



YAMBA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC  
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# One Hundred & Sixteenth Annual Report

FOR SEASON 2023-24



Yamba SLSC Ocean Swim Day - January 2024  
*Photo by Elise Hassey*



**Bronze Squad**  
*with Trainers James Forbes (Back L) and Kieran Lynch (Back R)*



**Bronze Squad**  
*with Trainer Kim Morgans (Front R)*



**Surf Rescue Certificate Squad**  
*Trained by Jill Ennever, James Forbes & Linda Horton*



# Yamba Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

Affiliated with the Far North Coast Branch of Surf Life Saving NSW

## Patron

W.M.(Bill) Dougherty OAM

## Vice Patrons

K. Hogan, R. Williamson, M. Dougherty, D. Lee, A. Schofield, T. Sahlqvist, J. Baird

## ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS FOR SEASON 2023-24

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>Chairman</b>	Joe Dougherty	<b>Deputy Chairman</b>	Chris Moran
<b>Administration</b>	Leah Essex	<b>Finance</b>	Tim Small
<b>Life Saving</b>	Frankie Aird	<b>Surf Sports</b>	Jim Dougherty OAM
<b>Education</b>	Jill Ennever	<b>Clubhouse</b>	Kim McFarlane <small>Res.Feb</small>
<b>Junior Activities</b>	James Kemp		Mark Rice <small>Apt. Feb</small>

#### Assistant Secretary

N/A

#### Registrar

Cathy Dougherty

#### Club Vice Captain

N/A

#### U/19 Captain

Millie Speirs

#### Boat Captain

Jo King

#### Boat Vice Captain

Ray Wiblen

#### IRB Captain

Trent Stainlay

#### IRB Vice Captain

Thore Kemp

#### Patrol Gear Steward

Mark Rice

#### Competition Gear Steward

Jim Dougherty

#### Radio Officer

Peter Sweetman

#### UAV Coordinator

Rob Becker

#### First Aid Officer

Jo King

#### Assistant First Aid Officer

Bill Onslow

#### Publicity Officer

Sue-Ellen Hyne

#### W.H.&S. Officer

James Forbes

#### House Committee

Kim McFarlane, Brian Badgery, Mark Rice, Bill Grainger, Mick Moule

#### Social Committee

Sally Gilbert, Liz Macrae, John Macrae

## BOARD APPOINTMENTS 2023-24

**Branch Delegates:** Joe Dougherty, Jim Dougherty **Public Officer:** Leah Essex

#### Sponsorship Committee

Roley Green, Alan Schofield, Leah Essex, James Forbes

**Member Protection Officers:** Chris Moran, Linda Horton

**Child Safe Coordinator:** Sean Newton-Thompson

**Youth Development Officers:** James Forbes/Trent Stainlay

**UAV Equipment Officer:** Mark Neander

**Merchandise Officer:** Helen Morris

**Trauma Officers:** Jo King, Bill Onslow

**Hon. Solicitor:** Joe Fahey **Auditor:** Skybridge

**Licensee:** Yamba SLSC **Event Manager:** Sally Gilbert (Employee)

**Administration Officer:** Sue-Ellen Hyne (Employee)

**Caretaker:** Ben Plunkett/Jesse & Emily Richards (Apt May '24) **Kiosk:** Andre Rizk

**Clarence Duty Officer:** Peter Sweetman

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I present the 2023/24 Yamba Surf Lifesaving Club annual report - a season where we can once again proudly say there were no lives lost whilst patrols were on duty.

The Club Board was unchanged at the AGM with the exception of James Kemp coming in as the new JAC Chair to replace James Forbes. We did see a change in our Clubhouse Director mid-season when Kim McFarlane stepped down due to work commitments. Fortunately, Mark Rice was willing and able to step into the role and has followed on from Kim's great work.



Our continued focus on youth and education has seen our membership numbers grow again, up to 580, bucking the trend seen more widely across surf clubs in NSW. This is a very pleasing outcome and clear recognition of the hard work of many people over many years. It is also testament to the fact that we have created a great environment that people want to be a part of and enjoy spending time around.

On the Lifesaving front our patrolling members have once again done an outstanding job. The demands on our volunteers is always a challenge but everyone went about their roles with a minimum of fuss. It is quite extraordinary to think that we performed over 6,000 hours of patrol and more than 600 preventative actions to go with 11 rescues. It highlights just how important and valuable our work is. It is hoped that the work of the Education Team over the last few seasons will start to see some easing in demands on our patrolling members as more members with more awards hit the beach. In addition to this, there is an increasing awareness at a State level, of the burden placed on volunteers. As we look to negotiate a new Lifesaving Agreement for the next 2 seasons, there is some hope that we might see some more flexibility and understanding, enabling the pressure to be eased a little further going forward. Reductions in membership fees, free breakfasts and lunches, and growing the number of nippers coming through onto patrols are just some of the ways we are trying to ease the pressure at a club level.

Whilst still on lifesaving, I would like to acknowledge the work of our Emergency Callout Team who endured some fairly challenging situations this season including a drowning at Pippi Beach. Thanks must go to Dave Rope from Far North Coast Branch, and the SLSNSW team, for their support of our members through this event.

Education has been a real highlight this year. The statistics will appear elsewhere in this Report but I do want to acknowledge every member who assisted in training and assessing throughout the season, led by Jill Ennever and Keiran Lynch. These outstanding efforts were recognised at the Far North Coast Awards of Excellence when Keiran took out the Trainer of the Year Award, and Yamba SLSC was awarded the Education Club of the Year. I look forward to seeing more new members and further upskilling of existing members in the coming season. The challenge now is to find more trainers and assessors to be able to share the workload.

Our Nippers group continues to grow. It is quite remarkable to see that our numbers have grown by 40% over the last 4 years. Well done to James Kemp who stepped into the role and continued the great work done by his predecessor James Forbes. To

grow the numbers takes a lot of hard work from the JAC committee, age managers, water safety and coaches. This hard work is resulting in some huge improvements in the water confidence and skills of our kids. This work is also evident in the club's strong showings at carnivals throughout the season.

On the competition front, the club hosted a Nippers Carnival in November, which was a success, although the wind and rain did see an early finish to proceedings. Our annual Yamba Ocean Swims saw some 400 swimmers participating early in the new year. This was, as always, a great community event and financial boost to the club. The club also hosted a successful Masters Carnival in February with good attendance from Queensland clubs and some entertaining surf for all the competitors.

Whilst our competitor numbers were reduced from recent seasons, our Country Titles team performed beyond expectations to finish 3rd in the pointscore. This was a great achievement by our Nippers and Masters competitors.

The State Titles at Queenscliff Beach in Sydney was also a highlight with the Age Championships seeing a swag of medals, including the club's first ever gold medal in surf teams for the U/10 boys - a huge effort to knock off the city clubs. Not to be outdone, our Masters also saw success with a substantial haul of medals won.

We had our biggest representation in many years at the Aussies on the Sunshine Coast with some fantastic results. Medals to Felix Forbes in the U/13 board, Jeunesse Meldrum in her Masters surf race and Pete Rheinberger and Kev Gillard in Masters boardriding were the standouts amongst some great team and individual performances.

On the social front, we have held several events throughout the year including a Trivia Night, Book Launch and Podcast chat. Revenue from our functions has increased significantly with Covid now in the rearview mirror. Friday night bar openings were once again a popular event well attended by members and visitors alike. Weddings and functions also provide a good source of income for the club. Thanks go to Event Coordinator Sally Gilbert for her efforts in these areas.

I'd also like to acknowledge the support of our Office Administrator, Sue-Ellen Hyne who makes life easier for all our Board members.

Congratulations to all the award winners from our Presentation Night, in particular, Club Person of the Year, Mark Rice, and Lifesavers of the Year, Mark & Celeste Neander - their commitment to the club has been outstanding.

By the time the new season starts we will have replaced the club deck as well as some roof repairs and other maintenance. Thanks to Chris Moran, Kim McFarlane and Mark Rice for their efforts in securing the grant from the NSW Government of \$125,000 for this work and coordinating the project itself.

The club wishes to acknowledge and thank all of our generous sponsors and supporters. Of particular significance was the Merchant Foundation, which has for many years supported the club anonymously. To SLSNSW, Clarence Valley Council, the NSW State Government and the Australian Government, we say thank you for

your continued support of Yamba Surf Club.

Thankyou to the Far North Coast Branch Executive for their assistance and support during the season.

Thankyou to my fellow Board Members for their hard work and dedication. I am very fortunate to have such a great group of people helping to guide the club forward.

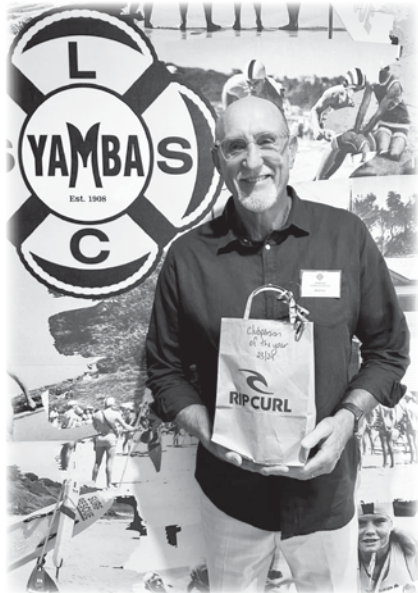
In closing, I once again say a massive thankyou to all the hardworking volunteers who make our club so great, and to my family for their support. It is very rewarding to see so many people want to step up and volunteer their time and expertise to ensure the club is successful and continues to grow. I look forward to another great season in 2024-25.

**Joe Dougherty**

Chairman of the Board (President)



**Life Savers of the Year**  
*Celeste Neander & Mark Neander*



**Club Person of the Year**  
*Mark Rice*

## ADMINISTRATION REPORT

In my ninth year as Director of Administration I'd like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the members of Yamba Surf Club, past and present, whose contributions enrich our organisation and elevate it to a respected position within our community - one that I have always been proud to be a part of since I was a little Yamba Nipper.



At Yamba SLSC, our culture is exemplary, reflected in our impressive member retention figures. This financial year, we proudly count 580 members, with 401 returning from the previous season. While we celebrate these achievements, we remain committed to continual improvement.

This year, our focus has been on ensuring a supportive and secure environment for all members. In alignment with this goal, SLSA has introduced two essential policies: the SLSA Member Protection Policy and Child Safe Policy, accessible on our website.

Our commitment to inclusivity was highlighted during our celebration of Rainbow Beaches, where we adorned the steps and proudly flew the flag to signify our dedication to embracing the LGBTQIA+ community.

Throughout the season, we've endeavoured to provide engaging activities and social events for our members. Events such as Rory Gibson's book launch and mental health discussions, along with regular bar openings hosted by Sally, were warmly supported. We also enjoyed a lively Trivia Night and our Annual Presentation Night. Looking ahead, we aspire to host even more events, inviting members to join our Social Committee and contribute their enthusiasm and ideas.

This year, we took our merchandise offerings online, aiming to reduce costs while expanding the range available to our members. This was a large undertaking by Helen Morris and has not gone unnoticed, thank you Helen.

A heartfelt thankyou goes out to our Board and all members. Special recognition goes to Sue-Ellen and Cathy in the office, Sally for her role with the bar and functions, and Helen for managing merchandise - these remarkable individuals have made my role easier, and it has been a joy working alongside them.

As I prepare to pass the torch, I am grateful for the unwavering support of our dedicated Board members, a passionate team of surf lifesavers who have been instrumental throughout my tenure.

***Leah Essex***

Administration Director (Secretary)

### MEETINGS

A total of 12 Board meetings have been held during the season. Board attendance at meetings was as follows: Joe Dougherty 12, Leah Essex 12, Jill Ennever 12, Chris Moran 11, Jim Dougherty 10, James Kemp 9, Frankie Aird 8, Kim McFarlane 4/7, Mark Rice 4/5, Tim Small 0.



<b>MEMBERSHIP 2023-24</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Male Members</b>	<b>Female Members</b>	<b>Total Members</b>
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	72	78	150
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	9	12	21
Active (15-18 yrs)	16	7	23
Active (18yrs and over)	41	32	72
Award	27	12	39
Reserve Active	2	2	4
Long Service	27	3	30
Life Member	19	2	21
Associate	115	102	218
Probationary	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>580</b>



**Vale - Bruce Muggleton**

*In December, 2023 club members were saddened by the death of dedicated past Yamba SLSC Nippers President and administrator Bruce Muggleton, at the age of 81 years.*

*Bruce and his late wife Margaret formed a wonderful team working together for many years to steer the Yamba Nippers group after joining the Junior Surf Lifesaving movement at Yamba in 1972 when their children became involved. Bruce and Margaret worked tirelessly as local club organisers and as Branch officials as their four children Lyn, Michael (dec), John and Gabrielle progressed through the junior ranks with Yamba SLSC.*

*Bruce held several positions on the Yamba Nippers committee serving terms as President and Treasurer; for many years he drove the club bus to carnivals; he coached junior March Past and R & R teams, as well as beach competitors, including his son John who won several State and Australian junior beach and flags titles.*

*For 10 years Bruce was the Beach Referee at the NSW Junior Country Titles and for 7 years held this position at the NSW Junior State Titles. He also held the position of FNC Branch Junior Superintendent during that time.*

*Bruce was made a Life Member of Yamba Nippers in 1987 and a Life Member of Far North Coast Branch (Junior Activities group) in 1991. He served Yamba Nippers with distinction for many years and helped build a strong foundation for our youngest club members.*

## LIFE SAVING REPORT

It's been a huge season on the patrol front this year. Our patrolling members completed an extraordinary 6,402hrs on the beach, a significant increase from last season's 4,812hrs. Collectively, 611 preventative actions and 11 rescues were performed over the season, highlighting the important work our patrolling members do each and every patrol. This season we had 8 patrol teams rostered, down from our usual 9 which placed additional load on our patrolling members. This meant that during peak holiday periods, patrols were rolling around on a weekly basis. Despite this our patrolling members continued to find the time, energy and enthusiasm in their busy lives to keep our beautiful Main Beach safe. I cannot thank everyone enough who donated their time this season. We couldn't have done it without your support!



This season we had 43 'patrol award' recipients. These outstanding patrol members completed a minimum of 50 patrol hours and had less than one 'no-show' for the entire season. As a special thank you, each recipient received a limited edition Turkish towel embroidered with the club's logo at our Presentation Night. A highly sought after prize!

Once again, the Kiosk did an outstanding job treating our patrol members to a complimentary meal each patrol. The significant cost of these meals was graciously covered by the club and the amazing André Rizk. So please, don't forget to thank André next time you're down at Main Beach. I hope this gesture offered by the club shows just how much we appreciate our patrolling members each season.

On top of their patrol roster commitments, a number of our amazing members also volunteered their time to provide First Aid and Water Safety at additional events. These included the Yamba Nippers Surf Carnival, Yamba Triathlon, Yamba Ocean Swims and the Brunswick Master's Carnival at Yamba. A massive thank you to all who put up their hands to help. These events would not have been possible without your support.

Thank you to Jill Ennever and the Education Team for their hard work in running our Skills Maintenance days. A huge amount of work goes on behind the scenes to ensure these proficiency days run smoothly and that all patrol members regain their awards before the 31st of December each year. Thank you again to the amazing Jill for all her time, patience and diligence in organising these proficiencies.

For the first time since its inception, the 'Life Saver of the Year' mantle was jointly awarded this year to husband and wife team, Mark and Celeste Neander. Mark and Celeste have been an integral part of the Yamba UAV service for the past 5 years and have collectively accumulated 844 hours of flying. This season, despite being overseas until November 2023, Mark and Celeste spent 106.5 hrs and 106 hrs respectively on the beach. They generously volunteer across two patrol teams, significantly increasing UAV coverage for Yamba SLSC. In addition to their patrol hours, Mark and Celeste also work closely with our UAV captain Rob Becker, to ensure our pilots are up-skilled each season running training days for the UAV team. Thank you Mark and Celeste for your phenomenal contribution to the club over the past 5 years. We are delighted to recognise such pivotal club members with this award.

Trent Stainlay, our always enthusiastic IRB Captain, continued to go above and beyond in his role. This season Trent gained his IRB training qualification and successfully trained a number of new IRB crews and drivers. Thanks to Trent, our IRB fleet has not been in better condition for sometime. Taking time from his busy week, Trent always responded quickly, resolving any IRB issues that may have arisen over the weekend's patrols (and trust me, there were a lot). Thank you for your dedication, energy and willingness this season.

Currently, Club President Joe Dougherty, and myself are in the process of negotiating our Life Saving Agreement with SLSNSW which will determine our patrol rostering for the next 2 years. This will see a few changes to our current rostering which we believe will benefit our members and the community.

Thanks again to all our amazing patrolling members. I know I've said it before, but we honestly couldn't have done it without you all! Bring on season 2024/25!

## Frances Aird

Lifesaving Director (Club Captain)

### Individual Patrol Hours

Adams, Ceri,	49	Erbacher, David,	74.5	Lynch, Kieran,	55.5	Purcell, Chloe,	36
Aird, Frances,	60	Essex, Leah,	55.5	Mackay, Heidi,	3.5	Rennex, Eric,	42
Allen, Lorraine,	28	Fahey, Joseph,	4	Macrae, Elizabeth,	38	Rheinberger, Peter,	11
Appleford, Sarah,	30.5	Finnegan, Grace,	11.5	Macrae, John,	52.5	Rice, Mark,	59.5
Batinovic, Hudson,	47.5	Forbes, James,	67	Mastin, Arlo,	48.5	Ridgway, Banjo,	44.5
Batinovic, Macy,	37	Forbes, James Jnr,	21.5	McDonald, John,	7.5	Ridgway, Patrick,	53
Becker, Joe,	52	Forbes, Kate,	33.5	McFarlane, Tony,	56.5	Robinson, Dave,	49
Becker, Katie,	56	Gibson, Rory,	57	McLennan, Anderson,	38	Roney, Mark,	4
Becker, Lucas,	37.5	Gilbert, Gus,	32.5	McLennan, Lindsay,	43	Ryan, Danielle,	7.5
Becker, Robert,	44.5	Gilbert, Isabella,	11.5	McLennan, Vanette,	52	Ryan, James,	7.5
Beresford, Bronte,	28.5	Gilbert, Max,	22	McMahon/,		Saffigna, Dusk,	16.5
Brown, Mahlia,	22.5	Gilbert, Sally,	56	Willott, Matilda,	8	Sahlqvist, Brenton,	0
Brown, Melinda,	34.5	Gilbert, Sienna,	39	Meldrum, Jeunesse,	58.5	Schofield, Alan,	3.5
Butler, Scott,	61.5	Gillard, Kevin,	44.5	Miltiadou, Andrea,	55.5	Scott, Jolanda,	0
Butler, Steve,	60	Gorman, Nicola,	45.5	Miltiadou, Carissa,	19	Shannon, Kai,	37
Chapman, Belinda,	29.5	Grant, Bligh,	60	Miltiadou, Logan,	48	Smith, Brittany,	19
Chapman, Josie,	48	Groom, Eliot,	51	Moran, Chris,	56.5	Smith, George,	12
Chapman, Matthew,	14.5	Gunn, Colin,	52	Morgans, Kim,	11.5	Sowell, Alex,	25.5
Churton, Sonny,	41	Hancock, Natasha,	61	Morris, Helen,	41	Sowell, Sean,	43
Clancy, Victoria,	60	Hawley, James,	26.5	Morris, Jake,	33.5	Sowell, Tim,	44
Comerford, Rhys,	8	Hintz, Paddy,	54.5	Morris, Joshua,	0	Speirs, Millie,	41
Commins, Alex,	20	Hoppitt, Terrence,	51.5	Mortimer, Trent,	26	Stainlay, Ben,	48
Cooper, Bradley,	3	Houston, Matthew,	4.5	Morton, Clair,	30	Stainlay, Campbell,	58.5
Coram, Cindi,	4	Howse, Thomas,	11.5	Motio Robson, Jessamine,	30.5	Stainlay, George,	104.5
Corcoran, Chase,	26.5	Humphries/,		Moule, Michael,	37.5	Stainlay, Jeremy,	51.5
Corcoran, Kurtis,	52	Opzeeland, Luke,	44.5	Neander, Celeste,	106	Stainlay, Jessica,	59
Coulson, Timothy,	1.5	Hyne, David,	52	Neander, Mark,	106.5	Steele, Nathan,	52.5
Crook, Braiden,	42.5	Hyne, Elizabeth,	48	Newman, Emily,	45	Tasker, Lillie,	22.5
Curtis, Leah,	34	Hyne, Sue-Ellen,	61.5	Newton-,		Thompson, Ellis,	41.5
Dalton, Courtney,	27	Johnson, Candice,	55.5	Thompson, Sean,	61.5	Thompson, Kyan,	38
Davey, Tessa,	34.5	Jones, Dexta,	13	Nikas, Andrea,	44	Thorburn, Michelle,	44.5
Day, Kealy,	49.5	Kemp, Ashlee,	68.5	Nikas, Jett,	41.5	Tucker, Warren,	60.5
de Billot, Pierre,	35	Kemp, Isabella,	45.5	O'Brien, David,	15	Varcoe, Roger,	59.5
Dean, Justin,	8.5	Kemp, James,	69.5	O'Brien, Kendall,	21.5	Wallace, Jessie,	34.5
Dean, Rachelle,	31	Kemp, Lily,	48.5	Ogilvie, Angus,	41.5	Wheeler, James,	65
Don, Jacob,	46	Kemp, Thore,	72.5	O'Neill, Lewis,	0	Wiblen, Raymond,	4
Dougherty, James,	2	King, Jo,	48.5	Onslow, William,	107	Wiblen, Theodore,	34.5
Dougherty, Joseph,	34.5	Klein, Helmut,	62	Page, Jazz,	15.5	Winger, Bobbie,	22
Douglas, Luke,	9.5	Kratzmann, Ky,	57	Palmer, Kirk,	59	Worboys, Joanne,	11
Dunne, Alan,	42	Kratzmann, Richard,	15.5	Patricks, Clinton,	4	Worboys, Simon,	14.5
Edwardes, Marcus,	38	Lawrence, Alan,	49	Philip, Dale,	59.5	Young, Kyah,	26
Eke, Matthew,	46	Lawrence, Jane,	49.5	Plunkett, Benjamin,	55	Young, Mark,	7
Ennever, Jill,	23.5	Lovell, Christian,	30	Plunkett, Olana,	11.5		

### PATROL STATISTICS 2023-24

First Aid Type Performed	Rescues Type	Preventative Actions Type	
Major Wounds	No Gear	Preventions	312
Minor Cuts/Abrasions		Swimmers Advised	148
Minor Marine Stings	Rescue Tube	Craft Users Warned	35
Other	Rescue Board	Beach Users Warned	39
		Warning Signs Erected	77
<b>Total First Aid</b>	<b>Total Rescues</b>	<b>Total Preventative Actions</b>	<b>611</b>

### PATROL ATTENDANCE AWARDS 2023-24

Ceri Adams, Frances Aird, Katie Becker, Scott Butler, Steve Butler, Victoria Clancy, Kealy Day, David Erbacher, James Forbes, Rory Gibson, Sally Gilbert, Bligh Grant, Eliot Groom, Colin Gunn, Paddy Hintz, Terry Hoppitt, Sue-Ellen Hyne, David Hyne, Candice Johnson, Thore Kemp, Ashlee Kemp, Helmut Klein, Ky Kratzmann, Alan Lawrence, Jane Lawrence, Kieran Lynch, Tony McFarlane, Vanette McLennan, Mark Neander, Celeste Neander, Sean Newton-Thompson, William Onslow, Kirk Palmer, Dale Philip, Mark Rice, Patrick Ridgway, Trent Stainlay, Jessica Stainlay, Roger Varcoe, James Wheeler.

## LIFE SAVING AWARDS 2023-24

#### SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE (22)

Macy Batinovic, Tennyson Becker, Mahlia Brown, Josie Chapman, Sonny Churton, Braiden Crook, Tessa Davey, Giselle Dean, Frances Fenner, Kayla Hancock, Matilda McMahon Willott, Jessamine Motio Robson, Zahli Plunkett, Chloe Purcell, Willow Rowney, Dusk Saffigna, Kali Shannon, Ellis Thompson, Kyan Thompson, Jessie Wallace, Theodore Wiblen, Kyah Young

#### BRONZE MEDALLION (23)

Lorraine Allen, Hudson Batinovic, Joe Becker, Alex Commins, Cindi Coram, Rachelle Dean, Marcus Edwardes, Paddy Hintz, Candice Johnson, Isabella Kemp, Christian Lovell, Luke Luchetti, Lindsay McLennan, Arlo Mastin, Emily Newman, David O'Brien, Angus Ogilvie, Jazz Page, Andrew Reeves, Banjo Ridgway, Fraser Robinson, Alex Sowell, Sasha Worboys

#### RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATE (2)

James Forbes, Kim Morgans

#### ADVANCED RESUSCITATION TECHNIQUES (9)

Leah Essex, James Forbes, Sally Gilbert, Bligh Grant, Celeste Neander, Pat Ridgway, Peter Sweetman, Roger Varcoe, Bobbie Winger

#### SILVER MEDALLION PATROL CAPTAIN (1)

Sean Newton-Thompson

#### IRB CREW CERTIFICATE (6)

Joe Becker, Courtney Dalton, Christian Lovell, Arlo Mastin, Banjo Ridgway, Lillie Tasker

#### SILVER MEDALLION IRB DRIVER (3)

Terry Hoppitt, Kieran Lynch, Logan Miltiadou

#### TRAINING OFFICER AWARD (2)

James Forbes - Bronze Medallion Trainer  
Trent Stainlay - IRB Trainer



Far North Coast Branch  
**Training Officer of the Year**  
Kieran Lynch – Yamba SLSC

## EDUCATION REPORT

The past season has been another busy time for the club's Education training sector.

It has been good to welcome a number of new members who gained their Bronze Medallion award, and also junior club members moving up from the Nipper ranks who gained their Surf Rescue Certificate.

We appreciate the time and effort our Trainers and Assessors give to club education. This season Kieran Lynch has made a valuable contribution in using his digital skills to enhance training programs and visuals.



Two new trainers completed their probationary status this season to become qualified SLSA Trainers - James Forbes is now a Bronze Medallion Trainer, and Trent Stainlay adds IRB Trainer to his IRB Captain role. Both these members bring years of lifesaving experience to member training.

The season kicked off with our well-attended first annual Skills Maintenance session. This was organised again by Jim Dougherty in conjunction with our club's Endorsed Assessors.

Lifesaving education training started in August with a strong squad completing their Bronze Medallion. This group included those who then joined a patrol team, as well as Nipper parents who worked in Water Safety over the season.

In the Sept/Oct school holidays Kim Morgans trained a tight squad of SRC members and two mature members who all gained their Bronze Medallion.

During the second half of the season a small band of Bronze and SRC candidates trained together to achieve their respective awards. The SRC candidates' previous Nipper involvement gave them an edge with required surf skills.

Patrol member Sean Newton-Thompson stepped up to Patrol Captain status gaining his Silver Medallion Patrol Captain award in the new two day program.

Let's not forget the IRB team members, led by Trent Stainlay, who train consistently to enhance our IRB capabilities. During the season, 9 Crew and 5 Silver Medallion Driver awards were achieved. An impressive result.

The season ended on a high note with two Branch Awards being presented to Yamba SLSC at the Far North Coast Awards of Excellence held in Byron Bay. Kieran Lynch received the Branch 'Training Officer of the Year' Award. Well deserved. The club also gained the FNC Branch 'Education Club of the Year' Award.

Over the past season it has been a pleasure to see members extend themselves to acquire new skills and go on to make a contribution to club activities.

***Jill Ennever***

Education Director (Chief Training Officer)

## SURF SPORTS REPORT

Yamba had one of its best seasons for many years in the Surf Sports arena highlighted by 3rd place in the pointscore at the NSW Country Titles and record medal hauls at both State and Australian Titles.

We had a busy season hosting events with a Branch Nippers Carnival in November, the annual Ocean Swim Day in early January and the Masters Surf Carnival in February. There was a big work force of club members to help with the running of these events and special thanks must go to our IRB crews led by Trent Stainlay who ensured the safety of all those who entered the water.



The Far North Coast Branch Titles were again held at Byron Bay over two days in December. We had good conditions on the first day for the Nippers events but the swell came up on Day 2 and when the weather deteriorated around 1pm the carnival had to be cut short. Yamba finished 3rd in both the Junior pointscore and the Seniors/Masters pointscore behind Cudgen and Byron Bay. The club won 20 events in the Juniors and 25 in the Seniors/Masters in a good warm up for the major carnivals later in the season.

The NSW Country Titles were held on the South Coast at Warilla Barrack Point just south of Wollongong on the last weekend in January. A team of 40 Yamba competitors made the long trek south and recorded some outstanding performances to finish in 3rd place in the pointscore with 24 gold medals, 23 silver and 13 bronze medals. Club president Joe Dougherty led the way with 6 gold medals in Masters events closely followed by Alan Dunne with 5 gold and Jeunesse Meldrum with 4 gold. In Nippers events Clarry Dougherty topped the gold medal count with 4, ahead of Leo Dean, Ziggy O'Brien, Felix Forbes, Mostyn Brown, Gracie McLennan, and Harlen Bews all with 2 gold medals. A big thank you again to our carnival officials, IRB crew and water safety personnel who made the long trip to Warilla to enable the club to partake in the competition.

The NSW State Titles were held in March at Queenscliff for the third consecutive year with challenging surf conditions for nippers, seniors and masters. Our nippers sent a team of 23 members to Sydney and there were some outstanding efforts with the team claiming 2 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze medals plus two 4ths, one 5th and two 6ths and 22nd place in the pointscore from 80 competing clubs. Cody Kratzmann led all the way to win the Under 9 years male surf race and moved up an age group to help the Yamba team win the Under 10 years male surf teams – our first ever gold medal in a surf teams event at State nippers level. The other team members were Leo South, Floyd Doyle and Kenny O'Brien. Leo Dean finished strongly to claim the silver medal in the 11 years iron man, whilst bronze medals went to Clarry Dougherty in the 11 years board race, Henry Jenner in the 11 years 1km beach run, and the 11 years male surf team.

The NSW State Inclusive Championships were held in conjunction with the State Age Titles and Maverick McLennan dominated the Under 9 boys events with 4 gold medals and a silver medal.

Our veteran competitors also had great results at the State Masters Titles winning 1 gold, 5 silver and 4 bronze medals to outdo last year's record haul of 9 medals. Jeunesse Meldrum was again the star of the team winning the 45/49 years female rescue tube and finishing an unlucky second in the surf race. Other silver medal winners were Joe Fahey in the 50/54 years male surf ski, David O'Brien in the 55/59 years rescue tube,

and the Over 170 years taplin relay and ski relay teams. Bronze medals went to Michael Stubbs in both the 55/59 years surf race and rescue tube, Peter Rheinberger in 60/64 years rescue tube and Greg Goodwin and Ben Sullivan in the 55/59 years double ski race.

The Australian Titles were held at Maroochydore with the club sending one of our biggest teams ever resulting in a medal haul of 1 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze medals. In the Youth Titles Felix Forbes put in an outstanding paddle to finish 3rd in a tight finish in the Under 13 board race final. Willow Rowney was a finalist in the Under 13 female board race and finished in 7th place with Zahli Plunkett in the Under 14 board rescue final. The two girls also combined with Kayla Hancock to reach the semi-final of the Under 14 board relay.

In the Masters Titles our 'older' board riders had some great results with Kevin Gillard winning gold in the Over 70 years long board riding event and silver in the short board event. Peter Rheinberger won silver in the 60/69 years long board riding event and bronze in the short board event. He also finished 4th in the 60/64 years board race. Jeunesse Meldrum was the other club medalist with a silver in the 45/49 years female surf race, to complete a trio of silver medals at Country, State and Australian Titles in the surf race.

The Over 180 years female boat crew, The Boilers, went to Maroochydore searching for the elusive gold medal after winning silver at the two previous Aussie Titles. However, luck deserted them in the final in the very testing surf conditions and with a boat full of water they rowed into 5th place. During the season the crew won every round of the North Coast Boat Series in which they competed. It was pleasing to see sweep Ray Wiblen get an Under 19 male boat crew together this season and they competed well at the North Coast Boat Series. Hopefully the boys stick together and line up again next season in the same age group.

The club again hosted the "Brunswick Masters Carnival" in February in very testing surf conditions with 16 clubs from Mooloolaba in the north to Port Macquarie in the south taking part. With a big team of 27 Yamba Masters competitors lining up we were able to once again win the Brunswick Hotel pointscore trophy with 203 points from Mermaid Beach on 162 and Mooloolaba on 80 points. In her first year in Masters competition, club captain Frankie Aird won the Con Asmussen trophy for the outstanding performance of the day in riding a big, dumping wave all the way to the beach to lead the field home in the female surf teams event. A big thanks to the visiting officials who helped run the event and also to our water safety personnel.

The weekly Sunday morning handicap surf race was again well supported by members throughout the season, with our older nippers very prominent in the final pointscore. Felix Forbes won the overall season pointscore for the Carl Schaeffer Award with 93 points, narrowly ahead of Willow Rowney on 91 and Dayla Chapman on 84. The monthly pointscore winners were Jude Kemp (Oct), Leo South (Nov), Abe Patricks (Dec), Nicola Gorman (Jan), Zahli Plunkett (Feb & April) and Felix Forbes (March). Thanks to Joe Dougherty and Belinda Sanders for facilitating this weekly Sunday morning surf race throughout the season.

With the competition momentum steadily building within the club again, I look forward to seeing the solid training efforts put in by many members in the off season, coming to fruition at the 'pointy end' of the new season.

## OCEAN SWIMS DAY

Our Ocean Swims Day was held on Sunday 7th January and fortunately favourable weather and surf conditions enabled us to start events from Convent Beach and Main Beach rather than Whiting Beach as in the previous two years. A good field of 265 entrants lined up for the 700m swim with 186 participating in the 2km swim.

Last year's winner Bailey Armstrong from the Sunshine Coast again won both the 700m and 2km races from former winner, Lachlan Walker who was runner up in both swims. The women's 2km race was won by 17yr old Lilly Geddes from Upper Orara whilst 16yr old Tayla O'Shanesy from the Sunshine Coast won the 700m swim.

Yamba club members who had a win in their age group divisions included Jeunesse Meldrum, Peter Rheinberger and Hugh Dougherty in the 700m race, with Alan Dunne, Joe Fahey, Peter Rheinberger, Jim Schafer, Matilda McMahon-Willott, Frankie Aird, Jeunesse Meldrum and Bobbie Winger finishing as winners in the 2km event divisions. The male Dash for Cash was again won by club member Alan Dunne with Abbie Yourell from Evans Head taking the money in the female division.

A big thanks is due to the large club work force involved on the day and in the lead up. Thanks to club Secretary Leah Essex for addressing much of the paperwork needed for approvals, as well as again assisting with the tedious work in processing entries and results. Trent Stainlay and his IRB crews did a great job setting courses and controlling the swim area along with our patrol members. The various workforces on the beach, in the water and taking entries, and all those assisting in catering and other roles during and after the event all made the day both possible and successful - thankyou! Special thanks also to my wife Cathy whose invaluable work behind the scenes for many years has enabled the wheels of this event to keep turning smoothly.

Ocean Swim Day once again achieved its goal of being a major fundraiser for the club with more than \$10,000 being added to club funds. Our valued sponsors help us achieve this - Clarence Valley Council, Pacific Hotel, Westlawn Finance & Insurance, Ray White Yamba, Belinda's Store, The Stella, The Surf, Yamba Community Pool and Coopers Brewery. This ongoing support enables us to cover the costs of running the event as well as providing prizes to the overall placegetters and winners across all the age groups. Thanks also to our club members for the work they do in seeking this sponsorship from within the community.

### Yamba Ocean Swim Results – Monday 7th January 2024

700m Swim	Male	Time	Female	Time
1st	Bailey Armstrong	6.33	Taylor O'Shanesy	8.14
2nd	Lachlan Walker	6.41	Zali Bowden	8.27
3rd	Rhys Mulholland	7.32	Abbie Yourell	8.31
Age Groups	Male	Time	Female	Time
10-14	Will Hensley	8.31	Amelia Atkinson	9.17
15-19	Archer Ferguson	7.46	Millie Loughnan	8.49
20-29	Jay adams	8.55	Lucy Skea	8.57
30-39	Daniel Bannerman	8.33	Allyce Thornton	10.09
40-49	Hugh Dougherty	8.01	Jeunesse Meldrum	9.20
50-59	John Francis	8.37	Michelle Walker	10.26
60-69	Peter Rheinberger	9.17	Alexandra Evans	10.26
70+	Paul Mayberry	11.57	Monica Hardwick	14.58
2km Swim	Male	Time	Female	Time
1st	Bailey Armstrong	20.07	Lilly Geddes	25.33
2nd	Lachlan Walker	20.52	Zali Bowden	25.52
3rd	Jayden Beaumont	23.13	Millie Loughnan	26.21



## **Yamba Ocean Swim Results (cont'd)**

<b>Age Groups</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Time</b>
12-14	Cooper McGuiness	24.24	Matilda McMahon-Willott	31.16
15-19	Archer Ferguson	23.14	Abbie Yourell	26.32
20-29	William Bowden	25.43	Lucy Skea	27.18
30-39	Alan Dunne	25.57	Frances Aird	28.41
40-49	James Winney	26.38	Jeunesse Meldrum	28.10
50-59	Joe Fahey	26.28	Vanessa Teece	29.15
60-69	Peter Rheinberger	29.29	Alexandra Evans	31.17
70+	Jim Schafer	36.11	Bobbie Winger	42.38
<b>Dash for Cash</b>	Alan Dunne		Abbie Yourell	

## **SURF CARNIVAL RESULTS**

### **NSW COUNTRY TITLES – Warilla Barrack Point January 26,27,28**

**Pointscore: 1. Warilla-Barrack Point 2. Cudgen 3. Yamba 4. Broulee 5. Byron Bay  
Yamba – 24 Gold, 23 Silver, 13 Bronze.**

#### **Gold Medals**

1. U9 Male Surf Race – Cody Kratzmann
2. U10 Male Board Race – Harlen Bews
3. U10 Mixed Beach Relay – Nate Myers/Harlen Bews/Hazel Rowney/Archie Dunne
4. U11 Iron Man – Clarry Dougherty
5. U11 Male Surf Race – Ziggy O'Brien
6. U11 Male Board Race – Clarry Dougherty
7. U11 Mixed Surf Teams – Ziggy O'Brien/Leo Dean/Clarry Dougherty/Gracie McLennan
8. U11 Mixed Board Relay – Clarry Dougherty/Leo Dean/Gracie McLennan
9. U11/12 – Male Board Rescue – Mostyn Brown/Leo Dean
10. U13 Iron Man – Felix Forbes
11. U13 Mixed Board Relay – Felix Forbes/Willow Rowney/Mostyn Brown
12. 30/39 Male Surf Race – Alan Dunne
13. 30/39 Male Board Rescue – Alan Dunne/Joe Dougherty
14. 40/49 Male Surf Race – Joe Dougherty
15. 40/49 Male Rescue Tube Race – Joe Dougherty
16. 40/49 Female Rescue Tube Race – Jeunesse Meldrum
17. 50/59 Male Surf Race – David O'Brien
18. 50/59 Male Rescue Tube Race – Michael Stubbs
19. 50/59 Male Board Rescue – James Forbes/Michael Stubbs
20. 60/69 Female Rescue Tube Race – Jane Lawrence
21. Over 90 years Mixed Surf Teams – Joe Dougherty/Alan Dunne/Jeunesse Meldrum
22. Over 90 years Mixed Board Relay – Joe Dougherty/Alan Dunne/Jeunesse Meldrum
23. Over 90 years Mixed Taplin Relay – Joe Dougherty/Alan Dunne/Jeunesse Meldrum
24. Over 150 years Mixed Surf Teams – David O'Brien/Michael Stubbs/Jane Lawrence

#### **NSW STATE AGE TITLES Queenscliff Beach March 7 to 10**

**2 Gold, 1 Silver, 3 Bronze Medals. 22nd in Pointscore**

- U9 Male Surf Race – 1st Cody Kratzmann
- U10 Male Surf Teams – 1st Leo South, Cody Kratzmann, Floyd Doyle, Kenny O'Brien
- U11 Iron Man – 2nd Leo Dean, 8th Clarry Dougherty
- U11 Male Board Race – 3rd Clarry Dougherty, 7th Leo Dean
- U11 Male 1km Beach Run – 3rd Henry Jenner
- U11 Male Surf Teams – 3rd Ziggy O'Brien, Leo Dean, Clarry Dougherty, Henry Jenner
- U13 Female Board Rescue – 4th Willow Rowney, Kayla Hancock
- U13 Male 2km Beach Run – 4th Felix Forbes
- U13 Male Board Race – 5th Felix Forbes
- U11 Male Surf Race – 6th Ziggy O'Brien, 9th Leo Dean
- U11 Male 2 x 500m Beach Run Relay – 6th Henry Jenner, Leo Dean

## **NSW STATE MASTERS TITLES – Queenscliff Beach – March 13 & 14**

### **1 Gold, 5 Silver, 4 Bronze Medals. 21st in Pointscore**

45/49 years Female Rescue Tube Race – 1st Jeunesse Meldrum

45/49 years Female Surf Race – 2nd Jeunesse Meldrum

50/54 years Male Single Ski Race – 2nd Joe Fahey

55/59 years Male Rescue Tube Race – 2nd David O'Brien, 3rd Michael Stubbs, 6th Alex Commins

Over 170 years Male Taplin Relay – 2nd Nathan Steele, Peter Rheinberger, David O'Brien

Over 170 years Male Ski Relay – 2nd Nathan Steele, Greg Goodwin, Ben Sullivan

55/59 years Male Surf Race – 3rd Michael Stubbs, 5th David O'Brien, 8th Alex Commins

55/59 years Male Double Ski Race – 3rd Greg Goodwin, Ben Sullivan, 4th Nathan Steele, Michael Stubbs

60/64 years Male Rescue Tube Race – 3rd Peter Rheinberger

55/59 years Male Board Rescue – 4th Peter Rheinberger, Michael Stubbs

65/69 years Female 1km Beach Run – 4th Bobbie Winger

Over 170 years Female Surf Teams – 4th Jeunesse Meldrum, Paddy Hintz, Bobbie Winger

65/69 years Female Surf Race – 5th Bobbie Winger

65/69 years Female Board Race – 6th Bobbie Winger

65/69 years Female Rescue Tube Race – 6th Bobbie Winger

## **AUSTRALIAN YOUTH TITLES – Maroochydore – April 13 & 14**

### **1 Bronze Medal**

U13 Male Board Race – 3rd Felix Forbes

U13/14 Female Board Rescue – 7th Willow Rowney, Zahli Plunkett

U13 Female Board Race – Finalist Willow Rowney

U13/14 Female Board Relay – Semi finalist Kayla Hancock, Zahli Plunkett, Willow Rowney.

## **AUTRALIAN MASTERS TITLES – Maroochydore – April 15 & 16**

### **1 Gold, 3 Silver, 1 Bronze Medals**

Over 70 years Male Long Board Riding – 1st Kevin Gillard

45/49 years Female Surf Race – 2nd Jeunesse Meldrum

Over 70 years Male Short Board Riding – 2nd Kevin Gillard

60/69 years Male Long Board Riding – 2nd Peter Rheinberger

60/69 years Male Short Board Riding – 3rd Peter Rheinberger

60/64 years Male Board Race – 4th Peter Rheinberger

70/74 years Male Board Race – 5th Kevin Gillard

65/69 years Female 1km Beach Run – 6th Bobbie Winger

Over 170 years Surf Teams – 5th David O'Brien, Michael Stubbs, Peter Rheinberger

Over 180 years Female Boat Race – 5th Leah Essex, Jo King, Andrea Nikas, Vanette McLennan, Ray Wiblen

## **Jim Dougherty**

Surf Sports Director



*Yamba Masters Male Competitors  
Masters Carnival – Yamba – Feb. 2024*

## JUNIOR ACTIVITIES (NIPPERS') REPORT

After several strong seasons, our reputation as a good value and well run sporting activity for families of Yamba and the Clarence Valley, saw near record numbers of Nippers with just under 180 registrations. The increase in numbers was a challenge accepted by our incredible volunteers who support the Nipper program as coaches, age managers, officials and helpers, with everyone leaning in to provide education and development opportunities for all skill levels.



To help manage the influx of Nippers we made a few small changes to the way in which we ran the season.

1. Tailored training sessions. We have had a really strong training program for many years with a dedicated coaching team of Melinda Brown, Jim & Joe Dougherty and Deacon Spicer helping our Nippers in the water. Lindsay McLennan and Helen Morris supported our beachies once again. I don't know where they get their enthusiasm. The regular training sessions cater to Nippers looking to learn, Nippers looking to improve and Nippers looking to compete. Matching our coaches to skill level has seen greater improvement across the program as a whole and has meant all our Nippers, new and old, feel accommodated and cared for.
2. Season of two halves. Leading up to Christmas we ran our Nipper program as usual with age groups and dedicated age managers as we focussed on the educational element of the Nipper season. Post Christmas though our Sunday Nipper sessions were more aligned to competency and skill level. This allowed us to move Nippers and age managers around based on their competency and skill levels, providing more tailored support again.
3. What else? For a few seasons now we have encouraged our Nippers to participate in other surf club activities. Initially this was mostly our Sunday handicap ocean swim. This has extended to Nippers competing in the annual Yamba Ocean swim. We have also asked our older SRC Nippers to support the Nipper program as water safety and Age Manager assistants. All these activities have provided opportunity for the Nippers to see that there is a lot more going on in the club than just Sunday Nippers. It has also introduced our Nippers to older members of the club and helped to develop better relationships across the club as a whole.

As always, we have had excellent support from the Training Officers within the surf club. This season we had two groups of Nippers complete their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC). We also had a large number of Nippers complete their Resuscitation Certificates. All in all I feel our Nipper program is doing well in preparing our Nippers to be the life savers of the future.

The other area where we have excelled this season has been in the competition arena. We started strongly with our home carnival. This was a great day which initially allowed for all competitors to get in the water and test their skills. Unfortunately, the day was cut short when some fairly ordinary weather blew in.

The Branch carnival was another successful outing for Yamba Nippers in all the events that were completed. 62 Nippers in total competed over the weekend, which was an excellent turn out. Our results were not limited to the water either, with both the 1k and 2k runs bringing home medals across several age groups.

The NSW Country Titles though was where it all came together. Despite a smaller than usual turn out it was an excellent carnival and a great way to bring the club together. A crew of us stayed at the Kiama Scout Hall for the carnival, and I don't know if it was the opportunity

to bond or what, but I really felt we came together as a team over the weekend. This was definitely seen in the results with all age groups bringing home medals and top 6 finishes, plus another 2nd place in the All Age Board Relay (we will beat Cudgen eventually). I could not have been prouder of the Nippers. I also am extremely grateful to the parents who made the journey. It is a significant commitment. Thank you.

NSW State Titles - we were well represented again and produced excellent results across the carnival, two I'd like to make note of:

- U10 Male Surf Race GOLD- Floyd Doyle, Leo South, Kenny O'Brien and Cody Kratzman (U9). This was a first for Yamba Nippers in this event at State level. What a result.
- U11 Ironman SILVER- Leo Dean. To say Leo just never stops trying is an understatement and this was well deserved after a long season.
- Special mention too to Willow Rowney in the U13 Girls Board final. The "closest finish we have ever seen" according to the commentator. Honestly, I still think they are trying to figure out who won!

None of this happens by accident. The JAC are supported wonderfully by a committed group of Age Managers, Officials and helpers every season. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and I thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

We are also supported by a fantastic group of sponsors, helping to provide all the necessary equipment needed for a successful Nipper program. Thank you all.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the JAC Executive this season, Mel Brown, Tash Hancock and Rebecca St John. Without your support we would not have had as successful a program. Thank you.

We look forward to Season 24/25 where we hope to improve again in producing life savers of the future and excellent results at carnivals.

**James Kemp**

Junior Activities (Nippers) Director

### 2023/2024 MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

**Jack Goddard Memorial "Junior Lifesaver"** – Braiden Crook

**John Muggleton Award "Junior Club Person"** – Willow Rowney

**Junior Club Champion** – Felix Forbes

**Des Eamens Memorial Award 'Beach Event Champion'** – Mostyn Brown

**Norma Doulis Memorial Award 'Water Events Champion'** – Clarence Dougherty

### 2023/24 Season Awards

		<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>
<b>U8</b>	Girls	Athena Pattas	Wanita Styles
	Boys	Navrin Robinson	Ziggy Fung
<b>U9</b>	Girls	Ashlyn Gell	Adella Picton
	Boys	Tasman McLennan	Cody Kratzman
<b>U10</b>	Girls	Lulu Kemp	Hazel Rowney
	Boys	Archie Dunne & Leo South	Harlen Bews
<b>U11</b>	Girls	Jayda Fung	Gracie McLennan
	Boys	Ziggy O'Brien, Jude Kemp, Clarry Dougherty	Leo Dean
<b>U12</b>	Girls	Dayla Chapman	Ella Horton
	Boys	Mostyn Brown	Zavier Young
<b>U13</b>	Girls	Willow Rowney	Poppy Kemp
	Boys	Felix Forbes	Kydan Jones

## CLUBHOUSE REPORT

Firstly, I would like to thank the efforts of our Clubhouse Committee – Kim McFarlane, Brian Badgery, Mick Moule, Bill Grainger, and James Forbes. The clubhouse is old and positioned in a harsh environment, it requires a huge effort from our team to keep it looking at its best. The team is highly committed and motivated and no job is off limits. A special note of thanks to Michael Moule for researching and installing the bike rack located at the northern end of the clubhouse.



Unfortunately, in January of this year Kim McFarlane resigned as Clubhouse Chair. Kim had taken on additional duties at her paid job and found it hard to meet the commitments of the Clubhouse Chair. I was happy to replace Kim through to the end of this season.

I would like to thank Kim for the work she has done for the club, noting Kim was the driving force in the success of our applications for the Sports Facility Grant and Community Building Partnership Program.

The Surf Club Facility Grant will be used to replace 9 damaged roof sheets and upgrade the club's 3 decks. At the time of writing, we were reviewing a synthetic deck flooring called NexGEN, with work commencing shortly.

Work on the ocean deck is scheduled to start in July and be completed by the end of August, weather permitting.

The Community Building Partnership Grant will be used to help fund the replacement of all windows located at the northern end of the club house (18 windows). The patrol room will be prioritised first and scheduled to be completed before the start of the 24/25 patrol season.

There is a lot work that goes into submitting these Grants and I would like to thank Vice-President, Chris Moran, for his patience and attention to detail in this regard.

Another major work scheduled in the next financial year is the installation of a grease trap. The grease trap will attach to both our club house commercial kitchen and the Kiosk. This is a requirement from Clarence Valley Council.

Ben Plunkett has resigned as Caretaker of our surf club and moved to larger lodgings. Ben has done a great job over the last 18 months and will be sorely missed. Jesse and Emily Richards moved in on 24th May to take up the Caretaker's position and carry on Ben's legacy.

And lastly, a big thank you to all those who have helped in supporting our club over the last 12 months.

**Mark Rice**

Clubhouse Director.

## OUR PARTNERS

Yamba SLSC has again received generous assistance from various Government and other agencies, throughout the 2023-24 season. This financial assistance enables the club to purchase important Lifesaving and First Aid equipment as well as to carry out Education and Training Programs for our lifesavers, new and old.

The cost of ongoing maintenance on our 90 year old building is also significant and we are constantly looking at ways to fund this essential work.

Grants and donations, received from various sources, as well as the valuable support from our ongoing sponsors at Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze levels (listed on our back cover), all help to keep the club moving forward. Thanks to all supporters.

### GRANTS 2023-24

- Surf Club Facility Program 23/24, NSW Government  
Purpose: To refurbish deck, repair adjacent roof & replace verandah decking  
Amount: \$124,608
- Community Building Partnership Program 2023, NSW Government  
Purpose: To replace 15 windows on the northern and eastern sides of the clubhouse  
Amount: \$22,375
- Stronger Communities Program 2023, Federal Government  
Purpose: To purchase Battery charging cabinet  
Amount: \$5,000
- Community Building Partnership Program 2021, NSW Government  
Purpose: To repaint the clubhouse (2023)  
Amount: \$21,394
- Beach Safety Equipment Fund (BSEF), SLSA  
Purpose: To purchase First Aid & rescue equipment  
Amount: \$11,000
- Good2Give Grant - Real Estate Australia  
Purpose: To purchase an Ipad/Tyro – Additional Eftpos Facility  
Amount: \$1,000
- SLSNSW – SLS Fundraising Distribution  
Amount \$5,000
- Merchant Foundation – Life Saving equipment - New IRB and motor

Significant donations have also been received from Clarence 100, Bunnings (BBQ), CV Independent (Club of the Year Award \$1000 in kind), Yamba Fishing Club (Nipper Boards), Yamba Bridge Club, Ritchies IGA Maclean, Ron Ingall, and other donors whose contributions, large and small, are always most appreciated.

## FINANCE REPORT

I am pleased to report that the 2024 season and financial year has delivered another financially stable result. I present the Financial Statements for year ended 30 April 2024 with the following commentary.



The Profit and Loss statement shows a profit of approximately \$34,421, a pleasing turnaround compared with a loss of \$9,767 for 2023 financial year. I note the profit includes a depreciation provision of \$39,746. With the addback of non-cash expenses, the operating profit was \$74,167.

The following club Balance Sheet reflects a robust net asset position of approximately \$848,403 of which approximately \$333,554 is held in current assets.

Continued efforts by committees and members of the club led to a particularly successful year, marked by notable achievements from good fundraising events and sponsorship outcomes, this improvement is largely attributed to an increase in function activity and bar sales. Club merchandise sales have seen a slight increase this year too all contributing positively to our financial performance.

We have made substantial investments in the renovation, repairs, and maintenance of our clubhouse, including the renovation of the foyer, deck repairs, and interior and exterior painting which was positively supported by grants. As always, great appreciation is shown to the sponsorship committee and members who donate their time towards fundraising, grant applications and the ongoing maintenance of corporate sponsorships and donations.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to corporate sponsors, benefactors and organisations that support the financial viability of the club. Without this ongoing support the clubs financial position and contribution to the community would be compromised.

In conclusion, it is great to see our efforts and commitment to enhancing our facilities for the benefit of our members and community fulfilled. The club continues to be in a solid financial position that is fit for the future and well positioned to serve its membership base and community goals. The efforts of the Board and their commitment to financial viability and governance along with a supportive membership base will lead to achieving even greater successes in the years to come.

### **Tim Small**

Treasurer



### **Stronger Communities Grant Presentation**

*K. Hogan, Federal MP with  
Clubhouse Director, Mark Rice and  
President, Joe Dougherty.*

# Yamba Surf Life Saving Club Inc

ABN: 15 327 568 072

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Board members submit the Financial Statements of the Yamba Surf Life Savings Club for the financial year ended 30 April 2024. The complete Financial Statements are available on our website or at the Yamba Surf Life Saving Club Inc office.

In the opinion of the Board:

1. The Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the activities conducted by the club in the period.
2. The Financial Statements show a true and fair view of the financial results of fundraising appeals conducted during the year.
3. The accounting and associated records have been properly kept during the year in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the regulations.
4. The monies received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year have been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the regulations.
5. At the date of this report there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Club will be able to pay its debts when they fall due.

The statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:

  
Joe Dougherty – Chairman of the Board

  
T Small – Finance Director

## Yamba Surf Life Saving Club Inc

### Balance Sheet

As at 30 April 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	260,123	265,727
Trade and Other Receivables	3	19,431	14,576
Inventory	4	38,655	27,152
Other Current Assets	5	15,345	12,487
<b>Total current Assets</b>		<b>333,554</b>	319,942
<b>Non Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	6	526,135	504,077
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>526,135</b>	504,077
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>859,689</b>	824,019
<b>Current Liabilities</b> Trade and Other Liabilities GST Liability	7 8	4,096 7,190	4,600 5,437
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>11,286</b>	10,037
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>848,403</b>	813,982
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained Profits		848,403	813,982
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>848,403</b>	813,982



# Yamba Surf Life Saving Club Inc

## Profit and Loss Statement

For The Year Ended 30 April 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
<b>Common Income</b>			
Clubhouse Hire		56,144	30,758
Donations Received		25,565	29,006
Fundraising Income		57,214	52,586
Gym Membership		2,000	1,877
Sales - Bar		138,719	104,752
Sales - Merchandise		17,983	16,299
Membership Subscriptions		30,201	26,795
Grants Received		40,118	27,658
Sponsorship		13,318	8,545
Sundry Income		3,210	2,257
<b>Total Common Income</b>		<b>384,472</b>	<b>300,533</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Purchases - Bar		52,418	42,198
Purchases - Merchandise		12,012	24,592
Publications		1,250	-
Administration costs		360	496
Advertising		519	-
Awards		1,901	5,831
Bank charges		2,890	2,010
Carnival Expenses		30,942	26,737
Cleaning		4,615	3,960
Depreciation		39,746	43,699
Electricity		9,405	6,512
Fuel and oil		1,117	1,066
Insurance		28,959	25,549
First Aid Expenses		5,127	3,109
Fundraising Expenses		28,786	23,142
SLSA Payment Fees		285	247
Motor vehicle expenses		525	490
Permits, licences and fees		1,117	594
Printing and stationery		2,421	2,610
Professional fees		4,530	3,530
Auditor Fees		3,600	3,500
Rates and taxes		6,672	2,337
Rent		533	325
Repairs and maintenance		34,188	26,382
Kitchen Supplies		712	321
Superannuation contributions		5,909	4,390
Telephone		1,954	1,876
Training Expenses		3,417	#REF!
Subsidies		1,444	2,295
Patrol Expenses		2,057	3,174
Uniforms		5,906	2,757
Wages		54,734	43,064
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>350,051</b>	<b>310,300</b>
<b>Net Operating Profit/(Loss)</b>		<b>34,421</b>	<b>(9,767)</b>

# Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

## Life Membership for Services Rendered

Baird, James	Godbee, N.M OAM*	Morgans, Kim	Saunders, James
Burridge, Raymond*	Goddard, C*	Morris, R.C*	Schaeffer, C.W*
Carmont, O.J*	Goddard, J.C*	O'Grady, F.R*	Schaeffer, Geoff
Collis, Bradley	Hall, F.J BEM*	O'Loughlin, F*	Schofield, Alan
Cox, H.*	Hockey, A.A*	Patrick's, John	Smith, Michael
Donovan, E.E*	Horton, Linda	Phillips, Trevor OAM*	Stevens, A.V*
Donovan, H.G*	Lee, Donald	Ryan, James	Sweetman, Peter
Dougherty, James OAM	Lovell, K.*	Ryan, Kenneth	Tarrant, Andrew*
Dougherty, W.M OAM	Lowien, Clifford*	Sahlqvist, Terry	Tiernan, L.*
Eades, S.J*	McGrath, Cletus	Sanders, Geoff	Zietsch, Gregory

## Associate Life Members

Bradley, Keith	Dougherty, Catherine	Kelly, J.F*	Robinson, W.T*
Chalmers, W.G*	Howe, Ted*	Morgan, Aub*	Smith, R.R*
Cousens, Marjorie*	Kelly, Jack*	Page, M.*	Zietsch, W.J*

## Life Members Surf Life Saving Far North Coast

Baird, James	Godbee, N.M OAM*	Hall, F.J BEM*	Onslow, William
Dougherty, James OAM	Goddard, Colin*	Lee, Donald	

## Life Member Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch Board of Junior Activities

Muggleton, Bruce\*

## Life Member Surf Life Saving New South Wales

Godbee, N.M OAM\*

## Life Member Surf Life Saving Australia

Godbee, N.M OAM\*

### SLSA 70 Year Service

Dougherty W. M. OAM    Saunders, J. W.

### SLSA 60 Year Service

Emslie, John    Lee, Don    McGrath, Clete    Moran, Ray    Sahlqvist, Terry    Sanders, Geoff

### SLSA 50 Year Service

Dougherty, James OAM	Morgans, Kim	Ryan, Kenneth	Smith, Michael
Marsh, Don	Onslow, William		

### SLSA 40 Year Service

Baird, James	Killen, Raymond	Sweetman, Peter	Zietsch, Gregory
Collis, Bradley	Schofield, Alan		

### SLSA 30 Year Service

Horton, Linda    Wheeler, James

### SLSA 25 Year Service

Dougherty, Joseph	Lawrence, Alan	Lawrence, Jane	Wiblen, Raymond
Fahey, Joseph			

\* Denotes deceased member

## FINANCIAL MEMBERS 2023 - 24 SEASON

### Long Service Members (29)

Bennie, Damian	Gillard, Kevin	McDermid, Robert	Schafer, Jim
Dougherty, Hugh	Goodwin, Gregory	McDonald, John	Spicer, Deacon
Dougherty, Joseph	Jowett, Brett	Moran, Raymond	Sullivan, Benjamin
Dougherty, Martin	Killen, Raymond	Morris, Heather	Wall, David
Dougherty, Michael	Klouzal, Harry	Muldoon, Peter	Wiblen, Raymond
Emslie, John	Lollback, Eric	Perry, Gregory	Winger, Bobbie
Fahey, Joseph	Lollback, Kaylene	Rheinberger, Peter	Wiseman, Joel
Felton, John			

### Active Reserve Members (4)

Ennever, Jill	Plunkett, Benjamin	Worboys, Joanne	Worboys, Simon
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### Active Members Over 18 years (72)

Adams, Ceri	Forbes, James	Hyne, Sue-Ellen	Nikas, Andrea
Aird, Frances	Forbes, James Jnr	Johnson, Candice	O'Neill, Lewis
Allen, Lorraine	Forbes, Kate	Kemp, Ashlee	Onslow, William
Becker, Katie	Gibson, Rory	Kemp, James	Palmer, Kirk
Beresford, Bronte	Gilbert, Gus	Kemp, Thore	Philip, Dale
Butler, Scott	Gilbert, Max	King, Jo	Rice, Mark
Butler, Steve	Gilbert, Sally	Klein, Helmut	Ridgway, Patrick
Chapman, Belinda	Gilbert, Sienna	Lawrence, Alan	Robinson, Fraser
Clancy, Victoria	Gorman, Nicola	Lawrence, Jane	Smith, Brittany
Curtis, Leah	Grant, Bligh	Lynch, Kieran	Stainlay, Trent
Dalton, Courtney	Groom, Eliot	McFarlane, Tony	Stainlay, Jessica
Day, Kealy	Gunn, Colin	McLennan, Lindsay	Steele, Nathan
de Billot, Pierre	Hancock, Natasha	McLennan, Vanelle	Thorburn, Michelle
Dean, Rachelle	Hawley, James	Meldrum, Jeunesse	Tucker, Warren
Don, Jacob	Hintz, Paddy	Miltiadou, Andrea	Varcoe, Roger
Edwardes, Marcus	Hoppitt, Terrence	Miltiadou, Carissa	Wheeler, James
Eke, Matthew	Humphries-Opzeeland, Luke	Morris, Joshua	
Erbacher, David	Luke	Morton, Clair	
Essex, Leah	Hyne, Elizabeth	Newton-Thompson, Sean	

### Active Members 15 - 18 years (23)

Batinovic, Hudson	Kemp, Isabella	Newman, Emily	Sowell, Sean
Becker, Joe	Kemp, Lily	Nikas, Jett	Speirs, Millie
Becker, Lucas	Kratzmann, Ky	Ogilvie, Angus	Stainlay, Ben
Coram, Cindi	Lovell, Christian	Page, Jazz	Tasker, Lillie
Corcoran, Chase	Mastin, Arlo	Ridgway, Banjo	Worboys, Sasha
Corcoran, Kurtis	Miltiadou, Logan	Sowell, Alex	

### Cadet Members 13 - 15 years (21)

Batinovic, Macy	Finnegan, Grace	Purcell, Chloe	Thompson, Ellis
Brown, Mahlia	Jones, Dexta	Saffigna, Dusk	Thompson, Kyan
Chapman, Josie	McMahon/Willott, Matilda	Shannon, Kaili	Wallace, Jessie
Churton, Sonny	Morris, Jake	Stainlay, Campbell	Wiblen, Theodore
Crook, Braiden	Motio Robson, Jessamine	Stainlay, Jeremy	Young, Kyah
Davey, Tessa			

### Award Members (39)

Appleford, Sarah	Douglas, Luke	McLennan, Anderson	Rennex, Eric
Becker, Robert	Dunne, Alan	Moran, Chris	Robinson, Dave
Brown, Melinda	Gilbert, Isabella	Morris, Helen	Roney, Mark
Chapman, Matthew	Houston, Matthew	Mortimer, Trent	Ryan, Danielle
Clark, Rowee	Howse, Thomas	Moule, Michael	Smith, Georgie
Comerford, Rhys	Hyne, David	Neander, Celeste	Sowell, Tim
Commings, Alex	Kratzmann, Richard	Neander, Mark	Stubbs, Michael
Cooper, Bradley	Mackay, Heidi	O'Brien, David	Young, Mark
Coulson, Timothy	Macrae, Elizabeth	O'Brien, Kendall	Zvatora, Milla
Dean, Justin	Macrae, John	Plunkett, Olana	

## Probationary Members (2)

Beckwith, Indigo

Luchetti, Luke

## Associate Members (218)

Albert, Jade  
Allomes, Dave  
Anderson, Helen  
Andrews, Anna  
Andrews, Jeremy  
Appleford, Chris  
Armstrong, Kate  
Armstrong, Trevor  
Badgery, Brian  
Badgery, Heather  
Barter, Abby  
Bell, Amelia  
Bennetts, Anna  
Bennetts, Joshua  
Beresford, Richard  
Berry, Rodney  
Bevz, Andre  
Bews, Emma  
Bews, Paul  
Bice, Aimee  
Blunt, David  
Blunt, Sandy  
Bowles, Jillian  
Boyce, Susan  
Bramwell, Sam  
Bramwell, Sarah  
Brancato Little, Renee  
Brown, Rory  
Bultitude, Tahnee  
Bunce, Charles  
Burns, Debbie  
Carruthers-Qua, Michael  
Clark, Daniel  
Clifton, John  
Clifton, Nick  
Clifton, Sally  
Commins, Nicola  
Condie, Anne  
Cook, Madeline  
Corbett, Brad  
Corbett, Tameka  
Costa, Greg  
Crook, Jodie  
Cruz Motio, Juliana  
Curtis, Nathan  
Daebritz, Susan  
Dalton, Deanne  
deLucia, Gail  
Dillon, James  
Don, Gregory  
Don, Katrina  
Don, Nicole  
Donkin, Kristian  
Dougherty, Brett  
Doyle, Thomas

Duff, Chris  
Dunn, Kurt  
Dunne, Jo  
Eke, Lynne  
Esterbauer, Diana  
Fabian, John  
Fabian, Lynette  
Fahey, Barbara  
Fahey, Harrison  
Farmer, Graeme  
Fenner, Henry  
FLEMING, Belinda  
Fleming, David  
Foley, Andrew  
Ford, Nadia  
Foster, Lynsaya  
Frazer, Craig  
Freeburn, Paul  
Fung, Daniel  
Fysh, Fergus  
Gavin, Brent  
Gell, Dylan  
Goddard, Deanna  
Grainger, William  
Grandleese, Graeme  
Greeff, Dylan  
Green, David  
Green, Elise  
Green, Heidi  
Green, Roland  
Griffin, Larry  
Griffin, Mary  
Grundy, David  
Haines, Stephen  
Hancock, Kane  
Hartigan, Bill  
Harwood, Michael  
Hassey, Elise  
Hassey, Kevin  
Hays, Ross  
Hodgson, James  
Hofer, Yvette  
Holst, Christopher  
Horton, Khara  
Houston, Erin  
Howden, Jamie  
Howden, Kim  
Howland, Andrew  
Hughes, Timothy  
Hurrell, Sammy  
James, Renee  
Jane, Adam  
Jenkins, Joanna  
Jenner, Edward  
Johnson, Vanessa

Jones, Daniel  
Jones, Jodie  
Jones, Matthew  
Kelly, Andrew  
Kelly, Peter  
Kemp, Ashleigh  
Kemp, Richard  
King, Judith  
Knights, Daniel  
Laurie, Mareka  
Lewis, Todd  
Lloyd-Smith, David  
Mackay, Megan  
Many, Rachelle  
Martinez, Ramiro  
Mawhinney, Jennifer  
McFarlane, Kim  
McGouldrick, Danielle  
McIntosh, John  
McIntyre, Kristin  
Mckenzie, Douglas  
McKimm, Stephen  
McKimm, Sue  
McLean, Roger  
McMahon, Liz  
McMaster, Phil  
McNeilly, Elly  
Mehan, Jye  
Milne, Wayne  
Morgans, Annalese  
Morris, John  
Moule, Richelle  
Muldoon, Chris  
Myers, Brett  
Myers, Kylie  
O'Brien, Erica  
O'Brien, Josh  
Obst, Callan  
O'Connor, Kathy  
Patrickcs, Clinton  
Patrickcs, Luke  
Patrickcs, Martin  
Patrickcs, Sarah  
Pattas, Loukas  
Patten, Paul  
Perks, Judith  
Perry, Renee  
Petersen, Alexandra  
Phillips, Alexandra  
Pickering, David  
Pickering, Lesley  
Pickering, Reilly  
Pickup, Janet  
Pidcock, Kerry  
Pidcock, Trish

Pritchett, Gai  
Purcell, Charmaine  
Purcell, Mark  
Rae, Tim  
Regan, Edward  
Rheinberger, Mick  
Rice, Joanne  
Richards, Emily  
Richards, Jesse  
Ridgway, John  
Rizk, Andre  
Roach, Teliesha  
Robertson, Lalita  
Robinson, Maria  
Rouvray, Guy  
Rowney, Dale  
Russell, Jenny  
Russell, John  
Saffigna, Damien  
Sahlqvist, Brenton  
Sanders, Belinda  
Schafer, Luke  
Schofield, Roslyn  
Scott, Jolanda  
See, Morgan  
Shepherd, Shamus  
Simeone, Lucia  
Small, Tim  
Smith, Jaime  
Smith, Lyndal  
South, Rosanna  
St John, Rebecca  
Steele, Luke  
Stormon, Michael  
Stroud, Jodie  
Stroud, John  
Styles, Vanessa  
Tarasenko, Paul  
Thomas, Libby  
Thomas, Morgan  
Walker, Shantai  
Walker, Shinae  
Wall, Brendan  
Walmsley, Aaron  
Wells, Leasha  
Weston, Dave  
Williams, Jemma  
Williams, Maree  
Willis, Craig  
Wilson, David  
Woodhead, Christine  
Wunderlich, Kerri  
Young, Christopher

## Junior Activity Members Under 7 - Under 14 years

### Under 7 (30)

Barter, Willow  
 Bews, Lachlan  
 Bice, Rudy  
 Bramwell, Charlotte  
 Campbell, Duke  
 Ceissman, William  
 Clark, Barry  
 Curtis, Charlie  
 Dunn, Austin  
 Dunne, Halle  
 Gavin, Lily  
 Howland, James  
 James, Grace  
 Jenner, Lisanna  
 Jones, Lucy  
 Kemp, Harvey  
 Lewis, Elsie  
 Many, Keeley  
 McLennan, Cedar  
 O'Brien, Zara  
 Penfold, Fern  
 Perry, Hendrix  
 Petersen, Fletcher  
 Picton, Tamilla  
 Roach, Vada  
 Steele, Taura  
 Vorbau, Daisy  
 Wall, Tanner  
 Walmsley, Jimmy  
 Wells, Scarlett

### Under 8 (32)

Albert, Savannah  
 Black, Tyler  
 Chapman, Noa  
 Dean, Stella  
 Dillon, Maggie  
 Donkin, Zahlia  
 Dougherty, Dolly  
 Dougherty, Lennox  
 Douglas, Archibald  
 Fung, Ziggy  
 Harper-Qua, Nina  
 Houston, Maximilian  
 Howden, Jackson  
 Hurrell, Kali  
 Kelly, Rocco Damien  
 Mckenzie, Declan  
 McNeilly, Sophie  
 Nixon, Noah  
 O'Brien, Molly  
 Patricks, Alice  
 Pattas, Athena  
 Patten, Albie  
 Perugini, Anthony  
 Rae, Joshua  
 Regan, Daisy  
 Robinson, Billy-Blai  
 Robinson, Franky  
 Robinson, Navrin  
 Robinson-Laurie, Catalina  
 Rouvray, Jai  
 Smith, Elaina  
 Styles, Wanita

### Under 9 (23)

Allomes, Hayley  
 Bice, Lola  
 Bleach, Iluh  
 Bramwell, Elsie  
 Clark, Neville  
 Cooper, Joshua  
 Corbett, Charli  
 Corbett, Nivana  
 Coulson, Zion  
 Gell, Ashlyn  
 Johnson, Aiden  
 Kemp, Dotti  
 Kratzmann, Cody  
 Mackay, Ava  
 Many, Nash  
 McLennan, Maverick  
 McLennan, Tasman  
 Mortimer, Maeve  
 Patten, Archie  
 Picton, Adella  
 Roach, Sadee  
 St John, Amelia  
 Walmsley, Archie

### Under 10 (21)

Bennetts, Nikolai  
 Bews, Harlan  
 Bleach, Veda  
 Campbell, Harvey  
 Dean, Hannah  
 Dougherty, Poppy  
 Doyle, Floyd  
 Dunne, Archie  
 Green, Evie  
 Houston, Harry  
 James, Jack  
 Kemp, Clara  
 Kemp, Lulu  
 Lloyd-Smith, Siaan  
 Myers, Nate  
 O'Brien, Kenny  
 Perry, Nixon  
 Perugini, Dean  
 Purcell, Myles  
 Rowney, Hazel  
 South, Leo

### Under 11 (18)

Bell, Grace  
 Chapman, Penelope  
 Dalton, Jessika  
 Dean, Leo  
 Dillon, Joseph  
 Dougherty, Clarence  
 Erbacher, Poppy  
 Fung, Jayda  
 Jenner, Henry  
 Kemp, Jude  
 McIntyre, Finn  
 McLennan, Gracie  
 McMahon Willott, Bella  
 O'Brien, Ziggy  
 Patricks, Toby  
 Rae, Danica  
 Roach, Hamish  
 Smith, Hunter

### Under 12 (12)

Appleford, Jack  
 Brown, Mostyn  
 Chapman, Dayla  
 Coulson, Roo  
 Horton, Ella  
 Little, Sanne  
 Patricks, Abe  
 Saffigna, Ari  
 Shannon, Xavier  
 Spicer, Mac  
 St John, Olivia  
 Young, Zavier

### Under 13 (13)

Becker, Tennyson  
 Bennetts, Sasha  
 Dean, Giselle  
 Fenner, Frances  
 Forbes, Felix  
 Gell, Indiana  
 Hancock, Kayla  
 Jenner, Ella  
 Jones, Kydan  
 Kemp, Poppy  
 Plunkett, Zahli  
 Rowney, Willow  
 Stroud, Willow

### Under 14 (12)

Brown, Mahlia  
 Chapman, Josie  
 Crook, Braiden  
 Davey, Tessa  
 Hughes, Marlee  
 McMahon/Willott, Matilda  
 Motio Robson, Jessamine  
 Purcell, Chloe  
 Saffigna, Dusk  
 Shannon, Kali  
 Wallace, Jessie  
 Young, Kyah





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*– Cathy Dougherty (Editor)*



**Aust. Youth Titles**  
*Felix Forbes – Bronze*



**Aust. Masters Titles**  
*K. Gillard (l) – Gold, Silver*  
*P. Rheinberger (r) – Silver, Bronze*



**Aust. Masters Titles**  
*Jeunesse Meldrum – Silver*



**NSW State Masters**  
*Over 170 yrs Taplin Relay – Silver*  
*P. Rheinberger, D. O'Brien, N. Steele*



**NSW State Age Titles**  
*Cody Kratzmann – Gold*



**NSW State Age Titles**  
*U/10 Surf Teams – Gold*  
*C. Kratzmann, F. Doyle, K. O'Brien, L. South*

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