the period decreased by 17% to \$1.15m (2016 \$1.32m) this was due to the loss of the national sponsorship with Telstra.

We also thank our sponsors who have provided support - Wet'n'Wild, Engine, Nexba, NSW Cancer Institute and Dolphin Surf Craft.

## Revenue from Services Provided

Income derived from the provision of services increased 11% to \$10.0m (\$9.0m in 2016).

- Commercial (Lifeguard, Training & First Aid) Operations - revenue increased 12%, due to increased service provision.
- Non-Commercial services revenue decreased by 11%, predominantly due to a decline in awards and sports equipment sales.

## Other

Investment income declined \$43,000 with reduced term deposit balances and lower interest rates on offer.

## Expenditure

Expenditure for the period increased 12% to \$20.5m from \$18.3m in the prior year. The major reason being a significant increase in capital facilities distributions to clubs which increased to \$2.5m from \$1.4m in 2016. Other increases were to legal and consulting (\$0.6m) and commercial labour cost associated with increased services (\$0.62m).

## Core Activities

Expenditure on core activities increased by 14% (\$1.4m), including:

- Lifesaving & lifeguards – increase of 41% due to radio network expenditure and additional commercial Lifeguard services i.e. Port Macquarie Council
- Education and training – decrease of 4% due to staff vacancies and maternity leave reducing staff costs.
- Member services – decrease of 16% associated with delivery of the Community Inclusion Program which came to an end in 2016/17.

## Management and Administration

While the organisation's management and administrative costs increased slightly due to the ongoing legal investigation, pleasingly we have remained within the industry benchmark for Not-for-Profits being 25% of total revenue or total expenditure.

The SLSNSW – management and administrative costs were 23% and 25% of revenue respectively in 2016/17.

## Distributions

SLSNSW has continued to support clubs and branches through fundraising distributions (as detailed above), in-kind support and direct payments from grants. Distributions assist with capital works, lifesaving equipment, volunteer uniforms and general operating costs.

- Clubs received \$4.1m (80% from grants and 20% from fundraising/donations.)
- Branches received \$0.7m (90% from sponsorship/grants and 10% from fundraising/donations.)

Distributions make up 22% of total expenditure and equate to 21% of total revenue.

## Cash

The organisation currently holds \$13.05m (2016 \$11.93m) in the form of cash or term deposits in accordance with the SLSNSW Investment policy. The majority of these deposits are held in effective trust to cover deferred grants, fundraising commitments or to cover the long term sustainability of SLSNSW, branches and clubs, with the remainder covering operational requirements.

Consolidated SLSNSW & SLSS	Jun 17	
Investment Cash & Deposits	\$M	%
(Effectively) in Trust	\$8.4	64%
Deferred Grants	\$3.5	27%
Deferred Fundraising	\$0.8	6%
L/T Sustainability SLSNSW	\$1.5	11%
L/T Sustainability Clubs/Branches	\$1.9	15%
Employee Entitlements	\$0.6	5%
Working Capital	\$4.7	36%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13.0</b>	<b>100%</b>

It is a credit to the management and the Board of SLSNSW and Board of Surf Life Saving Services, along with the Finance and Audit Compliance Committee that SLSNSW now has \$7.2 million in the Sustainability Funds, with \$3.4 million in cash and \$3.8 million in land/property. It is a great achievement and we will continue building a fund for the sustainability of our organisation over the coming years.

## Thank you

I would like to give a special thanks to all our members and supporters including the NSW and Australian Governments, and our sponsors ClubsNSW, Stramit Building Products, DHL and Westpac. Our achievements would not be possible without you.

In closing I would like to thank the finance team and my fellow Directors for their assistance and support during the year. In particular Ross Bidencepe, Rebecca Churchill, Carolyn Tremble, and Joanna Johnston for their continued efforts towards the financial governance and security of SLSNSW. Thank you also to the Finance and Audit Compliance Committee (FACC) for their expertise and guidance.

### Pip Butt

Director of Finance



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
<b>Revenue</b>	2	22,015,307	18,717,875
<b>Expenses</b>			
Advertising expense		(78,322)	(55,413)
Carnival expenses		(32,483)	(61,311)
Consultancy costs		(434,631)	(227,835)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(795,963)	(913,691)
Donations paid		(59,530)	(47,540)
Employee benefits expense		(8,571,752)	(8,487,732)
Entertainment   Catering costs		(185,669)	(176,075)
Finance costs		(5,946)	(5,871)
Grants   Distributions to clubs		(4,977,543)	(3,825,938)
Insurance		(599,443)	(604,205)
Materials and consumables used		(926,665)	(843,754)
Motor vehicle expenses		(288,923)	(379,442)
Occupancy expense		(160,807)	(169,165)
Printing, postage & stationery		(275,815)	(422,768)
Repairs and maintenance expense		(790,224)	(364,517)
Training costs		(310,782)	(296,381)
Travel & accommodation		(377,707)	(347,391)
Other expenses		(1,662,505)	(1,078,354)
		<b>(20,534,710)</b>	<b>(18,307,383)</b>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		1,480,597	410,492
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year</b>		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>1,480,597</b>	<b>410,492</b>

## Consolidated statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	13,053,537	11,927,134
Receivables	5	699,306	711,097
Inventories		173,042	212,077
Prepayments		150,187	160,712
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>14,076,072</b>	<b>13,011,020</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	6	12,149,112	12,689,012
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>12,149,112</b>	<b>12,689,012</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>26,225,184</b>	<b>25,700,032</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Payables	7	989,586	697,217
Provisions	8	1,512,907	1,798,433
Other liabilities	9	3,218,716	4,181,004
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>5,721,209</b>	<b>6,676,654</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>5,721,209</b>	<b>6,676,654</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>20,503,975</b>	<b>19,023,378</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained earnings	10	20,503,975	19,023,378
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>20,503,975</b>	<b>19,023,378</b>

### Consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year ended 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
<b>Total equity</b>			
Balance at beginning of the year		19,023,378	18,612,886
Movements in equity from: Retained earnings		1,480,597	410 492
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>		<b>20,503,975</b>	<b>19,023,378</b>

### Consolidated statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from customers, members and donors		16,895,478	14,179,398
Grant and contribution receipts		5,087,854	5,087,853
Payments to suppliers and employees		(20,923,245)	(19,142,006)
Interest received		197 951	239 967
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>		<b>1,258,038</b>	<b>365,212</b>
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		646,810	1,633,267
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(778,445)	(2,071,466)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(131,635)</b>	<b>(438,199)</b>
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>			
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Reconciliation of cash</b>			
Cash at beginning of the financial year		11,927,134	12,000,121
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		1,126,403	(72,987)
<b>Cash at end of financial year</b>	<b>11(a)</b>	<b>13,053,537</b>	<b>11,927,134</b>

# FINANCIAL REPORT CONTINUED

NOTE 2: Revenue and other income	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
<b>Sales revenue</b>		
Sale of goods	1,912,363	1,795,385
Rendering of services	8,101,267	7,201,651
Interest income	197,951	239,967
<b>Not-for-profit revenue</b>		
Bequests	163,412	43,671
Donations	1,703,090	1,634,514
Grants	6,380,947	4,988,092
Sponsorship & licencing	1,152,994	1,318,666
Capitation & insurance levies	1,183,867	1,201,271
Sundry revenue	1,094,988	104,415
<b>Other Income</b>		
Profit on sale/revaluation of non-current assets	124,428	190,243
	<b>22,015,307</b>	<b>18,717,875</b>

NOTE 3: Key management personnel compensation	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including its committee members, is considered key management personnel.		
<b>Compensation received by key management personnel of the group:</b>		
- aggregate compensation	<b>900,492</b>	<b>1,223,643</b>

NOTE 4: Cash and cash equivalents	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
Cash on hand	500	500
Cash at bank	9,243,610	5,388,819
Cash on deposit	3,774,127	6,502,515
Refundable deposit	35,300	35,300
	<b>13,053,537</b>	<b>11,927,134</b>

NOTE 5: Receivables	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
<b>Current</b>		
Trade debtors	441,455	433,968
Impairment loss	-	(10,016)
	441,455	423,952
Other receivables	257,851	287,145
	<b>699,306</b>	<b>711,097</b>

<b>NOTE 6: Property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>2017 (\$)</b>	<b>2016 (\$)</b>
<b>Land</b>		
Freehold land		
At cost	3,831,211	3,831,211
At valuation	2,713,068	2,713,068
<b>Total freehold land</b>	<b>6 544 279</b>	<b>6 544 279</b>
<b>Buildings</b>		
At cost	2,144,781	2,144,781
Accumulated depreciation	(96,486)	(53,590)
	<b>2,048,295</b>	<b>2,091,191</b>
At valuation	2,800,000	2,800,000
Accumulated depreciation	(444,993)	(296,647)
	<b>2,355,007</b>	<b>2,503,353</b>
<b>Total buildings</b>	<b>4,403,302</b>	<b>4 594 544</b>
<b>Total land and buildings</b>	<b>10,947,581</b>	<b>11,138,823</b>
<b>Plant and equipment</b>		
Plant and equipment at cost	2,595,758	2,482,411
Accumulated depreciation	(2,278,045)	(2,129,980)
	<b>317,713</b>	<b>352,431</b>
Motor vehicles at cost	1,487,106	1,593,891
Accumulated depreciation	(603,288)	(396,133)
	<b>883,818</b>	<b>1,197,758</b>
Total plant and equipment	<b>1,201,531</b>	<b>1,550,189</b>
Total property, plant and equipment	<b>12,149,112</b>	<b>12,689,012</b>

**(a) Valuations**

The land and buildings at 3 Narabang Way, Belrose were independently valued at 30 June 2014 by DK Property Professionals.

Land acquired and buildings constructed in the 2014 and 2015 financial years at 1 Narabang Way, Belrose and at 13 Central Close, Port Macquarie (site of the Surf Life Saving New South Wales Northern Operations and Training Centre) are valued at cost.

**(b) Reconciliations**

Reconciliation of the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the current financial year

<b>Freehold land</b>		
Opening carrying amount	6,544,279	6,544,279
Closing carrying amount	<b>6,544,279</b>	<b>6,544,279</b>
<b>Buildings</b>		
Opening carrying amount	4,594,544	4,785,787
Depreciation expense	(191,242)	(191,243)
Closing carrying amount	<b>4,403,302</b>	<b>4,594,544</b>
<b>Plant and equipment</b>		
Opening carrying amount	352,431	372,219
Additions	126,335	174,686
Disposals		(9,600)
Depreciation expense	(161,053)	(184,874)
Closing carrying amount	<b>317,713</b>	<b>352,431</b>
<b>Motor vehicles</b>		
Opening carrying amount	1,197,758	1,271,977
Additions	652,099	1,896,779
Disposals	(522,382)	(1,433,424)
Depreciation expense	(443,657)	(537,574)
Closing carrying amount	<b>883,818</b>	<b>1,197,758</b>



# FINANCIAL REPORT CONTINUED

NOTE 7: Payables	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
<b>Current</b>		
Unsecured liabilities		
Trade creditors	298,820	536,159
Sundry creditors and accruals	690,766	161,058
	<b>989,586</b>	<b>697,217</b>

NOTE 8: Provisions	Note	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
<b>Current</b>			
Employee benefits	(a)	712,907	936,253
Fundraising distribution	(b)	800,000	862,180
		<b>1,512,907</b>	<b>1,798,433</b>
<b>(a) Aggregate employee benefits liability</b>		712,907	936,253
<b>(b) Fundraising distribution</b>			
The fundraising provision represents funds raised from fund raising events conducted by Surf Life Saving New South Wales and Surf Life Saving Australia for which distributions are to be paid to surf clubs in accordance with a Board approved decision.			

NOTE 9: Other Liabilities	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
<b>Current</b>		
Grants received in advance	<b>3,218,716</b>	<b>4,181,004</b>
<b>Government grants</b>		
Government grants received in advance are predominantly capital facility grants held on behalf of surf clubs. Contractually these grants could be disbursed within 12 months and are therefore classified as current. In practical terms these grants take an average of 5-6 years to be fully disbursed.		
The related funding agreements state that at the terminating date, any unexpended funding must be repaid, however this has not occurred to date. Surf Life Saving New South Wales liaises with the NSW government for each of the projects referred to on the funding agreements.		

NOTE 10: Retained Earnings	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
Retained earnings at beginning of year	19,023,378	18,612,886
Surplus	1,480,597	410,492
	<b>20,503,975</b>	<b>19,023,378</b>

NOTE 11: Cash flow information	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
<b>(a) Reconciliation of cash</b>		
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the consolidated statement of financial position is as follows:		
Cash on hand	500	500
Cash at bank	9,243,610	5,388,819
At call deposits with financial institutions	3,774,127	6,502,515
Refundable deposit	35,300	35,300
	<b>13,053,537</b>	<b>11,927,134</b>

NOTE 12: Related Party Transactions	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
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**(a) Transactions with key management personnel of the entity or its parent and their personally related entities**

Related parties include family members of key management personnel, and entities that are controlled or jointly controlled by those key management personnel individually or collectively with their family members. The following transactions occurred with related parties:

Payment for printing services from 'See Hear Speak'	-	223,102
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**(b) Transactions with other related parties**

There were no transactions between other related parties during 2017 (2016: \$Nil).

No members of the Board of Directors receive payments for their services.

NOTE 13: Capital and leasing commitments	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
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**(a) Operating lease commitments**

Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:

Payable		
not later than one year	38,508	38,508
later than one year and not later than five years	77,016	115,524
	115,524	154,032

A leasing agreement has been entered into with Fujii Xerox related to office equipment held at Surf Life Saving New South Wales headquarters.

**NOTE 16: Events subsequent to reporting date**

There has been no matter or circumstance, which has arisen since 30 June 2017 that has significantly affected or may significantly affect:

(a) the operations, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2017, of the group, or

(b) the results of those operations, or

(c) the state of affairs, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2017, of the group.

# AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION



**PITCHER PARTNERS**  
ACCOUNTANTS • AUDITORS • ADVISORS

**SURF LIFE SAVING NEW SOUTH WALES AND CONTROLLED ENTITY**  
**ABN 93 827 748 379**

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**  
**TO THE DIRECTORS OF SURF LIFE SAVING NEW SOUTH WALES**

In relation to the independent audit for the year ended 30 June 2017, to the best of my knowledge and belief there have been no contraventions of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*.

This declaration is in respect of Surf Life Saving New South Wales and the entities it controlled during the year.

C R MILLINGTON

Partner

PITCHER PARTNERS

Sydney

Date: 10 October 2017

# DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

**SURF LIFE SAVING NEW SOUTH WALES AND CONTROLLED ENTITY**  
**ABN 93 827 748 379**

## **DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

The directors declare that:

1. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
2. the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013*.

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

David Murray



Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Philippa Butt



Dated this 9th day of October 2017



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



## **SURF LIFE SAVING NEW SOUTH WALES AND CONTROLLED ENTITY ABN 93 827 748 379**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SURF LIFE SAVING NEW SOUTH WALES**

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Report**

##### *Opinion*

We have audited the financial report of Surf Life Saving New South Wales "the company" and its subsidiaries, "the Group", which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Group, is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

##### *Basis for Opinion*

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* "ACNC Act" and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* "the Code" that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

##### *Other Information*

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Group's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2017, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.



#### *Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the ACNC Act and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

#### *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT CONTINUED



## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report (Continued)

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

## Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

### *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of Surf Life Saving New South Wales and its controlled entity show a true and fair view of the financial results of the charitable and fundraising activities for the year ended 30 June 2017;
- the financial statements and associated records of Surf Life Saving New South Wales and its controlled entity have been properly kept during the year in accordance with the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*;
- money received as a result of charitable and fundraising activities conducted during the year has been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Act; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe Surf Life Saving New South Wales and its controlled entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

C R MILLINGTON

Partner

PITCHER PARTNERS

Sydney

Date 10 October 2017



STATISTICS



# LIFESAVING

	FNC	NC	MNC	LNC	HUN	CC	SNB	SYD	ILL	SC	FSC	Other	NSW
Emergency Callouts	86	22	17	16	27	39	54	128	30	56	46	14	535
Ambulances Called	85	6	26	6	46	70	107	124	27	32	17	0	546
Coastal Drownings	3	4	1	0	1	2	2	12	1	2	3	0	31
Rescues													
No gear	13	3	18	7	138	395	109	108	30	2	8	0	831
Rescue tube	24	9	35	3	75	161	180	534	53	24	34	0	1,132
Rescue board	46	7	55	14	237	249	287	597	89	68	34	0	1,683
IRB	33	12	15	8	19	83	118	306	27	13	18	0	652
RWC	10	1	0	4	21	212	65	126	4	13	5	0	461
JRB/ORB/RIB	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	14	0	8	0	0	29
Helicopter	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Surfboard	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	20	0	0	2	0	24
Other	5	0	0	1	4	13	22	95	6	0	6	0	152
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>1,801</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,966</b>
Preventative Actions													
Lost children	12	2	13	63	34	114	190	430	38	98	1	0	995
Preventatives	7,181	1,963	2,878	1,466	24,192	16,955	27,740	31,620	9,015	1,613	1,200	0	125,823
Searches	21	1	3	3	9	30	36	64	3	10	0	0	180
Shark alarm	22	2	6	13	48	11	17	27	7	6	4	0	163
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,236</b>	<b>1,968</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>1,545</b>	<b>24,283</b>	<b>17,110</b>	<b>27,983</b>	<b>32,141</b>	<b>9,063</b>	<b>1,727</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>127,161</b>
First Aids													
Fractures/dislocation	8	0	3	1	13	11	14	26	2	5	3	0	86
Marine stings	1,224	167	458	269	911	1,745	3,186	3,732	428	328	138	0	12,586
Major wounds	7	0	2	2	15	16	20	47	8	8	3	0	128
Minor cuts/abrasions	99	24	120	11	218	247	377	887	108	73	28	0	2,192
Other	40	19	20	16	100	102	138	138	55	19	14	0	661
Resuscitation	0	0	0	0	0	5	8	3	1	0	2	0	19
Spinal	3	1	0	1	9	15	19	24	0	1	5	0	78
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>1,266</b>	<b>2,141</b>	<b>3,762</b>	<b>4,857</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,750</b>
Beach Attendance													
Attendance	219,478	79,000	165,282	115,824	674,529	973,890	2,336,173	1,607,246	320,299	138,096	66,207	0	6,696,024
Volunteer Patrol Hours													
Patrol hours	41,273.75	22,779.25	26,684.25	14,415	68,409	100,061.25	144,648	144,023.25	49,068.75	33,400	18,078.00	0	662,840.50

# LIFEGUARDS

AUSTRALIAN  
**LIFEGUARD**  
SERVICE



Rescues	
No gear	120
Rescue tube	143
Rescue board	847
RWC	26
Other	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,141</b>
Preventative Actions	
Lost children	2
Preventatives	290,233
Searches	2
Shark alarm	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>290,241</b>
First Aids	
Fractures/dislocation	49
Marine stings	8,380
Major wounds	144
Minor cuts/abrasions	2,421
Other	203
Spinal	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,208</b>
Beach Attendance	
Attendance	4,703,912
Volunteer Patrol Hours	
Patrol hours	94,314

Client	Description of Contract	Years of Continuous Service
Tweed Shire Council Lifeguard Service	10 Beaches Spring, Summer & Autumn 50 Lifeguards	28
Salt Resort Lifeguard Service	1 x Resort Pools Summer Holidays 5 Lifeguards	13
Byron Bay Shire Council Lifeguard Service	8 Beaches 12 months 30 Lifeguards	29
Ballina Shire Council Lifeguard Service	4 Beaches 7 months 22 Lifeguards	30
Richmond Valley Council Lifeguard Service	1 Beach Spring, Summer, Autumn Holidays 6 Lifeguards	29
Clarence Valley Council Lifeguard Service	7 Beaches Spring, Summer, Autumn Holidays 23 Lifeguards	24
Bellingen Shire Council Lifeguard Service	2 Beaches Spring, Summer, Autumn Holidays 10 Lifeguards	14
Nambucca Shire Council Lifeguard Service	3 Beaches Summer Holidays 8 Lifeguards	14
Kempsey Shire Council Lifeguard Service	5 Beaches Spring, Summer & Autumn Holidays 18 Lifeguards	14
Mid Coast Council Lifeguard Service	7 Beaches Spring, Summer & Autumn Holidays 26 Lifeguards	20
Port Stephens Council Lifeguard Service	3 Beaches 7 months 24 Lifeguards	21
Lake Munmorah Conservation Lifeguard Service	1 Beach Summer & Autumn Holidays 8 Lifeguards	9
Magenta Resort & Country Club	1 Beach 2 weeks 6 Lifeguards	7
Northern Beaches Council Lifeguard Service	9 beaches, 7 Months 42 Lifeguards	19
Royal National Park Lifeguard Service	2 Beaches Summer Holidays 6 Lifeguards	15
Shoalhaven City Council Lifeguard Service	8 Beaches Summer Holidays 25 Lifeguards	12
Bega Valley Shire Council Lifeguard Service	8 Beaches Summer Holidays 29 Lifeguards	11
Parramatta City Council Lifeguard Service	1 Lake 6 Months 5 Lifeguards	3

# AWARDS

Recognition Awards	FNC	NC	MNC	LNC	HUN	CC	SNB	SYD	ILL	SC	FSC	TOTAL
National Medal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
National Medal - Clasp	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
5 Year National Patrol Service Award	2	0	0	0	43	1	73	8	15	1	0	143
10 Year National Patrol Service Award	4	2	2	1	20	19	77	16	7	4	0	152
15 Year National Patrol Service Award	2	1	1	1	10	8	27	1	3	0	0	54
20 Year National Patrol Service Award	1	2	2	0	4	4	6	0	0	1	0	20
25 Year National Patrol Service Award	0	0	0	0	2	7	7	1	0	0	0	17
30 Year National Patrol Service Award	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	4
35 Year National Patrol Service Award	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
40 Year National Patrol Service Award	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
45 Year National Patrol Service Award	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
50 Year National Patrol Service Award	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	0	6
25 Year Long Service Award	2	3	2	1	0	23	31	37	5	3	5	112
30 Year Long Service Award	2	1	1	1	1	16	22	3	7	3	4	61
40 Year Long Service Award	1	0	0	1	2	8	21	0	9	5	1	48
50 Year Long Service Award	4	1	0	1	0	4	17	22	7	2	0	58
60 Year Long Service Award	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	18	3	3	0	42
70 Year Long Service Award	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	0	7
75 Year Long Service Award	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	4
5 Year Officiating Service Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
10 Year Officiating Service Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
15 Year Officiating Service Certificate	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	6
20 Year Officiating Service Certificate	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5
25 Year Officiating Service Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
40 Year Officiating Service Certificate	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
5 Year Coaching Service Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
10 Year Coaching Service Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 Year Coaching Service Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 Year Coaching Service Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Year Assessing Service Certificate	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
10 Year Assessing Service Certificate	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	4
15 Year Assessing Service Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
20 Year Assessing Service Certificate	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	6
25 Year Assessing Service Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
30 Year Assessing Service Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
35 Year Assessing Service Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
45 Year Assessing Service Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Year Age Manager Service Certificate	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
10 Year Age Manager Service Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>782</b>

Patrolling Lifesaver Awards	NSW	FNC	NC	MNC	LNC	HUN	CC	SNB	SYD	ILL	SC	FSC	TOTAL
Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	0	73	44	68	31	161	165	375	407	129	80	52	1,585
Bronze Medallion	14	210	115	112	32	228	262	811	695	187	167	98	2,931
Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue	33	0	12	0	7	71	21	10	38	0	0	0	192
Silver Medallion Beach Management	69	51	18	25	10	68	32	113	100	15	38	21	560
Gold Medallion (Advanced Lifesaving)	135	0	0	1	0	0	4	2	15	0	3	0	160
Certificate III in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue)	121	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	121
Surf Survival	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>1,343</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>5,581</b>
Radio Awards													
Radio Operator Certificate	0	71	49	1	9	180	23	52	87	10	2	1	485
Silver Medallion Communications Centre Operator	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>485</b>
Powercraft Awards													
ATV Operator Induction	0	49	0	0	0	2	0	8	28	19	8	2	116
IRB Crew Certificate	4	44	17	31	7	95	83	185	141	86	36	58	787
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	0	22	17	8	4	44	23	86	44	25	21	11	305
Rescue Water Craft Operator Certificate	26	5	0	0	0	1	5	6	20	4	1	5	73
ORB Crew Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	9
ORB Driver Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
ORB Skipper Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
JRB Crew Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JRB Driver Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>1,296</b>
Emergency Care Awards													
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques [AID]	82	109	39	46	28	236	70	105	153	101	23	31	1,023
First Aid [AID]	396	96	58	22	51	56	16	37	0	3	8	0	743
Basic Emergency Care	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	124	0	0	0	148
Pain Management Certificate	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Resuscitation [AID]	20	56	0	5	2	35	3	94	483	24	27	0	749
Spinal Management	14	20	7	0	25	143	6	37	222	26	28	12	540
Silver Medallion Advanced First Aid [AID]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>3,208</b>
Training and Assessing													
Certificate IV in Training and Assessment	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Training Officer Certificate	49	3	0	3	0	8	2	29	37	0	0	1	132
Assessor Certificate	2	2	0	0	0	8	0	1	6	4	7	0	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>177</b>
Junior Activities Awards													
Surf Aware One	48	240	88	95	72	414	429	833	917	330	198	83	3,747
Surf Aware Two	44	215	78	95	73	339	371	705	807	281	178	90	3,276
Surf Play One	45	222	73	118	87	434	376	860	636	301	194	20	3,366
Surf Play Two	51	239	83	119	53	449	367	742	822	368	155	61	3,509
Surf Safe One	0	164	81	80	38	260	311	626	611	266	131	88	2,656
Surf Safe Two	37	141	61	93	46	219	263	493	559	224	118	72	2,326
Surf Smart One	46	119	51	66	42	148	200	379	440	180	101	59	1,831
Surf Smart Two	14	82	48	58	28	133	151	370	373	141	85	49	1,532
<b>Total</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>1,422</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>2,396</b>	<b>2,468</b>	<b>5,008</b>	<b>5,165</b>	<b>2,091</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>22,243</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>2,233</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>3,732</b>	<b>3,207</b>	<b>6,993</b>	<b>7,778</b>	<b>2,724</b>	<b>1,609</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>32,990</b>



## MEMBERSHIP

	Probationary	Junior Activity (5-13 yrs)	Cadet (13-15yrs)	Active 15-18yrs	Active 18yrs+	Award	Active Reserve	Past Active	Long Service	Life Member	Associate	General	Honorary	Total
<b>Far North Coast</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1,532</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1,507</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4,789</b>
Female	19	711	80	74	264	18	6	1	8	10	741	89	1	2,022
Male	39	821	82	119	608	17	26		88	118	766	81	2	2,767
<b>North Coast</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>1142</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,869</b>
Female	13	327	45	39	111	7	3	2	9	8	146	634	1	1,345
Male	19	346	45	57	259	2	8	7	55	66	151	508	1	1,524
<b>Mid North Coast</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,416</b>
Female	13	445	54	45	192	8		1	8	8	232	148		1,154
Male	10	443	48	54	317	9	5	4	44	60	184	83	1	1,262
<b>Lower North Coast</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,524</b>
Female	24	248	35	23	106	16	9	1	11	7	130	75		685
Indeterminate					1									1
Male	23	255	31	35	186	7	6	3	46	38	153	54	1	838
<b>Hunter</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6,968</b>
Female	16	1,227	148	130	359	18	21	1	17	15	412	525	5	2,894
Indeterminate												1		1
Male	19	1,421	145	166	827	23	76	5	178	238	472	490	13	4,073
<b>Central Coast</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>3,249</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>1,599</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>1,411</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8,041</b>
Female	27	1,623	117	145	566	29	13	1	20	34	708	343		3,626
Indeterminate											1			1
Male	41	1,626	146	175	1,033	26	44	3	143	186	702	287	2	4,414
<b>Sydney Northern Beaches</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>7,112</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>3,352</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>2,383</b>	<b>2,734</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>19,952</b>
Female	71	3,397	379	353	1,126	45	262	16	145	26	1,019	1,217	18	8,074
Indeterminate			1									3		4
Male	79	3,715	394	543	2,226	44	485	31	1,098	333	1,364	1,514	48	11,874
<b>Sydney</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>6,288</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>2,971</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1,834</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>1,536</b>	<b>1,662</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>16,730</b>
Female	62	3,038	307	318	975	74	54	1	191	19	495	756	81	6,371
Male	76	3,250	349	405	1,996	113	164	8	1,643	319	1,041	906	89	10,359
<b>Illawarra</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2,855</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6,431</b>
Female	17	1,402	111	98	232	9	12	3	11	16	630	231	4	2,776
Male	25	1,453	126	123	550	7	57	9	151	196	676	265	17	3,655
<b>South Coast</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1,294</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3,069</b>
Female	23	636	65	56	205	13	4	5	5	1	202	133	1	1,349
Indeterminate											1			1
Male	28	658	89	83	424	22	17	3	46	63	166	112	8	1,719
<b>Far South Coast</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,245</b>
Female	10	390	45	48	200	3	2	7	1	22	185	156		1,069
Male	10	430	71	46	270	4	2	9	14	65	146	107	2	1,176
<b>Misc Branch</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>5</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>		<b>376</b>
Female	5	150			2				1	1		23		182
Male	7	170	2		3					1	1	10		194
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>28182</b>	<b>2915</b>	<b>3135</b>	<b>13038</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>1276</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>3933</b>	<b>1850</b>	<b>10724</b>	<b>8751</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>75,410</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>13,594</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>4,338</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>4,900</b>	<b>4,330</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>31,547</b>
<b>Indeterminate</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>14,588</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>1,806</b>	<b>8,699</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>3,506</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>5,822</b>	<b>4,417</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>43,855</b>

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#### Volunteer Season Statistics

Total Membership	75,410
Rescues	4,966
Emergency Callouts	535
Preventative Actions	127,161
First Aid Treatments	15,750
Beach Attendance	6,696,024
Total Patrol Hours	662,841
Coastal Drownings	31

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Rescues	1,141
Preventative Actions	290,241
First Aid Treatments	11,208
Beach Attendance	4,703,912



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