



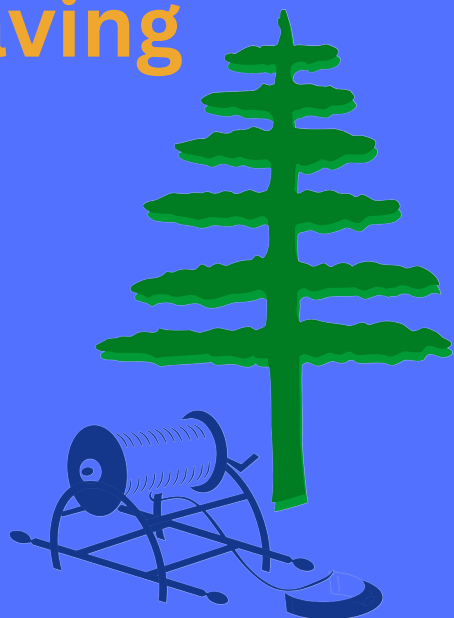
# 2023/24

## 69th Annual Report

Toowoong Bay Surf Life Saving  
Club

**TOOWOON**  
**BAY SLSC**

join the fun!



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# OUR MISSION

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“Surf Life Saving exists to save lives,  
create great Australians and build  
better communities.” SLSNSW



Toowoon Bay SLSC was founded in 1954

## **OBJECTS**

The Club is a Charitable Organisation established solely to be and to continue as such and to this end the Objects of the Club are to:

- a) Provide for the conduct, encouragement, promotion and administration of surf life saving throughout the Toowoon Bay SLSC and the community in which it is placed;
- b) Participate as a Member of SLSCC, SLSNSW and SLSA through and by which surf lifesaving and the preservation of life in the aquatic environment can be conducted, encouraged, promoted, advanced and administered and to cooperate with those of the Club;
- c) Ensure the maintenance and enhancement of the Club, SLSNSW Surf Life Saving Clubs, SLSA and surf lifesaving, its standards, quality and reputation for the benefit of the Members and surf lifesaving;
- d) At all times promote mutual trust and confidence between the Club, SLSCC, SLSNSW, Surf Life Saving Clubs, SLSA and the Members in pursuit of these objects;
- e) At all times act on behalf of and in the interest of the Members and surf lifesaving;
- f) Promote the economic and community service success, strength and stability of the Club, SLSCC, SLSNSW, Surf Life Saving Clubs, SLSA and surf lifesaving;
- g) Affiliate with and otherwise liaise with SLSCC, SLSNSW and SLSA in the pursuit of these objects and surf lifesaving;
- h) Conduct, encourage, promote, advance and control surf lifesaving in Toowoon Bay SLSC, its many aspects devoted to aquatic safety and management and the preservation of life in the aquatic environment;
- i) Conduct or commission research and development for improvements in methods of surf lifesaving and surf lifesaving equipment and in all ways to improve and safeguard the use of the aquatic environment;
- j) Use and protect the Intellectual Property Guidelines;
- k) Apply the property and capacity of the Club towards the fulfilment and achievement of these objects;
- l) Promote the involvement and influence of surf lifesaving standards, techniques, awards and education with bodies involved in lifesaving;
- m) Strive for Governmental, commercial and public recognition of the Club as the authority on aquatic safety and management in the community in which it is placed;
- n) Promulgate, and secure uniformity in, such rules as may be necessary for the management and control of surf lifesaving and related activities and the preservation of life in the aquatic environment;
- o) Further extend the operations and teachings of the Club throughout Toowoon Bay SLSC and the community in which it is placed;
- p) Further develop in conjunction with the organisations referred to in (g) above, surf lifesaving into an organised institution and with these objects in view, to foster, regulate, organise and manage assessments, competitions, displays and other activities and to issue badges, medallions and certificates and award trophies to successful Members;
- q) Review and/or determine any matters relating to surf lifesaving which may arise, or be referred to it, by any Member;
- r) Pursue through itself or other such commercial arrangements (which are not in conflict with other SLS bodies), including sponsorship and marketing opportunities as are appropriate to further the interests of surf lifesaving in Toowoon Bay SLSC;
- s) Adopt and implement appropriate policies, including in relation to sexual harassment, equal opportunity, equity, drugs in sport, health, safety, junior and senior programs, infectious diseases and such other matters as arise from time to time as issues to be addressed in surf lifesaving;
- t) Represent the interests of its Members and of surf lifesaving generally in any appropriate forum in Toowoon Bay SLSC and the community in which it is placed;
- u) Have regard to the public interest in its operations;
- v) Undertake and or do all such things or activities which are necessary incidental or conducive to the advancement of these objects.

**STAKEHOLDERS**

Our stakeholders are the major groups and individuals we communicate with, who are affected by and include the activities of the Club. These include:

- Our members and their families.
- Surf Life Saving Central Coast and affiliated Clubs.
- Surf Life Saving NSW and Australia.
- The local community including businesses and supporters.
- The beach users.
- Our sponsors, business partners and supporters.
- Local, State and National Government.
- Support Services (Police, Ambulance and Emergency Services).
- Media agencies.

**OUR CORE BUSINESS AREAS ARE:**

- Lifesaving and Patrols
- Training and Education
- Surf Sports
- Member Services
- Business and Administration
- Community

Toowoon Bay SLSC – forever vigilant in serving the community.

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## TOOWOON BAY SLSC 69<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Toowoon Bay Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024, commencing at 1pm, upstairs in the Clubhouse.

### AGENDA

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Minutes of 68<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023
- Business arising from previous Annual General Meeting 2022/2023
- Presentation, consideration, and adoption of the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Report and Financial Report of the Board and auditors 2023/2024
- Appointment and fixing of the remuneration of the auditors
- Election of Directors for the 2024/2025 season
- Election of further office bearers for the 2024/2025 season
- Motion of affiliation with SLS Central Coast and SLSNSW
- Any other business of which notice is given in accordance with the constitution
- Meeting close.

### LIFE MEMBERS



ROBERT ROBERTS †  
 HARRY SHEAN †  
 ROY SWADLING †  
 BILL PAWSON †  
 RON CALMAN OAM ESM  
 GORDON MATTHEWS †  
 PETER COX  
 DENNIS MOIR  
 KEITH SALMON †  
 KENNETH STRICKLAND  
 JOHN HORN SNR †  
 GRAEME SLADE SNR  
 MARK BRADLY †  
 ANGELO DELUCA †  
 BRIAN FORD †  
 MARGARET FORD †  
 THELMA LAIRD †  
 DENISE AUSTIN  
 MARGARET MOORE †  
 NORMA MURPHY †

RAYMOND HATFIELD †  
 ROBERT HILL †  
 DARREN LEWIS  
 BETH BRADLY †  
 MARK SHEARAN  
 JOHN MURPHY †  
 LYN WATERS  
 ROSS BLOWERS  
 BIL KENSEY  
 CHRIS JONES  
 DEAN GRIFFIN  
 DENIS HANNIGAN  
 HELEN CLIFTON  
 MICK COOK  
 CHRIS MANNING  
 GRAHAM SHERER  
 DENNIS COELLI  
 GEOFF GRICE  
 BRUCE MOHR  
 WENDY MCNAMARA

## VALE

# VALERIE LINCOLN



Valerie Lincoln was born in New South Wales on July 17<sup>th</sup> 1924.

Val, husband Ron and three daughters – Lynette, Avron and Kathryn, resided in Wynyard Tasmania. Val was always community minded and a wonderful volunteer.

Val enjoyed bushwalking, teaching Sunday School (which she did for 32 years), assisting with children's learn-to-swim and playing/organising and promoting competition Badminton, which resulted in her being awarded Life Membership of the Wynyard Badminton Club.

Val was renowned for her outstanding dressmaking skills, her delicious cheese scones and amazing Lumberjack cake.

Val and Ron moved to the Central Coast of New South Wales in 1983, where they had often holidayed and enjoyed the relaxed lifestyle and the beautiful environment.

Very soon, Val continued in her role as a dedicated volunteer, leading National Parks and Wildlife walks and talks, all over the Central Coast. Val was awarded Life Membership of the National Parks and Wildlife Association, for years of dedicated service.

Val joined The Entrance Amateur Swimming Club, where she was treasurer for over a decade, taught learn to swim classes and trained the older children in preparation for their swimming carnivals. After many years of diligent service, Val was awarded Life Membership of The Entrance Amateur Swimming Club.

As a very talented and competent swimmer herself, Val then joined Gosford City Seagulls Masters Swimming Club, where she was elected as President and Race and Carnival Secretary, for well over a decade. Her commitment and untiring efforts saw Val awarded Life Membership of Gosford City Seagulls Masters Swimming Club.

Val's great love was ocean swimming, and she really enjoyed her daily swims across and back at Toowoon Bay Beach, which Val did for 34 years. Val swam throughout the year, no wetsuit, she taught many other

swimmers about commitment and perseverance.

In the colder months, some swimmers took a long time entering the water, to which Val remarked "for goodness sake, it's only cold water!"

Val competed in many ocean swims, both here and overseas, but she enjoyed the ones at her own beach of Toowoon Bay as it was her home territory. Val travelled near and far to compete in ocean swims and masters pool swimming – eg Queensland, Adelaide, Tasmania, Western Australia, New Zealand, Vanuatu, Canada and San Francisco. Val was often placed in the State, Australian and World top ten rankings for her age group.

Val's volunteering saw her awarded Life Membership for four different organisations which is a massive achievement!

Always willing to help, give advice and contribute in any way, Val became the 'Matriarch' of the Toowoon Bay Buttercups, a swimming group known for their bright yellow swimming caps.

Val loved to travel, particularly around the Pacific Islands, and often combined a trip with an ocean swim. In 2004, eight swimmers from the Toowoon Bay Buttercups swam in a 3.2k ocean swim in Vanuatu which Val had inspired them to do!

Val celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at Toowoon Bay Surf Club, prior to travelling to Canada to compete in the World Masters Game, where she did exceptionally well.

Over the last few years Val developed Macular Degeneration, which made it impossible for her to continue leading bushwalks, the ability to drive her car or continue with her dressmaking. Due to her failing eyesight and limited mobility, Val found it too difficult to come to the beach for a swim, but still visited the Bay and loved the smell and the feel of the ocean air.

During December 2023 Val's health deteriorated and she passed away peacefully on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 99 years and five months old. Because of Val's love of Toowoon Bay Beach, she requested to be laid to rest in Toowoon Bay!

What a legend, role model, shining example and friend to so many.

RIP Val!



# MARIA KRISTL

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Maria Kristl would like to be remembered for the love of this, the most beautiful of beaches, Toowoon Bay, as she lies safe in God's memory. She loved Toowoon Bay's many moods, and swam every day, rain or shine.

Here Maria found peace and fulfillment in her childhood dream of living by the sea. She was a regular member of this lovely micro-community and the "Table of Knowledge". Many have said they cannot remember a time when she was not here swimming.

In the mid 90's, Maria moved to Centennial Avenue Long Jetty, from where she walked every day to the previous Toowoon Bay Surf Club, rain or shine.

Eventually, the old Toowoon Bay Surf Club was demolished. The swimmers congregated at the "Table of Knowledge".

When the new Club house was completed, complete with hot showers, this began a new era. Maria joined the Buttercups and participated in many fun activities. Maria was grateful for all the friendship and support she received over the years from Mei Ling, Irene, Wendy, Margaret and Chris Manning, Denis and Helen and many many more.

Susan, Maria's daughter, moved to the Central Coast to look after her, eventually moving to Stella Street Long Jetty in 2015, where Maria enjoyed the last years of her life. She spent her days in the garden, cooking, reading and watching the beautiful lake from her sunny front deck.

A highlight was her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the Toowoon Bay Surf Club, seeing all her friends, old and new. Maria found it hard to believe she lived to 90, enduring so many hardships as a young girl and throughout her life. Her treasured friends became her family. Being greeted every morning by the hard-working Walter, Little John, Russian John, the regular board riders, Wendy, Vikki, Carmen, Peter, Trish, John Bourke, the hard-working canteen staff and many, many more.....there was also Bruce Mohr and Bruce Payne and the most important water report.

Maria continued to swim every morning until COVID, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Sadly, Maria passed away on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024, peacefully in Wyong Hospital at the age of 94.

If Maria was here, she would thank everybody for all her beautiful memories. Of gorgeous sunrises, brisk mornings and jumping into cold water in the middle of winter, hot showers and cups of tea after her swim and lots of laughter.

Toowoon Bay has fulfilled Maria Kristl's childhood dream to be resting here, safe in God's memory.





# CHRIS MCPHERSON

Chris passed away two days before his 59<sup>th</sup> birthday, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024. He fought cancer for 15 years. He loved life and his special place was Toowoon Bay.

We started as a nipper family with our two boys Jamie and Cody, and then all three of them went on to patrol. Chris did his Bronze Medallion and many other awards through Toowoon Bay SLSC and loved being part of the Club. He was not interested in competition sport, but loved competing against the waves with whatever was the latest in ocean sports – kite surfing, hydrofoils and wind wings as well as SUP's and surfing. His coffee ritual took over when he could no longer surf or patrol and he kept up great spirits with so many lovely people to chat with at the beach.

Thank you to the Club for supporting us with his memorial, it was a stunning day and it was so amazing to have so many patrolling members help with the paddle out. The RAAF

Roulettes seemed to be impressed with the paddle, out as they showed with their salute.

Chris leaves behind two sons Cody (18) and Jamie (23) and his wife Sally all who will miss him terribly.

**“Look for the good in everything!”**





**OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2023/2024****Executive Committee**

President	Phillip Raymont
Director of Administration	Tracey Clifton
Director of Finance	Karen Hickmott
Vice President Rescue Services/Club Captain	Graham Sherer (LM)
Vice President Youth Services/JAC	Chris Baldwin (resigned)
	Luke Mabey

**Management Committees**

Chief Training Officer	John Vergara
Manager – Rookies	Vacant
Manager – Masters	Christi Mergan
Board and Ski Captains	Karen Igoe and Rod Mergan
First Aid Officer	Ruth Cook
Manager – Gear and Equipment	Garry Chappell
IRB Captain	Mike Hayhurst
Manager – Radios	Jacqui Donadel
Registrar	Jacqui Donadel
Cultural/Historical Officer	Lyn Waters
Grants/Fundraising	Karen Hickmott
Sponsorships	Karen Hickmott and Mick Cook
Building Committee	Chairperson – Mark Shearan (resigned)
	Julie Dawson
Life Members Committee	Chairperson – Bruce Mohr
	Secretary – Chris Manning
Uniform Shop	Vacant
Function Room	Jacqui Donadel
Social Media	Insta TBSLSC Katie Hinshelwood
	Insta Nippers Jacinta Vergara
	FB TBSLSC Jacqui Donadel
	FB Nippers Luke Mabey and Jacinta Vergara
Licencee	Christi Mergan
Bar Manager	Karen Hickmott and Tracey Clifton
Club Liaison Officer/Complaints	Denis Hannigan
MPIO	Karen Hickmott
Child Safe Co-Ordinator	Jacqui Donadel
Community Liaison Officer	Mick Cook
Water Safety Supervisor	Geoff Cresswell
70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee	Chairperson – Phillip Raymont
Live In Caretaker	Leigh Perrow
Club Manager/Admin (Paid)	Jacqui Donadel
Accountants/Auditor	Fortunity

# OUR MISSION

## No Lives Lost

### Membership and Lifesaving



**852**  
Members



Active – 160  
Associate – 313  
Life - 20  
Probationary - 5



**354**  
Nippers



**103,400**  
Visitors



**8,202**  
Total hours patrolled

### Safety Outcomes



**18**  
Rescues



**197**  
First Aid Treatments



**1,020**  
Preventative Actions

### Key Achievements



**27**  
Bronze Medallions



**1,081**  
New Awards



**42**  
**Recognition Awards**  
Patrol service, Officiating,  
Training, and Long Service  
Awards

## PRESIDENT’S REPORT – 2023/2024

Well, what a busy 12 months and this is the first time in my tenure as President that I can report that we have had what can be deemed a ‘normal’ year. The last few years have been extremely challenging, and I can confidently say that the Executive continues to lay down foundations to ensure the ongoing success and viability of this Club into the future.

Most of the members of the Executive also stand on advisory committees to lend their expertise to projects and areas that will see the well being of the club protected into the future.

We were very excited to have been the runner up in the NSW Volunteer of the Year Not-For-Profit Voluntary Governance Award and we attended the gala state ceremony in December 2023.



Our Stingray Nippers Program was acknowledged as one of only four finalists in the 2023 Australian Disability Services Award – Best Community Program category. The awards ceremony was held in Melbourne in November 2023 and Karen (Stingray Nippers Co-ordinator) attended. While we did not take out the award, we are very proud of being a finalist.



A great night was had by members at the Senior Awards Presentation evening, to thank and acknowledge our members for all that they do. Details of award recipients are contained later in the Annual Report.

I am so proud to be the President of this community volunteer organisation where every member is a volunteer, a Club who can provide essential lifesaving services side by side with a wide variety of community events.

### LIFESAVING

The red and yellow flags are a reminder that our volunteers have the safety of the beachgoing public at the forefront of their responsibilities. Our active members donate their time to making sure visitors and our neighbours can safely enjoy their day at Toowoan Bay.

I’d like to thank each and every team member, across all eight patrol teams, for their time volunteered, their professionalism, their skills and dedication.

Our patrolling numbers are very good, with most patrol teams well represented. Throughout the year we have had an outstanding uptake from Nipper parents, associates and members of the public wanting to complete their Bronze and sign on for patrols. There has also been a pleasing number of members going on to complete higher awards, benefiting the patrol teams. When compared to other clubs in the Branch, this is very pleasing. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all our trainers, assessors and facilitators for the hours you put into ensuring these candidates graduate from these courses with confidence in their skills.



I am very pleased to announce that the SLSNSW Board of Directors has offered all NSW clubs a one off 'Cost of Living Member Support Package' to assist our volunteer lifesavers by supplementing membership fees for the 2024/2025 season. TBSLSC is pleased to offer a 50% discount on active patrolling membership fees (Active, Cadets, SRC's and Award holders) to those members who completed a minimum of 20 hours in the 2023/24 patrolling season and to those who complete/d their Bronze by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024, this date is also the cut off for the discount.

### **NIPPERS**

One of the most pleasing aspects this year has been the restructure and success of the Nipper program. Parents have taken ownership of the program which has allowed coaching to flourish, our nippers are growing in confidence both in the water and on the sand. Many parents have signed up to become Bronze Medallion/SRC holders, and further upskilling, which allows parents to manage water safety, both on Nipper days and at carnivals. There was also a surge in parents to complete the officials award, which allows the children to participate in local, Branch and State carnivals.

### **SPONSORSHIP**

We certainly would not be as successful if it were not for our wonderful sponsors, and to all of them we remain indebted. Information on our sponsors is later in this Annual Report.

### **GRANTS AND PROJECTS**

The Executive has been busy finalising a lot of projects both inside and outside, and most of the funding for these projects is sourced from grants which our Director of Finance Karen Hickmott spends many hours writing, researching and submitting:

- The cover over the Kiosk/FA assembly area is now complete. In preparation for the building of the awning, the light pole was removed.
- The refurbishment of the stairwell, member's change rooms, hallway and office are now complete.
- The 'Heritage Walk', Patrol Service board, Outstanding Lifesaving Achievement board, Office Bearers board, and outstanding Surf Sports Achievement visual display are works in progress and will be completed hopefully by the end of July 2024.
- New mower, hedger and blower have all been purchased.
- New garden outside the Kiosk.
- Around \$30,000.00 has been spent on lifesaving equipment/FA Supplies and maintenance of our equipment and we are

looking forward to receiving more annual funding from SLSNSW and SLISA.

- 14 nipper boards have been purchased along with two new skis.
- The ice machine was replaced early in the season as ice is an important part of lifesaving operations.
- Extensive remedial electrical work throughout the Club.
- Replacement of hot water tank which supplies hot water to the kitchen upstairs and the Caretaker's unit.
- Working on upgrading the security cameras to include cameras placed outside to monitor anti-social behaviour.
- Central Coast Council (CCC) has granted approval for our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations planned for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024, and a successful grant application will fund the event.
- Fruitful discussions with CCC regarding signage and marking parking areas in the bottom carpark.
- A new spearfishing sign erected.
- Storage for Kiosk rectified.
- Security system renovation.
- Digitisation of the Club's heritage.

### **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Plans have been finalised and reports for the building renovations, extensions and consultant's pre-DA submissions have been submitted to CCC. I have been briefed on this meeting and it seems to have gone well. An additional meeting was convened with CCC, a representative from our building committee and an interested neighbour to shore up plans and discuss how to move forward. I will bring you the outcome of this meeting soon.

### **COMPETITION**

Our Nippers had renewed enthusiasm for competing this season, with the biggest team attending SLSCC Championships for many years. Local carnivals were also well represented.

Our very own stingray Nipper Ayden Littlechild proudly represented TBSLSC at the SLSNSW Inclusive Championships coming home with four gold medals and a silver medal. Ayden then went on to compete at the inaugural SLISA Adaptive Championships on the QLD Sunshine Coast and came home with four silver medals and unfortunately was forced to withdraw from the swim event as a wave pushed him into the buoy and injured his shoulder. He subsequently won bronze in the board race due to his injury.

Our Masters team took a break from competition in 2023/24 to rest and regroup. The team is preparing to compete at the Lifesaving World Titles on the QLD Gold Coast in August 2024. Good luck to all competitors.

**TOOWOON BAY OCEAN SWIM**

The Toowoan Bay Ocean Swim was held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023, again organised by Greg Owen and his team and it was as successful as ever. To the many members who assisted in the organisation and smooth running of this event, I am deeply grateful. From all reports, this is a well-run, organised swim that competitors from far and wide enjoy. A percentage of the money raised by this event comes back to the club in the form of a donation. The new fridge and microwave for patrols (downstairs in the shed) are a donation from the Ocean Swim, along with a donation of \$5,000.00.

Unfortunately, Greg Owen and his committee have stepped aside from management of this event. We are very lucky that Greg has received some intense interest from some TBSLSC members, and they are working with the outgoing TBOS Committee to organise the swim for later in the year – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024.

**SIPS**

This is a remarkably successful Sunday afternoon session where locals and tourists can wind down and enjoy the beautiful environs, and footy.

We are getting great turnouts when there is a live band (second Sunday of every month and some public holidays), so popular is one of our bands that we had to close the doors as the house was full!!

This income stream is not possible without the fantastic group of volunteers who sacrifice their Sunday afternoons (me included) to attend to the bar. To all the SIPS volunteers I am extremely grateful for all that you do and I thank you for giving up your time.



**ALLAN COOK MEMORIAL**

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024, friends and family gathered at TBSLSC to celebrate and remember the life of Central Coast Lifeguard Allan Cook. The ‘chook shed’ was renamed the ‘Allan Cook Memorial Lifeguard Tower’ and a plaque has been erected in Allan’s honour.

Allan was Central Coast Council’s Head Lifeguard and dedicated 34 years of service to protecting the beachgoing public and he was instrumental in getting lifeguard towers installed to improve beach safety.



**ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION**

The ANZAC Day commemoration continues to attract more and more people. This year we had a bugler play The Last Post and Reveille, one of our Cadets recited the Ode of Remembrance and Chris O’Loan gave quite a moving speech. This is a moving day for us all and I hope this commemoration goes on well into the future here at Toowoan Bay.



ANZAC Day 2024

“Teamwork makes the dream work.” *John C. Maxwell*

Thanks everyone – Phillip Raymont  
President 2023/2024

## **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT – 2023/2024**

Our overall surplus for the year was \$172,776 up from \$67,480 in the previous financial year. A significant contribution to the improvement in results is a couple of significant grants that were received during the year. These have enabled the construction of our new all-weather awning over the Kiosk, First Aid room and evacuation area. This has greatly enhanced the amenity of the Kiosk and provided them with much more reliable trading conditions, which will in turn result in increased income to the Club. The other grant enabled us to complete some more internal renovations to the members and administrative areas of the Club house. While the grant funding has appeared in our profit and loss reports the expenditure has been largely capitalised to the balance sheet so is not necessarily indicative of ongoing profitability projections. For further details please see Grants section below.

Karen Hickmott  
Director of Finance 2023/2024

## **SPONSORSHIPS, FUNDRAISING, DONATIONS AND GRANTS 2023/2024**

### **SPONSORSHIPS**

We continued our tiered sponsorship program which clearly outlines the range of sponsorship opportunities and benefits to our existing and future sponsors who are generously supplying much needed cash or products/services or both to assist us in efficiently running the Club:

#### **Platinum – over \$5,000**



**Central Coast Council** provided us with \$7,150 to cover costs of life saving equipment and supplies required to support and deliver our life saving service on the weekends and public holidays throughout the season.



We continue to be very fortunate to have the support of the team at **Magic Mum's Cleaning** to keep our member's change area and first aid rooms spick and span. Many thanks to Kim Burns, Tara Meurant and the team!



[Craig Moore Wholesale Cars](#) provide us with use of a digital road sign to attract people down to events at the Club along with assistance with the running of the Sunday morning Nippers BBQ



**HORNBY**  
**project signage**  
 design manufacture service

[Hornby Project Signage](#) – Continue to provide us with professional and attractive signage outside and inside the Club



[erbas™](#) - providing consulting advice for the proposed club redevelopment.

**Gold - \$2,000 - \$5,000**



Patrolling member Robbie MacDougall's [Alba Creations](#) have been helping around the club particularly with the installation of the TV, jobs around the Club and Kiosk.



We continue to be fortunate to be able to call on the pro bono advice of [Aubrey Brown Lawyers](#) throughout the season.



[Choices Flooring Tuggerah](#) – help provide us with flooring ideas.

# FORTUNITY

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS • FINANCIAL PLANNERS

We are lucky to have the continuing support of [Fortunity](#) in the preparation and audit of our financial statements and general financial advice throughout the year.



**FAWKES**

FINANCIAL SERVICES PTY LTD

1300 764 252

Patrolling member and Director of [Fawkes Financial Services Pty Ltd](#) Stuart Mangion continues to oversee and advise us on our investment portfolio.



[Little Dog Design](#) assisting us with ongoing maintenance of our website, server and emails.



[Waste2product](#) assisting us with signs for the Club (Jeff Hornby)

**Silver - \$500 - \$2,000**



[Endeavour Marine](#) assist us with the maintenance and servicing of our IRB motors at a discounted rate.





**Village Kiosk Toowoon Bay** for providing the very important 'patrol chips' that keep our patrolling members happy on the beach.

**LINDA RAINSFORD**  
PROPERTY

**Linda Rainsford Property** a cash sponsorship as well as a settlement incentive to any referrals through the Club.

#### Sponsors of Surf Life Saving Australia

Ampol  
DHL  
Isuzu  
Westpac  
BRP  
Dulux

#### Sponsors of Surf Life Saving NSW

Your Local Club  
Ingenia Holiday Parks  
Oakberry Acai  
Sharkskin  
Midford

#### Sponsors of Surf Life Saving Central Coast Branch

Central Coast Council  
Fortunity  
Freemasons on the Central Coast  
Good Gear  
Infront Surfcraft  
Mingara  
Newcastle Permanent  
Resinc Solar  
Southern Cross Austereo  
Stevens Group

### FUNDRAISING

The Surf Life Saving Foundation must be acknowledged for conducting fundraising on behalf of clubs and branches. Conducting fundraising efforts centrally frees up our members' time to focus their energy and resources on lifesaving activities – their number one mission. We acknowledge and thank all the members of the general public and donors for their generous support. Thanks for taking the call from Surf Lifesaving and buying raffle tickets. With these funds we purchased vital lifesaving equipment, First Aid Equipment, PPE and training equipment.

### DISTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS

We gratefully received the following distributions from events and donors:

Event/Donor	Net income
Stimulus Funding from SLSCC	\$8,000.00
Annual Compliance Funding	\$8,000.00
Toowoon Bay Ocean Swim	\$5,000.00
Envirobank (bottle and can recycling)	\$991.70
Resinc, who operated a BBQ at Toowoon Bay and donated proceeds	\$497.50
Various small donations	\$140.00

The Stimulus Funding from SLSCC has come through the hard work of their Board, staff and members to generate the funds to provide each club with \$8,000. It is a one-off opportunity that the SLSCC Board are proud to deliver. Our funding will be applied to IRB repairs and servicing, IRB hull, iPads, training needs and lifesaving/FA equipment

## GRANTS

As outlined in last year's report, a number of grants were awarded during last financial year but the funding and expenditure actually occurred this year – specifically the NSW Government's Surf Club Grant for \$99,000 to erect the awning over the Kiosk, first aid room and emergency evacuation area, the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership grant to complete the refurbishment of the member's change rooms, office, corridors and stairwell and the Federal Government's Volunteer's Grant which enabled the purchase of gardening equipment.



We are again grateful to receive the ongoing support of the Wyong Rugby Leagues Club Group who provided \$7,500 for the purchase of training equipment. Their continuing support enables us to ensure our members are able to maintain and enhance their skills with appropriate resources.

The Club Lifesaving Equipment Grant (CLEG), proudly funded by the NSW Government and facilitated by Surf Life Saving NSW, was once again available to all NSW Surf Life Saving Clubs. The CLEG aims to provide financial assistance to each club to promote maintaining and upgrading operation gear and equipment items which are essential to lifesaving operations. The amount of \$2,322 was allocated to Toowoon Bay SLSC for the purchasing of the following lifesaving equipment:

- Hytera radios (2)
- Set of patrol flags
- Radio bags (4)
- Patrol whistles (10)

Surf Life Saving's mission is to save lives, create great Australians and build better communities. To support its mission, the Australian Government provided support to the organisation to ensure that Australia's Surf Life Saving Clubs are better equipped to assist in saving lives and reducing risk as well as the nation's coastal drowning toll.

The Australian Government, through the Beach Safety Equipment Fund (BSEF), has provided funding to purchase vital safety equipment since 2013. This funding package has since been extended to 2025 through the Water and Snow Safety Program. The Australian Government must be acknowledged for this initiative which provided \$11,000 in funding to TBSLSC for the purchase of vital safety equipment listed below:

- Surf club kits (recommended additions for IRB motors) (2)
- Fuel cells (IRB) (2)
- Mercury IRB motors (2)

NSW Surf Life Saving Clubs are grateful for the continued support of these Government agencies:

- 🏆 The NSW Government through the Emergency Services portfolio for ongoing funding of state-wide operations and programs which benefit club, members, and the community.
- 🏆 The NSW Government for the support of the Office of Sport, for their support to increase usage, safety and participation in Surf Life Saving through ongoing programs.
- 🏆 The Federal Government for the VET Funding which enabled hundreds of assessors to update their training qualifications and provided clubs with updated training equipment including QCPR manikins and tablets.



### FEES FOR THE 2023/2024 SEASON

Active Youth (U6-U8)	\$80.00
Junior Active (U9-U14)	\$100.00
Cadet (Inc 15yrs not holding BM)	\$80.00
Active 15-18yrs (holding BM)	\$80.00
Active 18+ (BM/Award)	\$80.00
Stingray Nipper	\$55.00
Stingray Associate	\$55.00
Associate (including Parent Associate)	\$75.00
Family Membership (2 adults and up to 3 children)	\$270.00
Family Membership additional family member	\$55.00

### VICE PRESIDENT RESCUE SERVICES/CLUB CAPTAIN’S REPORT – 2023/2024

Another season has passed; beautiful sunny days, clear water, great conditions, the usual Toowoan Bay ‘pool’ and great weekends with lots of visitors to Toowoan Bay Beach.



I would like to thank all our patrolling and Club members for their efforts and hard work throughout the season, for volunteering their time to patrol our great beach for the safety and wellbeing of the community. Special thanks to all our Patrol Captains and Bronzies as they take on the responsibility and duties diligence and professionalism, from opening to closing, which makes for a long day and big responsibility.

Throughout this season, our Club members have developed and maintained a high level of skills and it has shown through the year as patrols and operations appeared to run smoothly both on and off the beach. I encourage all members to keep up with their skills maintenance, staying fit and take the

time to refresh your knowledge throughout the off season by either registering for a course run by SLSCC or the Academy or by logging into your eLearning area in your Members Area Account.

A very big thank you goes to all the facilitators, trainers and assessors for a massive job in getting patrolling members upskilled in awards that help out with patrolling – Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART), First Aid, IRB Crew and Drivers. To all our new ‘Bronzies’/SRC award holders, the patrolling teams and all Club members appreciate your time and support for our Club and Surf Life Saving. We look forward to seeing you back on our beach next season.

The Toowoan Bay Ocean Swim is renowned for its safety in our (nearly always) calm waters and a thank you goes to all the patrolling members who helped out with water safety (boards, skis and IRB’s) on the day.

Another big thank you to all the patrolling members who sacrificed their Christmas Day to sign on for patrol and kept our beach safe for all who visited. I am always a little awestruck when I see the number of volunteers taking their time to keep our beach safe on this day.

It has been a great honour being Club Captain for this season and for this great Club. Looking forward to another great season 2024/2025, patrol season will be upon us in no time!! (September 28<sup>th</sup> 2024).

In closing, I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to TBSLSC for my nomination for Life Membership of Surf Life Saving Central Coast. I feel very humbled to have received this acknowledgement.

Yours in lifesaving  
Graham ‘Cuddles’ Sherer



**PATROL SERVICE AWARDS 2023/2024**

- 35 Years National Patrol Service Award**
- 30 Years National Patrol Service Award**
- 25 Years National Patrol Service Award**
- 20 Years National Patrol Service Award**

- 15 Years National Patrol Service Award**
- 10 Years National Patrol Service Award**

**5 Years National Patrol Service Award**

- 30 Years Long Service Award**
- 25 Years Long Service Award**

**10 Years Support Operations Certificate**

- Dean Griffin and Phillip Raymont
- Mark Shearan
- Mick Cook and Phillip Raymont
- Craig Cole, Tracie Cole, Phillip Raymont John Vergara and Robert Walker
- Sue Hale and Phillip Raymont
- Dixon Callender, Tracey Clifton, Ethan Fillingham, Christopher Herring, Kerry Hoffman, Andrew Michelini, Phillip Raymont
- Irene Freeman, Andrew Hoffman, Kerry Hoffman, Carole Luntungan, Amelie McKay, David McKay, Jeffrey Powell
- Geoff Grice, Mark Shearan and Lyn Waters
- Helen Clifton, Mick and Ruth Cook, Geoff Grice
- Denis Hannigan
- Chris Fillingham and Graham Sherer

**SATURDAY PATROLS**

- Patrol 1 PC Sue Hale
- Patrol 3 PC Chris Fillingham
- Patrol 5 PC Mick Cook LM
- Patrol 7 PC Dean Griffin LM

**SUNDAY PATROLS**

- Patrol 2 PC Andrew Porter
- Patrol 4 PC Stuart Mangion
- Patrol 6 PC Bil Kensey LM
- Patrol 8 PC Tracie Cole

Thank you to the following for giving up part or all of your **CHRISTMAS DAY** with your family to keep the beach going community safe whilst visiting Toowoan Bay:

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|------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Jemima Bonham    | Garry Chappell   | Ros Chugg            | Tracey Clifton     | Mick Cook LM  | Ruth Cook      |
| Chris Fillingham | Ethan Fillingham | Julie-Ann Fillingham | Jazzmyn Fillingham | Sue Hale      | Graham Jackson |
| Michelle Jackson | Carol Johnson    | Bil Kensey LM        | Elyana Keys        | Darryl Lennox | Di Lennox      |

Chris Manning LM Denise Ryals	Wendy McNamara LM Graham Sherer LM	Christi Mergan John Vergara	Rod Mergan	Phillip Raymont	Mike Roberts
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And these members reached **100% PATROL** for the season:

Tony Akers Mick Cook LM Nicole Locker Craig Mueller-Ahsmann John Vergara	Barbara Attard Ruth Cook Luke Mabey Vince O’Keeffe Robert Walker	Ros Chugg Julie Dawson Lisette McGrath Phillip Raymont Lyn Waters LM	Tracey Clifton Simon Hicks Wendy McNamara LM Mark Shearan LM	Deirdre Coates Katie Hinshelwood Jenny McNamee Graham Sherer LM	Tracie Cole Bil Kensey LM Rod Mergan Mei Ling Venning
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**ACTIVE MEMBERS – 15-18YRS AND 18 YRS AND OVER (INCLUDING AWARD AND CADETS)**

<b>AWARD:</b>	Ruth Cook	Michelle Douglass	Irene Freeman	Lianne Halpin
Isabella Penfold	Tahlia Penfold	Zayne Penfold	David Prescott	John Thomson
Ashley Turner	Robert Walker	Robert Walker		
<b>CADETS 13+:</b>	Matilda Baldwin	Keira Elvin	Gemma Harrison	Taj Kimpton
Charlotte Mangion	Eadie O’Sullivan	Zoe Peat	Noah Ward	
<b>ACTIVE 15-18YRS</b>	Phillip Barry	Toby Black	Jemima Bonham	Matthew Clarkson
Oliver Coucke	Ruby Dean	Patrick Elvin	Darcy Keys	Elyana Keys
Faith Kimpton	Amelie McKay	Leo Mueller-Ahsmann	Holly Nash	Hudson Sky
<b>ACTIVE 18+</b>	Tony Akers	Monique Alfris	Scott Allen	Tim Andersen
Stephen Angel	Cass Arthur	David Ashton	Barbara Attard	Rebecca Black
Justin Burgers	Paul Byrne	Dixon Callender	Josh Caulfield	Denise Chapman
Garry Chappell	Ros Chugg	Josh Clarkson	Siobhan Clarkson	Tracey Clifton
Paul Cosgrove	David Coucke	Geoff Cresswell	Kerry Davenport	Julie Dawson
Jacqui Donadel	Gavin Douglas	Jacqueline Dunkerley	Simone Dunn	CJ Eklund
Mark Everingham	Chris Fillingham	Ethan Fillingham	Jazzmyn Fillingham	Julie-Ann Fillingham
Brent Fitzpatrick	Sophie Gois	Sue Hale	Teegan Harrison	Jo Hayes
Michael Hayhurst	Christopher Herring	Tamie-Jean Hersom	Karen Hickmott	Simon Hicks
Nicole Hill	Katie Hinshelwood	Shane Hobbs	Andrew Hoffman	Kerry Hoffman
Craig Horton	Geoff Hunter	Karen Igoe	Graham Jackson	Michelle Jackson
Carol Johnson	Joh Kentwell	Andrew Kerrsmith	Christine Laing	Darryl Lennox
Di Lennox	Steve Lloyd	Nicole Locker	Mathieu Louchart	Tom Luke
Carole Luntungan	Luke Mabey	Emily MacDougall	Robbie MacDougall	Michael Madigan
Stuart Mangion	Emma McBride	Gayle McCann	Lisa McGrath	Paul McGrath
David McKay	Greg McMahon	Maya McMullen	Jennifer McNamee	John McNamee
Georgia-Leigh Meikle	Kristen Meikle	Christi Mergan	Joseph Mergan	Rod Mergan
Andrew Michelini	Doug Millard	Paul Montague	Craig Mueller-Ahsmann	Heidi Mueller-Ahsmann
Callum Nash	Trung Cang Nguyen	Ashley O’Brien	Vince O’Keeffe	Nathan Oliver
Christopher O’Loan	Tim O’Sullivan	Greg Owen	Susan Paliskis	Alison Peacock
John Pearson	Harry Penfold	Jenny Perram	Andrew Porter	Matthew Porter
Jeffrey Powell	Peter Pracy	Lara Pratt	Sue Projceski	Phillip Raymont
Michael Roberts	Denise Ryals	Kylie Sandilands	Belinda Schippers	Wendy Sheppard
Joe Shippam	Michael Smith	Tim Snelling	Francis Stanford	Gith Strid-Nwulaekwe
Jason Stuart	Nicole Syphers	Glenn Thew	Selena Thomas	Jonty Tipton-Akers
Mei Ling Venning	John Vergara	Shane Warbrick	Ben West	Estelle Wicks
Paul Witney	Emma Young			

**PATROLLING LIFE MEMBERS**

Helen Clifton	Dennis Coelli	Mick Cook	Geoff Grice
Dean Griffin	Denis Hannigan	Bil Kensey	Chris Manning
Wendy McNamara	Mark Shearan	Graham Sherer	Lyn Waters



## **CHIEF TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT -2023/2024**

It is with great pleasure that I report that the 2023-24 Surf Life Saving season has been a successful one, with large numbers of members doing training and acquiring new awards and skills.

I would like to thank all our patrolling members for their dedication throughout the season and during the off season as they train and upskill. I would also like to welcome to our Club the new members who have attained their Bronze Medallion. Their selfless efforts are what Surf Life Saving is all about, it is keeping up with our Club's ethos in training and education and this is how we help the community.

We talk about training and development of our life saving skills, the training and education could not be achieved without the commitment of our trainers, assessors, mentors and facilitators (TAF's), who they themselves keep their training and education skills current and in line with the requirements of SLSA. This ensures that our TAF's can train and educate our members and help provide the skills required to discharge our duties as surf life savers in line with the most current techniques adopted by SLSA.

Achievements this season include:

- 27 candidates successfully completed Certificate II Aquatic Rescue (Aquatic Rescue)/Bronze Medallion.
- 14 candidates successfully completed the Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART) award.
- 5 candidates successfully completed the Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC).
- 11 candidates successfully completed the IRB Crew Certificate.
- 7 candidates successfully completed the Silver Medallion IRB Driver award.
- 25 candidates successfully completed the First Aid Course.
- 2 candidates successfully completed the Silver Medallion Patrol Captain award.
- 1 candidate successfully completed the Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue award.
- 1 candidate successfully completed the Pain Management Course
- 1 candidate successfully completed the UAV course.
- 3 new trainers and a facilitator.

In early 2023, The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSWRFS) and Surf Life Saving NSW (SLSNSW) undertook a controlled trial of coastal surveillance flights utilising a NSW RFS helicopter along the north coast. These flights covered the coastline from Red Rock to South West Rocks and provided an additional layer of surveillance on weekends and public holidays to support volunteer and lifeguard patrols along this busy stretch of coastline. SLSNSW members on these flights provided their expertise in coastal surveillance whilst also collecting statistics of beach population numbers and other incident data during the flights. This program was again implemented in the 2023/24 season and involved some very intense training involving working safely around aircraft and Helicopter Underwater Escape Training (HEUT). Our member and Director of Administration Tracey Clifton was selected to be part of this program and completed a surveillance mission in early 2024. We should all be immensely proud of Tracey's achievements and commitment to the movement.



There are a few members of the club that volunteer with partner agencies (SES, NSWRFS etc) and take on specific training to fulfill these responsibilities and roles. Again, we should all be proud of their commitment to ensuring community safety in times of crisis.

The Australian Lifesaving Boat Emergency Rescue Training (ALBERT) Program aims to enhance the skills and experiences of lifesavers through collaborative and consistent training, utilising a mix of drill-based activities, dedicated coaching and scenario based training. Two of our Special Material Experts (SME's) Craig Mueller Ahsmann and Stuart Mangion represented Toowoon Bay at this program held on Saturday and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Umina Beach and they brought these newly learned skills back to the Club to incorporate into future IRB Courses.

Rescue Water Craft (RWC) operators are part of the support operations group of Surf Life Saving Central Coast and are called upon by Branch and State Duty officers to take command of on-water activities in all weather conditions throughout the season, responding to call outs throughout the year. Operators have rostered patrols allocated to them each season at a particular RWC location and they assist SLSCC Surf Sports by providing water safety at carnivals and other nominated events. I am very happy to report that two candidates from Toowoomba Bay SLSC were selected to complete this course, this course is in progress at the time of writing this report.

Our Trainers, Assessors, Mentors and Facilitators:

Trainers: Chris Fillingham, Julie-Ann Fillingham, Sue Hale, Denis Hannigan, Simon Hicks, Katie Hinshelwood, Nicci Hill, Bil Kensey, Darryl Lennox, Greg Owen, John Vergara, Lyn Waters.

Assessors: Chris Fillingham, Nicci Hill, Bil Kensey, Chris Manning, John Vergara and Lyn Waters.

Facilitators: Chris Fillingham, Nicci Hill, Bil Kensey and John Vergara.

Mentors: Ross Blowers, Chris Fillingham, Julie-Ann Fillingham, Denis Hannigan, Nicci Hill, Graham Sherer, John Vergara and Lyn Waters.

Special Material Experts (SME): Stuart Mangion, Craig Mueller Ahsmann and Luke Mabey

Not only have our trainers and SME's provided training, but during one session they performed three rescues in very large and dangerous surf conditions.

Our trainers, assessors and facilitators not only deliver training and education at our club, but around the Central Coast and the State. This goes to show the calibre of our education team as they are recognised outside Toowoomba Bay SLSC.

I would like to thank all our new members who achieved their Bronze Medallion and all the members who upskilled this season to compliment the skills of their patrol team. (awards listed below)

Lastly, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors and supporters for their generosity and commitment. I would also like to acknowledge SLSCC, SLSNSW, SLSA, NSW and Australian Government for funding received. It is with this funding support that we can continue to provide good quality training through up to date training resources, ensure our FA room and bags are adequately supplied, our members have adequate and varied equipment to train/compete on, our on beach rescue capabilities are guaranteed, and our equipment is properly maintained.

Yours sincerely  
John Vergara

**5 Years Assessing Service Certificate:**

Chris Fillingham and Lyn Waters

**5 Years Training Service Certificate:**

Lyn Waters

**10 Years Training Service Certificate:**

Chris Fillingham, Julie-Ann Fillingham and Lyn Waters

**Advanced Resuscitation Techniques:**

Tim Andersen, Rebecca Black, Craig Cole, Tracie Cole, Simone Dunn, Irene Freeman, Tamie-Jean Hersom, Carole Luntungan, Luke Mabey, Gayle McCann, *Steve McGill (Nth Avoca)*, Kristen Meikle, Andrew Porter and Lyn Waters



**Bronze Medallion/Certificate II Public Safety – Aquatic Rescue:**

Scott Allen, Tim Andersen, Phillip Barry, Rebecca Black, Paul Byrne, David Coucke, Oliver Coucke, Ruby Dean, CJ Eklund, Brent Fitzpatrick, Gemma Harrison, Mathieu Louchart, Tom Luke, Michael Madigan, Paul Montague, Leo Mueller-Ahsmann, Christopher O'Loan, Matthew Porter, Kylie Sandilands, Joe Shippam, Francis Stanford, Gith Strid-Nwulaekwe, Jason Stuart and Selena Thomas. We welcome back Shane Hobbs, Andrew Kerrsmith and Greg McMahon after an absence.

**IRB Crew Certificate:**

Phillip Barry, Toby Black, *Emma Butterworth (The Lakes)*, Jemima Bonham, Deirdre Coates, Ruby Dean, Gavin Douglas, Elyana Keys, Luke Mabey, Paul McGrath, Michael Smith and Nicole Syphers.

**Probationary TAF:**

Craig Mueller-Ahsmann

**Silver Medallion IRB Driver:**

Deirdre Coates, Gavin Douglas, Michael Hayhurst, Luke Mabey, Paul McGrath, Callum Nash and Michael Smith.

**Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed):**

Connor Brown, Osman Gungor, Noah Meacham, Levi Sandilands and Ashley Turner.

**Training Officer Bronze Medallion:**

Simon Hicks and Katie Hinshelwood

**Training Officer IRB:**

Simon Hicks

**SLSC, SLNSW AND ACADEMY FACILITATED COURSES:****Facilitator ART/BM/IRB:**

John Vergara

**First Aid:**

Carly Baldwin, Rebecca Black, Craig Cole, Tracie Cole, Mick Cook, Ruby Dean, Jacqui Donadel, CJ Eklund, Tamie-Jean Hersom, Katie Hinshelwood, Carol Johnson, Darryl Lennox, Luke Mabey, Lisette McGrath, Paul McGrath, Kristen Meikle, Daniel Merriman, Callum Nash, Holly Nash, Suellen Newton, Jeffrey Powell, Lara Pratt, David Prescott, Tim Snelling and Jason Stuart

**Pain Management:**

Georgia Leigh Meikle

**Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue:**

Deirdre Coates

**Silver Medallion Patrol Captain:**

Tim Andersen, CJ Eklund

**UAV Operator (Non RPL):**

Tracey Clifton



## **TOOWOON BAY SLSC SENIOR PRESENTATION – 2023/2024**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Held in the hall area at Toowoan Bay SLSC

### **PERPETUAL AWARDS**

**Competitor of the Year**

Ayden Littlechild

**Contribution to Education within Surf Life Saving**

Simon Hicks

**Youth Patrol People of the Year**

Elyana Keys and Jemima Bonham

**Patrol Person of the Year**

Tracey Clifton

**Patrol of the Year**

Patrol 7  
 Patrol Captain: Dean Griffin  
 Vice Captain: Graham Sherer  
 Justin Burgers, Tracey Clifton, Jacqui Donadel,  
 Simone Dunn, CJ Eklund, Darryl Lennox, Di  
 Lennox, Georgia-Leigh Meikle, Kristen Meikle and  
 Mark Shearan. Special thanks to Bailey and  
 Lachlan Meikle for helping out as IRB Crew and  
 Driver for the days when we were short.

**Club Captain's Award**

Sue Hale

**Senior Encouragement Award**

Tim Andersen and CJ Eklund

**Masters Outstanding Club Person of the Year**

Tracey Clifton

**Volunteer of the Year**

Phillip Raymont

**Club Person of the Year**

Mark Shearan

**President's Award**

Mike Hayhurst

**Turtle Award**

Stuart Mangion







**ASSOCIATES AND PROBATIONARY MEMBERS (INC STINGRAY ASSOCIATES, PARENT ASSOCIATES)**

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|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Kylie Adams         | Nathan Adams      | Craig Adamson         | Dee Aitken          | Ash Alarca             |
| Hans-Kaare Andersen | Nick Anderson     | Symmon Andrews        | Nicole Ardrey       | Courtney Aribowo-Scott |
| Laura Atherden      | Liam Badzmirowski | Mikayla Bailey        | Todd Bailey         | Corrin Baines          |
| Chris Baird         | Carly Baldwin     | Chris Baldwin         | Ashlea Bannister    | Emma Barker            |
| Tricia Barnard      | Jenny Barnes      | Katherine Barry       | Tammie Bell         | Bianca Beresford       |
| Greg Berry          | Lohren Bird       | Leila Bloomfield      | Tate Bonello        | Heath Bonnefin         |
| Kaylie Bosshard     | Robyn Bourke      | John Boyce            | Lauren Boyce        | Kate Bradshaw          |
| Matthew Bradshaw    | Tanya Bright      | Belinda Brown         | Ryan Brown          | Tamara Brown           |
| Kelly Burden        | Alfred Butera     | Katrina Button        | Jennifer Calkin     | Nathan Cambourn        |
| Adam Campano        | Nicholas Campbell | Christopher Carattini | Anna Carter         | Daniel Carter          |
| David Cassell       | Stacey Chant      | Andrew Chapman        | Kate Chapman        | Logan Chapman          |
| Alejandro Chicco    | Sally Clark       | Josh Clark            | James Cleveland     | Aaron Coleman          |
| Chris Cook          | Frank Cook        | Una Copelin           | Richard Cordell     | Samantha Cordell       |
| Raine Cross         | Thomas Csatari    | Kim D'Albora          | Luke De Vincenzo    | Michelle Delena        |
| Charles Dennington  | Penny Diplock     | Michael Diviney       | Sean Donoghue       | Chelsea Doorey         |
| Nathan Doorey       | Jonathan Dore     | Clara Douglass        | Michael Drew        | Sarah Drew             |
| Kristie Dries       | Allyson Duke      | Emma Duncan           | Jacklyn Durham      | Erin Eccles            |
| Belinda Elliott     | Jan Elsworthy     | Alan Englert          | Kimberly Eulenstein | Stefanie Faria         |

Elana Fenton	Matthew Fenton	Emily Fernandez	Keelan Ferris	Liam Findlay
Thomas Fleming	Susan Flisar	Colin Ford	Lisa Ford	Stephen Ford
Emanuel Francica	Heather Garriock	Jade George	Adriana Gillies	Travis Gillies
Sebastian Giry	Melina Godard-Smith	Benjamin Godden	Sharon Goodman	Elizabeth Gosper
Grace Raymond	Gina Grant	Richard Grant	Danielle Grech	Sarah Griffiths
Anna Gungor	Kim Haidar	Kristine Hall	Luke Hammond	Michelle Hansen
Noha Hany	Emma Harris	Paul Harrison	Lesley Hartge	Racquel Hassett
Michael Hayes	Jade Haywood	Brooke Heinjus	Katie Henstock	Shane Herft
Ben Hickmott	Claudia Hickmott	Bernard Higgins	Susan Higgins	Samantha Hill
Jay Hinde	Richard Horton	Judith Howen	Paul Hoyland	Glenn Hughes
Kathryn Hughes	Marty Hunt	Richard Illy	Benjamin Irons	Katie Jackson
Marta Janaszek	Lauren Jenson	Ryan Johnson	Bruce Johnston	Lynne Johnston
Marguerite Jones	Jenna Keating	Therese Kelly	Belinda Kimpton	Natalie King
Diane Kirby	Jennifer Kirkby	Ryan Kirkby	Jade Kirkland	James Klein
Brodie Komorowski	Ben Lane	Christine Lane	Melinda Lawther	Robert Lawther
Danielle Le Page	Ben Lee-Hart	Christopher Lendich	Craig Levy	Lynette Lewis
Nicolette Little	Roderick Little	Zoe Mabey	Donna Maree Mackintosh	Peter Mak
Vicki Mak	Rebecca Manfredotti	Ricardo Martello	Jean Martin	Kristy Martin
Jake Mason	Alana Maxwell	Camille McArthur	Chanel McArthur	Trent McCoy
Kellie-Marie McDonald	Katherine McHugh	Michael McHugh	Steve Medcalf	Holly Mehakovic
Vladimir Mehakovic	Michael Melville	Jill Merrett	Daniel Merriman	Joanne Mifsud
Robert Milligan	Paul Molan	Jessica Moodie	Craig Moore	Justine Moore
Carmen Morgan	Jackie Morrison	Garry Nash	Tracey Nash	Suellen Newton
Julie-Ann Nichols	Wendy Nobbs	James Nuttall	Jana Ondrejкова	Jennifer Oneill
Ai Keng Ong	Catherine Openshaw	Luke O'Reilly	Bryn Owen	Tony Parezanovic
Steven Parsons	Gabrielle Payne	Effie Peacock	Sonya Peat	Teneille Penfold
Elizabeth Penny	Saolotoga Perese	Samara Perram	Tim Perram	Clint Pilling
Oliver Pitts	Michelle Pollard	Lorraine Poulton	Yasuko Preddey	Mitchell Quinn
Linda Rainsford	Rachel Rampe	Peter Reynolds	Clarissa Rhodes	Alexandra Riddell
Barry Rogers	Julieanne Rogers	Damien Rosenbaum	Katrina Roseworn	Claudia Leticia Rosznercki
Luisa Ruschel Jorb	Samantha Russell	Olivia Ryan	Carly Saunders	Mitch Saunders
Leaha Sanderson	Dorian Schalkwyk	Kurt Segalla	Jaime Shanahan	Matthew Shanahan
Robert Shaw	Tanya Shepherd	Daniel Sigl	Jacob Silver	Rebecca Slattery
Rebekah Southam	Leigh Spring	Walter Stafford	Luke Stanley	Warwick Stevens
Georgia Stewart	Karen Sutton-Ward	Sarah Sweeney	Ian James Syphers	Michal Szmura
Gareth Taber	Pressica Taber	Jasmin Taylor	Kristy Taylor	Claudia Teal
Katherine Thompson	Lauren Thorpe	Eric Thorsby	Victoria Tipton	Elodie Tipton-Akers
Josh Tisdell	Michael Tobin	Helen Tozer	Belinda Tsykalas	Kate Turner
Peter Valleau	Troy Varley	Ben Vaughan	Danielle Vergara	Jacinta Vergara
Rebecca Verrier	Giovanni Vitagliano	Petra Vozenilkova	Wilma Wakeley	Kane Waldron
Ray Waldron	Cara Walker	Georgina Walker	Jaimi Walker	Michele Wall
Rod Wallis	Jean Walsh	Leanne Waterfield	Paul Watkinson	Sam Watson
Christopher Wayne	Janna Weller	Rodney Wicks	Stephanie Wicks	Ian Williamson
Jessica Willis	Brenda Wilson	Sandra Wingrave	Juliane Wisata	Martin Wisata
Lucy Wolgramm	Kristy Woods	Sushil Yadav		
Aaron Barker	Terrence Matthews	Tom Openshaw	Jason Prior	Kyla Raffin

## **VICE PRESIDENT YOUTH SERVICES/JAC REPORT 2023/2024**

Season 23/24 was extremely successful for Toowoan Bay Nippers. Building on our achievements from the 22/23 season the club made further gains in parent engagement, club culture, proficiency/skill level and cohesion between the junior and senior cohorts.

Our junior activities team are what make all our achievements possible, and I am very lucky to be supported by a team of fantastic volunteers who continue to work hard for the success of this club. No matter the size of your contribution, thank you so much for all that you do.

Our age manager numbers are now very healthy with the 6,7,8,9,10 age groups having between 2-4 age managers or assistants per age group, which is producing great outcomes for our nippers. The 11,12,13,14 age groups have established age managers who have been with the group for multiple years. We are lucky enough to have had parents reach out at the end of the season already looking to become age managers in the 24/25 season.

Our training programs have been building for two seasons now and have contributed to our increased participation and success at carnivals. The board training group which has been running on a Saturday morning during nipper season and some Sunday mornings during the off season can have between 10-25 nippers

attending, it has been great to see the growth in these nippers who are prepared to put in that little bit extra each week. The sand training group which has been running prior to nippers on a Sunday morning usually has 10-25 nippers attending and has had a significant impact on our carnival success. Thank you to Shane and Ray for giving their time to our Nippers.

Carnival representation was substantially increased this season and it's great to see so many of our nippers having a go and pushing themselves. We had 52 nippers attend one carnival alone, more participants than 7 of the 15 central coast surf clubs. This is a massive achievement for our club and one we hope we can further improve next season.

Our pre-Christmas twilight nippers was a fantastic afternoon. We were very fortunate to have near perfect weather conditions. The kids played games, climbed in and jumped off the IRB and competed in a pool inflatable race. Some were even lucky enough to get a ride in an IRB or on the back of the jet ski. Santa, his elf and a pudding arrived via IRB for a visit and handed out lollipops and sang Christmas songs. The day was capped off with a club sponsored ice cream. A massive thanks must be given to the team on Patrol 6 who were instrumental in making the afternoon a success.

The new year saw Connor Brown represent the club in the Junior Lifesaver of The Year Competition. Each year this program recognises the outstanding contributions U14 Central Coast members provide to their clubs and the community. Connor was selected as our representative on the back of his commitment to the SRC program and his contributions to the club. Connor was also nominated as our Rookie of The Year at this year's SLSC Awards of Excellence.

We capped off a successful season with our presentation days in March where we were able to recognise the achievements of our nippers and volunteers through the season. The theme was 'pride in club' with each nipper receiving a club branded swim cap to encourage kids to be proud members of Toowoomb Bay SLSC.

Plans are well underway for season 24/25 with an increased focus on competition and also creating great youth lifesavers. The Club has invested heavily to ensure the continued success of our program with the purchase of 12 new boards ready for next season.

I would like to thank all the volunteers involved in the running of the nipper program for making this possible. I would also like to call out the Executive team for their unwavering support this season as well as the general/senior membership who have shown renewed interest and support for the nipper program this season which has been instrumental to what we have been able to achieve. Finally, thanks so much to the BBQ crew who do such an amazing job providing great food and even better banter every Sunday morning during the nippers season.

**Luke Mabey**  
VP Youth Services JAC

### AGE MANAGERS REPORTS:



#### **UNDER 6** – Carley, CJ, Faith, Matilda

The 2023-2024 season has been an incredibly rewarding journey for our under 6 nippers. Witnessing the development and enthusiasm of these young individuals has been truly inspiring. From tentative beginners to confident nippers, the progress made by each child is a testament to their effort and determination to improve.

One of the most notable aspects of the season has been the growth in confidence displayed by our under 6's. Week after week, we've seen them tackle new challenges. They have pushed themselves outside their comfort zones and have ended the season more capable and confident in the water.

None of this progress would have been possible without the support of our parents and guardians. Your commitment to bringing your children to nippers each Sunday, volunteering to assist with the program and

cheering from the sidelines has been invaluable. Your encouragement and involvement have not only enriched the experience for your children but also helped make your age manager's jobs easier.

I would like to extend my gratitude to my fellow Age Managers CJ, Faith and Matilda for their collaboration and support throughout the season. By working together, we've been able to provide a consistent and nurturing environment for our nippers. Your dedication to the development of our littlest nippers is commendable.

We hope to see you all back in 2024/2025 season ready to build on the foundations of this season.

#### Surf Play One – Under 6

Hendrix Aribowo-Scott, Patrick Baldwin, Nora Bird, Frankie Bonello, Oscar Burnes, Alecsandro Butera, Tamara Campano, Audrey Campbell, Jordan Carattini, Billy Chapman, Gabriela Chapman, Ace Clarke, Beau Cleveland, Casey Cooke, Bodhi Cross, Sofia D'Albora, Bennett Deger, Quinn Diessel Zachary Douglas, Bronte Douglass, Lacey Dries, Indiana Eccles, Nash Eklund, Mateo Fernandez, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Piper Flemming, Ari Ford, Florence Ford, Everlee Francica, Imogen Gargrave, Scarlett Grech, Winter Hannon, Slate Heinjus, Ziggy Hemmingway, Orlando Henstock, Freya Hobbs, Chelsea Irons, Remy Johnson, Matteo Cruz La Rosa, Lincoln Le Page, Frankie Lillelund, Astin Louchart, Leo McArthur, Carter McCoy, Koby Melville, Gianluca Mifsud, Jace Morrison, Leo Norrgard, Liara Nuttall, Hendrix Peacock, Parker Pilling, Riley Quinn, Hayden Rae, Harry Salvador-Hughes, Edith Shippam, Toby Sife, Hudson Silver, Indiana Smith, Evie Spring, Madelyn Spring, Iluka Stewart, Lachlan Streckfuss, Marlee Taylor, Zaiden Tetevano, Oliver Thorsby, Summer Turner, Bodhi Vaughan, Cooper Wayne, Avery Witney.



#### **UNDER 7 – Zoe, Sam, Ben, Kylie, Kelly**

Wow what a great season the U7 nippers have had!

Thank you to all Nippers, parents and volunteers involved. With 60 enrolments, we averaged around 40 participating each week. We have loved the energy and enthusiasm that the kids and parents have brought each week.

This season marked the last for these Nippers in the junior program. As such, our focus has been on preparing them for U8's and ultimately being competition ready. It has been amazing watching the skills and confidence of these young nippers grow over the season. Many of whom have been with us since the U6's and we have watched them develop water and athletic skills. Many have also bravely challenged themselves and overcome fears of water, waves, boards and sand.

One of the biggest highlights for us as Age Managers in the last few weeks, was watching them all compete in the iron person activities with confidence and a whole lot of smiles.

We feel very privileged to have been part of your family's nipper journey and we cannot wait to see what these kids achieve in the years ahead. We hope to see you next season.

#### Surf Play Two – U7

Rafferty Adams, Pia Alarca, Niah Atherden, Indie Badzmirowski, Louie Bannister, Braxton Barnett, Lukas Bossard, William Boyce, Kai Button, William Byrne, Edge Cassell, Cayden Chant, Valentino Chicco, Malaki Copelin, Lincoln Cordell, Darcy De Vincenzo, Zavier Doorey, Nina Douglass, James Faria, Ivy Findlay, Dallas Galla, Liam Gillies, Harper Godden, Stevie Goodman, Harriet Griffiths, Charlie Haidar, Penelope Hammond, Elizabeth Haywood, Olena Herft, Liliana Hinde, Jaxon King, Taylen King, Koah Klein, April Komorowski, Harvey Lendich, Arielle Mabey, Hudson Mason, Grace McDonald, Nora Perram, Archie Quinn, Eve Rampe, Arabelle Rosenbaum, Jack Shanahan, Xand Slattery, Zali Southam, Eloise Sweeney, Benjamin Syphers, Anise Taber, Zarius Tetevano, Elsie Tisdell, Harrison Tobin, Indi Tsykalas, Elka Waldron, Macy Walker, Makena Walker, Flynn Watson, Indie Rose Wolfgramm.





**UNDER 8 – Georgia, Callum, Brent, Shane**

During the first few weeks of Nippers for the under 8’s, we focused on developing their skills in the various physical activities we had planned for the season.

These activities acted as the basics for what you would see the older kids do at the carnivals. At the start of the season, a lot of the kids were shy and not sure about the activities, especially in the water, without their parents with them but as the season went on, we slowly encouraged them to break away from their parents and become more and more confident in the water and on the sand each week.

We informed the kids with essential surf awareness skills necessary for them to enjoy being at the beach while still being aware of the dangers present in the surf. An example of this would be, to stay between the red and yellow flags while swimming, always be with an adult or much older sibling while in the water, etc.

The kids thoroughly enjoyed racing each other with the beach sprints, the relay races and the boards each week, these activities really pushed them. Each week we tried to change up the routine to keep the kids engaged and having fun. One week we would focus on the wade relays and then the next week we would enhance on those skills and practice swimming further distances along with the wade. By the end of the season, their confidence had grown, and you could really see that they were enjoying themselves and had really changed and grown as people.

**Awards**

Age Managers - Elise Segalla

Most Improved - Rowan Shippam

Most Consistent - Olive Stuart

**Club Championship Results**

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Beach</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Beach</b>	<b>Water</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ivie Keating	Ivie Keating	1 <sup>st</sup>	Archie Parezanovic	Harrison Witney
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Olive Stuart	Estelle Henstock	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Baxter Thorpe	Archie Parezanovic
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gracie Fitzpatrick	Olive Stuart	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elijah Brown	Ashtyn Vitagliano

**Surf Aware One – U8:**

Willow Ardrey, Magnolia Baines, Isabella Baldwin, Elijah Brown, Levi Aydin Brown, Olivia Burgers, Jasper Burnes, Axel Campano, Beau Campbell, Bella Carter, Olivia Cross, Bodhi Duncan, Abigail Edwards, Lily Fenton, Gracie Fitzpatrick, Siena Grant, Grace Harris, Zara Hart, Evie Hawkins, Madeline Haywood, Onyx Heinjus, Estelle Henstock, Poppy Hobbs, Zach Horton, Preston Hunt, Ivie Keating, Kye Lawther, Oscar Lendich, Tristan McArthur, Niina Lorraine Merriman, Skyla Milligan, Spencer Moodie, Ari Norrgard, Cole Openshaw, Archie Parazenovic, Patricia Perese, Elliott Pitts, Isla Sanders, Elsie Segalla, Rowan Shippam, Thomas Snelling, Nina Stanford, Olive Stuart, Baster Thorpe, Grace Thorsby, Harry Toulman, Ashtyn Vitagliano, Isabelle Walker, George Watkinson, Hudson Wayne, Cosmo Wisata.



**UNDER 9 – Kane, Mike**

We had an excellent group of boys and girls attending Nippers regularly for the U9’s this season. The group has bonded really well over the last 2 years and continues to create a fun environment in which they can all learn and compete together.

We had many great sprints and relays on the beach as well as some epic flag battles. The children’s water confidence improved a lot this season. We spent lots of time playing in the shore's, chasing balls, swimming and bodysurfing. By the seasons end they were completing iron person events and wave riding the foamies, on the beach break and even at the point. The children put their skills and knowledge into practice through the successful rides and the wipeouts.

Our carnival attendance grew this year with 10 nippers attending the Central Coast Branch carnival. We had a wonderful day out at these carnivals spending time at other beautiful beaches on the coast. The kids chose to

challenge themselves against other clubs and large surf conditions leaving the carnival the great results and great personal achievements. I'm extremely proud of the kid's growth in this area.

I would like to thank this group and their parents for the many enjoyable Sundays they all helped create this season. This group consistently shows that they are the future of this club and I hope to see them all on the beach next year.

**Awards**

Age Managers - Leo Lane

Most Improved - Savannah Grech

Most Consistent - Ava Ford

**Club Championship Results**

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Beach</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Beach</b>	<b>Water</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Savannah Grech	Catherine Drew	1 <sup>st</sup>	Flynn Molan	Hunter Hobbs
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Catherine Drew	Savannah Grech	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Landon Bosshard	Leonardo Lane
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Indie George	Indie George	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Benjamin Griffiths	Jesse Macdonald

**Surf Aware Two – U9**

Cormac Ashton, Cooper Bailey, Landon Bosshard, Cleaver Boyce, Ava Brown, James Byrne, Hugo Campbell, Hitch Cassell, Samuel Chapman, Miguel Delena, Rafaella Dennington, Levi Donoghue, Will Douglas, Ivy Douglass, Lucy Douglass, Catherine Drew, Ava Ford, Isla Ford, Indie George, Savannah Grech, Benjamin Griffiths, William Hinde, Hunter Hobbs, Abigail Irons, Madeleine Kirkby, Levi Kirkland, Leonardo Lane, Illyanna Le Page, Jaxton Lee, Jesse Macdonald, Jax Manfredotti, Kiara McGrath, Miesha Meacham, Flynn Molan, Charlie O'Neill, Cian O'Reilly, Freya Sife, Sienna Smith, Courtney Tobin, Kai Valleau, Isla Waldron, Karsten Whitbread.



**UNDER 10 – Daniel**

The 2023-2024 season has been highly successful for the Under 10 Nippers at Toowoan Bay, with the young participants showing remarkable improvement and dedication. With a high average weekly attendance at Nippers, the group excelled in swimming, surf skills, and board paddling. Their enthusiasm was evident as they participated in local carnivals, achieving impressive results, and saw a number of nippers qualify for branch championships.

Throughout the year, the Nippers engaged in special events like Surf Safety Week, a Family Fun Day, and a Christmas twilight nippers, which fostered community spirit and provided enjoyable learning experiences.

Looking ahead, there are plans to increase surf skill sessions, organize more inter-club events, and expand the Junior Lifesaver Program. Feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly positive, appreciating the structured sessions and the variety of activities. The dedication and support from parents, coaches, and volunteers have been instrumental in the success of the season, and we look forward to another fantastic year ahead for our young Nippers.

**Awards**

Age Managers - Ellie Syphers

Most Improved - Grace Goodyer

Most Consistent - Nixon Adams

**Club Championship Results**

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Beach</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Beach</b>	<b>Water</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Matilda Haywood	Noa Louchart	1 <sup>st</sup>	Finlay Murphy	Ethan Burgers
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Saskia Parezanovic	Elizabeth Syphers	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ethan Burgers	Nixon Adams

3<sup>rd</sup> Noa Louchart

Saskia Parezanovic

3<sup>rd</sup> Levi Carter

Levi Carter

Surf Safe One U10

Nixon Adams, Charlie Bailey, Serena Barboza Martello, Emma Barry, Imogen Brown, Ethan Burgers, Levi Carter, Addison Coleman, Zara Copelin, Jackson Cordell, Helena Dore, Abbey Duke, Noah Giry-Ducluzeau, Sebastian Gois, Grace Gooddyer, Kody Grant, Elif Gungor, Ryan Harris, Matilda Haywood, Ruby Heinjus, Levi Herft, Isabella Kelly, Sienna Milligan, Finlay Murphy, Saskia Parezanovic, Harriet Porter, Charlotte Rhodes, Paige Shanahan, Harper Stuart, Kara Stuart, Elizabeth Syphers, Arthur Taber, Charlotte Watkinson, Ella Whitbread, Imogen Wicks, Elleni Wilbow.



**UNDER 11 – Luke**

This season the under 11’s was a much smaller group with a core group of around 15-20 nippers. We continued to develop great ocean confidence within the group with our mostly experienced team of nippers now excelling in the core disciplines both in the water and on the beach.

A new ‘Lifesaving’ focus was introduced this season where kids were taught techniques for board and tube rescues, as well as being introduced to signals. This not only added great skills which our nippers will continue to hone over future years but also adds a bit of variety for the weekly sessions.

A big thank you to all the parents who are willing to jump in and help out in running the sessions each week. I really appreciate it! I am immensely proud of the continued growth in this group of kids, and I know this will continue next season.

**Awards**

Age Managers - Chelsea McHugh

Most Improved - Tomas Dlesk

Most Consistent - Grace Snelling

**Club Championship Results**

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Beach</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Beach *</b>	<b>Water</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Kaizen Louchart	Izabelle Mabey	1 <sup>st</sup>	Cooper Barker	1 <sup>st</sup> Cooper Barker
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Freya Kerrsmith	Freya Kerrsmith	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tomas Dlesk	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tomas Dlesk
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Izabelle Mabey	Elouise Kirkby	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joseph Horton	3 <sup>rd</sup> Joseph Horton

Boys **\*Equal First Beach**

Surf Safe Two – U11

Charlie Anderson, Charlotte Ashton, Allegra Barboza Martello, Cooper Barker, Savannah Buckles, Tomas Dlesk, Joseph Horton, Freya Kerrsmith, Eloise Kirkby, Kaizen Louchart, Izabelle Mabey, Alesha McClelland, Chelsea McHugh, Vivian May Merriman, Mabel Pitts, Tiara Schalkwyk, Marley Sife, Grace Snelling, Francis Stanford, Charlie Toulman, Laela Zreika.



**UNDER 12 – Heidi, Craig**

The Under 12s Nippers this year have become a much tighter-knit bunch of kids and have enjoyed new friendships this year. Although the group started out quite large with 17 registrations at the beginning of the season, we were still pleased to see consistent numbers of between 8 and 12 show up every week.

Many of the U12’s have been actively participating in Nippers for the last 3 years. One of their great joys was being out on the boards in the waves practicing getting on and off the boards in rougher conditions, and also doing partner rescues.

We also concentrated on introducing the children to some first aid and life saving techniques early in the season and the kids had fun learning how to ensure that the patient was safe to approach, checking the airways of an unconscious patient and putting them in the recovery position as well as when to start CPR. We will build on this knowledge next season as we work toward other surf safe activities.

As usual we had a core of 4 to 6 Nippers who participated in Nippers carnivals and hope to improve our consistent results moving forward. Overall, we feel that the U12's had an enjoyable season and are beginning to mature as confident and responsible young adults. We look forward to working again with the kids in the next year.

**Awards**

Age Managers - Laela Zreika

Most Improved - Skye Valleau

Most Consistent - Miranda Smith

**Club Championship Results**

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Beach</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Beach</u>	<u>Water</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Claudette Austin-Nichols	Claudette Austin Nichols	1 <sup>st</sup>	Oliver Carter	Benjamin Barry
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Grace Mueller-Ahsmann	Lucinda Parezanovic	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Benjamin Barry	Oliver Carter
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lucinda Parezanovic	Anna Cambourn	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Max Ford	Connor Haywood

**Surf Smart One – U12**

Claudette Austin-Nichols, Adelaide Baines, Benjamin Barry, Samantha Burden, Anna Cambourn, Oliver Carter, Charles Fenton, Max Ford, Connor Haywood, Grace Mueller-Ahsmann, Lucinda Parezanovic, Isla Slattery, Miranda Smith, Sophia Turner, Skye Valleau.



**UNDER 13 – Ryan, Mick**

This season the U13's were made up of a group of around 15 enrolments, with around 8-10 participants regularly attending. Our group consisted of a majority who were returning from last season, although we had two new additions to the team.

We started off with a strong contingent attending the Raising of the Flag's ceremony at Terrigal, proudly representing the club at the official opening of the season.

This year, thanks to the assistance of the club, we branched into the Rookie Program, allowing the U13's a chance to get a taste of what their final year will entail. This proved greatly successful and seemed to spark the group's interest.

Throughout the season, our group built on their newly found skills, as well as strengthening the skills they already had obtained. Focusing on board rescue techniques, recognising rip currents, working in a team environment as well as communications and signals. We utilised these skills whilst competing for Toowoan Bay at the Rookie Challenge Carnival, as well as providing a strong team to compete at SLSCC Branch Carnival with some great results.

Ryan and I would like to say a very special thank you to Luke, Lynn, Jacqui and the club members for providing an environment of learning, as well as keeping it fun for the Nippers. We would also like to thank all those who assisted with water safety and our parents who actively participated in supporting this season's Nipper program, it couldn't have been achieved without this assistance.

We're looking forward to our Rookie year in 2024/2025.

**Awards**

Age Managers - Amelia McHugh

Most Improved - Charlotte Sandilands

Most Consistent - Florence Kerrsmith

**Club Championship Results**

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Beach</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Beach</b>	<b>Water</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Isla Haywood	Georgia Baldwin	1 <sup>st</sup>	Cooper O’Sullivan	Cooper O’Sullivan
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sophie McGrath	Sophie McGrath	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jaxon Drury	Jack Tame
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Olivia Kirkby	Olivia Kirkby	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jhy Kipton	Jhy Kimpton

**Surf Smart Two – U13**

Siara Austin Nichols, Georgia Baldwin, Jaxon Drury, Isla Haywood, Florence Kerrsmith, Jhy Kimpton, Olivia Kirkby, Sophie McGrath, Amelia McHugh, Cooper O’Sullivan, Charlotte Sandilands, Jack Tame.



**UNDER 14 – Nicole**

This season saw the U14s successfully complete their Surf Rescue Certificate. Connor, Osman and Noah provided water safety after their own training for the remainder of the season.

With only a small group we combined with the cadets and Geoff Cresswell for training. This saw the U14s swim in much deeper water across the bay, as well as swimming and paddling from Blue Bay back into Toowoan. All the boys embraced training with the Cadets, overcoming personal challenges and fears, such as seeing stingrays.

The U14s (Noah, Osman and Connor) also provided water safety at the SLSCC Branch Carnival held at Umina. They did an amazing job.

Next season, I expect Osman, Noah and Connor to return to requalify for their SRC and train as Cadets.

**Club Championship Results**

Beach Winner – Connor Brown	Beach Runner Up – Levi Sandilands
Water Winner – Connor Brown	Water Runner Up – Osman Gungor
Iron Person Winner – Connor Brown	Iron Person Runner Up – Noah Meacham



**Continuous Nippers from Under 6’s through to Under 14’s**

Connor Brown

Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)

Connor Brown, Osman Gungor, Noah Meacham, Levi Sandilands Ashley Turner

Age managers assistant award: Jemima Bonham, Lliam Findlay and Elyana Keys.

Age managers course: Kylie Adams, Geoff Cresswell, Michelle Douglass, CJ Eklund, Brent Fitzpatrick, Karen Hickmott, Daniel Sigl.

**Nipper Perpetual Awards**

- Ross Blowers Junior U8 Sports Boy – Cole Openshaw
- Bill Kensey Junior U8 Sports Girl – Ivie Keating
- Junior Sports Person - Male – Winner – Hunter Hobbs
- Junior Sports Person - Male – Encouragement – Nixon Adams
- Junior Sports Person - Female – Winner – Izabelle Mabey
- Junior Sports Person - Female – Encouragement – Catherine Drew
- Senior Sports Person - Male – Winner – Cooper Osullivan

Senior Sports Person - Male – Encouragement – Noah Meacham

Senior Sports Person - Female – Winner – Isla Haywood

Senior Sports Person - Female – Encouragement - Claudette Austin-Nichols

Family of the Year – The Mabey Family

Volunteer of the Year – Chris Baldwin and Nathan Adams

Clem Liddy Junior Club Person of the Year – Matilda Baldwin

Thelma Laird Junior Club Person of the Year – Elyana Keys and Jemima Bonham

M&M Moore Senior Club Person – Shane Hobbs

Rookie of the Year – Connor Brown



## TOOWOON BAY STINGRAY NIPPERS - 2023/2024

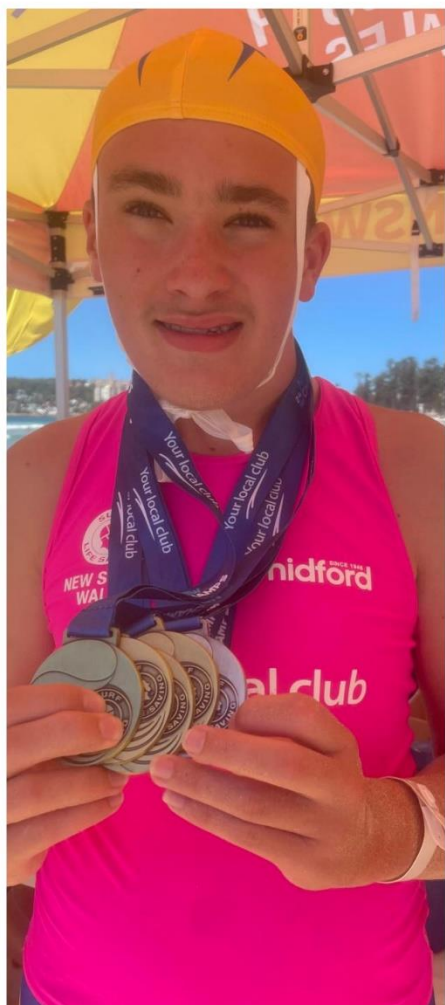
(modified nippers programme)

Another great, if somewhat disrupted season was had with 20 Stingrays in the programme this season. Unfortunately, we were plagued with some quite extreme weather conditions and three of our eight sessions had to be cancelled. However, we were able to sneak in one replacement at the end of the season.

A number of the older participants from previous years moved off to other sports but we had an influx of new Stingrays and so the style of the programme adjusted for the new cohort. We were thrilled to see the return of some of our wonderful volunteers from Central Coast Grammar School - including some other family members who are always very welcome! We also had a number of other very enthusiastic new volunteers from the Club membership. The success of the programme relies very heavily on our volunteers and we will be looking in the off season to perhaps modify the programme to possibly engage with parents and carers where they are able to

- a) give them the confidence to engage with their children at the beach,
- b) to improve the longevity of the programme and,
- c) to enable more effective use of our club volunteers to further enrich the programme.

We once again hosted the SLSCC inclusive carnival which was another fun day of friendly competition. We were very proud of our sole competitor for the entire Club in the SLSNSW State Championships - Ayden Littlechild who came away with 4 gold and 1 silver medal from his 5 events. This experience gave Ayden the passion, determination and dedication to travel to Queensland for the inaugural Aussies Adaptive Surf Sports carnival - again our only competitor at Aussies. Competition was fierce and Ayden won 4 silver and 1 bronze medal but was beaten by a competitor from WA twice his size!



We were also very proud to be one of four finalists in the 2023 Australian Disability Service Awards in the Best Community Program category. While we didn't win, we were still honoured to be a finalist!

We look forward to continuing to develop this keystone programme for Toowoan Bay.

Karen Hickmott  
Stingray Nipper Co-ordinator



**STINGRAY PARTICIPANTS**

- |                   |                 |                |                |                |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Billy Aitken      | Broc Bloomfield | Kai Curran     | Leo Ferris     | August Ford    |
| Paul Harrison     | Josh Kelly      | Isabella Kelly | Elizah Kerr    | Cayden Khaw    |
| Ayden Littlechild | Luke Martin     | Patrick Martin | Charlie Oneill | Lachlan Oneill |
| Bethany Roseworn  | Charlie Stanley | Josiah Tozer   | Krystal Woods  | Atharv Yadav   |

**JUNIOR ACTIVITY MEMBERS (INC ROOKIES)**

Nixon Adams	Rafferty Adams	Pia Alarca	Charli Anderson	Willow Ardrey
Hendrix Aribowo-Scott	Charlotte Ashton	Connor Ashton	Cormac Ashton	Niah Atherden
Claudette Austin Nichols	Siara Austin-Nichols	Indie Badzmirowski	Charlie Bailey	Cooper Bailey
Adelaide Baines	Magnolia Baines	Georgia Baldwin	Isabella Baldwin	Patrick Baldwin
Louie Bannister	Allegra Barboza Martello	Serena Barboza-Martello	Cooper Barker	Braxton Barnett
Benjamin Barry	Emma Barry	Mason Bell	Nora Bird	Frankie Bonello
Landon Bosshard	Lukas Bosshard	Cleaver Boyce	William Boyce	Savannah Bradshaw
Arianna Brown	Ava Brown	Connor Brown	Elijah Brown	Imogen Brown
Levi Aydin Brown	Savannah Buckles	Samantha Burden	Ethan Burgers	Olivia Burgers
Jasper Burnes	Oscar Burnes	Alecsandro Butera	Kai Button	James Byrne
William Byrne	Anna Cambourn	Axel Campano	Tamara Campano	Audrey Campbell
Beau Campbell	Hugo Campbell	Jordan Carattini	Bella Carter	Levi Carter
Oliver Carter	Edge Cassell	Hitch Cassell	Cayden Chant	Billy Chapman
Gabriela Chapman	Samuel Chapman	Valentina Chicco	Ace Clarke	Beau Cleveland
Addison Coleman	Casey Cooke	Malaki Copelin	Zara Copelin	Jackson Cordell
Lincoln Cordell	Julia Corral Ondrejкова	Bodhi Cross	Olivia Cross	Sofia D'Albora
Darcy de Vincenzo	Bennett Deger	Miguel Delena	Rafaella Dennington	Quinn Diessel
Tomas Dlesk	Levi Donoghue	Xavier Doorey	Helena Dore	Will Douglas
Zachary Douglas	Bronte Douglass	Ivy Douglass	Lucy Douglass	Nina Douglass
Catherine Drew	Lacey Dries	Jaxon Drury	Abbey Duke	Bodhi Duncan
Indiana Eccles	Abigail Edwards	Nash Eklund	James Faria	Charles Fenton
Lily Fenton	Reilly Fenton	Mateo Fernandez	Isolde Ferris	Ivy Findlay
Charlotte Fitzpatrick	Gracie Fitzpatrick	Piper Flemming	Ari Ford	Ava Ford
Florence Ford	Isla Ford	Max Ford	Everlee Francica	Dallas Galla
Imogen Gargrave	Indie George	Liam Gillies	Noah Giry-Ducluzeau	Harper Godden
Sebastian Gois	Stevie Goodman	Grace Goodyer	Jacob Grace	Kody Grant
Siena Grant	Savannah Grech	Scarlett Grech	Benjamin Griffiths	Harriet Griffiths
Elif Gungor	Osman Gungor	Charlie Haidar	Penelope Hammond	Winter Hannon
Grace Harris	Ryan Harris	Zara Hart	Evie Hawkins	Connor Haywood
Elizabeth Haywood	Isla Haywood	Madeleine Haywood	Matilda Haywood	Onyx Heinjus
Ruby Heinjus	Slate Heinjus	Ziggy Hemmingway	Estelle Henstock	Orlando Henstock
Levi Herft	Olena Herft	Liliana Hinde	William Hinde	Freya Hobbs
Hunter Hobbs	Poppy Hobbs	Joseph Horton	Zach Horton	Preston Hunt
Abigail Irons	Chelsea Irons	Remy Johnson	Ivie Keatiing	Florence Kerrsmith
Freya Kerrsmith	Jhy Kimpton	Jaxon King	Taylen King	Elouise Kirkby
Madeleine Kirkby	Olivia Kirkby	Levi Kirkland	Koah Klein	April Komorowski
Hazel Komorowski	Matteo Cruz La Rosa	Indie Lambert	Leonardo Lane	Kye Lawther
Illyanna Le Page	Lincoln Le Page	Jaxon Lee	Harvey Lendich	Oscar Lendich
Frankie Lillelund	Astin Louchart	Kaizen Louchart	Noah Louchart	Arielle Mabey
Izabelle Mabey	Jesse MacDonald	Jax Manfredotti	Amelia Marien	Hudson Mason
Leo McArthur	Tristan McArthur	Aiesha McClelland	Carter McCoy	Grace McDonald
Kiara McGrath	Sophie McGrath	Amelia McHugh	Chelsea McHugh	Miesha Meacham
Noah Meacham	Mia Mehakovic	Koby Melville	Nina Lorraine Merriman	Vivian May Merriman
Gianluca Mifsud	Sienna Milligan	Skyla Milligan	Flynn Molan	Spencer Moodie
Jace Morrison	Grace Mueller-Ahsmann	Finlay Murphy	Ari Norrgard	Leo Norrgard
Lia Nuttall	Cole Openshaw	Cian O'Reilly	Cooper O'Sullivan	Archie Parezanovic
Lucinda Parezanovic	Saskia Parezanovic	Hendrix Peacock	Patricia Perese	Nora Perram
Parker Pilling	Elliott Pitts	Mabel Pitts	Harriet Porter	Archie Quinn
Riley Quinn	Hayden Rae	Eve Rampe	Charlotte Rhodes	Arabelle Rosenbaum
Dylan Ruschel De Jesus	Harry Salvador-Hughes	Isla Sanders	Charlotte Sandilands	Charlotte Sandilands
Levi Sandilands	Tiara Schalkwyk	Elise Segalla	Jack Shanahan	Paige Shanahan
Edith Shippam	Rowan Shippam	Freya Sife	Marley Sife	Toby Sife
Hudson Silver	Isla Slattery	Xand Slattery	Indiana Smith	Miranda Smith
Sienna Smith	Grace Snelling	Thomas Snelling	Zali Southam	Evie Spring
Madelyn Spring	Francis Stanford	Nina Stanford	Iluka Stewart	Lachlan Streckfuss
Harper Stuart	Kara Stuart	Olive Stuart	Eloise Sweeney	Benjamin Syphers
Elizabeth Syphers	Sophie Szymura	Anise Taber	Anise Taber	Arthur Taber
Jack Tame	Aurora Taylor	Marlee Taylor	Zaiden Tetevano	Zarius Tetevano
Baxter Thorpe	Grace Thorsby	Oliver Thorsby	Elise Tisdell	Matilda Tisdell
Courtney Tobin	Harrison Tobin	Charlie Toulman	Harry Toulman	Indi Tsykalas
Sophia Turner	Summer Turner	Kai Valleau	Skye Valleau	Louisa Varley
Bodhi Vaughan	Misha Vergara	Ashtyn Vitagliano	Elka Waldron	Elvis Waldron
Isla Waldron	Isabelle Walker	Macy Walker	Makena Walker	Jakob Waterfield
Charlotte Watkinson	George Watkinson	Flynn Watson	Cooper Wayne	Hudson Wayne
Ella Whitbread	Karsten Whitbread	Imogen Wicks	Elleni Wilbow	Cosmo Wisata
Avery Whitney	Harrison Witney	Indie Rose Wolfgramm	Laela Zreika	



**SURF SPORTS AWARDS:****10 Year Officiating Service Certificate:** Lyn Waters**20 Year Coaching Service Certificate:** Phillip Raymont**SS – Core Official:** Emma Barker**SS – Foundation Coach:** Luke Mabey**SS – Technical Official:** Georgia Leigh Meikle**CADETS AND SENIORS REPORT – 2023/2024**

This season saw us with a combination of age groups coming together to improve our overall skills and abilities, whilst having a lot of fun.

These young adults turn up on a Sunday morning, some early to help with the setup of the beach, and for others, ending with age group management or doing water safety for Nippers.

On most mornings, they'll have smiles on their faces, and enthusiasm that has to be commended. The support and encouragement they all give each other through the activities, allows a real sense of comradery to be had by all. On many occasions, I've had adults involved in the club commenting on how great a group they are!

On a typical Sunday, we'll run or swim between beaches, run a lot of stairs and perform a lot of push-ups, sit ups etc. A major milestone this year was a swim between Blue Bay and Shark Hole. A mammoth 1.5Km open water swim, that had everyone involved coming out of the water buzzing with excitement at the achievement.

We adults continue to meet and swim on a Sunday morning after the nipper season ends, and for a number of years now. It's not uncommon to have some of these Cadets and Seniors turn up on these colder winter mornings to join in.

Parents, you should be very proud of your children, and you should be applauded for their upbringing.

For me, it's a pleasure to be involved in these groups.

With thanks

Geoff Cresswell

**MASTERS REPORT**

Our Masters have had a somewhat quiet season. We kicked off with our annual trip to Fingal Bay in January and had a fantastic time with some excellent results coming in 6th overall.

We have nine competitors who are busy training for the World Surf Life Saving Championships in late August at Kurrawa on the Gold Coast.

While we didn't compete in Branch, State or Aussies this year the training continues with regular Saturday and Sunday morning training sessions on sand and in the water as well as board and ski training during the week on various days during the week.

We are always eager to welcome new masters and if you like the idea of doing some training, either to compete or just to improve your fitness we would love to hear from you.

Christi Mergan



## FUNCTION ROOM – 2023/2024

2023/24 saw consistent bookings for weddings, engagement parties, elopement parties, wakes, birthday parties (30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup>) and family gatherings, a busy year with the usual lull over Christmas and the new year. Regular weekday bookings for Pilates, Breathwork, and Yoga remained consistent. These regular weekday bookings generate a secure income stream 52 weeks of the year. Our hall is the preferred space for Central Coast Council to hold team meetings, and it's interesting to note that quite a few attendees at these meetings were seeing Toowoon Bay for the first time, many were awestruck on sighting their first whale.

The cost of hire has remained static, however the charge for after cleaning and security has risen slightly. Our hall remains good value for money, sits in a niche market and is very appealing to people who wish to organise their own catering and alcohol for their event. The size of our event area, it's neutral colour scheme and its magnificent outlook pique the interest of many, especially those looking for a more cozy, more intimate event area.

Sunday SIPS is going really well again this year, and we increased the number of live artists in January 2024 to take advantage of the tourists. Australia Day with The Breakaways was our biggest day to date – it was hectic and hot! Featured bands/artists include: NYC, Village Idiots, Kate Kerrighan, Duane Marnell, Maryanne Rex, The Relics and the extremely popular Breakaways! Sunday SIPS is on every Sunday from 3pm – 6pm with the bands/artists featured the second Sunday of every month and again on some public holidays.

We also had local Harpist Kim Cannan and her accompanying musicians do a performance on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 and by all accounts this was an enchanting performance. She hopes to do more concerts where she can. We squeezed in a performance at SIPS by a duo called Open Fire, who also feature Kath Morrison in their line up for a performance and this too was a hit with everyone. They will be back for another session on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024, 3pm – 6pm.

Many thanks go to the wonderfully helpful Ben Hickmott and his support workers for coming upstairs every Thursday (they help out in the Kiosk) or Friday to help restock the fridges, put the glasses away and help with unpack the fridges if there is an event on. Ben is extremely diligent when it comes to recycling, making sure the bottles and cans are sorted into the correct bins, making sure bins are emptied, glasses are checked for cleanliness and stacked neatly. They do a fantastic job ensuring the fridges are clean, stacked and ready for a hire or SIPS.

My thanks to Karen Hickmott, Tracey Clifton, Tom Clifton, Sue Hale, Denis Hannigan, Helen Clifton, and Holly Nash or being available when I needed bar staff for events. Your professionalism, hard work and good humour when working events is valued and your help in re-stacking the fridges following an event (sometimes late Saturday night) in readiness for Sunday SIPS is invaluable and much appreciated. Hires often remark on how lovely the bar staff working their event are and send personal messages of thanks. I'm always on the lookout for RSA qualified staff for events, and more are needed to take some of the burden off the above mentioned staff. Please forward your details to the office – [office@toowoombayslsc.com.au](mailto:office@toowoombayslsc.com.au) if you would like to add your name to the pool of names.

Thank you to Licencee Christi Mergan and Rod Mergan for putting their hands up to volunteer on the bar for Club celebrations and to do SIPS on public holidays. The bar roster and the management of the Bar is in the efficient hands of Tracey Clifton. Thank you to all the SIPS volunteers, you give up your Sunday afternoons and public holidays to ensure the bar runs smoothly, and when a band is on it can get hectic. Thank you for all that your hard work and this income stream would not be realised without your valuable time. Let's give a cheer for our SIPS volunteers: Tracey Clifton, Karen and Ben Hickmott, Simon Hicks, Craig Horton, Helen Clifton, Denis Hannigan, Denise Ryals, Garry Chappell, Phillip Raymont, Paul Hoyland, David Thom, Sue Hale, Jacqueline Dunkerley, Justine Moore, Mark Shearan, Nicole Cameron and Chris Manning.

If you have your RSA and would like to help out on the bar for SIPS, please send your details to Tracey Clifton via the office.

Our weekday fitness/yoga options that are available at Toowoon Bay SLSC are listed below, and anyone can join in:

- ✓ Every weekday – Roslyn Forman of Central Coast Exercise leads group classes and individual PT sessions focusing on restorative Pilates, strength classes to work on your stability, core strength and functional movement. All fitness levels catered for, book in for an assessment with Roslyn [HERE](#)
- ✓ Yoga with Shona Bridge takes place on Tuesdays from 11am until 12pm. Focussing on stability, strength and relaxation with all levels catered for. New participants always welcome and encouraged to join in. Call Shona 040448615 to book in for a class and for more information on Shona, click [HERE](#).
- ✓ Blake Peachy runs his classes in the warmer months, his classes have finished here now until Spring when it's not so cold early in the morning. Reach out to Blake through his FB page – '[Yoga By Blake](#)' if you would like to find out more.

Forrester's Beach and Bateau Bay Probus (craft, songsters and women's chat group) continue their monthly meetings here.

Our Caretaker Leigh Perrow (CCC Lifeguard), is always on hand to help in maintaining the club and grounds, help with different projects around the Club and is on hand to ensure that events at TBSLSC run to time, have a point of contact for the entirety of the event, and guests exit (with help from the Security Guard) the premises quietly and without commotion. Leigh is eager to help wherever he can, let him know if you see anything around the club that needs attention.

Full day hire is still \$1,800.00 with a \$1,500.00 bond also charged along with after cleaning at \$250.00 and one security guard at \$220.00 (increasing to \$250.00) for the evening. Hourly rate remains at \$132.00/hour with a minimum booking of six hours. Wakes and Sundays negotiable. Due to recent increases in wage rates, the cost of our bar staff for events has also increased marginally.

Thank you again to the Executive Committee for your continued and valued support.



Jacqui Donadel  
Function Room Manager

## Toowoan Bay Ocean Swim 2023

The Toowoan Bay Ocean Swim was conducted on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

The weather was a challenge with showery squalls throughout the morning that kept away some of the “fair weather swimmers”. The water temperature and tides, however, ensured that the event would be a safe enjoyable swim with the elements of challenge that all ocean swims contain.

The event drew 382 participants across all three swim legs with entrants in junior (8 years) to seniors (70 years) categories, this number demonstrates the return to growth post COVID abandonments

The event held the usual swims, the annual running of the John MacNamara Memorial Open 400m, as well as the 400m Junior, a 1Km and 2km event.

Ocean swimming is challenging, and the T.B.O.S. has the reputation of an easier, gentle, family focused “fun” event and so it was that families were strongly represented with multiple entrants holding the same surnames, swimming with one another or in different course lengths.

The event, as stated, drew 328 participants which creates a hectic environment for the administration personnel on the day. Those girls and guys worked efficiently and under pressure for most of the morning and maintained a professional standard.

I, on behalf of the 2023 Organising Committee, send my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who participated in administration duties. Thank you to you all.

From an organiser's viewpoint, water safety is always our biggest issue. Whilst the quality of water safety is always excellent, the number of personnel at this year's event was so pleasing. Jet Ski and IRB operators were, as always, more than sufficient, but it was the increase in ski and board paddlers and tube swimmer numbers that really pleased us, the organisers. These numbers greatly increase the "vision" on the water thus greatly decreasing the risk.

Pleasing also, was the number of **new "bronzies"** who assisted on the day

I have, in the past, made the water safety issue plain to TBSLSC and this year the members really responded to the call out. I believe that this is our marquee event and showcases our community whilst bringing in valuable dollars for training equipment. There can never be too many IRB crews, board paddlers, tube swimmers or shoreline observers.

There will always be the need for continuous improvement so more dialogue between TBOS Committee members and Patrol Captains at the beginning of the 2024-25 season will be arranged.

I, on behalf of the 2023 organising committee, send my deepest gratitude to each of you who participated in water safety.

Whilst the faces of the Committee may change, the ideal does not, and that it to raise much needed funds for the host club, the Toowoona Bay Surf Life Saving Club.

The 2023 Ocean Swim Committee, and members of the host club, have once again put on a tremendous event that contributes to community engagement and a healthy lifestyle and creates an awareness of the host club and fosters the ideals that the club holds.

It is with great pride that the 2023 Organizing committee presented to TBSLSC a disbursement cheque to the value of \$5000.00. TBOS also purchased a new fridge and microwave oven for the gear shed so patrolling members can better store and prepare their meals during a patrol. TBOS also presented a cheque for \$500.00 to the Disabled Surfers Association of Australia, Central Coast Branch.

I would like to send a personal thank you to the 2023 TBOS event committee. This event takes a year to plan and prepare for, indeed a lot of work. These people continually impress me with their dedication to volunteering and work so hard to put on this event.

**Mrs. Laureen Sliwinski, Mr. Craig Adamson, Mr. Michael De La Motte, Mr. Phil Coker, Ms. Nicole DeMestre, Mr. Greg Berry, Ms. Jessica Sliwinski, & Mr. Ryan Adamson - THANK YOU.**

The 2023 committee members mentioned above have collectively decided to step away from the event preparations for the 2024 event. We have enjoyed preparing and running the event but recognize it is time for fresh ideas and drive. Thank you to the TBSLSC Executive for their support over all these years as they gave us the freedom to run the event and supported the decision making along the way. Thank you to all the members who have contributed to the event in any way, the event just wouldn't be possible without you all.

Thank you to our loyal sponsors who have graciously and generously contributed to the costs involved in the event preparation. This funding created an event that was budget neutral at the event meaning all funds raised went to the host club, TBSLSC.

Thank you to the goods and service operators who provided a professionally run event or quality merchandise and thank you to all the participants who have contributed to a successful event, your feedback has been encouraging when we did it well and created reflection and improvement when we didn't do so well.

We welcome **Ms. Selena Thomas and Mr. Scott Allan** who have taken on the planning of the 2024 event. These two people are new (ish) to the TBSLSC, attaining the Bronze Medallion and attempting other proficiencies. This outgoing committee wishes them the very best. We will support them through mentoring and have provided access to documentation from previous events. Others and I will also shadow them through the event on the designated event date.

I am certain that you, the membership of TBSLSC, will continue to provide the volunteering to Selena and Scott that you have always provided to previous event management.

Selena and Scott also welcome all who wish to assist in the planning process and ask that you contact them at [toowoombayoceanswim@gmail.com](mailto:toowoombayoceanswim@gmail.com) or Selena on [0415953040](tel:0415953040) or Scott on [0455115668](tel:0455115668) or via Jacqui at the office on 43322411 or [office@toowoombayslsc.com.au](mailto:office@toowoombayslsc.com.au) and Jacqui will pass on your details to Selena and Scott.

The 2023 Toowoon Bay Ocean Swim is scheduled for 23rd November 2024

Yours faithfully

Greg Owen

On behalf of the 2023 T.B.O.S. Organising committee

**Whilst every endeavour has been made for the information contained in this report to be accurate, please accept our apologies for any incorrect spelling or omissions.**



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