



Surf Life Saving FAR NORTH COAST INC.

Annual Report

2013 / 2014

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Eddie and Joyce Buchanan

Eddie and Joyce Buchanan's involvement in the junior surf lifesaving movement and their contribution to Cudgen, Ballina and Far North Coast Branch, or Mr and Mrs Buck as they were known by all of the nippers. In one form or another, Junior, Juvenile or Nippers as they became known as and still remains today, had always been in operation virtually since the inception of surf lifesaving.

At the Cudgen Headlands SLSC annual general meeting of the 1966-67 season it was suggested that a nipper club be formed and Jack Julius was elected president. Around this time Eddie and Joyce had started a young family and became involved in the junior movement when their four boys became involved and first donned the sky blue and white star cap. The records show young Scott achieving a third place in the Under 5 wade at the state titles in Foster during the 1969-70 season. The boys involvement triggered off what was to become a lifelong commitment to the Junior nipper movement at Kingscliff by the Buchanans.

Joyce was elected into the position of secretary / treasurer during the 1973 / 74 season. She went on to hold the treasurers position at the club for 12 years and the secretary job at the club for a period of over 14 years. Eddie was elected into the position of the junior club president the season after Joyce began in 1974-75 a position that he held for 10 seasons. It was during these years that the Buchanans had a profound influence on all of the young boys and young ladies who became part of the Kingscliff nippers and it was unthinkable that you would not see the club on the beach on a Sunday or at a carnival without either Joyce or Eddie in attendance.



In addition to these positions they also held a number of other roles within the club and throughout the FNC Branch. Joyce filled the position of branch Secretary for three seasons in the early 80's and was joined by Eddie as the Branch President for a period of six seasons. They were also both elected as Branch Patrons and Joyce continued to serve the branch as carnival recorder and was also responsible for the annual Branch magazine for many years. She was also instrumental in heading up the organizing committee with Ken King for the Junior NSW state titles held at Kingscliff during the 1996-97 season.

Both Eddie and Joyce maintained their involvement in Kingscliff nippers for over 30 years during the 70's, 80's and 90's, long after their boys had grown up into the senior ranks.

Their true love was our youngest members the Under 8's where there is a perpetual shield for the Under 8 competitor of the year presented each year at the Branch Titles and the highlight of most carnivals the Buchanan Relay which has now been adopted by State and plays a major part of Junior Carnivals. They were also both honored with Life membership of the Branch JAC in recognition of the enormous contribution and life time achievement that they have made to the junior organisation.

Clearly, Eddie and Joyce touched many lives, not least those of you who are here today who, I know, hold her in enormous respect, admiration and love. It is gratifying to know that there are so many of us present today that have played some part in Joyces life whether as a nipper, friend, colleague or family member.

Brian 'Buzza' Pearce



Buzza was an active club member of Evans Head-Casino SLSC where he gained his Bronze Medallion in 1953, then following on to gain the SLSA Instructors, Examiners Certificate. During his life saving career he was recognised for his outstanding services and devotion to the club and Branch and was inducted as a life member of EHCSLSC, an award which he treasured, later he deservedly was awarded Life Membership of Far North Coast Branch.

Throughout his 50 of service, Brian held a number of positions with the Far North Coast Branch. Branch District Supervisor, Branch Team Manager and Branch Chief Superintendent. His time as Branch Team Manager saw Buzza become well know all over Australia. I am sure there were many you men all over Australia could not tell you who their club President was but could tell you who Buzza was and how he effected their lives.

Brian also received his 50 years SLSA Gold Medal for devoting over 50 years continuous service to Surf Life Saving Australia.

Like in most Sporting clubs they have their prankster or clown, Buzza certainly was not a clown but sometimes came close !

Brian was a prankster and joker; if any club member, workmate or close associate of his missed out on his tricks you should consider yourself to be unique. All his tricks were without malice always our club / branch jester and everyone's friend and helper.

He was a playful character assisted with his leadership roll in lifesaving and the community developing long term recognition and friendship. That he enjoyed so much.

He will be ever in the thoughts of we who knew him and called him Buzza our friend and mate.

John Graham



It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing earlier this year of John Graham. John joined the Brunswick SLSC, and gained his bronze medallion in 1945, his Instructors Certificate in 1952, and his Board of Examiners certificate in 1954.

John held many positions with our club including eight terms as treasurer, ten terms as register, and was a active member of the boat crews both as a junior and a senior. John served 17 years as a active member of the Far North Coast Branch Board Of Examiners, 5 years as District Supervisor and Club Delegate to the branch. He was made a life member of the Brunswick SLSC, the Far North Coast Branch, and the Far North Coast Branch Board of Examiners in 1962.

John's last 25 years of his working life was spent on shift work with the then Lismore District Ambulance and now the NSW Ambulance Service and was a great contributor to First Aid in our club.

John was a great supporter of our club right up until his passing and had planned to attend the 2014 Aussie Titles in WA. He also showed a keen interest in junior development in our club, and will be sadly missed. **(Rest in Peace Cusso)**

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Branch President Report Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch Inc.



An article in the Northern Star captured the real essence of the season for Far North Coast Surf Lifesaving – “an outstanding year of service on the beach”. Generally speaking it was one of the better seasons with fine weather, good conditions and the majority of the beach goes abiding by the swim between the flags rule. Most lifesavers reported that they had enjoyed the season, found it to be fun being on patrol, and were now looking forward to the next season.

It certainly was a successful and progressive 2013 /14 season and I have endeavoured to recall most of the highlights - some events and people may have been missed and/or overlooked, I apologise – but this was the season just past:-

The Branch took possession of the old Ballina Shelly Beach Clubhouse and renovations and refurbishment's have now commenced. It will be a real asset for lifesaving and the community, primarily as a meeting and training venue. Our sincere thanks must be extended to Paul Smith and his team for their generosity in installing the new kitchen facilities.

The season opened with the “Raising of the Flags” at Lennox Head and everyone appreciated the hospitality of the Lennox Club - the public and media were impressed by the amount of lifesaving activity on that day.

The magnificent new Surf Club at Lighthouse Beach, Ballina was finally opened. The Club has been highly successful under trying circumstances in recent seasons, but are now looking forward to further progress and success with this first class facility.

The Ballina Jet Boat performed magnificently with a rescue involving 2 capsized vessels near the mouth of the Richmond River. The Crew were awarded NSW Rescue of the Month, Rescue of the Year at the NSW Awards of Excellence and Surf Lifesaving Australia's Individual Meritorious Award with Silver Insert – just recognition for a most professional group.

Lennox Head Surf Club undergoes extensive renovations to the value of approximately \$180,000.00 with tremendous support from the NSW State Government and the local community. Brian Dell, his executive and members are to be complimented.

Salt Surf Club are successful in obtaining DA approval for the redevelopment of their Clubhouse, to the value of \$2.4 million.

Jim Dougherty, a stalwart of the Yamba Club, was rightfully awarded an OAM in the Australia Day Honours List.

It is with regret that we note the passing of two well known Life Members of the Branch – John Graham (Brunswick) and Brian “Buzza” Pearce (Evans Head) and a Life Member of the Branch JAC, Joyce Buchanan (Cudgen).

The Branch was pleased to be able to assist the Fingal Club with administrative support after a major change to their Executive and in this respect we warmly acknowledge the services of Belinda Doman.

Far North Coast Branch again excelled and performed above expectations in the competition arena.

Ela Heiniger is selected in the NSW team. She was also selected in the NSW High Performance Squad, and awarded Country Athlete of the Year at the Awards of Excellence. Cudgen hosted both the Junior and Open Branch Titles with distinction. Byron Bay wins the NSW Country Championships at Mollymook on the South Coast, Cudgen third and Ballina and Lennox Head also finished in the top 20.

The Inter-branch Championships are held at Soldiers Beach and Far North Coast are the Champion Country Branch, also beating Illawarra Branch – finishing 5th overall. The Junior Branch titles are won by Cudgen from Byron Bay and Lennox Head and the Open Branch Titles are won by Byron Bay. Far North Coast competitors and officials were

not daunted by the vast distances and travelling, and attended the State Titles at Umina and the Australian Titles at Scarborough in W.A. in great numbers and with considerable success.

The Surf Veterans Club is formed at Ballina to support the Surf Club and the new Clubhouse.

The Branch Development Camps were again very popular and extremely well run 13 /15's at Tallebudgera and the 15/17's at Ballina.

The President's Award for an outstanding contribution to Surf Lifesaving is awarded to Jimmy Keogh, the senior Branch Duty Officer.

I have been very impressed by the support and the enthusiasm throughout the season from all the various Club Presidents and their efforts to attend and to contribute to Branch Council Meetings – our Clubs are well represented.

The Branch has been very fortunate to be served by a willing and capable Executive – each Director has contributed and fulfilled their roles. I sincerely appreciate and acknowledge the services of Debbie Pawsey, John Watson, Elton Cummings, Paul Smith, Greg Clark, Geoff Horsey and Ben Redman for a job well done.

Again, I am aware that the performance and future of Far North Coast Surf Lifesaving is a team effort and I understand that there are many contributors – Club Executives, Officers and Officials, Club Members, families, friends and supporters, Sponsors, Politicians and Local Government and the Community at large – to all, a big thank you.

Wilson Cregan
President



Director of Administration Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch Inc.



The 2013-2014 season continued on from last season being very busy for our clubs with much more accountability, making the jobs of our volunteers' much more demanding, with the assistance of Directors, the Branch is positioned very well with compliance in all areas.

It was another successful season for the 10 clubs, Jet Boat and Support Services, that make up Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch and I would like to extend my thanks to every active member that patrolled our wonderful coastline. It is great to report that no lives were lost during patrol hours between the flags. Our Support Groups have, once again continued to provide strategic level of support to the branch and is now working to ensure close support to our clubs.

Over 1120 patrolling members from Fingal to Yamba managed to keep the Far North Coast safe for swimmers during patrols hours. In total there were over 42,404.75 hours performed. Our branch lifesavers have been led well by Director of Life Saving Ben Redman.

To provide quality patrolling lifesavers we need to have the highest level of training and education possible. Our Trainers and Assessors led by Director Geoff Horsey and the Education Committee have done a great job. None of these positions have any "down time" with training being undertaken all year round. The increasing demand on courses is making putting extra demand on clubs to develop more instructors, assessors and facilitators.

Our Surf Sports carnivals are enjoyed by those that attend and thanks goes to Director of Surf Sports John Watson and all officials for providing excellent opportunities for our members. Our Surf Sports team is still looking at ideas for the coming seasons on ways to improve the attendance at carnivals. There is a growing demand from clubs fro outside the branch to attend our carnivals because of a high level of competition and relaxed atmosphere at our carnivals both, Junior and Senior.

I had the pleasure visiting the Under 15-17 Development at Ballinalismore SLSC, it is always a wonderful experience to be involved with such enthusiastic young lifesavers of our branch. The camp was a great hit with all who attended, congratulations to Director of Member Services Paul Smith and his team of group of leaders who attended to made this camp an experience for those who attended.

On behalf of all members and Clubs in the Branch I take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors that have assisted us again for the 2013-2014 season. Without the support of these companies, our clubs would not be able to continue to provide the high level of lifesaving and search and rescue capabilities for the bathing and boating public within our branch. We continue to enjoy the support of major sponsors TURSA, Newcastle Permanent Building Society and Woollam Constructions.

I would like to make special mention of TURSA Employment, celebrating our tenth anniversary of the association. The sponsorship we have received from them over the last ten year has been invaluable to the successful running of Far North Coast Branch.



As we begin the 2014-2015 season we continue the development of a branch strategic plan, working alongside the our Branch Business Plan. With the Branch headquarters at Shelly Beach, the Branch now has a base for meetings, training and storing all branch equipment in a central position that is accessible by all members of the Branch when required.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Branch Executive Committee for their support and assistance over the past twelve months. We are very fortunate to have a strong and committed Executive Committee working together to make Far North Coast Branch the best in the state. Looking forward to the 2014-2015 Season.

Debbie Pawsey
Director of Administration



It is with great pleasure that I present this report for the 2013 / 2014 Far North Coast Lifesaving season.

We have had a very mild season compared to previous seasons, graced with beautiful weather and mostly well behaved seas. With all of this our 10 dedicated clubs ensured that our beaches were safe for the bathing public once again.

We were at first wary of Surfcom being moved to Sydney and it was not without teething problems.

A number of notable rescues were performed and I would like to congratulate Ballina Jet Boat for winning last year's national rescue of the year for their brave actions on the Ballina bar saving 5 lives. There were a few inter agency exercises during the year that our support operations teams were involved in, being an exercise with the Yamba port authority and SAREX also at Yamba involving Yamba Surf Club, RWC's, duty officers, Marine Rescue and the NSW Water Police.

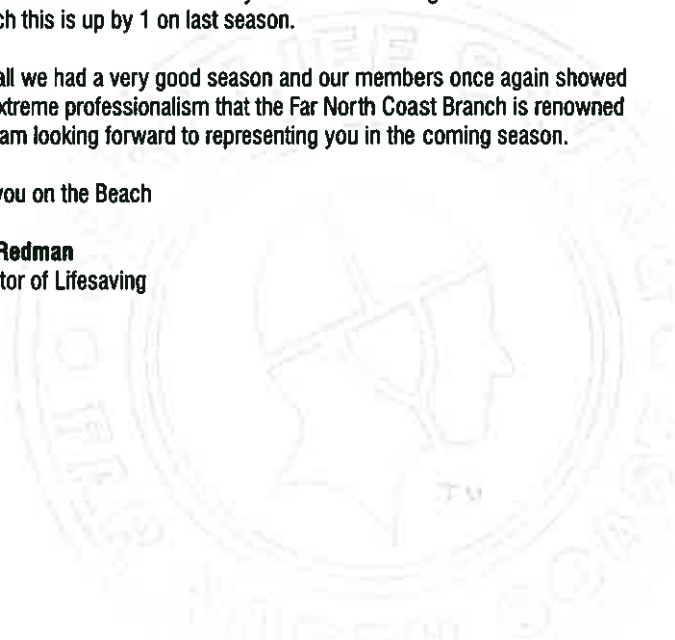
Next season will see some more changes to the way do things, from the introduction of mandatory life jackets in IRB's to changes of the way we operate our support operations and RWC's across the Branch.

Once again we were second only to Sydney Northern Beaches Branch for after hours call outs, with a total of 61, this is down from 89 for the same period last season. Unfortunately we had 3 drowning incidents in our branch this is up by 1 on last season.

Overall we had a very good season and our members once again showed the extreme professionalism that the Far North Coast Branch is renowned for. I am looking forward to representing you in the coming season.

See you on the Beach

Ben Redman
Director of Lifesaving





Director of Education Report Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch Inc.



This season saw the consolidation of the hard work put into the training and assessing of our Members since the upgrade of all our Trainer, Assessors and Facilitators to the current TAE Trainer Skill Set and Assessor Unit Cluster.

This season 11 members upgraded their skills to obtain the Certificate IV in Work Place Training and Assessment at a workshop carried out by SLSNSW Academy Support Officer Judy Spicer and 2 completed their Certificate 1V upgrade to the TAE units, at least a further two will be completing this upgrade online.

At present we are still short of members in the Training and Assessing of Candidates in various sections of the Branch and I will be working towards improving this throughout the coming season.

The Albert IRB Training Program was held at various venues in the northern end of the Branch over the winter months with approximately 70 candidates attending to complete either their Proficiency or working towards completing either the IRB Crew or Drivers Silver Medallion.

There were some problems with the completion of the paper work for these awards however this has been sorted out with the excellent assistance of Larry Platt, Chris Vanderwaal and Brennan Malone and we should see no problems with candidates obtaining either their award of proficiency. Last season 5 Branch Clubs were in attendance and the 2014-2015 season looks as though a further 2 will be attending. For this excellent training program I would like to thank Mike Crawley and his team in this initiative as it helps to fill the gap in the training of these awards as presently a number of clubs are short of IRB personnel.

Next season will again see a further update required to all members who hold awards that contain either Apply first aid, Apply Advanced First Aid, Apply Advanced Resuscitation Techniques, Provide Basic Emergency Life Support and Perform CPR. Various workshops will be held to update all our Trainer/Assessors and Facilitators and this will then flow down to other club members who hold these units. It should be noted that with these changes Surf Life Saving had no control over them.

Our Education Meetings were well supported by our members and I thank them for this together with Sharon Balkin for the excellent set of minutes she has again produced.

The completion of the paper work for all awards continues to improve and I again thank you all for this. Remember it is the candidates that are inconvenienced if we the Trainers and Assessors do not complete our work as required. We will at a Branch level continue to look at ways to assist clubs in the completion of the required paper work, I know it's onerous, but it's one of those things that is important.

in conclusion I would firstly like to thank all Trainer, Assessors and Facilitators for their dedication to the ongoing training and assessment of our members, this is something that Surf Life Saving cannot continue without, well done.

To the other Branch Executive Members thank you for your support and advise over the season and finally to Larry Platt the work he has put in to our award processing position, it is hard to find suitable words other than thanks very much.

God willing I will see you all on the beach next season.

Geoff Horsey
Director of Education

Far North Coast Branch **MEMBER SERVICES**

Another season has come and gone and it is with great pleasure that I submit the Director of Member Services Report for the 2013-2014 season.

THE FAR NORTH COAST AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE night was another great night with 170 people attending. It was held at Cudgen Headland Surf Club on the 16th June, 2013 and on this very special night the Branch acknowledged and recognised its members, sponsors and supporters.

Lifesaver of the Year : James Ryan (Yamba SLSC)

Junior Lifesaver of the Year : Amelia Perris
(Ballina Lighthouse and Lismore SLSC)

Cadet Lifesaver of the Year : Sam and Ben Limpenny-Fawcett
(Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore SLSC)

Assessor of the Year : Larry Platt
(Lennox Head- Alstonville SLSC)

Training Officer of the Year : Michael Kenny
(Cudgen Headland SLSC)

Facilitator of the Year : Rod Balkin
(Ballina Lighthouse and Lismore SLSC)

Male Competitor of the Year : Josh Brown (Byron Bay SLSC)

Female Competitor of the Year : Ela Heiniger (Byron Bay SLSC)

Masters Athlete of the Year : Helen Murray (Byron Bay SLSC)

Coach of the Year : Scott McCartney (Cudgen Headland SLSC)

Competition Official of the Year : Sam Patterson
(Cudgen Headland SLSC)

Administrator of the Year : Sandra Palmer
(Cudgen Headland SLSC)

Jacob Lollback Interbranch Trophy : Bradley Hunt
(Lennox Head-Alstonville SLSC)

Promar FX Presidents Award : Jimmy Keough
(Byron Bay SLSC)

Branch Point Score : Byron Bay SLSC

Junior Club of the Year : Lennox Head-Alstonville SLSC

Administration Club of the Year : Byron Bay SLSC
Education Club of the Year : Lennox Head- Alstonville SLSC
Surf Sports Club of the Year : Salt SLSC
Surf Life Saving Club of the Year :
Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore SLSC
Club of the Year : Lennox Head-Alstonville SLSC

DISTINGUISHED AWARDS

Congratulations to Wilson Cregan for receiving his 50 Years Long Service Award.

Ela Heiniger (Byron Bay SLSC) was awarded Country Athlete of the Year in recognition of her outstanding achievements in surf sports at the NSW Surf Lifesaving Awards of Excellence. Mark Puglisi, Gary Murphy, Brad Heard, Gary Meredith, Simon Fogarty, Elton Cummings, Ross Trease and Ben Redman of the Far North Coast Ballina Jet Boat received Rescue of the Year at the NSW Surf Life Saving Awards of Excellence.

Congratulations to Jim Dougherty on receiving an OAM for his services to Life Saving and the Community.

JUNIOR LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR

Every year our job of picking a male and a female Junior Life saver of the Year for our branch is getting harder and harder. This season we had 14 nominations and those nominations were received from 8 out of the 10 clubs within our branch.

I would just like to congratulate all of the nominees, you should be very proud of yourself because it is a great honour to be selected to represent your club.

The nominees were :

Riley Smith (Salt SLSC)

Evee Thuys (Salt SLSC)

Cooper Murphy (Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore SLSC)

Karina Perris (Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore SLSC)

Aislinn Wilson (Cabarita SLSC)

Karinne Wihlborg (Cabarita SLSC)

Shaylla Young (Lennox Head- Alstonville SLSC)

Luke Mouric (Lennox Head- Alstonville SLSC)

Finley Campbell (Byron Bay SLSC)

Ava Buckley (Byron Bay SLSC)

Sarah Wilson (Cudgen Headland SLSC)

Liam MacPhail (Cudgen Headland SLSC)



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Finn Shaw (Brunswick SLSC)
Rachael Redman (Evans Head- Casino SLSC)

Congratulations to Cooper Murphy (Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore SLSC) and Sarah Wilson (Cudgen Headland SLSC) for taking out the 2013/2014 FNC Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award. They both went on to represent our Branch at the Junior Lifesaver of the Year Development program for Surf Life Saving NSW. I would also like to thank John Watson, Rose Bradley and Joe Keane for taking the time to interview the candidates.

UNDER 13 / 14 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The 2014 Development Camp for the U13-14's was held from the 1st-3rd January and it proved to be another great success. It was held at Tallebudgera Active Recreation Centre and it gave 63 participants an opportunity to develop life skills such as leadership, goal setting and team building.

This year's camp included activities such as high ropes, giant swing, dodge ball. The participants showed great skills, determination and a positive commitment to every challenge. They were also involved in amazing race and other team challenges each night.

The camp would not have been possible without the support from Greg Pile, Kaitlin Smith, Fletcher Budd, Zoe Heiniger, Amie Smith, Liam Patience and Alexandra Barnes as our leaders.

I would also like to thank Newcastle Permanent, Surf Life Saving NSW and Far North Coast Surf Life Saving for sponsoring the U13 - 14 Development Camp.

UNDER 15 / 17 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The U15-17 Leadership Development Camp was held on Saturday 26th April -Sunday 27th April 2014 at Ballina Lighthouse and Lismore Surf Club. This year we only received 14 applications from Cudgen Headland, Yamba, Evans Head- Casino, Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore and Lennox Head-Alstonville SLSC.

It was sad to hear that some clubs didn't circulate the Camp information to their members and this could be part of the reason why numbers were low this year. Club members can access all information about the development camps on the Branch's website and face book page.

The participants were involved in a number of physical challenges such as amazing race and laser skirmish which taught them to how to be part of a team. They also got to have a ride on the jet skis and in the Ballina Jet Boat.

I would like to thank Greg Pile, Christine Warren, Lucy Ellis and Joe Keane for being the leaders at the camp. Special thanks go to Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Club for allowing us to use their premises and to Newcastle Permanent and for sponsoring this camp. I would also like to thank Gary Murphy for organising the jet boat and jet skis.

I would especially like to thank Wilson Cregan and Elton Cummings for attending both development camps and answering any questions that the participants asked.

STATE AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

The Youth Opportunity Makers Program was held at the Collaroy

Centre in Collaroy from the 23-26 April, 2014. We had ten nominations for this program and the five successful participants were :

Alexandra Barnes (Byron Bay SLSC)
Jack Graham-Jones (Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore SLSC)
Jake Landrigan (Evans Head-Casino SLSC)
Luke Blunn (Evans Head-Casino SLSC)
Tom Ellis (Evans Head-Casino SLSC)

The program was aimed at developing the U15-17's leadership and team building skills and to teach them how to set realistic goals in a challenging and constructive environment.

The Branch is very proud of the representatives that we sent.

AGE MANAGER COURSES

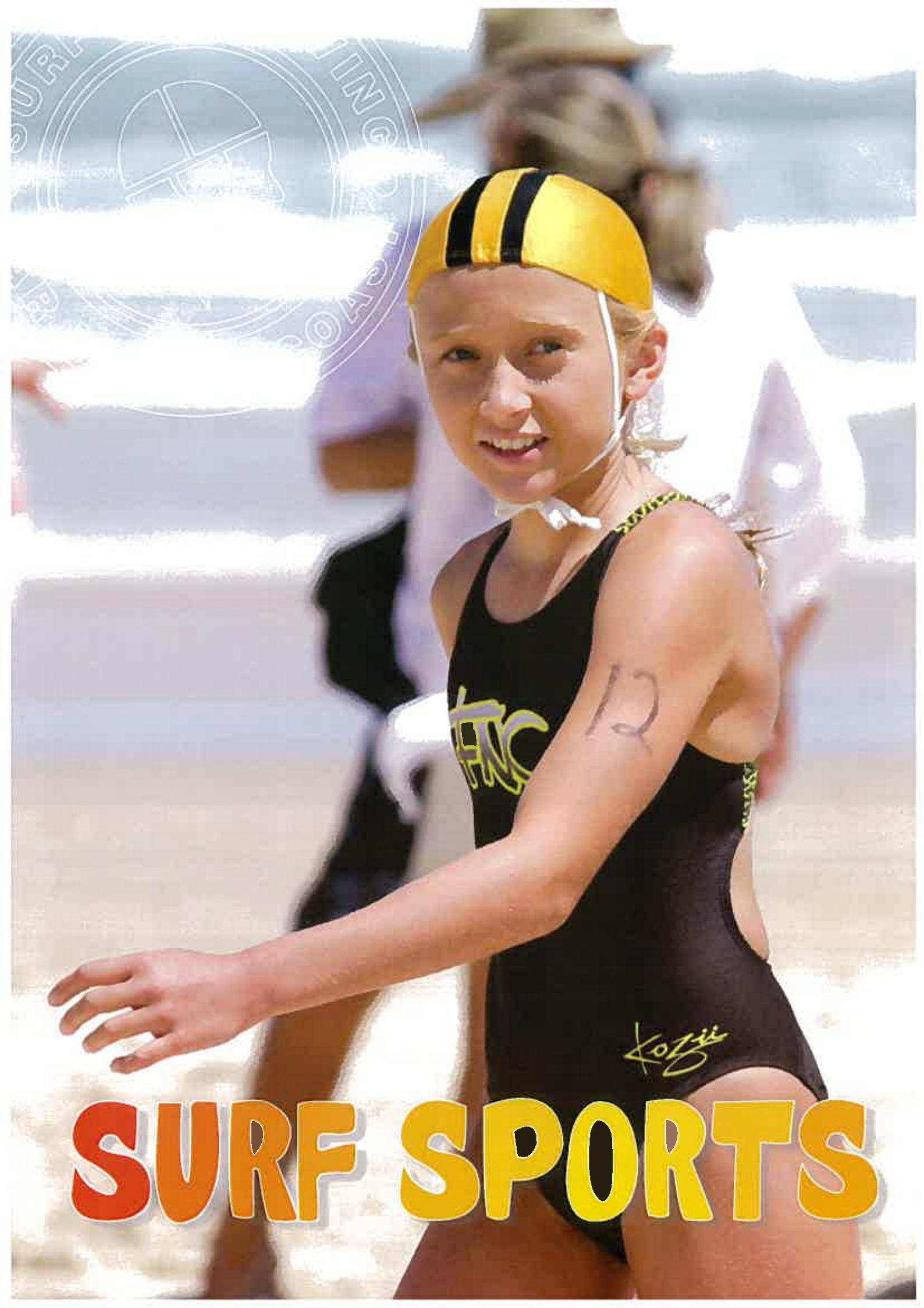
At the beginning of the 2013-2014 Season we held three Age Managers Courses with an overall attendance of 45 people.

I would like to say thank you to Geoff Horsey for taking the time to help me run this course for the Age Managers.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our major sponsors for their support to Far North Coast Surf Life Saving 2013-2014.

Paul Smith
Director of Member Services





SURF SPORTS



Surf Sports Report

Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch Inc.

The Far North Coast Branch Board of Surf Sports again had a very busy and full competition year in season 2013-14. The competition season commenced with the staging of the Jacob Lollback Memorial Carnival at Yamba on Saturday 28th September 2013. This carnival again drew a large number of entries from local and visiting clubs for the days competition.



This Memorial Carnival will again be conducted at Yamba in the coming season on Saturday 4th October 2014. Following closely on from this carnival was the Lennox Head Enduro conducted annually at Lennox Head hosted by the Lennox Head-Alstonville S.L.S.C. The organisers of last season's event were very pleased with the increase in entries for the event, and are looking forward to the conduct of the event in the coming season. The Enduro for coming season will be held at Lennox Head on Saturday 11th October 2014.

The U / 12- Senior Carnival was held at Cabarita in October hosted very successfully by the Cabarita Beach S.L.S.C. The U/12-U/19 events were well patronised with good entries for all those events, not so with the open event competitors where the entries were disappointing. Attendance of competition officials on the day was very pleasing.

The ever popular Cudgen Classic continues to grow in popularity with good nominations again being received for the event from local and visiting junior clubs. The Classic in 2014 will again be conducted at Kingscliff on Saturday 25th October hosted by Cudgen Headland S.L.S.C,



SENIOR CARNIVALS

Open Carnivals for the past season were conducted at the following venues: Cabarita 27th October, Byron Bay 10th November, Cudgen 8th December. The final two Open Carnivals were conducted at Cudgen on 9th February being the Branch Masters and Open Championships. With the exception of boat events good attendance of clubs for the events was registered. For the second year in a row boat events have not been held at the Branch Championships owing to lack of interest by the clubs. However in the coming season it is

planned to be included in the North Coast Boat Series event with rounds being conducted in the Far North Coast Branch. More importantly is hoped that this will stimulate more interest in this event from branch clubs. Byron Bay continued their dominance in competition by successfully defending their Point Score Championship.

The Championships were conducted in fine weather with good surf conditions on the day. The Branch Championships both Open and Junior next season by rotation will be conducted at Salt.

JUNIOR CARNIVALS

Junior Carnivals were held at the following venues over the past season: Salt 3rd November, Lennox Head 17th November, Byron Bay 1st December. Branch Championships were set down for the 1st/2nd February but owing to very bad conditions at Cudgen on the day the event was postponed and was finally conducted very successfully on the weekend of 16th/17th February with a very good attendance of competitors for the days event 9 branch clubs were in attendance for the competition, and also 48 Branch Competition Officials attended.

The Championships were conducted in sometimes fine and overcast conditions in a moderate to testing surf. The preparation by the Cudgen Club for all the Branch Championships was first class and congratulations and thanks are extended to the club on their efforts.



INTER BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2013-14 Inter Branch Championships were set down for the 14th /1 5th December with the venue being North Entrance S.L.S.C. Central Coast Branch. However a late change of venue saw the event being staged at Soldiers Beach hosted by Soldiers Beach S,L.S.C. Again as with the season before no boat events were conducted.

The Far North Coast Branch Team regained the Champion Country Branch Championship after a number of years being bridesmaid to the South Coast Branch in this event. Branch Team competitors did the Branch proud by doing so well at the Championships.

In the overall point score the Branch came 5th with only a few points just keeping the team out of 4th place. Notable performances by female Captain Nadi Canning taking out the Open Female Single

Ski, third in the Open Womens Iron Person. Likewise the Male Captain Jarrad Cain ran a close 2nd in the Senior Iron Man event. The State Team was also announced at the Championships with Far North Coast Team Members Josh Brown, Ela Heiniger, Luke Chaffer and Kendal Fitzgibbon being selected in the 2014 Team. To top the day off Scott McCartney was selected as the Assistant State Coach for the team also.

The preparation by the Team Manager Harry Klouzal and the Coach Scott McCartney of the team was excellent and congratulations are extended to them for their efforts. Credit also is extended to Adam Mills for his attention to our beach competitors and it was through his efforts that the beach competitors did so well at these Championships. Also a lot of credit must go to the Support Team of Alison Leaver, Maryanne Sewell, Rachael Hughes, Paul Smith, Ray Leaver, Darron Brown Gary Timperley and Carol Smith for their support to the team which contributed greatly to the team's success.



HIGH SCHOOLS CARNIVALS

Two School Carnivals were held in the Branch over the past season. Combined Public School's Carnival was conducted at Yamba on Friday 8th November. The carnival was attended by many High Schools in the North Coast Region. All events were keenly contested by the competitors on a very fine day of competition. Fifteen Branch Competition Officials attended to assist in the conduct of the events. Next season the combined Public School Carnival will be conducted at Byron Bay on Friday 7th November.

Likewise the Catholic High School's Carnival was conducted at Cabarita Beach on Thursday 21st November. The Carnival received strong support from the Catholic School's in the Diocese. All events were very well supported by the competitors attending. The Catholic School's Carnival next season will be held at Byron Bay on Thursday 20th November.

NEW SOUTH WALES COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Venue Mollymook Far South Coast Branch. The Branch was well represented at these Championships. The Branch proved its strength in Surf Sports with 7 of the Branch Clubs finishing in the top 20 in the overall Championship Point Score : Point Score placings were (1) Byron Bay 882.5 (3) Cudgen

Headland 556. (12) Lennox Head 118. (13) Salt 79. (14) Ballina 78. (15) Yamba 74. Eight Branch Clubs were in attendance with 264 nominations to the Championships from those clubs.

Cudgen Senior Board Coach Scott McCartney continued his incredible run of dominance in board events notching up his tenth victory in the Open Board Race.

Another highlight for the Branch was the selection of Far North Coast Branch Officials to conduct the events.

Very noticeable was the selection of Sectional Referee's for the Championships with four Far North Coast Branch Officials being selected to conduct the competition area's Water Referee's selected were (1) Peter Allsopp, (2) Bryan Lyndon and (3) Debbie Pawsey. Gavin Marshall was the Beach Referee. In all 32 Branch Officials attended the Country Championships. The 2014 / 15 Championships will again be conducted at Mollymook on 16th to 18th January.

NEW SOUTH WALES STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Conducted over four weekends from the 22nd February to 15th/16th March proved very difficult for Far North Coast Clubs to attend the Championships over such a long period. Branch representation was down on previous years owing to the travel involved in competing in selected events. However the Branch representation was fair. Branch representation at the State Masters Championships was really affected with only two Branch Clubs attending. Thankfully next season common sense will again prevail with the Championship format more acceptable for competitors to attend. State Championship venue for next season will again be Umina / Ocean Beach.





AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

2013-14 Championships held at Scarborough Western Australia. Several Branch Clubs made the long journey to the Aussies. Byron Bay featured well in the results particularly in the Masters Events. Only three Branch Competition Officials attended.

BRANCH CARNIVAL GEAR

Charlie Buchanan took over the Gear Stewards position for Season 2013-14. Charlie has really done a fine job with looking after this expensive equipment and thanks are extended to him for his work over the season. All the gear is in good condition for the coming season thanks to Charlie.

FAR NORTH COAST POOL RESCUE

A very successful day was held at the Southern Cross University Pool during the season. This event is becoming very popular on the S.L.S.A Competition Calendar. The 2014 / 15 event will take place at the Southern Cross University Pool on Saturday 24th May for the competitors and Officials Education update and the pool competition will take place on Sunday 25th May.



BRANCH BOARD SURF SPORTS

Last season was again very successful for the Board with 120 Competition Officials on the competition board. Board Meetings were held on a regular 2 monthly basis where a good attendance of officials was recorded at these meetings. I would thank those loyal officials for their support over the season.

LEVEL 1 COMPETITION OFFICIALS COURSE

Two such Courses were planned to be conducted during the season. The course planned for the 2nd November had to be cancelled owing to lack of interest. The second planned for the 30th November nearly met the same fate, and only for last minute efforts by Paul Smith the course was finally held at Ballina on the 30th November with 20 members attending.

FAR NORTH COAST BRANCH YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Branch Youth Committee met regularly over the past season. Denise Young did a great job as Chairperson. Carol Smith as Secretary also has to be commended for her efforts in the

administration. Through Carol's efforts the Meetings were well attended by Branch Club Delegates.

BRANCH SCRUTINEERS

Very busy year again for our Branch Scrutineers led very capably by Chief Scrutineer Kim Holdom. Kim did a great job in checking and assisting clubs in the scrutineering of club Lifesaving and Competition equipment and on many occasions go out of his way to assist clubs in scrutineering which is appreciated by branch clubs.

BRUNSWICK MASTERS CARNIVAL

Still a popular season event. The day is sponsored by the Brunswick Hotel where competitors compete for the "Con Asmussen" Memorial Trophy. The event will again take place on Saturday 7th February at Brunswick Heads. The event is very popular with Queensland clubs who make up most of those attending the carnival. Would be nice to see more support from Far North Coast Branch Clubs as it is a great day of friendly competition for the older surf competitor.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR.

Ballina Jet Boat Crew being recognised for the Rescue of the Year at the N.S.W. Awards of Excellence.



FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Ela Heineger being named the N.S.W Female Athlete of the Year at the 2013 N.S.W Awards of Excellence.

AUSTRALIAN TEAM SELECTION.

Josh Brown and Ela Heineger selected in the Australian Team to contest the World Championships at Rescue 14 in France.

NSW STATE TEAM SELECTION

Ela Heineger, Josh Brown (Byron Bay), Kendal Fitzgibbon (Cudgen) selected in the N.S.W State Team. Scott McCartney selected as Assistant Coach for the N.S.W State Team.

2014 LIFESAVING EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Christine Warren (Evans Head / Casino)



TALENTED ATHLETE PROGRAM

Branch Members Selected were: Mahli Borham (Ballina) Caitlin Callahan (Byron Bay) Josh Quinn (Cudgen) Eeve Thuys (SALT)

2013 POOL DEVELOPEMENT TOUR N.Z.

Ela Heineger and Josh Brown (Byron Bay) Kendal Fitzgibbon (Cudgen)

2013 NSW HIGH PERFORMANCE SQUAD

Luke Chaffer (Cudgen). Ela Heineger (Byron Bay)

NSW POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS (WOY WOY)

Clubs competing with distinction were Lennox Head- Alstonville (14th Place) Cudgen 15th. Byron Bay 17th.

VALE

Sadly over the season the Branch lost two very prominent Life Members.

Brian (Buzza) Pearce. Life Member Evans Head-Casino S.L.S.C. Life Member Far North Coast Branch S.L.S. Past Branch District Supervisor. Branch Team Manager.Branch Chief Superintendant.

John (Custard) Graham. Life Member Brunswick S.L.S.C. Life Member Far North Coast Branch. Past District Supervisor. Member various committee's Far North Coast Branch. The Branch offers sincere sympathy to family members on their loss.

CONCLUSION AND THANKS

Firstly to Cudgen Headlands S.L.S.C for their magnificent effort in conducting both Junior and Senior Branch Championships in the past season.

Also best wishes are extended for the staging of the 2014 Australian IRB Championships to be held at Cudgen in July. Thanks and congratulations to all Clubs ,competitors and Officials for their support over the past 2013 / 14 Season.



Finally my sincere thanks to my fellow Branch Executive Members for their support over the season.

John Watson. AM
Director of Surf Sports





POOL CHAMPIONSHIPS







Team Managers Report Interbranch Team Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch Inc.

The Team in 2013 travelled to North Entrance in readiness for competition in the NSW Inter Branch Championships at Soldiers Beach SLSC.

The Team was accommodated at Dunleith Tourist Park at Nth Entrance, arriving on Thursday evening. Friday morning brought a Team session at North entrance Beach followed by a cooked breakfast. After a surf session at Soldiers Beach, about 11 am, the team had lunch and settled into a relaxed afternoon that culminated in activities on the lake. The decision to travel one day earlier was very beneficial to the team, allowing Friday for several surf sessions and invaluable time for Team bonding. Friday evening started with a Great Roast diner and then Team Meeting and Presentation of Caps. The Presentation, hosted by Nadi and Jarrad was a masterstroke and provided an informal presentation of all team members, a few laughs and a fun night.

The Championships were conducted on Saturday and Sunday. As expected, competition was tough and hard. Soldiers Beach threw up a bit of surf and testing conditions throughout the day. The events at the Inter Branch Championships are raced as finals, that is the best in NSW. The FNC Team represented the Branch admirably, displaying some incredible efforts and a never give up attitude. Who will ever forget the first event of the weekend, the Open Women's Surf Race and Shannon's great win. This paved the way for many more memorable individual and team performances. The Branch should be very proud of their efforts and the manner in which our Athletes conducted themselves.

Everywhere you looked our Team was supportive of all of our competitors, easily distinguished in our Team uniform.

As most are aware, Inter Branch is a unique event, with the point score running from 11 points for a win, with points on offer for the top ten placing. All events are a combined Individual and Teams event. All our competitors performed well and gave their best efforts, some were rewarded, some were disappointed but they can all be reassured we were proud of all their efforts.

There were some outstanding performances and in no way do I want to play down the efforts of any member of our Team, therefore, if anyone wants to view the results they are available on the Surf NSW website. As Scott says, "even on Saturday night, this was a great Team effort and we all contribute to our result."

I was very lucky to have a array of caring, motivated, professional and very experienced Management Team. The Management Team worked well together to provide everything a Manager and Athletes could ask for. I need to thank Scott McCartney "Macca" as Head Coach, whose professionalism, leadership and individual performances in the Opens with the Team were excellent. As Assistant Manager, Darron Brown and our Head Chaperone Allison Leaver were of great assistance to me and the Team. Allison and Darron looked after the catering and we could not have asked for better. To all our Chaperones, Mary Anne and Rachael, a huge thank you for your time and I know the Team are very grateful for you help and assistance.

To our Assistant Coaches, Gary (Water) and Adam (Beach) your experience and rapport with both Athletes and Officials was invaluable. The value of having an experienced Beach Coach was integral to our success. The gear stewards, Ray and Paul, never stopped, everything was in place the entire trip. Beginning with packing Trailers, the trip, the weekend and then unpacking. A huge thanks from all the team.

The team had a goal and should be very proud of their efforts. You brought Home the NSW Inter Branch Country Point Score Trophy. Regained after 5 years, what a tremendous Team Performance to win by 320 Points. Your support of each other and management, your camaraderie and competitive efforts were outstanding. The Branch needs to commend the Team for the

manner in which they competed and represented. For many of our Athletes, Inter Branch is their only chance of representation and I know the Branch will continue to support our Branch athletes in achieving their goals. Our Athletes and Management did the Far North Coast proud. Results from the weekend were outstanding.



Overall Point Score – 5th

1. Sydney (1337.5); 2. SNB (1315.5); 3. CC (1244); 4. Hunter (1193.5); 5. FNC (1052); 6. Ilawarra (938); 7. South Coast (737); 8. NC (670.5); 9. MNC (437.5); 10. LNC (326); 11. FSC (262.5)
Country Point Score – 1st.

1. Far North Coast – 1052 pts
2. South Coast -737 pts
3. North Coast – 670.5 pts

Too many results to mention, the Results are listed on the SLSNSW Website. Some highlights, were :

Shannon Hilbert-Green Opens Womens Surf 1st
Shannon and Nadi Canning Open Womens Surf Teams 2nd
Scott McCartney and Jarrad Cain Open Mens Board Rescue 1st
Nadi Canning and Ellie Leaver Open Women's Board Rescue 1st
Nadi Canning Open Women's Ski 1st
Nadi and Ellie Open Women's Ski Teams 2nd
Nadi and Shannon Open Women's Iron Teams 2nd
Jarrad Cain Open Men's Iron Man 2nd
Jarrad and Nathan Gray Open Men's Iron Man Teams 1st
Kissane Irwin & Zoe Heiniger U19 Women's Ski Teams 2nd
Kissane Irwin (U17) U19 Women's Ski 4th
Joel Martin (U17) U19 Men's Ski 3rd
Luke Chaffer U17 Male Board 1st
Luke and Josh Brown U17 Male Board Teams 1st
Shaun Sewell U17 Men's Ski 1st
Shaun, Ela, Josh & Miffy U17 Mixed Taplin 1st
Shaun and Josh U17 Men's Ski Teams 1st
Josh and Luke U17 Iron Man Teams 3rd
Ela and Zoe Burgess U17 Women's Ski Teams 1st
Ela Heiniger U17 Iron Woman 2nd
Jy Timperley U15 Male Board 2nd
Jy Timperley U15 Iron Man 3rd
Jy and Lewis Warne U15 Male Board Teams 2nd
Jy and Josh U15 Iron Man Teams 3rd
Anthea Warne and Zoe Hughes U13 Women's Board Teams 2nd
Anthea Warne and Zoe Hughes U13 Women's Board Rescue 1st
Josh Jones, Zoe, Brad & Claudia U13 Cameron Relay 3rd
Hayley Smith U12 Iron Woman 3rd
Brad Hunt U13 Men's Beach Sprint 1st
Joel Martin U19 Men's Beach Flags 2nd

... And ALL the other placing's, continually keeping us ahead in a dominant Team Point Score effort !!!

Only those involved in this competition can appreciate how much this means to our competitors not to mention the prestige and credibility of the FNC Branch. Finally, to Nadi Canning and Jarrod Cain, you were worthy Team Captains and your efforts with the Team were invaluable, thank you. To all team members, I hope the friendships you made and experiences you had on tour with the FNC Team are long lasting and memorable.

Harry Klouzal
Team Manager





ALBERT

The Australian LifeSaving Boat Emergency Rescue Training



FINGAL ROVERS SLSC



Another great season has come to an end. For Fingal the progress of our club house is a slow one with a number of new faces on the management committee this year.

Awards : A slow year for training with a small group of Surf Rescue and Bronze trainees joining the fold. Thank you to Brian Lewis for all of the weekends to get these very keen members across the line. A few small groups attained First Aid qualifications throughout the season. All of Fingal's members have strived to maintain their skills at the highest level.



Patrols : One of the best years for patrolling on our beautiful beach, with preventative actions up and rescues down. These are good indicators that not only are our members doing their job on patrol, but also the public are following the advice and warnings that our members are giving during patrol hours.



ALBERT Training : Fingal has always been a strong IRB Club and within ALBERT it is no different.

Always having members lining up to hone their skills in the water, but also being part of passing on the essential skills that have made Fingal a strong IRB club.



Branch : At a branch level the club sent two of its young members Rory Impellizzeri and Madison Baird to the Under 13-14 Development Camp held at Tallebudgera, where the young members took part in : **Team building actives :** it's not just you we are a team. **Pathways for the youth :** where can I go with Surf Life Saving. **Families :** who and what there are and have done within Surf Life Saving.



I would like to thank the members who give extra time to conduct RWC patrols and Duty Officer roles at branch.

State / National : Fingal always supports competition by way of supplying water safety and officials to a number of events around the state and country. We always are well received at these events. Thank you to all our members who give their time up for these roles. I know they enjoy it each time.

We also had Emily Bottom-Clayton attend the 18 -25 Development Network Program as a Facilitator. Emily has developed some excellent skills in this area. Emily attended the National Leadership College this season at St Pauls College for six days.

Emily was involved in workshops and listened to guest speakers on a range of topics : Communication - Managing conflict - Strategic planning - Developing others.

At Fingal we are looking forward to the next season as our small club moves forward to providing the best beach safety service in the Tweed.



CUDGEN HEADLAND SLSC



This season was kicked off with a very successful Surf Club Open Day on 29th September. A big thank you to David Field who took control of the organisation of the day which was well supported by representatives from the Kingscliff Rural Fire Brigade, local Police, Ambulance and Coast Guard services.

Activities organised for the day included JAC beach activities, a club paddle in the creek, an aerial photo shoot and displays by each of the Emergency Services groups. The fantastic weather capped off a great start to the season and one which we believe the community and visitors thoroughly enjoyed. A special thanks to the Kingscliff Lions Club for feeding the masses with their traditional sausage sizzle and our club members who got behind the day and supported the event.

Club Management. This season we welcomed three new members onto the clubs Executive Board and some changes to appointments within our subcommittee positions. With new appointments always comes an injection of new ideas and I continue to marvel at the level of commitment and dedication that some of our volunteer members display in their various roles within the club structure. I would particularly like to thank our outgoing Financial Director, Trudie Tesch, for her assistance over a number of seasons with getting the club into a strong financial position.

I acknowledge the contribution of all the outgoing members who volunteered their time to take up a position on the Board or any of our sub-committees and take this opportunity to personally thank them.



Surf Lifesaving. During the year the club focused on up skilling the qualifications of our active member base and upgrading our Marine Aquatic Rescue equipment to ensure that we are adequately servicing the local community and meeting our patrolling obligations.

A big thank you to Michael Kenny and his training team for another solid year as our Education Manager, delivering much needed training course for the club and throughout the Branch.

As part of the clubs goal to upgrade our rescue equipment a successful replacement program was launched resulting in major sponsors such as JH Williams, the Kingscliff Bowls Club and the Old Boys who jumped on board to assist us with the replacement of two of our IRB hulls and the purchase of new Mercury motors. In addition we were fortunate to receive one of the BRP equipment grants through SLSA and look forward to using our new Can-Am Commander 800 ATV's for next season's patrols.



Another successful club patrol competition saw the event being taken out by our very capable competitors patrol the "Flying Fish", ably lead by Dylan Klein.

The Australian LifeSaving Boat Emergency Rescue Training (ALBERT), has continued to develop this season and with the support of the Branch Executive has now become an essential part of the Clubs IRB training program. Many thanks go to Mick O'Brien, Mike Crawley, Chris van der Waal and Brennan Malone for their efforts in maintaining the compliance of our IRBs this season and continuing to deliver programs like ALBERT.

I thank our Surf Lifesaving Director Susan Young, Mike Crawley, our Patrol Captains and Active Members for their dedication in keeping our beaches adequately patrolled for the season.

Surf Sports. After achieving the Clubs most successful competition season in 2012 / 13 our Surf Sports Team committed to cementing the clubs position, in the competition arena, amongst the leading country clubs in the state with solid performances at all the major carnivals throughout the season.

The club hosted the branch championships for the first time in a number of years with the Senior Championships having the pick of the conditions resulting in very good competitor attendance from across all of the nine FNC clubs.

The Junior competitors had to deal with difficult surf conditions after having there carnival rescheduled and high praise was received from the FNC Branch Surfsports Director John Watson for Cudgen's effort in the staging of the events.

A huge thank you to those members who volunteered their time over both weekends to deliver both events to the highest quality.

This season our competitors faced the challenge of travelling long distances to compete, travelling everywhere from Yamba, Coffs Harbour, Mollymook, Umina and over to Perth.

All their hard work during the off season paid off with some fantastic results at the major carnivals throughout the season which culminated in a return to the flat conditions in Perth for the Aussie Titles.

The girls outshone the boys at the NSW state titles held at Umina, coming home with a swag of medals and the respect of a lot of the large metropolitan clubs.

We took a small team over to the West for the Aussie Championships who did extremely well against the top competition in the Country. Luke Chaffer again demonstrated why he is one of the most exciting young competitors in the sport by backing up his gold medal from the U15 rescue tube race at last year championships with a silver in the U17 Rescue Tube in Perth.

Cudgen has been selected to host the 2014 Australian IRB Championships at our own Kingscliff Beach from the 18-20 July, 2014, which provides an opportunity for the best IRB crews from around Australia to compete against each other over an action packed weekend of competition. The event will again provide us with an opportunity to showcase our area and we look forward to delivering the event.

Congratulations to all our competitors who have represented the club throughout the season and we extend our thanks to all the parents and supporters who assisted with helping organise the competitors. In particular a special mention for the efforts of our Surf sports Director Cheryl Cain and her team (Scott McCartney, Jarred Cain and Narelle Chaffer) for investing their time into the support of our Surf sports team.

Junior Activities Committee (JAC). The 2013 / 14 season again saw good numbers signing up for the JAC and another successful year for the Cudgen Classic which now includes some senior events. This year's Classic went fantastically well with 340 registered competitors for the event. The weather was perfect and surf conditions made for some excellent close racing. Plans are already in place to make next year's event bigger and better.

Our juniors again showed why we are considered to be one of the best competitive country clubs in the State by again taking out the Junior NSW Country Titles point score and had solid performances at all carnivals during the year.

Congratulations to all those Junior competitors who represented the club at the NSW State Titles in Umina, where again the weather turned nasty and the conditions proved to be average. The high number of top 10 finishes and finalists demonstrated that we can mix it with the big metropolitan clubs. A special mention of Tom Swift and Haley Smith's efforts in coming home with medals.

Thanks must be extended to all the parents and supporters during the season who have assisted on the regular Sunday morning activity days, or travelled to the carnivals and assisted with our teams to make the experience enjoyable for the kids.

Fundraising. The club has had a very successful year in attracting sponsorship to assist with the replacement of our rescue equipment and I thank all those people who volunteered their time to assist with our regular fundraising activities during the year.

Our annual car draw was again very success under Sandra Palmer's management resulting in all tickets being sold and a record return. A fantastic effort which will assist the club with the replacement of much needed rescue equipment.

A big thank you to Brian Vickery, Phil Davis, Mark O'Donoghue and the works crew who volunteered their time to assist with our fundraising events and we once again thank the Cudgen Old Boys Association for their support of our competitors and their contribution to improving our equipment.

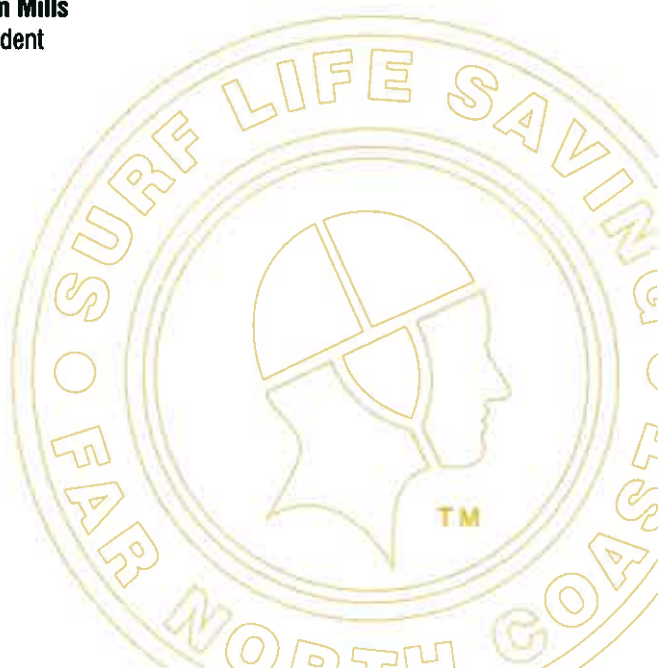


Thank you to our major sponsors : Dial before you Dig, Tweed Shire Council, Summerland Credit Union, QSM Sports, Kingscliff Bowls Club, Imperial Hotel, JH Williams, Southern Cross University, Kingscliff Lions Club, Kingscliff Rotary Club, Kozii Swimwear, Excel Surfcraft and all of our many sponsors for their valuable support throughout this season.

Your assistance allows our Surf Club to patrol our beach and keep the members of our Community safe.

The club looks forward to our continued involvement with Surf Lifesaving in the Far North Coast Branch next season.

Adam Mills
President





The 2013 / 14 season for Salt SLSC has been filled with highlights and a very active season on the beach. We are pleased to report that Salt Beach whilst a challenging and open surf beach has maintained its safety record due to a dedicated team of active patrolling members.

Our Club Captain and Education Officer Gary Raso was responsible for a Bronze squad of 16 and 3 SRC gaining their Bronze Medallions through the season. That has enabled our club to boost patrol numbers to a more comfortable level.



Salt juniors have achieved their best competitive results in our clubs 9-year history. Credit goes to a very enthusiastic JAC in Jeff Smith and a team of age managers, coaches and carnival manager who have provided excellent training and leadership both on and off the beach. Salt is a family club that provides great community support and has forged many new friendships.

Our club was extremely proud to host the Kellogg's Nutri Grain trial in November 2013, a first for the Tweed Coast. The event was a resounding success for organizers, officials and most importantly the elite competitors the event attracts.

Salt was also host to a Corporate Challenge, comprising swim, bike and run events conducted over 2 days and with the involvement of 42 club members.

A milestone has been achieved with the approval of a development application to construct a new clubhouse on the existing gear shed site. This was followed by a successful facilities grant from the State Government Sport and Recreation department for \$305,000. Further progress has resulted in the final construction plans being now completed for the first level of the clubhouse expected to commence in late 2014.



Our fund raising team has been extremely active again this year with the traditional BBQs, raffles at Saltbar, money collection boxes and donations.

The biggest event of the year was a sensational sports lunch at Saltbar with guest speakers Joel Parkinson and Greg Ritchie. Proceeds from ticket sales, raffles and auctions totaled over \$30,000 profit to Salt SLSC.

A home stay program introduced to our club by committee member Dave Hurt resulted in two groups of USA students being billeted by over 50 families for 2 weekends. The profits to our club were approximately \$10,000.

The 2013 / 14 committee has been extremely pro active and I would like to commend each and every member for their contribution to the development of our young SLSC.

In 2014 / 15 we look forward to hosting the FNC Branch Championships.



Mark Humphries
President



It is with great pleasure that I once again to present an annual report on behalf of Cabarita Beach SLSC.

This year has been another great one for the club. Some highlights of the year include;

A number of the clubs members have completed a Cert IV in Workplace Training and Assessment. They are now developing some great education programs for all the club members. With Jodie at the helm the standard of instruction is very high. The club is looking to a future when we become a training facility for a number of different organisations throughout the Tweed area.

An even greater number of patrolling members who completed 100% patrols this season. Our patrolling numbers are slowly increasing leading to a lot more flexibility for those members who have inconsistent working hours.

The installation of a 20Kw solar system on the roof of the club. We have forecast that the installation will be paid for in less than 4 years. After this time the club will be paying very little for electricity into the future. The refurbishment of the upstairs function room to make it more welcoming. A lot of the heavy lifting for this was done by Andrew Baker.

The successful production of a monthly club magazine - the Cabacuri - which keeps members and guests in the club informed of events and happenings.

The growing numbers of competitors attending branch carnivals and representing at country and even state. Guided by Competition Manager Les Patience and Juniors Director Robyn Geeves. The nippers are going ahead in leaps and bounds.

There is of course a strong team behind these two so the credit is not all theirs. I have been encouraged to hear reports of carnivals that highlight the accomplishments of all rather than focussing on the medal winners. Cabarita will always maintain this focus on fun, fitness and fundamentals. The fanfare is celebrated but is a sideline.

All of the above has been achieved because Cabarita Beach has a very strong feeling within the membership of belonging to the life saving family. There are a lot of individual members who take on small tasks throughout the year that allow the Board of Directors to focus on long term planning and management.

I thank each and every one of them for giving of their time to such a rewarding organisation.

Bring on next season.

Patrick Raftery
President



LENNOX HEAD ALSTONVILLE SLSC



With the 2013-14 season now complete, I need to thank and acknowledge the huge effort of many of our members who willingly gave up their free time to not only ensure the club fulfilled its Surf Life Saving obligations and but kept the club running. This season, as in the past, we were fortunate enough to have these people available and willing to help.

I would like to personally thank the club executive and advisors many of whom perform multiple roles within the club for their commitment and resolve to the club throughout the year.



The activities that stood out for me this season were :

The Lennox Enduro which this season saw a vast improvement in competitor numbers and made a healthy profit for the club. It also again ran like clockwork and received great reviews from all participating clubs. In saying this, we need to acknowledge the efforts of Dave Thomas who coordinated the event, Brett Clarke who coordinated the water safety and the many volunteers, competitors and sponsors who helped make it a huge success.

The club house upgrade work which has transformed an old dilapidated building to a much more functional, energy efficient and safer facility, made better use of the limited space available, greatly improved the member's amenities (change rooms, toilets and showers etc) and put us in a position where we can generate an income from it. I also note, acknowledge and thank Jim Miller and his workers and subcontractors for their work and the many members who gave their time freely and largely without recognition to ensure we were able to get as much work done as possible for the money available.

As always I would like to personally thank : (and if I have missed anyone or any group I apologise in advance) . . .

Our team of trainers and assessors under the leadership of our Chief Training Officer Mark Laverty for their tireless effort in coordinating and running courses and proficiencies throughout the year. A special thanks also needs to go to Rod Balkin and Steve McNabb from the Ballina Lighthouse and Lismore Surf Club and the Branch Education Officers for their valuable assistance throughout the year.

Our club coaches under the leadership of our Director of Surf Sports Dave Thomas for all their early mornings and weekends spent on the beach preparing our competitors for the season ahead. All our Carnival Officials and water safety personnel.

Our team of age managers and water safety volunteer's under the leadership of our Youth Activities Coordinator Sam Miller for their

work in ensuring our nippers continually learnt new skills, improved the one's they had, remained safe and enjoyed themselves. To our small team of senior competitors who proudly represented the Lennox Head Alstonville Surf Lifesaving Club at all levels of the sport.

Our Patrol members under the Leadership of our Club Captain Brett Clarke and Vice Captain Pat Mounic who gave their time to make the beaches safe during patrols and special events such as the Westpac Rescue Helicopter fundraiser, and the Lennox Long boarders surf carnival etc. It was a mammoth effort.

Our Building Committee for their work upgrading the club house.

The small band of volunteers who continuously show up and help week after week regardless of the task and ask for no special acknowledgement.

I would like to : Welcome our new Registrar Vanessa Mills to the Club's Executive Committee and wish her well in this at times challenging position.

Congratulate all award recipients at our presentation night.

In finishing and looking at the club's future, I believe that to secure the longevity of our club we need to look at strategies to address a number of issues including :

- Member retention (In particular youth).
- Increasing membership and participation rates
- Becoming self funded and
- maintaining our identity as an autonomous club and part of the NSW Far North Coast Branch

Brian Dell
President



BRUNSWICK HEADS SLSC





Congratulations to everyone on another successful and safe season. This season the weather was fantastic and the conditions were great. This resulted in record numbers attending the beach over summer.

Patrols numbers were steady with 70 patrolling members including 18 junior members spread over 6 patrols. Brunswick was pleased to welcome 24 new bronze members, 8 new SRC's and 4 new IRB Drivers Certificate with 2 members completing their Spinal Management course. We would like to welcome these new award holders to our patrols to bolster our relatively small membership.



We'd like to thank Geoff Horsey, Roger Beadman, Phil Harvey, Maryanne Sewell and our own Kris Southwell for the time they have given to our club over the years to run the assessments and proficiencies. A big thank you to Terry Currie and her training team of Braeden McHugh-Easy and Jordan Evans for their commitment and hard work during the season.

Brunswick had over 13,000 beach visitors during the season with a total of 36 rescues of which 5 required an ambulance and 1259 preventative actions - our beach was only closed 4 times this season.



Far North Coast Branch has provided an RWC to Brunswick and this season the club has provided 6 members who are currently in training to gain their award. Since we have had the RWC it has had a great visual impact with our beach goers with great feedback. We look forward to many years of service with this very versatile equipment and thank Branch for supplying this craft for rescue work on our waterways.

Last year we thanked our callout team for a record number of calls and in recognition of this effort their nomination as Branch Team of the Year was successful. Congratulations to all the members on a job well done.

Brunswick SLSC was once again involved in several community events including the Mullum 2 Bruns Paddle, Byron to Brunswick Beach run, Mullumbimby Show, Australia Day Breakfast in the Park and the Anzac Day 2-up at the Hotel Brunswick. The activities raise

much need funds for both the Brunswick SLSC and other community organisations and promote a valuable sense of community in the Brunswick Valley.

Once again we held a very successful and well attended Masters Carnival. We had record numbers at our 19th Carnival and the best weather for many years. We'd especially like to thank Max Tutt, Max Abbott, Roger Beadman, Danny Andrews, Gomer Pyle from the Byron SLSC who filled in at the last minute due to the clash with the JAC Branch carnival.

The Brunswick Under 19 Boat Crew has had a fantastic year of competition under the direction of sweep Stewart White.

Coffs Craft Carnival	4th Place
North Coast Boat Series	7 rounds - 1st Place.
NSW State Carnival	Eliminated after 3 rounds.

Congratulations to Jeremy Callanan, Mac Dennis, Cai Leplaw and Callum Stephen. The boys made the top 16 at the Aussies and they had a great time. Congratulations to Grant Carey who placed 6th in the 2 kilometre run at the Aussie Masters and earned Brunswick our only point. Well done to Igor for a big effort.



Thank you to the Branch officials and executives who assisted our club over the season and Jimmy Keough for an outstanding job as our Duty Officer and hope to see you all again next year between the flags.

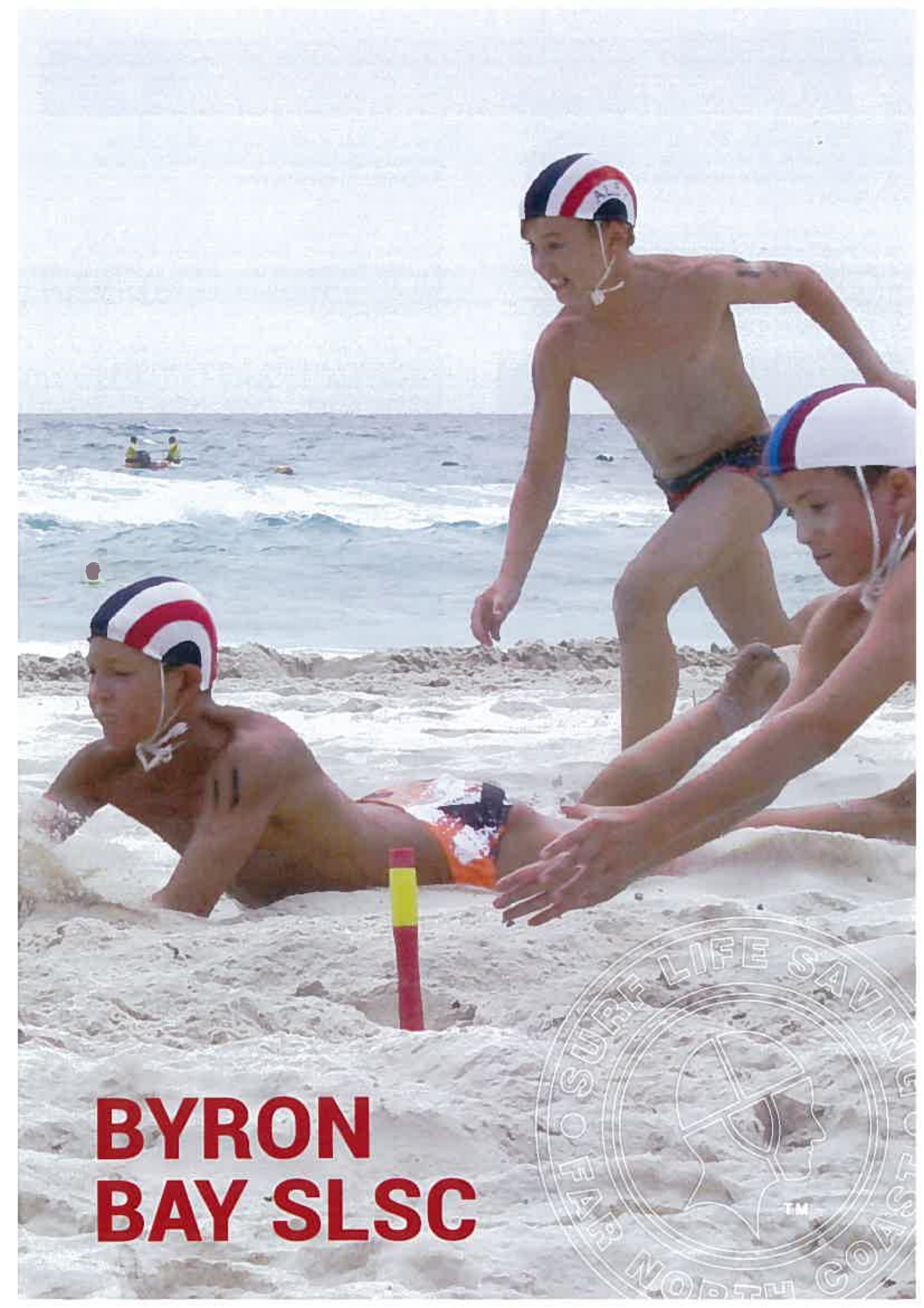
Vale John 'Custard' Graham

It with sorrow that we announce that John passed away this year. John joined the Brunswick SLSC and gained his Bronze Medallion in 1945. He gained his Instructors Certificate in 1952 and Board of Examiners Certificate in 1954.

John held many positions within our club including eight terms as Treasurer, ten terms as Registrar and was a very active member of the surf boat crews as both a junior and senior member. John served 17 years as an active member of the Board of Examiners, five terms as District Supervisor of the Branch, Club delegate to the FNC Branch and was made a life member of the Brunswick SLSC in 1962 / 63, the Far North Coast Branch and the Far North Coast Board of Examiners.

John showed a keen interest in our club right up until his passing, with plans to attend the 2014 Aussies. He will be sadly missed.

Craig Reid
President



BYRON BAY SLSC



BYRON BAY SLSC



Once again it gives me great pleasure to deliver this report on the past season.

The 2013 - 2014 season proved to be exciting and very successful for the Byron Bay Surf Club. It started with the impressive amount of awards received at the Far North Coast Branch Awards of Excellence.

This of course comes from committing a lot of time and hard work by all. Our executive does an incredible job keeping up to date with Surf Life Saving guidelines and requirements along with the many who look after the day to day operations within our club.

The continually changing Surf Life Saving requirements place more and more responsibility on our club members to be trained and perform at a very high level. This year I believe we have increased our overall performance on all aspects of Surf Life Saving and throughout the 2013-2014 season the membership of the Byron Bay Surf Life Saving Club has continued to build on the clubs impressive history. Participation in training and certification programs has increased and overall our patrols have been extremely strong.



Again we have had a successful nipper season with growing numbers and with this we also see the increasing number of parents becoming more involved in organizing water safety, running barbeques or just simply helping out.

This year Simon Balcon is our new JAC President, his committee have done an excellent job during the season

The branch development camps again were a great success this year with the younger members of the Byron Bay club having had a great time thanks to Paul Smith and the many that help out at these events

Rescue equipment is first class thanks to the many sponsors who contribute to this necessary cause. This equipment has been wonderfully maintained though out the year by Woody Vidgen and Rodger Beadman.

Thanks must also go to the operational members who perform the increasing emergency call out duties. This is done with the aid of the Australian Life Guard Services jet ski which is housed at our club for immediate response.

Surf sports has always been a big part of the Byron Bay Club. This year I am proud to say once again we have successfully defended not only the Far North Coast Branch Championships but also the New South Wales Country Championships.

Performances at the New South Wales State and Australian Championships were also of a high standard with strong performances in all ages and disciplines.



These achievements are a credit to our many coaches who give up their time to instruct our competitors to perform an elite level.

The outstanding performances of our members in competition are too numerous to list but I need to mention that Josh Brown and Ela Heiniger have been selected for the Australian team travelling to France later this year to compete at the World Championships.

Thanks to the clubs major sponsors **THE BEACH HOTEL, BEACH SUITES, BYRON BAY WINTER WHALES, SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY, BYRON BAY TRIATHALON**, and **GEORGE AND HEATHER KNOTT** who believe in what we provide for our local community and supporting our members.

Our minor sponsors too play a big part in making the Byron Bay Surf Club what it is today.

The Byron Bay Club continues to grow thanks to all who contribute, for without your generosity we would simply not exist.

In closing I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the Far North Coast executives and officials for their assistance and support during the past season and wish the incoming office bearers all the best for the coming year ahead.

Neil Cameron
President



BALLINA SLSC





The critical focus for me over recent years has been the human element of our Club. Season 2013 / 14 has been a most fulfilling time in the Club's history, as the work of the board / committee (over some years) to entrench a culture of inclusiveness is evident through expressions such as in patrol mixes, intra-club competition, club training groups and our social events. All against a backdrop of a new facility that functions really well for our needs.

As important, this has also been in a period of substantial growth in membership in the Club. Our membership numbers in 2011 / 12 were 490 and have increased to 600 members this season.

In terms of education – we are continually reminded that this element of Club life is strong through the number of members undertaking courses. We now have great facilities to deliver our courses and as technology interface improves, we are able to capitalise on that through the technology. Core to any learning is effective educators and our Club has built a strong base of trainers and facilitators over the past few seasons able to deliver courses for the benefit of our members and the club. We are very proud of our achievements in regard to the number of education awards completed this season – congratulations to Rod Balkin for the leadership he brings to this part of Club life.

We have commented that we are lifesavers first, and the other benefits of membership through competition, social expression and engagement are built on the bedrock of our lifesaving mission. As a Club, we remind our members that whilst individuals may express themselves strongly in competition, they should never lose track of the notion that in competition they are honing the water skills and fitness levels critical to performing our core function of saving lives and providing a safe aquatic environment.



This is as important in our junior ranks as it is in seniors. The achievement of awards is a personal triumph, and we have celebrated with our newest lifesavers who have successfully completed their Bronze, SRC etc to achieve their own goals. We see younger members transitioning from nippers to seniors, donning their red and yellow quartered cap for the first time, sometimes with their newly minted lifesaver mums or dads, inspiring the next group who will follow them. It is very gratifying to see these new lifesavers from a season or two ago, continue to return each year.

We are very proud of our patrolling record and skill-level of our volunteer lifesavers. Most importantly, we achieved our key mission – no lives lost this year and this was achieved through over 6000 hours of vigilant beach patrol by our volunteers this season.

It also feeds the notion of strong personal development. This year we saw Karina Perris and Cooper Murphy represent our Club at SLSFNC Junior Lifesaver of Year – the experience was well regarded by both members. Cooper went on to represent Far North Coast at the State finals. We also saw one of our cadets, Jack Graham-Jones being selected for the SLS Youth Opportunity Makers workshop at Collaroy. Feedback we received from SLSNSW was that Jack acquitted himself very well at this program and represents his Club well through actions.



In competition, we were very pleased with the continuing development of our general competition results in the juniors. Special mention to Georgia Wheatland who competed in two State finals. Our Junior program has been amazing this year, with strong engagement by nippers on Sunday mornings and also in competition through the branch and beyond.

Our Director of Junior Activities, Craig Worling comments "The focus this season was a spirit of sun, surf enjoyment, awareness and development of important associated life skills. Nippers is about every one of our registered members, whether they compete at carnivals or come together for the Sunday morning activities". This could not happen without the commitment of their parents, so we note our thanks to those that take on formal leadership roles, as well as others that nudge their kids "to just try it, you may like it!" At our end of season de-brief, all age managers have re-committed to continue in their roles under the leadership of Craig.

It is said that our (SLS) history and tradition is our greatest strength and greatest weakness – we prefer to focus on the strength of history. This year we have recognised our living history with our Veterans group and following the constitutional changes that allowed this to occur, we have enjoyed the re-engagement of this group into Club life. Albeit small steps, but important ones in terms of our commitment to inclusiveness.

Our history has always been important and we recognise the selfless sacrifice of our WWII members. We have provided details to SLSA of those members who lost their lives in the service of country and our life governor Jack Trevan attended the Fallen Lifesaver memorial commissioning on the Club's behalf in April 2014. In 2015 the names of those members will join the roll-call of lost members from across Australia that will be carved into the memorial stone at Coogee.

The community we serve continues to support us. Ballina RSL provided our Surf Club with a fully kitted IRB, The Professionals Real Estate Ballina supported the provision of high-viz vests for members as required by SLS now. The continued support of local

services clubs such as Ballina-on-Richmond Rotary Club, Ballina Rotary Club and Ballina Lions Club is never taken for granted. Our voice remains strong thanks to media partners Paradise FM and Ballina Advocate.



We reached out into our community this year, with the Club selected to host the Coastal Ambassadors Program at Ballina in conjunction with SLSNSW. This was the first time a non-metropolitan club has hosted the event. We note our appreciation of our member Robyn Simmonds, who coordinated the event, drawing on her professional experience to ensure a successful event for the public.



In regard to the Club (property management), I can advise that SLSNSW (our State Centre) have taken up the issue of appropriate tenure and State Centre is seeking a state wide solution to guaranteed tenure through leases for all Clubs in the State.

These discussions are happening at the highest level of government, and we are still directed by State Centre not to sign documentation other than leases. Disappointedly, this has seen the Club portrayed as a difficult community partner as opposed to recognition that our actions reflect engagement in a much larger frame of consideration.



Our membership has been patient and as our major stakeholder, this understanding has been valued by our Board. I believe the true litmus test is that despite the uncertainty of tenure

our members have ensured a safe beach environment for the Ballina public and this really is testament to the value priorities of our Club.

The new storage area was to commence in February 2014. We have re-convened our Building Committee to push the final stage of development forward.

As the flags are pulled down, we recognise having been blessed with predominantly good conditions in regard to surf, weather and the general beach structure in the surf zone.

More importantly, our patrolling members retained the vigilance that our Club is recognised by to the last sign-off and the continued strong patrolling numbers is a robust reminder that our strength is our membership.



Our Club's Annual Awards and Presentation Night celebrated a successful season and our Club's 80th Birthday, with 180 members and guests in attendance.

To our Board, my sincere thanks in supporting your membership, as the commitment is much more than two hours a month of administration and meetings. Lastly and most importantly to our patrolling members – stay awesome !

Kris Beavis
President

80TH BIRTHDAY



EVANS HEAD CASINO SLSC



Another season has come and gone and it's with great pleasure that we present the report for Evans Head-Casino SLSC for the 2013 / 2014.

We would like to congratulate all our patrolling members on attendance and conduct this season. Once again Evans Head-Casino has had no major incidents.



This season our club members gained 334 senior lifesaving awards and all juniors gained Surf Ed awards this season.

Congratulations to our Boat Crew on their outstanding performance at all levels of competition. 180 years Masters NSW Country Silver medal. ASRL Open Bronze medal. Qld State Silver Medal. 160 years Masters crew Qld State. Gold medal.



Congratulations to the two nipper teams & two senior teams that attended the pool rescue championships with 3rd overall.

Everyone that attended had a great day.

This season our club postponed the Ocean Swim, a new date has been set for 5th January 2015.



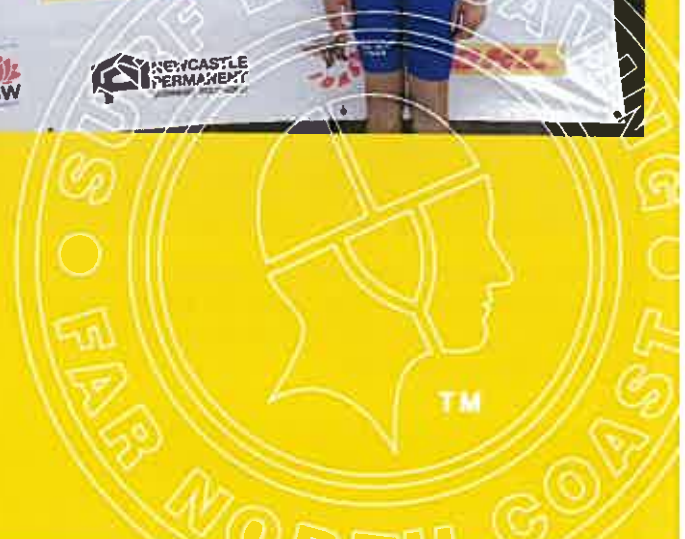
This season saw our club completing stage two of extensions, with the new roof over the verandah. We are looking forward to the next stage with doing the bar up & blinds for the verandah.



Thank you to the Branch officials and executives who assisted our club over the season, Surfcom for their professional conduct throughout the year.

Evans Head is a safer place from our presence, thank you to every member who fronted for their patrols to ensure the aquatic public have a safe experience while in Evans Head, we hope to see you all again next year between the flags.

Ben Redman
President





I am pleased to present the annual report on behalf of Yamba SLSC for the 2013 / 2014 season. Thank you to all patrolling members for their vigilance and service. We are again able to report that 'no lives were lost during patrol hours'.

Congratulations to Jim Dougherty on receiving the Order of Australia Medal in January 2014, for services to Surf Life Saving and the Community. An award well deserved.



Club Lifesaver of the Year, James Ryan, also won the Branch Lifesaver of the Year Award and represented the Branch at the NSW Awards in Sydney. Congratulations James.

The Fourth Jacob Lollback Memorial Board Race was held in September 2013, with 205 competitors entered. Major winners were Hugh Dougherty (Tugun) and Courtney Hancock (Northcliffe). All competitors were eligible to win one of four new racing boards donated by sponsors Kracka, Dolphin, Xcel and Infront.

The Yamba Ocean Swims were held in December 2013, with 359 swimmers entered. Shivaun Street won the 2klm and Ella Basalo the 700mm ladies races. Winner of both the men's races was Rydge Grimsey.

Four Yamba members attended the 15 / 17 years Development Camp in April 2014. Thank you to Paul Smith, Branch Director of Member Services, for again coordinating a great program for the participants.



Total club membership reached 531 during the season, an 8% decrease from the previous year. Whilst our active membership remained steady our associate membership fell by 38 and our Nipper membership fell by 20.

Awards training has continued again this season under the leadership of Training Coordinator Kim Morgans.

Awards gained during the season were SRC 5, Bronze 16, ARTC 7, Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management 2, SM IRB Drivers 7, IRB Crew 7, Spinal Management 1, Apply First Aid 19, Assessor (Bronze) 1, Training Officer (Bronze) 2, (IRB) 1 and Resuscitation Certificate 8. Congratulations to all the new award members and the training team.

Thank you to Geoff Horsey and Larry Platt and the other assessors for attending and assessing our candidates.

Carnival competitions were disrupted by bad weather during the season. 12 Yamba members competed at the Branch championships held at Cudgen, winning a number of events. Congratulations to all our competitors for their efforts at all carnivals.

Our Masters competitors performed well at the major championships winning 2 gold medals at the Australian Titles in WA and 3 silver and 2 bronze medals at the NSW State Titles at Umina.



Congratulations to Kalani Ives, winner of a State Gold medal in the Under 9 female board race. This is the first junior gold medal won by a Yamba competitor since Noah Outerridge won in 2003.

Yamba members again provided the water safety for the Copeton Dam swims in April 2014. The swims are proving popular and are now established as an annual swim event.

Special thanks to all our Sponsors. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to SLSA, SLSNSW and to Wilson Cregan and the Far North Coast Branch Executive for your advice and support during the season.

Alan Schofield
President





**Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch
COMPETITION RESULTS**

2014 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships

U17 Single Ski Relay

2nd Byron Bay

U17 Surf Belt

Joshua Brown Byron Bay

U17 Female Taplan Relay

2nd Byron Bay

U17 Male Rescue Tube Race

2nd Chaffer Luke Cudgen

U17 Female 2km Beach Run

3rd Alex Barnes Byron Bay

U15 Ironman

3rd Jy Timperley Byron Bay

2014 NSW Masters Championships

50-54 Male Board Race

2nd Peter Rheinberger Yamba

50-54 Male Board Rescue

2nd James Dougherty,

Peter Rheinberger Yamba

65-69 Male Rescue Tube Race

Allan Schafer Yamba

65-69 Male Surf Race

3rd Allan Schafer Yamba

170 yrs min. Mixed Surf Team

3rd Yamba

2014 NSW Open Championships

U/17 Female Board Relay

1st Joanna Charles, Ela Heiniger,

Madeline McCullagh Byron Bay

U/17 Male Iron Man

3rd Joshua Brown Byron Bay

U/17 Female Iron Person

3rd Ela Heiniger Byron Bay

U/17 Female Rescue Tube Race

2nd Ela Heiniger Byron Bay

U/17 Male Rescue Tube Race

1st Joshua Brown Byron Bay

U/17 Female Single Ski

2nd Joanna Charles Byron Bay

U/17 Male Single Ski

2nd Max Hulbert, 3rd Shaun Sewell Byron Bay

U/17 Mixed Single Ski Relay

1st Max Hulbert, Joel Martin,

Shaun Sewell Byron Bay

U/17 Male Taplin Relay

2nd Joshua Brown, Joel Martin,

Shaun Sewell Byron Bay

U/15 Female Board Relay

3rd Tara Fitzpatrick, Nina Jackson,

Tahlia Jones Cudgen

Open Female Board Rescue

2nd Nadine Canning, Elena Leaver Cudgen

Open Female Board Race

3rd Kendal Fitzgibbons, Alice Hurt Cudgen

U/19 Male Board Rescue

2nd Lorne Greenlaw, Angus MacPhail Cudgen

Open Female Double Ski

3rd Nadine Canning, Elena Leaver Cudgen

Open Female Single Ski Relay

2nd Nadine Canning, Elena Leaver, Carla

Westwood Cudgen

Country Titles

180 Years Surf Boat

2nd Byron Bay A

30 Years Over Board Rescue

1st Byron Bay A

30-39 Female Rescue Tube

2nd Laurel Moston Lennox

40-49 Female 2km Run

1st Helen Murray Byron

40-49 Female Flags

2nd Samantha Miller Lennox

40-49 Female Board Race

1st Helen Murray Byron, 2nd Jo Kay Byron

40-49 Ironwoman

1st Helen Murray Byron, 2nd Jo Kay Byron

40-49 Female Single Ski

2nd Karen Irwin Byron,

3rd Helen Murray Byron

40-49 Female Surf Race

3rd Helen Murray Byron

40-49 Male Flags

1st Adam Mills Cudgen

40-49 Male Mal Longboard

1st James Miller Lennox,

3rd Robert Mills Lennox

40-49 Male Surfboard Riding

1st James Miller Lennox

40-49 Male Surf Race

3rd Michio McMullen

50-59 Female Beach Flags

2nd Gai Coleman Byron,

3rd Carolyn Bryant Cabarita

50-59 Female Beach Sprints

2nd Gai Coleman Byron

50-59 Female BeachSprints

3rd Carolyn Bryant Cabarita

50-59 Female Board Race

3rd Gai Coleman Byron

50-59 Female Rescue Tube

3rd Carolyn Bryant Cabarita

50-59 Female Single Ski

3rd Gai Coleman Byron

50-59 Female Surf Race

2nd Amanda Wilson Byron

50-59 Male BeachSprints

3rd Leslie Patience Cabarita

50-59 MaleBoard Race

1st Gary Timperly Byron,

2nd Colin Mustoe Byron

50-59 Male Tube Race

1st Gary Timperly Byron

50-59 Male Single Ski

1st Gary Timperly Byron,

1st Saul Murray Byron

50-59 Male Surf Board Riding

3rd Mark Callahan

50-59 Male Surf Race

1st Colin Mustoe Byron,

3rd Phillip Klein Cudgen

60+ Female Flags

1st Jan Gielis Cudgen

60+ Female Sprints

1st Jan Gielis Cudgen

60+ Female Board Race

1st Jan Gielis Cudgen

60+ Female Single Ski

1st Jan Gielis Cudgen

60+ Male Flags

1st Frederick Middleton Byron,

2nd Philip Harvey Byron

60+ Male Sprints

3rd Philip Harvey Byron

60+ Male Board Race

2nd Frederick Middleton Byron

60+ Male Ironman

1st Frederick Middleton Byron

60+ Male Single Ski

1st Philip Harvey Byron,

2nd Frederick Middleton Byron

60+ 1km Run

2nd Frederick Middleton Byron,

2nd Philip Harvey Byron

Open Female 2 km Run

1st Alex Barnes Byron

Open Female Beach Relay

3rd Byron Bay A

Open Female Board Race

2nd Ela Heiniger Byron,

3rd Joanna Charles Byron

Open Female Board Relay

1st Byron Bay A, 1st Byron Bay B

Open Female Board Rescue

1st Byron Bay A

Open Female Double Ski

2nd Byron Bay A, 3rd Byron Bay B

Open Female Rescue Tube Race

1st Byron Bay A

Open Female Single Ski Relay

3rd Zoe Burgess Byron, 1st Byron Bay A

Open Female Taplin Relay

1st Byron Bay C, 3rd Byron Bay A

Open Male Beach Flags

1st Joel Martin Byron

Open Male Beach Relay

3rd Byron Bay A

Open Male Board Race

1st Scott McCartney Cudgen

Open Male Board Relay

1st Cudgen A, 3rd Byron Bay A

Open Male Board Rescue

1st Cudgen A

Open Male Double Ski

3rd Byron Bay A

Open Ironman

2nd Scott McCartney Cudgen

Open Male Rescue Tube Race

1st Cudgen A

Open Male Single Ski

1st Scott McCartney Cudgen,

2nd Jarrad Cain Cudgen

Open Male Board Riding

1st James Miller Lennox,

2nd Mark Callahan Byron

Open Male Surf Race

2nd Jarrad Cain Cudgen

Open Male Taplin

2nd Byron Bay A, 3rd Cudgen A

Open Mixed March Past

3rd Cabarita

Under 15 Female Beach Flags

3rd Gabrielle Kay Byron

Under 15 Female Beach Relay

1st Cudgen A

Under 15 Female Beach Sprint

1st Mahli Borham Ballina

Under 15 Female Beach Sprint

2nd Tara Fitzpatrick Cudgen

Under 15 Female Board Race

1st Nina Jackson Cudgen

Under 15 Female Board Relay

1st Cudgen A, 2nd Byron Bay A

Under 15 Female Board Rescue

1st Byron Bay B, 3rd Cudgen A

Under 15 Female Cameron Relay

1st Cudgen A, 3rd Cudgen A

Under 15 Ironwoman
2nd Nina Jackson Cudgen

Under 15 Female Rescue Tube
1st Nina Jackson Cudgen,
2nd Emily Hurt Cudgen

Under 15 Female Surf Race
2nd Scout Hembrow Byron

Under 15 Male 2km Run
2nd Benjamin Lempenny-Fawett Ballina

Under 15 Male Beach Flags
2nd Emilio Jimenez-Swain Byron,
3rd Stephen Moore Byron

Under 15 Male Beach Sprint Relay
1st Ballina A, 3rd Byron Bay A

Under 15 Male Beach Sprints
1st Emilio Jimenez-Swain Byron,
3rd Joshua Quinn Cudgen

Under 15 Male Board Relay
1st Cudgen A, 2nd Byron Bay A

Under 15 Male Board Rescue
3rd Byron Bay B

Under 15 Male Cameron Relay
1st Byron Bay A, 3rd Cudgen A

Under 15 Male Iron Man
2nd Jy Timperely Byron

Under 15 Male Surf Board Riding
3rd Thomas Rowley Byron

Under 15 Male Surf Race
1st Jy Timperely Byron

Under 15 Mixed Surf Race
2nd Byron Bay A, 3rd Cudgen A

Under 17 Female 2 km Rn
1st Alex Barnes Byron

Under 17 Female Beach Relay
2nd Byron Bay A

Under 17 Female Board Race
2nd Ela Heiniger Byron, 3rd Zoe Burgess Byron

Under 17 Female Board Relay
1st Byron Bay A, 3rd Byron Bay B

Under 17 Female Board Rescue
1st Byron Bay A, 2nd Byron Bay B,
3rd Byron Bay C

Under 17 Ironwoman
2nd Zoe Burgess Byron

Under 17 Female Rescue Tube
1st Ela Heiniger Byron, 3rd Madeline McCullagh Byron

Under 17 Female Single Ski Relay
2nd Byron Bay A

Under 17 Female Taplin Relay
1st Byron Bay A, 3rd Byron Bay B

Under 17 Male 2km Run
1st Gabe Francis Byron

Under 17 Male Beach Flags
1st Joel Martin Byron

Under 17 Male Beach Sprint Relay
1st Byron Bay A, 2nd Byron Bay B

Under 17 Male Board Relay
2nd Luke Chaffer Cudgen, 1st Byron Bay A

Under 17 Male Iron Man
3rd Luke Chaffer Cudgen

Under 17 Male Rescue Tube Race
1st Johaua Brown Byron

Under 17 Male Single Ski
1st Shaun Sewell Byron, 2nd Joel Martin Byron

Under 17 Male Single Ski Relay
1st Byron Bay A, 1st Byron Bay B

Under 17 Male Surf Race
1st Luke Chaffer Cudgen

Under 17 Male Taplin Relay
1st Byron Bay A, 1st Byron Bay B

Under 17 Mixed Surf Team
3rd Byron Bay A

Under 19 Female Beach Relay
1st Byron Bay A

Under 19 Female Board Race
1st Zoe Heiniger Byron,
3rd Mikayla Gray Cudgen

Under 19 Female Board Relay
1st Byron Bay A, 2nd Cudgen A

Under 19 Female Board Rescue
1st Byron Bay A, 1st Byron Bay B

Under 19 Ironwoman
1st Zoe Heiniger Byron,
3rd Mikayla Gray Cudgen

Under 19 Female Tube Rescue
1st Byron Bay A

Under 19 Female Single Ski
2nd Zoe Heiniger Byron, 2nd Byron Bay A,
3rd Byron Bay B

Under 19 Female Surf Race
2nd Zoe Heiniger Byron,
3rd Mikayla Gray Cudgen

Under 19 Female Taplin Team
1st Byron Bay A, 3rd Cudgen A

Under 19 Male Beach Flags
2nd Angus McPhail Cudgen

Under 19 Male Beach Sprint
2nd Angus McPhail Cudgen

Under 19 Male Board Race
1st Angus McPhail Cudgen

Under 19 Male Taplin
3rd Byron A

Under 19 Double Ski
1st Byron B, 2nd Byron A

Under 19 Mixed Surf Team
2nd Byron A

Far North Coast Branch Titles

Under 15 Female 2km Run
1st Georgis Wheatland Ballina

Under 15 Female 2km Run
2nd Mahli Borham Ballina,
3rd Ruby Huitson Salt

Under 15 Male 2km Run
1st Ben Limpenny-Fawcett Ballina,
2nd Jack Alder Lennox,
3rd Sam Limpenny-Fawcett Ballina

Under 15 Male Boardriding
1st Tom Rowney Byron, 2nd Emilio Jimenez-Swain Byron

Under 15 Female Boardriding
1st Georgia Hansen Salt, 2nd Caitlin Callahan Byron, 3rd Ruby Huitson Salt

Under 15 Male Flags
1st Emilio Jimenez-Swain Byron, 2nd Jake Petty Ballina, 3rd Stephen Moore Byron

Under 15 Female Flags
1st Tara Fitzpatrick Cudgen, 2nd Mahli Borham Ballina, 3rd Isabelle McMullen Byron

Under 15 Male Sprints
1st Emilio Jimenez-Swain Byron, 2nd Jake Petty Ballina, 3rd Brock Westgate Ballina

Under 15 Female Sprints
1st Tara Fitzpatrick Cudgen, 2nd Mahli Borham Ballina, 3rd Tahlia Jones Cudgen

Under 15 Mixed Beach Relay
1st Ballina A, 2nd Byron A, 3rd Cudgen B

Under 15 Ironman
1st Jy Timperely Byron, 2nd Josh Quinn Cudgen, 3rd Jack Alder Lennox

Under 15 Ironwoman
1st Nina Jackson Cudgen, 2nd Scout Hembrow Byron, 3rd Gabbi Kay Byron

Under 15 Male Surf Race
1st Jy Timperely Byron, 2nd Luke Mounic Lennox, 3rd Josh Quinn Cudgen

Under 15 Female Surf Race
1st Nina Jackson Cudgen, 2nd Scout Hembrow Byron, 3rd Paige Armstrong Cudgen

Under 15 Surf Mixed Teams
1st Byron A, 2nd Cudgen B, 3rd Ballina A

Under 15 Cameron Relay
1st Byron A, 2nd Cudgen B, 3rd Lennox

Under 15 Male Board Race
1st Jy Timperely Byron, 2nd Jack Alder Lennox, 3rd Josh Quinn Cudgen

Under 15 Female Board Race
1st Nina Jackson Cudgen, 2nd Scout Hembrow Byron, 3rd Gabbi Kay Byron

Under 15 Board Relay
1st Byron A, 2nd Cudgen B, 3rd Cudgen A

Under 17 Male 2km Run
1st Isabella Brighton Yamba,
2nd Aodha Wilson Cabarita

Under 17 Female 2km Run
1st Isabella Jones Byron

Under 17 Male Flags
1st Joel Martin Byron, 2nd Shaun Sewell Byron, 3rd Lachlan Holmes Byron

Under 17 Female Flags
1st Myfanwy Thomas Salt,
2nd Isabella Jones Byron

Under 17 Male Sprints
1st Aodha Wilson Cabarita, 2nd Sean Lennon Yamba, 3rd Dean Templeman Byron

Under 17 Female Sprints
1st Bridie MacPhail Cudgen, 2nd Alic Hurt Cudgen, 3rd Myfanwy Thomas Salt

Under 17 Ironman
1st Josh Brown Byron, 2nd Gabe Francis Byron, 3rd Ziggi Jacks Byron

Under 17 Ironwoman
1st Ela Heiniger Byron, 2nd Zoe Burgess Byron, 3rd Madeline McCullagh Byron

Under 17 Male Surf Race
1st Josh Brown Byron, 2nd Luke Chaffer Cudgen, 3rd Alex Byrnes Byron

Under 17 Female Surf Race
1st Madeline McCullagh Byron, 2nd Ela Heiniger Byron, 3rd Zoe Burgess Byron

Under 17 Surf Male Teams
1st Byron A

Under 17 Surf Female Teams
1st Byron A

Under 17 Male Board Race
1st Brad Kay Byron, 2nd Luke Chaffer Cudgen, 3rd Josh Brown Byron

Under 17 Female Board Race
1st Alice Hurt Cudgen, 2nd Zoe Burgess Byron, 3rd Madeline McCullagh Byron

Under 17 Male Single Ski
1st Sean Sewell Byron, 2nd Joel Martin Byron, 3rd Luker Chaffer Cudgen

Under 17 Female Ski
1st Kisane Irwin Byron, 2nd Zoe Burgess Byron, 3rd Madeline McCullagh Byron

Under 17 Mixed Single Ski
1st Byron, 2nd Yamba

Under 19 Male Flags
1st Harry Fahey Yamba, 2nd Noah Hodgeson Yamba, 3rd Kealy Day Yamba

Under 19 Female Flags

1st Carla Westward Cudgen, 2nd Morgan Smith Ballina, 3rd Zoe Heiniger Byron

Under 19 Male Sprints

1st Harry Fahey Yamba, 2nd Rob Shepherd Cudgen, 3rd Noah Hodgeson Yamba

Under 19 Ironman

1st Angus MacPhail Cudgen

Under 19 Ironwomen

1st Zoe Heiniger Byron,
2nd Carla Westward Cudgen

Under 19 Male Surf Race

1st Kealy Day Yamba, 2nd Noah Hodgeson Yamba, 3rd Harry Fahey Yamba

Under 19 Female Surf Race

1st Zoe Heiniger Byron

Under 19 Surf Teams

1st Yamba

Under 19 Board Rescue

1st Brown & Francis Byron, 2nd Murphy & Byrne Byron, 3rd Day & Hodgson Yamba

Under 19 Male Single Ski

1st Kealy Day Yamba, 2nd Angus MacPhail Cudgen, 3rd Harry Fahey Yamba

Under 19 Female Single Ski

1st Zoe Heiniger Byron,
2nd Carla Westward Cudgen

Under 19 Male Board Race

1st Angus MacPhail Cudgen, 2nd Kealy Day Yamba, 3rd Harry Fahey Yamba

Under 19 Female Board

1st Zoe Heiniger Byron,
2nd Carla Westward Cudgen

Open Male Flags

1st Mitch Lollback Yamba, 2nd Noah Hodgeson Yamba, 3rd Harry Fahey Yamba

Open Female Flags

1st Christy Clements Salt, 2nd Chantrelle Thrupp Salt, 3rd Morgan Smith Ballina

Open Male Sprint

1st Dan Lollback Yamba, 2nd Aodha Wilson Cabarita, 3rd JP Smith Salt

Open Female Sprint

1st Myfanwy Thomas Salt, 2nd Chantrelle Thrupp Salt, 3rd Christy Clements Salt

Open Mixed Relay

1st Yamba, 2nd Salt, 3rd Ballina

Open Ironman

1st Josh Brown Byron, 2nd Luke Chaffer Cudgen, 3rd Dylan Klein cudgen

Open Iron Woman

1st Nadi Canning Cudgen,
2nd Ellie Leaver Cudgen

Open Male Surf Race

1st Josh Brown Byron, 2nd Joe Dougherty Yamba, 3rd Alex Burns Byron

Open Female Surf Race

1st Kendal Fitzibbons Cudgen, 2nd Nadi Canning Cudgen, 3rd Alice Hurt Cudgen

Open Surf Male Teams

1st Byron, 2nd Yamba, 3rd Ballina

Open Female Surf Teams

1st Cudgen

Open Taplin

1st Byron A, 2nd Byron B, 3rd Yamba

Open Male Board Rescue

1st M & J Dougherty Yamba,
2nd T & S McCartney Cudgen,
3rd Schaffer & MacPhail Cudgen

Open Male Single Ski

1st Dylan Klein Cudgen, 2nd Alex Burns Byron,
3rd Joe Fahey Yamba

Open Ski Relay

1st Cudgen A, 2nd Byron A, 3rd Byron B

Open Male Double Ski

1st A & T Burns Byron, 2nd Kay & Martin Byron, 3rd Sewell & Hulbert Byron

Open Female Double Ski

1st Heiniger & Irwin Byron, 2nd McCullagh & Charles Byron, 3rd Irwin & Kay Byron

Open Mixed Double Ski

1st Heinigher & Burns Byron, 2nd Sewell & Irwin Byron, 3rd McCullah & Hulbert Byron

Open Male Board Race

1st Luke Chaffer Cudgen, 2nd Josh Brown Byron, 3rd Dylan Klein Cudgen

Open Male Board Relay

1st Byron C, 2nd Cudgen B, 3rd Yamba A

Open Female Board Relay

1st Byron A, 2nd Byron B, 3rd Cudgen A

Branch Master**35-44 Male Flags**

1st JP Smith Salt, 2nd Paul Allen Salt,
3rd Jeff Smith Salt

45-54 Male Flags

1st Les Patience Cabarita, 2nd Scott Callaghan Ballina, 3rd Grant Carey Brunswick

55 & Over Male Flags

1st Greg Thomas Salt,
2nd Mark Humphries Salt

35-44 Female Flags

1st Chantrelle Thrupp Salt, 2nd Christy Clements Salt, 3rd Maree Whitney Cabarita

45-54 Female Flags

1st Gai Coleman Byron,
2nd Carolyn Bryant Cabarita

55 & Over Female Flags

1st Susan Eke Cudgen

35-44 Male Sprint

1st JP Smith Salt, 2nd Craig Worling Ballina,
3rd Paul Allen Salt

45-54 Male Sprint

1st Les Patience Cabarita, 2nd Grant Carey Brunswick, 3rd Scott Callaghan Ballina

35-44 Female Sprints

1st Chantrelle Thrupp Salt, 2nd Christy Clements Salt, 3rd Kellie Allen Salt

45-54 Female Flags

1st Gai Coleman Byron,
2nd Carolyn Bryant Cabarita

55 & Over Female Flags

1st Susan Eke Cudgen,
2nd Sue Christensen Salt

35-44 Ironman

1st Joe Fahey Yamba

50 & Over Ironman

1st Gary Timperely Byron,
2nd Mitchio McMullen Byron

35-44 Ironwoman

1st Heli Murray Byron

45-54 Ironwoman

1st Joe Kay Byron

35-44 Male Surf Race

1st Joe Fahey Yamba, 2nd Wesley Tyack Salt,
3rd Michael Pontefract Evans

45-54 Male Surf Race

1st Mitchio McMullen Byron, 2nd Peter Rheinberger Yamba, 3rd Simon Balcon Byron

55 & Over Surf Race

1st Craig Spears Cudgen, 2nd David Field Cudgen, 3rd Dennis Eyre Cudgen

35-44 Male Single Ski

1st Andrew Dougherty Ballina, 2nd Joe Fahey Yamba, 3rd Peter Nipperess Cudgen

45-54 Male Single Ski

1st Gary Timperely Byron,
2nd Phil Harvey Byron

55 & Over Male Single Ski

1st Murray Saul Byron, 2nd Phil Harvey Byron

35-44 Female Single Ski

1st Heli Murray Byron, 2nd Nicole Snell Salt

45-54 Female Single Ski

1st Jo Kay Byron, 2nd Sue Hawkins Cudgen

55 & Over Female Single Ski

1st Susan Eke Cudgen

34-44 Male Board Race

1st JP Smith Salt, 2nd Andrew Dougherty Ballina, 3rd Craig Worling Ballina

45-54 Male Board Race

1st Peter Rheinberger Yamba, 2nd Gary Timperely Byron, 3rd Simon Balcon Byron

55 & Over Male Board Race

1st David field Cudgen,
2nd Craig Spears Cudgen





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Firstly, congratulations to our support operation members who received awards this season as well as the Group overall. Our rescue of the MRNSW crew and the operators of the private motor cruiser in April 2013 were recognised at the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence for Rescue of the Year. The awards ceremony was a great event and Rescue of the Year is great recognition from our peers.

Following on from this, the SLS Australia Awards of Excellence were held in late 2013. Mark Puglisi, Bradley Heard and I were awarded one of SLSA's highest awards for bravery – The SLSA Meritorious Award, Individual Certificate of Merit with Silver Insert. In addition the outstanding efforts of our support team on the shore were also recognised with the award of SLSA Meritorious Award Group Certificate of Merit to Ben Redman, Elton Cummings, Garry Meredith, Ross Trease and Simon Fogarty. This is fantastic recognition for our operational support group. Though small in number, we are there for our community when called upon.



In August 2013 we attended (with JRB) the National Jet Boat Seminar at Tallebudgera. This was a great networking and training opportunity for the four states that operate JRB's and a chance to get a feel for the more traditional aluminium hulls compared to "Surf Arrestor". We shared a room with the Kiama crew and I was fortunate to have time to drop in on the Kiama JRB en-route to Country Titles at Mollymook and see how they are set up.

Our Service gained accreditation for 'Marine Rescue Unit Category 1 (Ministerial Limited – Bar Operations Only) by the State Rescue Board of New South Wales in December 1994. In 1994 accreditation was important with the SOP's, communications systems and liability issues of the day. Over time SLSNSW has developed improved 24 / 7 response capabilities via 13Surf, Duty Officers and SurfCom. Being a Primary Accredited Rescue Unit did create some operational conflict with Standard Operating Procedures for SLS assets v's SOP's under State Rescue Board arrangements. There is also a requirement in NSW for a "one service" model for aquatic rescue. In January 2013 the accreditation requirements changed again and our unit was stood down by Marine Area Command.

Our accreditation has now been revoked. We have continued to operate as an SLS Support Unit.

2013 / 14 was again quite busy with some high profile operations including patient retrieval from the Lennox Headland, patient support from a diving incident on the Limerick and a number of vessel responses resulting in boat recoveries. We have been visible over summer and have received some great feedback from many of our training activities, particularly working with the Westpac Rescue Helicopter off shore.

We appreciate that clubs release their members to Ballina Jet Boat Surf Rescue and we have endeavoured again to support Branch activities by making the JRB and / or RWC available for events like the Lennox Enduro, Evans Head Ocean Swim, Development Camps, JAC activities etc. We continued to support the lifesaver exchange program and made the boat and crew available to undertake training exercises with young lifesavers from Sydney at Lighthouse Beach.

We were fortunate to receive funding to replace our RWC this season and the new SeaDoo has been put to good use.

I personally wish to acknowledge the efforts of our leadership group which includes Mark Puglisi, Simon Fogarty, Bradley Heard, Geoff Horsey, Ross Trease, Elton Cummings and Garry Meredith.

Finally I acknowledge the service of all of our volunteers who make the JRB what it is. Without their sacrifice in time and dedication, we simply don't exist.

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