HUNTER
SURF LIFESAVING
2025/2026

108TH ANNUAL REPORT



THIRTEEN CLUBS. ONE COMMUNITY.

WHAT IS HUNTER BRANCH TO OUR MEMBERS

SCHOOLS

Educating our community as well as providing valuable income, employment and development opportunities for Club Members

SKILLS

Honing skills for rescue and competition

EFFICIENT PROCESSES

Developing processes that deliver common standards with minimal duplicated effort

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Providing Education at all levels whilst providing upskilling for Trainers

VOICE FOR HSLS

One voice representing 13 Clubs to relevant stakeholders within Surf Lifesaving and externally

INFORMATION & SUPPORT

The Executive and staff provide a comprehensive range of information, advice and support for Hunter SLS Clubs

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Developing Sponsorship and Grant opportunities whilst promoting the values of Surf Lifesaving to the community

THE HUNTER SURF LIFE SAVING INC.

STRATEGIC VISION

Working with the community and the NSW Government to be the key provider of a sustainable and dynamic Aquatic Lifesaving Service in the Hunter.

MISSION STATEMENT

To save lives, create great Australians and build a better community.

CORE BUSINESS AREAS ARE:	
Lifesaving	• Highest quality services • Responsive to community expectations
Member Services	• Growing, valuing and developing our members
Training & Education	• Surf Smart communities • Qualified to meet current and emerging needs
Business Services	• Structures, relationships, sustainability and growth
Surf Sports	• High Performance athletes, coaches, officials and events

HUNTER SURF LIFESAVING

Meeting Notice

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – HUNTER SURF LIFESAVING
TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 6PM
HUNTER BRANCH OFFICE – TIGHES HILL

AGENDA

- Vale for Members who have passed away - One Minutes Silence
- Apologies and Proxies
- Acknowldgment of Country
- Club Affiliation and Accreditation of Delegates
- Hunter Branch Affiliation with SLSNSW and SLSA

It is recommended that the Branch seeks to formally affiliate with Surf Life Saving New South Wales and Surf Life Saving Australia Ltd and further that the Branch agrees to abide by the Constitutions, Rules and Regulations and Policies, and resolutions with the awards and equipment of SLSNSW and SLSA.

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- Adoption of Minutes of the 107th Annual General Meeting
- Presentation of the Hunter Branch Annual Report for the 2025/2026 Season
- Presentation of the Audited Accounts and Director of Finance Report for the 2025/26 Season
- Officers for the 2025/26 Season were elected on Tuesday 13th May 2026
- Motions of which due notice have been given
- Life Membership and Presentations
- General Business
- Date of next Annual General Meeting Tuesday 14th September 2027.

Jenny Hicks
Executive Officer

Note: Light refreshments will be served after the meeting for members and guests of the Branch

SURF LIFESAVING HONOUR BOARD

SLSA

HUNTER REGION HALL OF FAME

1992	R. Newbiggin | Cooks Hill *
1993	C. Ward | Cooks Hill *
1994	L. Lazarus | Newcastle *
1994	K. Murray | Swansea Belmont *
1995	J. Dawson | Newcastle
1995	M. Jones | Redhead
1996	B. Arms | Newcastle *
1996	P. Ellercamp | Caves *
1997	D. Ellercamp | Caves
1998	H. Clark OAM | Cooks Hill *
1999	S. Derwin | Merewether
1999	W. McIntosh | Dixon Park *
2001	H. Scott | Newcastle *
2004	C. Marsh OAM | Swansea Belmont *
2004	S. Davis | Swansea Belmont
2004	N. Smith | Cooks Hill *
2014	J. Blair | Swansea Belmont

LIFE MEMBERS SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA

J. Canning | Newcastle *
R. Brydon | Newcastle *
W. Gould | Newcastle *
D. Thompson | Cooks Hill *
G. Dart | Cooks Hill *
H. Clark OAM | Cooks Hill *
M. Cohen | Newcastle *
P. Slaven | Catherine Hill Bay *
A. Sutherland | Nobbys *
J. O'Reilly | Dixon Park *
V. Cronin | Newcastle *
C. Marsh OAM | Swansea Belmont *
E. Heath | Swansea Belmont *
J. Reeves OAM | Cooks Hill
A. Paterson | Swansea Belmont *
N. Henshaw OAM | Merewether *
K. Murray | Swansea Belmont *
C. Conrick | Redhead *
R. Jackson OAM | Newcastle *

SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA HALL OF FAME

Administration
C. Marsh OAM | Swansea Belmont *
Sport
R. Newbiggin | Cooks Hill *
K. Murray | Swansea Belmont *
M. Jones | Redhead

SLSNSW

LIFE MEMBERS SURF LIFE SAVING NSW

W. Gould | Newcastle *
H. Clark OAM | Cooks Hill *
G. Dart | Cooks Hill *
P. Slaven | Catherine Hill Bay *
M. Cohen | Newcastle *
W. Davies | Stockton *
A. Sutherland | Nobbys *
J. O'Reilly | Dixon Park *
J. Preston | Newcastle *
R. Brydon | Newcastle *
H. Street | Cooks Hill *
R. Jackson OAM | Newcastle *
A. Paterson | Swansea Belmont *
J. Bevan | Stockton *
V. Cronin | Newcastle *
C. Marsh OAM | Swansea Belmont *
D. Thompson | Cooks Hill *
N. Henshaw OAM | Merewether *
E. Heath | Swansea Belmont *
C. Conrick | Redhead *
S. Baker | Cooks Hill *
K. Murray | Swansea Belmont *
J. Hansen | Nobbys *
C. Nightingale | Nobbys *
K. Lunn | Swansea Belmont & Caves *
J. Reeves OAM | Cooks Hill
G. Bignall | Stockton *
B. Wilson | Newcastle *
E. Bergsma | Fingal Beach
P. Ellercamp | Caves *
H. Scruton ESM | Nobbys
J. Mowbray | Swansea Belmont
C. Paul | Swansea Belmont
S. Knight | Caves
R. Scruton OAM | Nobbys #
G. Lott | Merewether

SURF LIFE SAVING NSW HALL OF FAME

*R. Newbiggin | Cooks Hill **
*K. Murray | Swansea Belmont **

HUNTER

LIFE MEMBERS HUNTER SURF LIFE SAVING

1936	J. Canning | Newcastle *
1936	W. Gould | Newcastle *
1937	G. Dart | Cooks Hill *
1941	M. Cohen | Newcastle *
1941	V. Cronin | Newcastle *
1944	A. Sutherland | Nobbys *
1945	D. Thompson | Cooks Hill *
1948	R. Brydon | Newcastle *
1948	E. Heath | Swansea Belmont *
1952	J. Preston | Newcastle *
1952	S. Baker | Cooks Hill *
1952	J. Hansen | Nobbys *
1952	H. Street | Cooks Hill *
1952	C. Nightingale | Nobbys *
1953	A. Paterson | Swansea Belmont *
1953	H. Scott | Newcastle *
1953	G. Bignall | Stockton *
1954	G. Scott | Newcastle *
1954	J. O'Reilly | Dixon Park *
1955	D. Gray | Cooks Hill *
1956	J. Johnson | Dixon Park *
1957	W. Reid | Merewether *
1957	W. Davies | Stockton *
1957	W. Parker | Cooks Hill *
1959	H. Struck | South Newcastle *
1959	W. Line | Cooks Hill *
1963	H. Clark OAM | Cooks Hill *
1966	P. Slavin | Catherine Hill Bay *
1967	A. Hodgson | Cooks Hill *
1967	K. Lunn | Swansea Belmont & Caves *
1970	W. Adamson | Merewether *
1970	J. Reeves OAM | Cooks Hill *
1970	R. Williams | Stockton *
1974	R. Jackson OAM | Newcastle *
1975	K. O'Sullivan | South Newcastle
1976	I. Welsh | South Newcastle *
1977	P. Ellercamp | Caves *
1977	K. Murray | Swansea Belmont *
1977	R Parkinson | Dixon Park *
1978	E. Fox | Caves *
1979	G. Alsbury | Swansea Belmont *
1979	C Marsh OAM | Swansea Belmont *
1981	C. Connick | Redhead *
1983	J. Bevan | Stockton *
1983	S. Chalmers OAM | Caves *
1985	E. Bergsma | Fingal Beach
1986	T. Cosgrove | Cooks Hill
1988	T. Bunn | Newcastle *
1990	J. Moore | Caves *
1991	W. Matthews | Swansea Belmont
1992	J. Pearson | Nobbys *
1996	C. Paul | Swansea Belmont
1996	N. McPherson | Cooks Hill *
1997	G. Bamforth | Redhead *
1997	A. Carpenter | Merewether *
1998	B. Wilson | Newcastle *
1999	N. Turney | Swansea Belmont*
2000	J. Brady | Stockton *
2000	M. Jennings | Newcastle & Nobbys *
2000	L. Graham | Merewether *
2002	R. Scruton OAM | Nobbys #
2002	L. March | Merewether *
2004	H. Scruton ESM | Nobbys
2004	N. Burns | Stockton
2004	P. Cousins OAM | Swansea Belmont
2006	J. Mowbray | Swansea Belmont
2007	A. Griffiths | Nobbys
2007	R. Liddell | Swansea Belmont
2007	G. Keifer | Swansea Belmont *
2007	J. McDougall | Swansea Belmont *
2009	S. Knight | Caves
2009	G. Lott | Merewether
2009	R. Tibbles | Catherine Hill Bay
2009	T. Greenland | Redhead
2013	R. McMahon | Stockton
2014	D. Booth | Tea Gardens Hawks Nest
2014	J. Waghorn | Caves
2014	A. Salaris | Swansea Belmont *
2015	S. Lennox ESM | Cooks Hill
2016	J. Logue | Tea Gardens Hawks Nest
2016	A. Logue | Tea Gardens Hawks Nest
2017	B. Main | Caves
2018	S. Bryant | Caves
2019	P. Killmurray | Redhead
2019	I. Dunlop | Tea Gardens Hawks Nest *
2019	M. Denahy | Birubi

Denotes

* Deceased
First Female Hunter Surf Life Saving Life Member
First Female SLSNSW Life Member from Hunter Branch

OFFICE BEARERS

HUNTER SURF LIFESAVING – OFFICER BEARERS 2025-26	
Patrons	Jodie Harrison MP Sharon Claydon MP Tim Crankanthorp MP Yasmin Catley MP Kate Washington MP Phil Garder (Wests Group)

EXECUTIVE ELECTED IN 2024-25 SEASON	
President	Henry Scruton ESM
Director of Education	Willow Forsyth
Director of Youth	Connor Johansen

EXECUTIVE ELECTED IN 2025-26 SEASON	
Director of Lifesaving	Steve Foggett
Director of Finance & Governance	David Brockwell
Director of Surf Sports	Tara Neal

SURF SPORTS

Gear Steward	Grahame Lott
Water Safety Coordinator	
Officials Coordinator	Carmel Tapley
SEMC	
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SEMC	
Selection Panel = compiled of:	
Director of Surf Sports	Tara Neal
Branch/HDS Team Coach	Ethan Whiteman
Branch Team Manager	Kristinn Egan
Selectors	Josh Blair
	James White
	Mat Egan
	Troy Blatchford
Branch Coach - Beach	Michael Waghorn
Branch Coach - Water	Peter Sutherland

LIFESAVING

Support Ops Manager	Glen Dunkley
UAV Manager	Emma Gale
UAV Advisor	
IRB Advisor	Steve Bennett
Duty Officer Manager	Glen Dunkley
Duty Officer Advisor	
RWC Manager	Henry Scruton
RWC Advisor	Adrian Henry

EDUCATION

CVA Coordinator	

COMMITTEES

Constitution (5)	**Henry Scruton ESM** Grahame Lott Paul Mace John Waghorn Andrew Griffiths
Life Membership (5)	**Henry Scruton ESM** **Steve Foggett** Andrew Griffiths Grahame Lott Debbie Booth
Meritorious Awards (5)	**Steve Foggett** Andrew Griffiths Paul Mace Henry Scruton ESM
Finance (6)	**John Waghorn** **Henry Scruton ESM** Andrew Griffiths David Brockwell Grahame Lott Paul Mace

107th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Open: 6.02PM

Welcome: Henry Scruton ESM welcomed the Hunter Branch Executive, Presidents and Club Representatives

Attendance: H Scruton, D Brockwell, S Foggett, W Forsyth, T Neal, J Hicks, S Findlay, J Dryden, K Donnelly, N Blick, N Newton, D McCallum, J Waghorn, P Murray, S Greenland, R Black, S Farraday, M Collins (Teams)
Apologies: Z Donnelly, M Hoste, K Elais

Vale: Henry Scruton ESM asked for one minute silence facing the sea in respect of our members who have passed.

Acknowledgment of country: Henry acknowledged the traditional owners of country, recognised their connection to land, water and culture. Henry paid respect to the elders' past, present, and emerging.

Club Affiliation and Accreditation of Delegates:
Henry confirmed all 13 Clubs had affiliated with the Hunter Branch and SLSNSW for the 2025-26 season. The Hunter Branch has received all Clubs signed forms sent from SLSNSW. Henry asked the Club Presidents and Executive that Branch formally affiliate with SLSNSW and SLSA Ltd and further that the Branch agrees to abide by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations and Policies, and resolutions with the awards and equipment of SLSNSW and SLSA.

Moved – D McCallum **Seconded** – K Donnelly

Adoption of Minutes:
Henry asked that the minutes of the 106th Annual General Meeting held on the 10th of September 2024 be adopted. All in favour of this recommendation - All Presidents, delegates and Executive agreed.

Moved – D McCallum Seconded – D Brockwell

Business Arising from the Minutes: None

Presentation of the 107th Hunter Branch Annual Report for the 2024/25 Season:

On behalf of Hunter SLS President, Henry Scruton ESM and Executive Officer, Jenny Hicks we are proud to present the 107th Annual Report for the 2024-25 season, and what a successful season it has been. On behalf of all the Hunter SLS Directors, we'd like to thank all 8484 members who have been part of our movement this season. This increase was an additional 6% membership increase on 2023-24 season and since the 2020-21 Covid season, has seen our membership increase by over 31%. We expect to see continued membership growth over the next few years, due to the population increase in the broader Hunter region.

Juniors are continuing to increase – with Nipper numbers up by 4% but our largest increase was by Patrolling membership this year which saw a 6% increase in patrolling members from 1723 to 1830. We'd also like to thank all our Clubs Board of Directors for ensuring the smooth operation of our 13 clubs.

The increase we have had in patrolling is a testament to your efforts at club level to create happy clubs, retain your members and engage with your communities, inspire new them to join your club and become lifesavers.

Thank you to our Board of Directors: Steve Foggett, Director of Lifesaving; Tara Neal, Director of Surf Sports; Gail Henderson & Willow Forsyth, our Directors of Education, John Waghorn, our Director of Finance and Governance and Connor Johansen, our Director of Youth

This year, John has stepped down as our Director of Finance at Hunter SLS after an incredible 20 years of service. Thanks to his steady hand and smart thinking, he leaves us in a much stronger financial position than when he first started. We welcome David Brockwell into the role for the upcoming season. Our Annual Awards of Excellence was held in late June with 280 members gathering to celebrate their clubs and members success. Congratulations our major award winners of the evening

-Surf Lifesaver of the Year – Tom Newman from Dixon Park SLSC
-Volunteer of the Year – Kylie Kepreotis from Birubi Point SLSC
-Lily Egan from Cooks Hill was awarded our Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year and
-Olivia Hughes from Nobbys our Youth Volunteer of the Year.

In August 2024 at the NSW Awards of Excellence, we celebrated the success of our members from the 2023-24 season with Steve Smith (Caves Beach SLSC) taking out Administrator of the Year, Dan Collins (Redhead SLSC) Senior Athlete of the Year, Lani Waller (Redhead SLSC) Youth Athlete of the Year, Birubi Point & Fingal SLSC Innovation for the Year for Dusk Patrol Program and proudly Hunter Branch won Branch of the Year recognised for being one of the only branches in the State to see a membership increase and for our investment into Youth retention programmes.

This was once again an extremely successful night for the Hunter. Dan, Lani & The Dusk Patrol program went onto the represent NSW at the 2024 SLSA Awards.

Our Branch Championships were held at Swansea Belmont and we announced our 2024-25 Newcastle Permanent Junior Lifesavers of the Year on Sunday. This year we were once again impressed by all the nominees and their commitment to their clubs. Ultimately our winners were Grace van Esveld from Cooks Hill SLSC and Ryan Boustead from Nobbys SLSC. We know both of your families are extremely proud of you, as are your clubs.

In Surf Sports, Hunter's competitors won in total 175 State Medals and 65 Australian Medals Titles across sand, water, boats, IRB's and pool rescue championships. A few notable achievements across all of the championships.

Thank you to all involved in Surf Sports, for every competitor there is a parent, an official, a team manager, a coach, a handler and someone towing a trailer. Your support and willingness do not go unnoticed and ensures our competitors are able to do their best and succeed on the beach.

The community education program was once again fully booked. We continue to connect with school groups across Newcastle and the broader Hunter that typically don't visit the beaches. They are offered vital lessons in Surf Awareness, Basic First Aid, and surf survival, coupled with enjoyable activities, to primary and secondary school students throughout the region. In addition, they engage with international students at universities, providing insights into our beach culture and the critical role of the red and yellow flags in ensuring safety.

To the SLS NSW team, President Peter Agnew AM, ESM, the Board of Directors, Steve Pearce AFSM and the Staff at Belrose, thank you for your support and guidance of our Branch and Clubs and the ongoing the financial support that SLSNSW offer to our Clubs.

Thank you to our politicians, Sharon Claydon Federal Member for Newcastle, Kate Washington State Member for Port Stephens, Yasmin Catley State Member for Swansea and Tim Crakanthorp State Member for Newcastle thank you for your steadfast commitment to our Surf Lifesaving communities. Your ongoing support, despite the demands of your busy ministerial duties, and your consistent participation in our club's events, underscore your ongoing support for Surf Lifesaving, on behalf of our 8,400 members, thank you.

Thank you to our four local councils over the past two seasons, we have collaborated closely with you and your Lifeguards to ensure the safety of our members and the community at the beach. To our major sponsor, the Newcastle Permanent and our fantastic Sponsorship team of Kirsten Lydon, Claire Wilkinson and Lyssa Borham who we have built including strong relationships with. Thank you. Our partnership is long and proud at 44yrs together and we look forward to continuing to support our community together for many years to come.

Moved – N Newton **Seconded** – K Donnelly

Director of Lifesaving – Steve Foggett presented the Lifesaving Annual Report

We have come to the end of another very successful season where we achieved the target of no drownings between the flags, as well as increasing our patrolling numbers by about 5% to 1,810. During the season, the Branch has been successfully involved in a wide range of activities, including searches, flood responses, SAREXs, our core business of patrolling and an increased focus on our role as an emergency service.

All areas of Lifesaving including the clubs, RWCs, Duty Officers and UAVs have been heavily involved. Our involvement with other emergency services has continued to increase and the efforts of our members have increased the level of trust and cooperation with the other emergency service.

Major Highlights

Some major highlights from the year were:

-Patrol audits were completed successfully with good feedback provided to all clubs.

-Attendance at annual skills maintenance was at a high level, ensuring that our members were up to date for the patrolling season.

The Lifesaving Standing Committee met regularly with SLSNSW. This forum is providing value in effective communications and facilitating input to decisions that affect members of the Branch.

-All clubs met their commitments made in the LSAs, despite the numerous obstacles they had to deal with. This included the adoption of flexible patrolling arrangements.

The collection of statistics by patrols has been successful again and has provided valuable input into the operation of clubs and the Branch.

- The members of Rescue Services continue to provide a valuable service above and beyond that provided by our patrols. The RWC Operators and Duty Officers made themselves available and provided valuable assistance when needed. This was supplemented by club ECOTs.
- A SAREX with the Water Police and Marine Rescue was run over 14 and 15 June, which was well attended and confirmed our ability to conduct searches with other agencies.
- The ability of the Club Captains to coordinate their members response when called out, continued to be heavily tested and found to work very well.
- The ALBERT courses, which are now delivered as Advanced IRB Skills Development courses, were run successfully again with very positive feedback from all those attending.

- Members of our Branch volunteered to be part of the State flood response team and have undertaken the required training with the SES and Fire and Rescue. This group has been called out to the TC Alfred response.
- A number of our members assisted other clubs over the Xmas period by patrolling at their beaches. This has now become a routine part of patrolling operations.

The continued cooperation with other organisations such as council, national parks, ambulance and police contributed to this success.

A special mention is needed for the Dusk Patrol that was run again over the Xmas peak period in the Port Stephens area. This was initiated last season and continued to be run this season, with some modifications. Its ongoing success is shown by no drownings being recorded while it was in operation.

Hunter UAV Operators and Pilots

During the 2024–2025 season, UAV operations were active across seven Surf Life Saving clubs within the Hunter Branch: Tea Gardens–Hawks Nest, Fingal Bay, Birubi Point, Nobbys, Redhead, Swansea Belmont, and Catherine Hill Bay. A single UAV training course was delivered during the season, with a focus on Swansea Belmont. This course supported the upskilling of local members to operate their club's sponsored drone. By season's end, 28 members held current UAV proficiency awards. In August, a successful Youth Drones event was held at Tea Gardens–Hawks Nest. Led by three UAV pilots, Emma Gale, Andrew Jeffries, and Cameron Jeffries, participants were introduced to drone flying in a controlled environment over grass. Youth members practiced aerial surveillance techniques, such as identifying shark silhouettes, alongside developing radio communication skills. and has assisted in maintaining the high standards achieved within Hunter Branch.

The event was featured in the local newspaper, highlighting its positive community impact. UAV operators played a vital role in supporting Branch surf lifesaving carnivals through aerial shark surveillance.

Special thanks go to Angela Whitehead, Rowan Kelly, Kevin Buckley, and Claire McArthur for volunteering their time and expertise.
Dusk patrols were again conducted during the peak holiday period in December and January, with contributions from volunteers including Nick Newton, Oscar Wright, Lily Steffner, Kevin Buckley, and Emma Gale. Additionally, volunteer UAV operators supported two significant search operations: a multi-day search at Swansea in July 2024, and another around Newcastle Beach in April 2025.

Rescue Services

The Hunter Rescue Services team has again been outstanding this season in both normal operations on the beaches and providing assistance to other emergency services. The team has assisted with search and rescue tasks, callouts and water safety at events such as carnivals and CVAs. The dedication and additional volunteer time from this highly skilled team of experienced lifesavers has been greatly appreciated.

Statistics

The End of Season stats for Hunter Branch are:
-Rescues – 257
-Attendance at our beaches – 858,228
-First Aid – 1,711
-Preventative Actions – 82,059
-13surf call out – 64
-Total number of Member patrolled hours – 65,706

In summary, we have had another very successful season for Hunter Branch lifesaving which has set a solid foundation for the future where we move our target from zero drownings between the flags to zero preventable deaths.

Moved – R Black **Seconded** – D McCallum

Director of Governance & Finance – John Waghorn presented the Audited Financial Report

It gives me great pleasure to present the 2024/2025 annual financial report of Hunter Surf Life Saving for your consideration and acceptance.
Members Funds at year end as shown in the balance sheet have increased from $1,755,904 to $1,813,519. Revaluation of the managed investment portfolio of $500,000, which was established in November 2019, increased the value of the investment by $23,585 during the 2024/2025 financial year. As result, the

The total of short term and long term financial investments at 30 June 2025 of over $1.218million provides sufficient cash funds for the Branch to manage its ongoing operations.

The Branch recorded an operating profit for the year of $34,030 compared to a loss of $38,750 in 2023/24. After allowing for the profit on revaluation of the managed fund investment, the overall result was a profit of $57,615 for the year compared to a profit, after investment revaluation, of $7,147 in 2023/24. The result compares favourably against the balanced budget forecast for the year.

Income for the year decreased from $636,252 to $593,718. This was primarily due to a one-off grant of $60,00 received in 2023/24 not being replicated. This was significantly offset by managed funds distributions of $46,838 during the year which was substantially up from the $14,597 received in 2023/24. Most other categories of income were generally maintained around prior year levels.

Newcastle Permanent Building Society continued as the major sponsor of the Branch providing sponsorship support of around $155,000 during the year. The Perm has been a proud sponsor of the Branch for 43 years. Through that relationship the Branch has been very fortunate to have been able to run many programs over that time, in particular focusing on the development of our junior members. I trust that their ongoing support will continue for many years to come.

Branch continues to receive support from SLSNSW with SLSNSW covering the costs associated with maintenance and fuel for our fleet of jet skis. SLSNSW also provides support through paying the salary of our Club Development Officer and through a number of grants for Branch activities.

Expenditure for the year decreased from $675,001 to $559,688. $60,000 of this reduction was attributable to the distribution of the previously mentioned $60,000 government grant in 2023/24 not being repeated. Expenditure on our rookie and youth group programs during the year of $11,203 was down from $30,113 the previous year which had been funded by a number of one-off grants. Uniform costs for the inter-branch team were also down by around $14,000 due to the duplication of purchases in 2023/24. There were also savings of around $10,000 in jetski costs with SLSNSW now covering most maintenance and fuel costs.

Expenditure across most other major categories was similar to the previous year.

As 2024/25 was my last year as Director of Finance and Governance after 20 years in the position, I would like to make a number of acknowledgements.

Firstly, I would like to thank Dave Brockwell for taking on the Director of Finance and Governance position for 2025/27. Dave has been on the Finance Committee for a number of years and I am sure he will do a very professional job.

I would like to acknowledge the support I have received from our Executive Officer, Jenny Hicks, who has assisted me greatly in managing the Branch's finances. I am sure that Jenny and the Branch Office staff will continue to provide excellent service to our clubs and their members into the future.
I would also like to acknowledge the support received from our previous CEO, Rhonda Scruton, over most of my time as Director of Finance and Governance. The Branch has had a very stable Executive for many years and all Directors have greatly supported me in my role over that time.

I would like to thank the Finance Committee for their support in making the decisions that have continued the Branch's strong financial position and in setting a budget for next year. With the Committee's assistance and support the Branch's strong financial position has been re-established over the past 10-15 years.

I would also like to thank Scott Faraday-Bensley from Evolution Business and Personal Advisers who has been very helpful in providing financial advice and managing our financial reporting requirements.

The work of Evolution in auditing our financial statements is also very much appreciated. I would highlight that the audit services are provided by a separate area of their company and the audit is conducted independently of the other services provided to the Branch.
I commend the Branch financial statements for 2024/2025 for your endorsement.

Moved – D McCallum Seconded – S Greenland

Motions
Adoption of Election of Officers on Tuesday 13th May 2025

Due to Evolution no longer offering Auditing services, motion to move to an alternative on the recommendation of Scott Faraday-Bensley - Kidman Partners.
Moved – K Donnelly **Seconded** – D McCallum,

Life Membership:
No Life Memberships were put forward.

General Business:
Henry requested to add Kate Washington as a Patron of Hunter Surf Life Saving

Meeting closed: 6.19pm
Next Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 6pm



Newcastle Permanent Team at the Awards of Excellence - June 2026

SURF LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR



2025-26 Newcastle Permanent Surf Lifesaver of the Year
Wayne Bower - Tea Gardens Hawks Nest SLSC

PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The 2025–26 season was another significant year for surf lifesaving across the Hunter region. Across 13 clubs, our 8,931 members continued to protect the public, support safer beaches and strengthen the surf lifesaving movement through their commitment, service and community leadership.

Membership reached its highest level to date, supported by the work of clubs to create welcoming environments, connect with local communities and inspire new members to become lifesavers. This growth reflects the dedication of volunteers, club executives, branch leaders and staff who continue to build a strong and sustainable future for surf lifesaving in the Hunter.

Leadership and Support

- The Branch acknowledges the contribution of its executive, operational leaders and office team, whose work underpins the delivery of lifesaving services, education, surf sports, governance and member support across the region.
- Steve Foggett, Director of Lifesaving
- Tara Neal, Director of Surf Sports
- David Brockwell, Director of Finance and Governance
- Willow Forsyth, outgoing Director of Education
- Jenny, Executive Officer, supported by Mackenzie and Zach in the office

Season Snapshot

·8,931 members across 13 Hunter clubs, representing the largest membership recorded to date.
·More than 347 new patrolling members welcomed into the movement.

- Consistent patrol hours, preventative actions and rescues throughout the season.
- No drownings recorded across the Hunter region during 2025–26.
- 18 ECOT team callouts for after-hours incidents.



Henry Scruton ESM
President



Jenny Hicks
Executive Officer

These outcomes reflect the visible work undertaken on the beach as well as the many hours contributed behind the scenes to keep clubs operating effectively and communities safe.

Lifesaving and Rescue Services

Rescue Services again played a vital role in supporting patrolling members and extending coverage beyond the flags. With Duty Officers, RWC operators and UAV operators on duty across weekends, these members provided an important response capability for the Hunter community.

- 67 after-hours callouts
- 19 Duty Officers
- 51 RWC drivers
- 21 registered UAV pilots

Education

- 200 Bronze Medallions
- 147 Surf Rescue Certificates
- 40 IRB Crew certifications
- 28 IRB Driver certifications
- 43 new Silver Medallion Patrol Captains
- 20 RWC qualifications
- 329 First Aid certifications
- 80 Advanced Resuscitation Techniques certifications



The Branch acknowledges every Trainer, Assessor and Facilitator who contributed to these outcomes. Their ongoing commitment ensures new and returning lifesavers continue to meet the high standards expected across surf lifesaving.

Surf Sports

- 163 State medals
- 52 Australian medals across sand, water, boats, IRBs and pool rescue events

These results are a credit to competitors and to the many parents, officials, team managers, administrators, coaches, handlers and volunteers who support surf sports throughout the season.

Junior and youth programs continued to flourish across the Hunter. A strong junior base remains essential to developing future patrolling members, and the Branch thanks Junior Club Executives, Age Managers and Water Safety personnel for their dedication to supporting the next generation of lifesavers.

The Community Education Program was fully booked again this season, engaging school groups from across Newcastle and the Hunter. Many participants rarely visit the beach, making the program an important opportunity to teach beach awareness, water safety and the importance of swimming between the flags.

Recognition and Awards

During the season, 78 members were honoured with The Premier's Flood Emergency Citation, recognising the extraordinary response efforts of emergency services personnel during the major flood events between 2021 and 2023. Recipients will receive a letter of appreciation signed by the Premier, the Minister for Emergency Services and the NSW SES Commissioner, along with a pin and commemorative certificate.

The Branch thanks State Members of Parliament for their continued support of surf lifesaving and their ongoing involvement in club events. We also acknowledge our local councils and lifeguards for their partnership in keeping members and the wider community safe. Special thanks are extended to our major sponsor, Newcastle Permanent, for its long-standing and valued support of our members and clubs. We are thrilled to have signed another three-year sponsorship agreement with Newcastle Permanent, extending our partnership beyond 45 years.

The 2025–26 season demonstrated the strength, resilience and community spirit of surf lifesaving across the Hunter. From patrols and rescue services to education, junior development, surf sports and community engagement, the achievements of the year were made possible by the dedication of volunteers, staff, partners and supporters. The Branch looks forward to continuing this work and building on the momentum of a record season.

As always, thank you to Surf Life Saving NSW for your ongoing support to Hunter Branch and our Clubs.

ATTENDANCE AT BRANCH MEETINGS

Branch Executive	SEP	DEC	MAR	MAY
Henry Scruton ESM	*	*	*	*
Jenny Hicks	*	*	*	*
Steve Foggett	*	*	*	*
David Brockwell	*	*	*	*
Willow Forsyth	*	*	*	*
Tara Neal	*	*	*	*
Connor Johansen /Resigned Nov 2025	*			

Clubs	SEP	DEC	MAR	MAY
Tea Gardens Hawks Nest			A	
Fingal Beach			A	*
Birubi Point		*	*	*
Stockton	*	*	*	*
Nobbys	*		*	*
Newcastle	*		*	
Cooks Hill		*	*	*
Dixon Park	*		*	*
Merewether	*		*	*
Redhead	*	*	*	*
Swansea Belmont		*	*	
Caves Beach	A		*	*
Catherine Hill Bay	*	*	*	A

CLUB MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

BIRUBI POINT	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26
Probationary	2	1	0	21	0
Junior Activities (5-13 years)	156	153	201	189	201
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	13	12	11	17	35
Active (15-18 years)	13	11	11	9	11
Active (18 years and over)	65	59	59	57	72
Award Member	13	15	21	18	21
Reserve Active	0	0	0	0	0
Long Service	0	0	0	0	0
Leave/Restricted	1	0	0	0	0
Associate	0	0	0	0	0
Life Member	5	2	2	0	7
Honorary	8	6	5	6	0
General	0	0	0	0	103
Community Member	94	96	130	111	0
Past Active	0	0	0	0	0
Nipper Parent	0	0	0	4	6
TOTAL	**368**	**354**	**440**	**413**	**467**
Patrolling Membership	**104**	**97**	**102**	**101**	**139**

CATHERINE HILL BAY	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26
Probationary	2	1	0	21	15
Junior Activities (5-13 years)	131	162	210	198	189
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	8	13	11	9	10
Active (15-18 years)	14	14	16	8	13
Active (18 years and over)	39	40	49	40	45
Award Member	5	5	6	3	8
Reserve Active	4	6	6	5	5
Long Service	0	0	0	0	0
Leave/Restricted	0	0	0	0	0
Associate	62	46	95	106	107
Life Member	14	14	14	13	14
Honorary	0	0	0	0	0
General	19	69	46	24	24
Community Member	0	0	0	0	0
Past Active	7	4	1	0	0
Inclusive Program Participant				3	4
TOTAL	**305**	**374**	**454**	**430**	**409**
Patrolling Membership	**70**	**78**	**88**	**65**	**79**

CAVES BEACH SLSC	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26
Probationary	1	1	0	10	1
Junior Activities (5-13 years)	206	180	215	230	273
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	13	9	14	12	11
Active (15-18 years)	12	14	13	17	15
Active (18 years and over)	69	67	64	77	73
Award Member	1	0	1	5	4
Reserve Active	5	6	4	3	0
Long Service	20	23	32	33	4
Leave/Restricted	0	0	0	0	33
Associate	132	140	168	51	30
Life Member	32	26	25	25	22
Honorary	0	0	0	0	0
General	1	1	2	1	0
Community Member	0	0	13	3	2
Past Active	0	0	0	0	0
Nipper Parent					163
Inclusive Program Participant					
TOTAL	**492**	**467**	**551**	**564**	**631**
Patrolling Membership	**100**	**96**	**96**	**114**	**107**

COOKS HILL SLSC	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26
Probationary	9	17	0	0	0
Junior Activities (5-13 years)	520	451	465	520	505
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	49	56	43	52	74
Active (15-18 years)	52	50	54	57	48
Active (18 years and over)	145	146	152	133	129
Award Member	0	0	0	0	0
Reserve Active	2	2	1	1	0
Long Service	12	22	21	22	23
Leave/Restricted	0	0	0	0	0
Associate	26	48	23	27	21
Life Member	28	28	26	29	31
Honorary	2	2	2	4	2
General	395	290	372	96	111
Community Member	0	0	0	0	0
Past Active	0	0	0	0	0
Nipper Parent				370	374
Inclusive Program Participant				28	30
TOTAL	**1240**	**1112**	**1159**	**1339**	**1349**
Patrolling Membership	**248**	**254**	**250**	**243**	**252**

FINGAL BEACH SLSC	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	25/26
Probationary	1	1	1	0	15
Junior Activities (5-13 years)	177	176	164	193	215
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	30	36	27	32	29
Active (15-18 years)	21	15	23	18	22
Active (18 years and over)	96	109	108	103	108
Award Member	0	0	0	1	1
Reserve Active	2	2	2	5	4
Long Service	3	2	2	3	3
Leave/Restricted	0	0	0	0	0
Associate	115	128	118	144	147
Life Member	5	8	9	10	10
Honorary	0	0	0	0	0
General	0	0	0	0	1
Community Member	0	0	0	0	0
Past Active	0	0	0	0	0
Nipper Parent	0	0	0	0	0
Inclusive Program Participant	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	**450**	**477**	**454**	**509**	**557**
Patrolling Membership	**149**	**162**	**160**	**159**	**164**

MEREWETHER SLSC	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26
Probationary	6	18	0	0	0
Junior Activities (5-13 years)	243	297	375	337	360
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	10	15	16	25	28
Active (15-18 years)	22	15	12	11	12
Active (18 years and over)	138	124	128	128	130
Award Member	3	1	3	6	16
Reserve Active	5	7	8	8	6
Long Service	1	0	0	0	0
Leave/Restricted	0	0	0	0	0
Associate	20	18	28	17	27
Life Member	29	26	25	27	29
Honorary	0	2	2	2	2
General	164	190	232	226	247
Community Member	2	1	0	1	14
Past Active	0	0	1	0	0
Nipper Parent					0
Inclusive Program Participant					0
TOTAL	**643**	**714**	**830**	**801**	**877**
Patrolling Membership	**178**	**162**	**167**	**178**	**192**

NEWCASTLE SLSC	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26
Probationary	14	19	0	31	3
Junior Activities (5-13 years)	137	116	178	252	321
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	2	2	5	7	19
Active (15-18 years)	11	3	1	7	9
Active (18 years and over)	75	81	127	162	162
Award Member	0	0	0	3	2
Reserve Active	2	0	0	1	1
Long Service	2	1	3	5	5
Leave/Restricted	0	0	0	0	0
Associate	5	4	24	13	3
Life Member	26	25	25	24	23
Honorary	0	0	0	0	0
General	116	83	97	1	4
Community Member	0	0	1	0	0
Past Active	0	0	0	0	0
Nipper Parent				112	145
Inclusive Program Participant				0	0
TOTAL	**390**	**334**	**461**	**618**	**697**
Patrolling Membership	**90**	**86**	**133**	**180**	**193**

NOBBYS SLSC	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26
Probationary	0	2	0	1	6
Junior Activities (5-13 years)	202	207	227	255	288
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	26	23	8	12	18
Active (15-18 years)	18	24	27	27	17
Active (18 years and over)	81	70	75	73	69
Award Member	1	0	1	0	0
Reserve Active	5	7	6	6	6
Long Service	27	29	33	30	25
Leave/Restricted	0	0	0	0	0
Associate	6	6	5	5	4
Life Member	28	28	30	29	29
Honorary	0	0	0	0	0
General	145	157	168	42	32
Community Member	0	0	0	0	0
Past Active	0	0	0	0	0
Nipper Parent	0	0	0	145	188
Inclusive Program Participant	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	**539**	**553**	**580**	**625**	**694**
Patrolling Membership	**131**	**124**	**117**	**118**	**110**



REDHEAD SLSC	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26
Probationary	23	33	0	0	4
Junior Activities (5-13 years)	272	348	429	388	407
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	21	16	22	26	26
Active (15-18 years)	31	28	30	25	30
Active (18 years and over)	121	137	128	131	139
Award Member	4	6	4	5	4
Reserve Active	13	13	12	9	7
Long Service	31	30	34	34	38
Leave/Restricted	0	0	0	0	0
Associate	39	39	50	39	26
Life Member	31	32	29	28	30
Honorary	8	8	4	3	2
General	155	203	301	17	24
Community Member	0	0	0	0	0
Past Active	0	0	0	0	0
Nipper Parent	0	0	0	245	253
Inclusive Program Participant	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	**749**	**893**	**1043**	**950**	**998**
Patrolling Membership	**190**	**200**	**196**	**196**	**206**

STOCKTON SLSC	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
Probationary	0	14	2	0	1
Junior Activities (5-13 years)	151	173	164	201	211
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	8	14	12	16	15
Active (15-18 years)	12	11	18	14	23
Active (18 years and over)	72	77	72	63	71
Award Member	2	2	1	3	0
Reserve Active	3	2	1	2	6
Long Service	16	16	16	15	13
Leave/Restricted	0	0	0	0	0
Associate	10	5	4	5	0
Life Member	21	22	21	16	23
Honorary	0	0	0	0	0
General	92	90	94	124	24
Community Member	6	9	8	2	47
Past Active	0	0	0	0	0
Nipper Parent	0	0	0	0	122
Inclusive Program Participant	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	**393**	**435**	**413**	**461**	**557**
Patrolling Membership	**97**	**106**	**104**	**98**	**115**

SWANSEA BELMONT SLSC	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26
Probationary	1	2	0	2	0
Junior Activities (5-13 years)	358	395	322	372	360
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	43	29	42	22	14
Active (15-18 years)	45	34	44	49	54
Active (18 years and over)	74	95	110	110	121
Award Member	2	2	4	2	1
Reserve Active	18	16	16	7	8
Long Service	42	38	46	40	46
Leave/Restricted	0	0	1	0	0
Associate	279	283	254	78	79
Life Member	25	25	27	25	25
Honorary	1	2	1	1	1
General	7	16	1	1	0
Community Member	0	0	0	1	0
Past Active	1	0	0	0	0
Nipper Parent	-	-	-	221	211
Inclusive Program Participant	-	-	-	0	0
TOTAL	**896**	**937**	**868**	**931**	**920**
Patrolling Membership	**182**	**176**	**216**	**190**	**198**

TEA GARDENS HAWKS NEST SLSC	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26
Probationary	0	2	0	0	1
Junior Activities (5-13 years)	103	112	136	127	131
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	7	13	9	13	14
Active (15-18 years)	17	14	10	15	13
Active (18 years and over)	71	74	67	84	95
Award Member	0	0	0	0	0
Reserve Active	0	0	0	0	0
Long Service	0	0	0	1	0
Leave/Restricted	0	0	0	0	0
Associate	85	82	96	36	31
Life Member	6	7	8	8	9
Honorary	0	0	0	0	0
General	0	0	0	0	0
Community Member	1	0	60	55	28
Past Active	0	0	0	0	0
Nipper Parent	0	0	0	59	67
Inclusive Program Participant	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	**290**	**304**	**386**	**398**	**390**
Patrolling Membership	**95**	**101**	**86**	**112**	**122**

BRANCH TOTAL	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26
Probationary	81	97	0	123	40
Junior Activities (5-13 years)	2833	2851	3293	3447	3609
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	249	224	231	257	307
Active (15-18 years)	266	254	252	268	270
Active (18 years and over)	1126	1108	1179	1208	1279
Award Member	32	30	44	45	59
Reserve Active	65	68	67	52	48
Long Service	165	172	198	190	201
Leave/Restricted	0	0	1	0	0
Associate	882	864	985	600	483
Life Member	273	261	255	256	272
Honorary	11	14	9	13	10
General	1187	1200	1474	584	565
Community Member	11	59	76	78	92
Past Active	9	4	2	4	0
Nipper Parent	-	-	-	1330	1623
Inclusive Program Participant	-	-	-	29	4
TOTAL	**7190**	**7206**	**8066**	**8484**	**8919**
Patrolling Membership	**1738**	**1684**	**1773**	**1830**	**1962**



NEWCASTLE PERMANENT JUNIOR LIFESAVERS OF THE YEAR



HSLS President, Henry Scruton ESM with 2026 Junior Lifesavers Hamish Lawrence, Cooks Hill, Edith McNamara Nobbys and Newcastle Permanent representative Greg Hooper

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE



David Brockwell
Director of Finance & Governance

It gives me great pleasure to present Hunter Surf Life Saving's 2025/26 annual financial report for members' consideration and acceptance. The Branch finished the financial year in a strong financial position

Overall revenues decreased marginally to $579,639 in 2025/26. The reduction was mainly due to;

- lower community education income and fewer youth program activities,
- decision to retain capitation fees for cost of living consideration.

Most other income categories remained consistent with the previous year. The Branch recorded a net operating profit of $37,677 for 2025/26, with operating profit ahead of budget.

Savings accounts (fixed term deposits $489,642 increased by 4.35% - duly reinvested for accumulation strategy.

Managed fund investment market value up 6.71% to $730,113 and reinvested for accumulation strategy. Members' funds (net assets) increasing overall to $1,839,110 at 30 June 2026 .

At 30 June 2026, Branch cash & financial assets totals $1,293,784, comprising operating funds of $74,029, fixed interest term deposits of $489,642 and the managed fund investment of $730,113. With real & personal property additional.

This strong asset base provides the Branch with the capacity to meet its ongoing operating commitments and support the future activities.

The Finance Committee met 1st quarter to review the Branch's investment strategy with the overseas events unfolding. We concluded the current strategy & mix is both relevant and appropriate.

The Branch managed fund portfolio distributions contributed $60,737 to income during the year. This portfolio recorded a fair value loss as at 30 June of -$12,086 as recorded in the profit & loss accounts.

Newcastle Permanent Building Society renewed their major sponsorship to the Branch for the next 3 years - this is greatly appreciated and vital funding to the Branch operations. The Perm has proudly supported the Branch for 44 years, enabling many important programs over that time with particular focus on developing our junior members. We are very grateful for this long-standing partnership.

The Branch continues to receive valuable support from SLSNSW, including maintenance and fuel costs for our fleet of jet skis. SLSNSW also supports the Branch by funding the salary of one staff member and providing several grants for Branch activities. We thank State for this support



Expenditure for the year increased to $554,122 primarily to Community Education, member services, and surf sports items offset by lower employee expenses and the investment income return. Expenditure across most other major categories remained broadly consistent with the previous year and in line with the budget.

Overall, the result reflects careful financial management across the year, with the Branch maintaining a strong financial base while continuing to invest in programs, services and support for clubs and members. This strong position has been achieved through the combined efforts of Branch staff, advisers, auditors and the broader leadership team and Finance Committee.

As this was my first year as Director of Finance, and the learning curve that entailed. I would like to sincerely thank the people who have supported me throughout the year.

Our Executive Officer, Jenny Hicks, who has assisted me with managing the Branch's finances, the deadlines, and Jenny's attention to detail. Henry Scruton for his support, direction and dedication to the Branch success. To John Waghorn for his advice and expertise I have also called on.

The Finance Committee for their guidance and support throughout the year, but particularly in helping make decisions that continued to strengthen the Branch's financial position and with the budget for the year ahead. With the Committee's ongoing support & guidance, the Branch has maintained a strong financial foundation over the past 10 to 15 years.

I would also like to thank Scott Faraday-Bensley and the team from Evolution Business and Personal Advisers who manage our financial reporting requirements and helpful in providing financial advice.

Thank you to Kwan, John and Evan from Kidmans Partners for agreeing to come on as our auditors. They have done an exceptional job in preparing our finances for presentation this evening, and we look forward to continuing to work with them.

I commend the Branch's 2025/26 Financial Statements to members for endorsement.

David Brockwell
Director of Finance & Governance

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 June 2026

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HUNTER SURF LIFE SAVING INC.

ABN 75 019 707 672

FULL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Revenue	2	516,425	544,093
Other income	2	63,214	49,625
Administration expenses	3	(422,919)	(458,578)
Community education		(44,771)	(40,254)
Education		(988)	(1,741)
Lifesaving expenses		(11,001)	(10,871)
Member services		(8,189)	(11,203)
Surf sports		(54,094)	(37,041)
Profit/(loss) before income tax		37,677	34,030
Income tax expense		-	-
Profit/(loss) for the year attributable to members of the association		37,677	34,030
Other comprehensive income:			
Fair value gains/(losses) on revaluation of investments in equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income		(12,086)	23,585
Total other comprehensive income for the year		(12,086)	23,585
Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to members of the association		25,591	57,615

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	74,029	65,122
Trade and other receivables	5	3,596	18,577
Financial assets	6	489,642	469,228
Other current assets	7	6,008	5,685
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		573,275	558,612
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	8	587,408	597,763
Financial assets	6	730,113	684,166
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		1,317,521	1,281,929
TOTAL ASSETS		1,890,796	1,840,541
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	37,440	10,798
Provisions	10	6,041	5,706
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		43,481	16,504
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	10	8,205	10,518
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		8,205	10,518
TOTAL LIABILITIES		51,686	27,022
NET ASSETS		1,839,110	1,813,519
EQUITY			
Financial assets reserve	12	16,335	28,421
Retained earnings		1,822,775	1,785,098
TOTAL EQUITY		1,839,110	1,813,519

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Retained Earnings	Financial Assets Reserve	Total
	$	$	$
Balance at 1 July 2024	**1,751,068**	**4,836**	**1,755,904**
Profit/(loss) attributable to members of the association	34,030	-	34,030
Total other comprehensive income for the year	-	23,585	23,585
Balance at 30 June 2025	**1,785,098**	**28,421**	**1,813,519**
Profit/(loss) attributable to members of the association	37,677	-	37,677
Total other comprehensive income for the year	-	(12,086)	(12,086)
Balance at 30 June 2026	**1,822,775**	**16,335**	**1,839,110**

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

HUNTER SURF LIFE SAVING INC.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026	2025
		$	$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from members, donations etc		549,076	546,357
Payments to suppliers and employees		(520,192)	(555,031)
Interest received		21,798	22,659
Distributions received		43,243	19,116
Net cash provided by operating activities		93,926	33,101
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		8,182	-
Proceeds from redemption of financial assets at amortised cost		-	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(31,353)	(11,709)
Payments for investments in equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income		(40,539)	(16,549)
Payments for financial assets at amortised cost		(21,309)	(21,553)
Net cash used in investing activities		(85,019)	(49,811)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		8,907	(16,710)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		65,122	81,832
Cash at the end of the financial year	4	74,029	65,122

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Corporate Information

The financial report is for the year ended 30 June 2026 for Hunter Surf Life Saving Inc. as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Hunter Surf Life Saving Inc is an incorporated association and a charity registered with the Australian Charity and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). It is defined as a medium charity for reporting purposes.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 27 August 2026 by the officer bearers of the entity.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosure Requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB). The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements are denominated in Australian dollars and have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Accounting Policies

a. Revenue

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue

Operating grants, donations and bequests

When the entity receives operating grant revenue, donations or bequests, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15.

When both these conditions are satisfied, the entity:

– identifies each performance obligation relating to the grant

– recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the agreement

– recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations.

Where the contract is not enforceable or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations, the entity:

– recognises the asset received in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards (eg, AASB 9 , AASB 16 , AASB 116 and AASB 138);

– recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer); and

– recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

If a contract liability is recognised as a related amount above, the entity recognises income in profit or loss when or as it satisfies its obligations under the contract.

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NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a. Revenue (cont)

Capital grant

When the entity receives a capital grant, it recognises a liability for the excess of the initial carrying amount of the financial asset received over any related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer) recognised under other Australian Accounting Standards.

The entity recognises income in profit or loss when or as the entity satisfies its obligations under the terms of the grant.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

b. Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair values less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Property

Buildings on leasehold land are measured on the cost basis less depreciation for buildings and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of buildings on leasehold land is reviewed annually by Directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Plant and equipment that have been contributed at no cost or for nominal cost are valued at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including building and capitalised lease assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated over their useful lives to the entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Buildings	2.5% prime cost
Furniture, fittings and plant	5 – 40% prime cost
Motor vehicles	5 – 25% prime cost and diminishing value

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

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b. Property, Plant and Equipment (cont)

Asset classes carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

c. Financial Instruments

Initial Recognition and Measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the entity commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the assets (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted)

Financial instruments (except for trade receivables) are initially measured at fair value plus transactions costs, except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit or loss', in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Trade receivables are initially measured at the transaction price if the trade receivables do not contain significant financing component or if the practical expedient was applied as specified in AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers.

Classification and Subsequent Measurement

Financial liabilities

Finance liabilities are subsequently measured at either amortised cost using the effective interest method or fair value through profit or loss.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest expense over in profit or loss over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the internal rate of return of the financial asset or liability. That is, it is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash flows through the expected life of the instrument to the net carrying amount at initial recognition.

A financial liability cannot be reclassified.

Financial assets

Finance assets are subsequently measured at either amortised cost using the effective interest method, fair value through other comprehensive income or fair value through profit or loss.

Measurement is on the basis of two primary criteria:

- the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset; and

- the business model for managing the financial assets.

A financial asset that meets the following conditions is subsequently measured at amortised cost:

- the financial asset is managed solely to collect contractual cash flows; and

- the contractual terms within the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding on specified dates.

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NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

c. Financial Instruments (cont)

A financial asset that meets the following conditions is subsequently measured at fair value through other comprehensive income:

- the contractual terms within the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding on specified dates; and

- the business model for managing the financial asset comprises both contractual cash flows collection and the selling of the financial asset.

By default, all other financial assets that do not meet the measurement conditions of amortised cost and fair value through other comprehensive income are subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Equity instruments

At initial recognition, as long as the equity instrument is not held for trading or not a contingent consideration recognised by an acquirer in a business combination to which AASB 3 applies, the entity made an irrevocable election to measure any subsequent changes in fair value of the equity instruments in other comprehensive income, while the dividend revenue received on underlying equity instruments investment will still be recognised in profit or loss.

Derecognition

Derecognition refers to the removal of a previously recognised financial asset or financial liability from the statement of financial position. A liability is derecognised when it is extinguished (ie when the obligation in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires). An exchange of an existing financial liability for a new one with substantially modified terms, or a substantial modification to the terms of a financial liability, is treated as an extinguishment of the existing liability and recognition of a new financial liability. A financial asset is derecognised when the holder's contractual rights to its cash flows expires, or the asset is transferred in such a way that all the risks and rewards of ownership are substantially transferred.

Impairment

At each reporting date, the entity assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired.

d. Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the entity assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount in accordance with another Standard (eg in accordance with the revaluation model in AASB 116). Any impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation decrease in accordance with that other Standard.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an assets class, the entity estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the class of assets belong.

Impairment testing is performed annually for goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives

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NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

e. Leases

At inception of a contract, the entity assesses if the contract contains or is a lease under AASB 16. If there is a lease present, a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability is recognised by the entity where the entity is a lessee. However, all contracts that are classified as short-term leases (lease with remaining lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low-value assets are recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Initially, the lease liability is measured at the present value of the lease payments still to be paid at the commencement date. The lease payments are discounted at the interest rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the entity uses the incremental borrowing rate.

Subsequently, the lease liability is measured by a reduction to the carrying amount of any payments made and an increase to reflect any interest on the lease liability.

The right-of-use assets is an initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability less any incentives and initial direct costs. Subsequently, the measurement is the cost less accumulated depreciation (and impairment if applicable).

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the lease term or useful life of the underlying asset whichever is the shortest.

Where a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the entity anticipates to exercise a purchase option, the specific asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset.

f. Employee Benefits

Short term employee benefits

Provision is made for the entity's obligation for short term employee benefits. Short term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The entity's obligations for short term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as a part of current trade and other payables in the statement of financial position.

Other long term employee benefits

The entity classifies employees' long service leave and annual leave entitlements as other long term employee benefits as they are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Provision is made for the entity's obligation for other long term employee benefits, which are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Upon the remeasurement of obligations for other long term employee benefits, the net change in the obligation is recognised in profit or loss classified under employee benefits expense.

The entity's obligations for long term employee benefits are presented as non current liabilities in its statement of financial position, except where the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current liabilities.

g. Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

h. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

i. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

j. Trade and Other Receivables

Trade and other receivables represent income outstanding at the end of the reporting period for services provided by the entity during the reporting period that remain unpaid. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets.

k. Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the entity during the reporting period which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

l. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at reporting date.

m. Comparative Figures

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

n. New and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations Adopted

The entity has adopted all new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australia Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are mandatory for the current reporting period. Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted. There were no Accounting Standards and or Interpretations which have or have had a material impact on the entity for the year.

o. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

The committee members evaluate estimates and judgments into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the entity.

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NOTE 2: REVENUE

	2026	2025
	$	$
Revenue from continuing operations		
Services revenue	314,399	325,551
Sale of goods	6,123	77
Donations/sponsorship	175,000	196,142
Interest received	20,903	22,323
	516,425	544,093
Other income		
Distributions managed fund	60,737	46,838
Fuel tax credits	529	560
Insurance refunds	-	2,215
Sundry income	-	12
Profit on sale of non-current assets	1,948	-
	63,214	49,625
Total revenue	579,639	593,718

NOTE 3: PROFIT

	2026	2025
Expenses		
Depreciation and amortisation		
— buildings	16,937	16,937
— furniture, fittings and plant	16,354	24,549
— motor vehicles	1,618	606
Total depreciation and amortisation	34,909	42,092
Presentation night	42,611	38,730
Administration expenses		
— employee benefits expense	138,582	150,679
— occupancy and facility expenses	14,082	14,628
— administration and office expenses	53,451	46,414
— information technology and communications	17,622	17,552
— marketing, events and member activities	87,362	105,620
— insurance and finance costs	15,760	16,918
— motor vehicles and travel expenses	585	4,176
— donations and community programs	60,000	60,100
— depreciation and asset-related expenses	35,475	42,491
Total administration expenses	422,919	458,578

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NOTE 4: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Note	2026	2025
		$	$
CURRENT			
Cash at bank		73,679	64,772
Cash on hand		350	350
		74,029	65,122

NOTE 5: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

CURRENT			
Trade debtors		1,125	15,321
Other debtors		2,471	3,256
		3,596	18,577

NOTE 6: FINANCIAL ASSETS

CURRENT			
Financial assets at amortised cost	7(a)	489,642	469,228
		489,642	469,228
NON-CURRENT			
Investments in equity instruments designated as at fair value through other comprehensive income	7(b)	730,113	684,166
		730,113	684,166

a) Financial assets at amortised cost

Fixed interest term deposits	489,642	469,228
Fixed interest loan	-	-
	489,642	469,228

b) Investments in equity instrument designated as at fair value through other comprehensive income

BT Panorama managed fund investment	730,113	684,166
	730,113	684,166

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NOTE 7: OTHER ASSETS

	2026	2025
	$	$
CURRENT		
Prepayments	6,008	5,685
	6,008	5,685

NOTE 8: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

LAND AND BUILDINGS		
Freehold land		
At cost	176,000	176,000
Total land	176,000	176,000
Buildings		
At cost	513,768	513,768
Less accumulated depreciation	(245,233)	(232,389)
Total buildings	268,535	281,379
Building improvements		
At cost	137,886	137,886
Less accumulated depreciation	(42,092)	(37,999)
Total building improvements	95,794	99,887
Total land and buildings	540,329	557,266
Furniture, fittings and plant		
At cost	161,254	201,828
Less accumulated depreciation	(138,947)	(163,176)
Total furniture, fittings and plant	22,307	38,652
Motor vehicles		
At cost	73,364	48,819
Less accumulated depreciation	(48,592)	(46,974)
Total motor vehicles	24,772	1,845
Total property, plant and equipment	587,408	597,763

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NOTE 8: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONT.)

Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Land and Buildings	Furniture Fittings and Plant	Motor Vehicles	Total
	$	$	$	$
2026				
Balance at the beginning of the year	557,266	38,652	1,845	597,763
Additions at cost	-	6,808	24,545	31,353
Disposals	-	(6,799)	-	(6,799)
Depreciation expense	(16,937)	(16,354)	(1,618)	(34,909)
Carrying amount at end of year	540,329	22,307	24,772	587,408

NOTE 9: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2026	2025
	$	$
CURRENT		
Other current payables	37,440	10,798
	37,440	10,798

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NOTE 10: PROVISIONS

	2026	2025
	$	$
CURRENT		
Provision for employee benefits: annual leave	6,041	5,706
	14,246	5,706
NON-CURRENT		
Provision for employee benefits: long service leave	8,205	10,518
	8,205	10,518

Analysis of total provisions

	Employee Benefits	Total
	$	$
Opening balance at 1 July 2025	16,224	16,224
Movement in provisions during the year	(1,978)	(1,978)
Balance at 30 June 2026	14,246	14,246

Provision for Employee Benefits

Provision for employee benefits represents amounts accrued for annual leave and long service leave.

The current portion for this provision includes the total amount accrued for annual leave entitlements and the amounts accrued for long service leave entitlements that have vested due to employees having completed the required period of service. Based on past experience, the entity does not expect the full amount of annual leave or long service leave balances classified as current liabilities to be settled within the next 12 months. However, these amounts must be classified as current liabilities since the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer the settlement of these amounts in the event employees wish to use their leave entitlement.

The non-current portion for this provision includes amounts accrued for long service leave entitlements that have not yet vested in relation to those employees who have not yet completed the required period of service.

In calculating the present value of future cash flows in respect of long service leave, the probability of long service leave being taken is based upon historical data. The measurement and recognition criteria relating to employee benefits have been included in Note 1 to this report.

NOTE 11: RESERVES

Financial Assets Reserve

The financial assets reserve records revaluation increments and decrements (that do not represent impairment write-downs) that relate to financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

NOTE 12: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

	2026	2025
	$	$
The totals of remuneration paid to key management personnel (KMP) of the entity during the year are as follows:		
Key management personnel compensation	84,138	89,088
	84,138	89,088

NOTE 13: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The entity had no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2026 or 30 June 2025.

NOTE 14: COMMITMENTS

The entity had no capital commitments as at 30 June 2026 or 30 June 2025.

NOTE 15: EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

The committee are not aware of any matter or circumstance which has arisen since 30 June 2026 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the entity's operations, the result of those operations, or the entity's state of affairs in future financial years.

NOTE 16: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The entity's main related parties are as follows:

a. Key management personnel

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including any committee member (whether executive or otherwise) of the entity, is considered key management personnel.

For details of disclosures relating to key management personnel, refer to Note 13.

b. Other related parties

Other related parties include close family members of key management personnel and entities that are controlled or significantly influenced by those key management personnel, individually or collectively with their close family members.

Transactions with Related Parties

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

— David Brockwell is an authorised representative of Marsh Advantage Insurance (Marsh) Newcastle. Marsh are the appointed insurance broker to the SLSA insurance scheme Nationally of which Hunter Surf Lifesaving Association participate and effect insurance through with.

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NOTE 17: AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

	Note	2026	2025
		$	$
Remuneration of the auditor:			
— Audit of the financial statements – Kidmans Partners		7,400	-
— Audit of the financial statemen – Evolution Audit		2,467	7,280
— Accounting services – Evolution Advisers'		29,443	23,285
		39,310	30,565

NOTE 18: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The entity' financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, long-term investments, accounts receivable and payable.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 9 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements are as follows:

	Note	2026	2025
Financial Assets			
Financial assets at amortised cost:			
— Cash and cash equivalents	5	74,029	65,122
— Trade and other receivables	6	3,596	18,577
— Fixed interest term deposits	7	489,642	469,228
— Fixed interest loan	7	-	-
		567,267	552,927
Investments in equity instruments designated as at fair value through other comprehensive income:			
— BT Panorama managed fund investment	7	730,113	684,166
		730,113	684,166
Total financial assets		1,297,380	1,237,093
Financial Liabilities			
Financial liabilities at amortised cost:			
— Trade and other payables	10	37,440	10,798
Total financial liabilities		37,440	10,798

NOTE 19: ENTITY DETAILS

The registered office of the entity is:

Hunter Surf Life Saving Inc

Unit 1, 6 Revelation Cl

TIGHES HILL NSW 2297

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The members of the committee declare that, in their opinion:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 2 to 18, are in accordance with the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012;* and
   a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosure Requirements; and
   b. give a true and fair view of the financial position of the entity as at 30 June 2026 and of the performance for the year ended on that date.

2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Hunter Surf Life Saving Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of Hunter Surf Life Saving Inc in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022.*

President Henry Scruton

Henry Scruton

Finance Director David Brockwell

Dated this 31 day of August 2026

KIDMANS PARTNERS

Accountants and Advisors

AUDITORS INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION TO THE COMMITTEE OF HUNTER SURF LIFE SAVING INC.

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief during the year ended 30 June 2026, there have been:

i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and

ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Kidmans Partners Audit Pty Ltd
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Evan Mudie
Director

Dated 31 August 2026

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I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief during the year ended 30 June 2026, there have been:

i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and

ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Dated 31 August 2026

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HUNTER SURF LIFE SAVING INC.

Opinion
We have audited the financial report of Hunter Surf Life Saving Inc. (the Association), which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2026, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Statement by Members of the Committee.

In our opinion the financial report of Hunter Surf Life Saving Inc. has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

(a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and

(b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosure Requirements and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Other Information
The Committee is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and in doing so consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Other Matter
The financial report of Hunter Surf Life Saving Inc., for the year ended 30 June 2025, was audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on that report on 22 August 2025.

Responsibilities of the Committee and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements
The Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosure Requirements, and for such internal control as the Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HUNTER SURF LIFE SAVING INC. (CONTINUED)

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

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Evan Mudie

Director

Dated 31 August 2026

Tracking ID: 24180-1113450

EVOLUTION ADVISERS

Positive advice to keep you *on track*

COMPILATION REPORT TO HUNTER SURF LIFE SAVING INC. ABN 75 019 707 672

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Hunter Surf Life Saving Inc. which comprise the attached detailed profit and loss for the year ended 30 June 2026. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is to provide financial information to the committee of management.

The Responsibility of the Committee of Management

The committee of management is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements and has determined that the basis of accounting adopted is appropriate to meet the needs of the committee of management for the purpose of complying with the association's constitution.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the committee of management we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting and *APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information*.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which the directors provided, in compiling the financial statements. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the committee of management. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

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HUNTER SURF LIFE SAVING INC.
ABN 75 019 707 672

DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	2026 $	2025 $
INCOME		
Administration Sales		
Affiliation Fees	85,993	80,660
Boatshed Income	668	-
Donations - (Free unconditional)	5,000	14,640
Donations - Surf Life Saving NSW Inc	-	11,502
Donations (GST conditional)	10,000	10,000
Donations - NCC Coastal Works	60,000	60,000
Grants - SLS NSW Inc	55,006	45,277
Grants Received	-	2,000
Government Grants	-	-
Hunter Development Squad Income	24	2,137
Rebranding Income	47,055	55,522
InterBranch Levy	9,983	10,159
Presentation Night	24,165	20,268
Sponsorship (GST Unconditional)	100,000	100,000
Stationery & Lifesaving Equip	-	-
Community Education		
Comm Ed - Beach Awareness	-	300
Comm Ed - Surf Fun Safe	52,400	58,805
Comm Ed - Surf Survival	1,020	6,468
Education		
Education - Catering Income	2,235	-
Education - Manuals	-	14
Surf Sports		
Surf Sports - Branch Team	-	409
Surf Sports - Entries	31,455	31,436
Surf Sports- Gear	68	64
Surf Sports - High Performance	3,004	-
Lifesaving Income		
Lifesaving - Radios	3,820	-
Lifesaving - Jet Ski	3,993	4,225
Lifesaving - Catering	-	-
Member Services		
Member Services - Youth Camp	(455)	7,751
Member Services - Youth Group	87	133
Other revenue		
Other Income	-	12
Interest	20,903	22,323
Insurance refunds	-	2,215
Distributions - Managed Funds	60,737	46,838
Profit on sale of Assets	1,383	-
Fuel Tax Credits	529	560
Total Income	**579,074**	**593,718**

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HUNTER SURF LIFE SAVING INC.
ABN 75 019 707 672

DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	2026 $	2025 $
LESS EXPENDITURE		
Administration expenses		
Accountancy fees	29,443	23,285
Audit Fees	9,867	7,280
Annual Leave provision	335	(5,777)
Bank Charges	2,882	2,756
Catering, Refreshments & Ent	1,187	2,761
Christmas Party & Rep Expenses	189	424
Cleaning & Rubbish Removal	2,096	2,677
Computer Repairs & Software	6,852	6,662
Depreciation	34,909	42,092
Donation	-	100
Donation - NCC Coastal Program	60,000	60,000
Electricity	4,109	3,866
Employment Benefit Expense	138,036	152,431
Flowers & Wreaths	110	110
Government Grant	-	-
Hunter Development Squad	4,132	1,301
Insurance - General	11,593	11,169
Insurance - Workers Comp	4,150	5,613
Interest Expense	17	136
Internet - Website Costs	2,032	2,004
Licences & fees	386	542
Long Service Leave Provision	(2,313)	1,804
Loss on Sale of Asset	-	399
Motor Vehicle - CEO Car	224	3,205
Newcastle Permanent Rebranding	39,251	62,691
Office Equipment under $300	663	517
Photocopier Expenses	8,316	8,316
Postage	426	394
Presentation Night expense	42,611	38,730
Printing & Stationery	1,261	3,107
Rent - Boatshed	-	1,233
Repairs & Maint - Building	296	821
Repairs & Maint - Office Equip	311	227
Security	741	480
Sponsors Gifts	182	136
Staff Amenities	1,905	1,386
Strata Fees	6,530	5,324
Stripe Fees	44	4
Subscriptions	163	212
Telephone	8,738	8,885
Travel expenses	361	971
Uniforms - Staff	319	301

HUNTER SURF LIFE SAVING INC.
ABN 75 019 707 672

DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	2026 $	2025 $
Community Education		
Comm Education - Equipment	8,609	212
Comm Education - Fuel	1,118	148
Comm Education - Wages Casuals	32,940	35,779
Comm Education - Super Casuals	2,104	4,115
Education		
Education - Catering	862	913
Education - Equipment	-	251
Education - Manuals expense	-	577
Education - MV Rego/Ins	126	-
Lifesaving		
Lifesaving - DutyOfficers	3,742	2,092
Lifesaving - Equipment	224	-
Lifesaving - Jetski Equipment	466	955
Lifesaving - Jetski Fuel	696	2,840
Lifesaving - Jetski Rego & Ins	451	761
Lifesaving - Jetski Repairs	1,042	3,794
Lifesaving - Radios expense	4,381	430
Members Services		
Member Services - Youth Camp Expenses	2,695	8,501
Member Services - Other Youth Activities	309	2,702
Member Services - Age Managers	5,184	-
Surf Sports		
Surf Sports - BranchTeam Costs	23,599	13,170
Surf Sports - Branch Uniforms	2,918	2,318
Surf Sports - Catering	4,089	5,222
Surf Sports - Entries & Equip	670	960
Surf Sports - Entries expense	2,510	-
Surf Sports - Equipment	1,465	-
Surf Sports - Gear Repairs	953	-
Surf Sports - Gear Purchases	287	133
Surf Sports - Medals expense	10,170	5,298
Surf Sports - Officials	0	7,305
Surf Sports - Truck	7,432	2,636
Surf Sports - Uniforms		-
Total Expenditure	**541,397**	**559,688**
Net Profit/(Loss)	**37,677**	**34,030**
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of BT Panorama investment	- 12,086	23,585
Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss)	**25,591**	**57,615**

DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING



Steve Foggett
Director of Lifesaving

The 2025/26 season was a successful and productive year for lifesaving and rescue services across the Branch. Our members continued to provide a high level of preventative surveillance, education and emergency response, with no drownings recorded between the flags throughout the season.

The year also saw significant progress in planning for coastal safety beyond the traditional patrolled areas, strengthening Rescue Services capabilities, developing member skills and implementing changes arising from the current Lifesaving Agreements (LSAs).

At the end of the season, Branch members had completed more than 66,000 preventative actions and 116 rescues. These figures demonstrate the significant contribution our members make to keeping the community safe on our coastline.

A key focus for the year was improving our understanding of the hazards present across the coastline and identifying practical measures to reduce the risk of drowning, particularly outside traditional patrolled areas.

The Branch continued work on its contribution to the goal of “Zero Preventable Deaths in Australian Waters.” The key focus for this is the areas outside the flags to achieve the same results that are being achieved within the patrolled areas.

Work with Club Captains commenced to identify:

- Areas of responsibility and coverage for each club.
- Key hazards along each section of coastline.
- Locations and circumstances where drowning risk is greatest.
- Existing controls and available resources.
- How to address these areas with our existing resources.

Some additional highlights from the past year were:

- Patrol audits were conducted successfully using the new system developed by SLSNSW.
- The collection of statistics is generally very good, providing valuable input for higher level planning.
- Branch members who are part of the Flood Response Team undertook skills development as part of gaining On Water accreditation.

Rescue Services

Rescue Services continued to expand its capability during 2025/26. Increased numbers of Duty Officers, RWC Operators and RWCs have strengthened the Branch's ability to respond to incidents and conduct additional patrol and search operations.

UAVs remained a major focus because of their flexibility and effectiveness in search, surveillance and incident response. Their use continued to expand, and members were encouraged to consider UAVs as an important part of the Branch's operational capability.



The Branch also prepared for the increasing use of technology and data to support coastal safety. This includes UAVs, surf cameras, satellite imagery, mobile phone data and other emerging technologies.

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Emergency Response and ECOT
Emergency response preparedness remained a key focus throughout the season.

ECOT training continued to be well received, providing members with a better understanding of how Surf Life Saving callout teams integrate with broader emergency services operations. The training has become an important part of preparing members for major searches and other complex incidents.
Clubs were encouraged to conduct their own SAREXs to reinforce ECOT procedures and provide practical preparation for the off-season.

A particularly successful example was the ECOT exercise conducted by Merewether on 12 April. The exercise included a simulated callout by the SOC and provided valuable experience for both the club and the wider response network.

The Branch will continue to encourage clubs to conduct regular exercises and ensure that ECOT members maintain the skills and confidence required for complex incidents. A basic kit to assist clubs to conduct SAREXs has been produced by SLSNSW.

Special Operations and Seasonal Response
The Branch maintained a focus on periods of increased risk, particularly Christmas, Easter and periods of significant swell or other hazardous weather.

The Christmas period was particularly successful, with 32,819 preventative actions and 53 rescues recorded, with no drownings.

Dusk patrols were conducted in the Port Stephens area during the holiday period. These patrols provided additional coverage during a time when beach users may remain in the water after normal patrol hours.
Summary

The coming season will build on the strong foundations established during 2025/26. The priority will be to continue moving beyond a focus solely on traditional patrolled areas and develop a more complete understanding of risk across the entire coastline. The work with Club Captains to identify areas of responsibility and key hazards will be central to this.

Steve Foggett
Director of Lifesaving

RESCUE SERVICES

Hunter Rescue Services Group excelled again in the 2025/2026 season, continuing to provide reliable rescue services support across the Hunter coastline. This year again brought strong visitation to our patrolled beaches and surrounding coastal areas, making it a busy and demanding season for our team. Our Support Operations team, including Duty Officers, RWC Operators, UAV Pilots and support personnel, continued to ensure 24-hour coastal coverage year-round.

Once again, our dedicated and diligent RWC operators have risen to the occasion, ensuring these crucial assets are available to support clubs and aid the community. Throughout the season, RWC patrols have been conducted from Caves Beach, Swansea, Newcastle Harbour, Birubi, Nelson Bay, and Hawks Nest.

I would like to personally thank the RWC Coordinator and the RWC teams for their commitment and management of operators and assets within their designated areas. Special thanks to Henry Scruton and Mick Denahey. 2025/26 saw 17 new operators gain their Rescue Water Craft award and expand the availability of operators to meet the demands of the additional craft in our branch.

Pleasingly, Hunter Branch recorded zero coastal fatalities during the 2025/2026 season, despite responding to 64 after-hours callouts. This outcome reflects the value of our continued presence along the coastline, the commitment of our rescue services teams, and the ongoing preventative work undertaken to support community safety.

Hunter Branch's commitment to emergency management has been clear throughout the 2025/2026 season, highlighted by the relentless work and participation of our Duty Officers. These officers provide substantial support to clubs and other emergency service organisations, often committing multiple days to complex and challenging incidents. Our UAV pilots consistently demonstrate professionalism and technological leadership in search and rescue operations. The UAV platform has significantly enhanced our capabilities, enabling us to conduct search and rescue missions around the clock. This season, our UAVs have been indispensable in locating injured individuals on rocky terrain at night, missing aircraft, and swimmers in distress. Special thanks go to Emma Gale, our UAV Coordinator, for her relentless efforts in this area.

Thank you for your efforts, commitment to training, and willingness to support the community throughout the 2025/2026 season.

Due to being successful in his Director of Lifesaving nomination at SLSNSW, Glen stepped down in November last year. Thank you for your dedication and countless hours you dedicated to overseeing the team during your time in the role.

Josh Dick
Rescue Services Manager



CLUB PATROLLING STATISTICS

Club	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	Overall Total
Tea Gardens Hawks Nest SLSC	3915.50	4182.00	5635.16	5989.48	5784.00	25506.14
Fingal Beach SLSC	4717.31	4788.33	5176.00	3597.50	5617.33	23896.47
Birubi Point SLSC	3821.04	3236.81	3880.41	1755.99	5002.08	17696.33
Stockton SLSC	3108.00	3088.42	3529.06	3203.42	3594.54	16523.44
Nobbys SLSC	4635.37	4996.70	5294.66	4015.96	4251.27	23193.96
Newcastle SLSC	3889.07	4093.84	5048.96	5480.19	6486.26	24998.32
Cooks Hill SLSC	8089.23	8007.00	8043.49	6532.18	7546.32	38218.22
Dixon Park SLSC	2879.25	2930.62	2999.00	2856.98	3358.75	15024.60
Merewether SLSC	4636.51	5133.02	5205.43	4369.36	5699.66	25043.98
Redhead SLSC	4816.50	5597.95	5747.07	4766.61	5929.03	26875.16
Swansea Belmont SLSC	5383.58	5647.48	5707.58	3144.99	5372.02	25255.65
Caves Beach SLSC	3104.71	3043.10	3102.35	3485.00	3650.35	16385.51
Catherine Hill Bay SLSC	3169.28	2830.50	3266.66	3032.50	2806.52	15105.46
Rescue Services Team	2870.50	2589.83	7337.44	3645.50	1864.98	18308.25
Total per Year	**59035.85**	**60165.60**	**69973.27**	**55875.66**	**66963.11**	**312013.49**

Club	Rescues	First Aids	Preventative Actions	Attendances	Patrol Hours	Beach Closures
Tea Gardens Hawks Nest SLSC	31	32	14,429	31,234	5,784.00	33
Fingal Beach SLSC	16	51	9,000	109,562	5,617.33	10
Birubi Point SLSC	6	28	23,171	111,598	5,002.08	23
Stockton SLSC	2	2	15	12,170	3,594.54	2
Nobbys SLSC	0	69	933	22,330	4,251.27	8
Newcastle SLSC	22	103	8,067	59,241	6,486.26	14
Cooks Hill SLSC	16	79	3,409	149,075	7,546.32	9
Dixon Park SLSC	6	43	2,957	50,740	3,358.75	19
Merewether SLSC	6	23	1,414	35,567	5,699.66	20
Redhead SLSC	2	14	2,339	56,785	5,929.03	148
Swansea Belmont SLSC	1	8	76	17,741	5,372.02	4
Caves Beach SLSC	4	50	812	62,346	3,650.35	4
Catherine Hill Bay SLSC	3	23	203	24,316	2,806.52	13
Total per Year	**115**	**525**	**66,825**	**720,397**	**65,098.13**	**307**

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

It is the high-commitment volunteering of each clubs' Trainer, Assessor and Facilitator (TAF) members that sustains the HSLS Education portfolio. Again, the season's TAF activity levels were driven by further growth in membership, the need to upskill TAFs in lifesaving CPR and IRB awards, and the major roll-out of Lifesaving CPR training for all members as part of the annual skill proficiencies.



Dr Willow Forsyth
Director of Education

Member proficiencies

Every year, to keep patrolling members proficient, TAFs organise and endorse skills currency. Lifesaving CPR required all TAFs to upskill first, then deliver this major component of the SRC/BM proficiencies. SLSNSW were 'blown away' by the results – the number, quality and feedback. Congratulations to all TAFs.

Proficiencies conducted in 2025-26	
Bronze Medallion	1,598
Surf Rescue Certificate	300
IRB Crew	654
IRB Driver	427
SMAR	152
SMPC	146
First Aid	356
Advanced Resuscitation	381
RWC	56
Gold Medallion	13

Awards deliverd in 2025-26	
Bronze Medallion	157
Surf Rescue Certificate	117
IRB Crew	39
IRB Driver	22
SMPC	26
First Aid	194
Advanced Resuscitation	77
RWC	12
Gold Medallion	1

New member awards

The Hunter TAF network, again, delivered a record number of 727 awards to club members.

With the assistance of SLSNSW RWC facilitators, a group of 12 members from across 9 clubs gained their RWC award this season. This was exciting progress, as we aim for a sustainable pool of 36 qualified RWC operators to support the branch-wide fast-response RWC operations.

TAF network capability

Gaining a Training Officer Certificate is the TAF entry-point. SLSNSW provides this course for HSLS. Growing Trainer numbers is key to a strong education portfolio. Using the co-delivery options, the TAF network is as follows:

TAF Role	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Facilitator	19	25	43
Assessor	59	65	46
Trainer	92	112	81

Congratulations to the new TAF members and to those who gained new TAF awards. Your commitment keeps our club patrols strong, confident, vibrant and thriving.

Branch Council endorsement of HSLS education portfolio practices

During the season, the new BM/SRC/IRB assessment models were trialled. Thank you to the Branch Council for endorsing CTO's recommendations that these be formally adopted. These new practices provide flexibility, reasonable adjustments, and localised support for candidates, and foster increased cooperation and sharing of training and assessment activities across clubs.

CTO Forum

A decade on from the last one, SLSNSW hosted a CTO forum in early May 2026. Clubs from all branches across NSW attended. Eleven TAF members represented the HSLS TAF network. In smaller groups, TAFs workshopped priorities across four crucial areas – better induction support for new CTOs; easier alternative assessor pathway to expand TAF teams; stronger networking access for CTOs across all clubs/branches; and fast-tracking Assessing App new features to reduce paperwork & time-wastage.

Collectively they cover the major pain points experienced by club education teams:
the high 'cost of entry' for new CTOs and assessors, which leaves fewer TAFs to do more; precious training time eroded by a logjam of paperwork and administrative tasks; and the need for stronger cross-club/branch networks for sharing tips, mentoring, and resources.

Discussions and outcomes were collaborative, setting a new benchmark of CTO engagement with SLSNSW. CTOs laid out the priorities. Maybe unsurprisingly, these tended to be strongly aligned across clubs and branches. SLSNSW has committed to following the priorities set by the CTO forum and communicating progress and issues openly and regularly. It was a watershed event, reflecting the Education Standing Committee meeting feedback on the required change to collaborative governance.

I stepped into the role of Hunter Director of Education in December 2024. With the generous support of CTOs and facilitators from across the TAF network, we have brain-stormed, designed, tried, proven some, rejected other new ways of networking, communicating, seeking DOE approvals, and support from Branch. Branch has been working to deliver reports so that thirteen CTOs aren't each doing this work late in their evenings. Thank you so much for your support, feedback, guidance, and encouragement. I step down this season with great memories and new friendships.

Thank you to the TAF members who worked long and hard to make this season a major success. I look forward to seeing you all on the beach next season as a TAF member.

Dr Willow Forsyth
Director of Education

MEMBER AWARDS 2025-26

Award	Male	Female	Non-binary	Total Members
10 Year Assessing Service Certificate	3	0	1	4
10 Year Facilitating Service Certificate	2	0	0	2
10 Year National Patrol Service Award	22	3	1	26
10 Year Support Operations Certificate	3	0	0	3
10 Year Training Service Certificate	1	0	1	2
15 Year Assessing Service Certificate	2	0	0	2
15 Year Facilitating Service Certificate	0	1	0	1
15 Year National Patrol Service Award	17	9	0	26
15 Year Support Operations Certificate	1	1	0	2
15 Year Training Service Certificate	2	0	0	2
20 Year National Patrol Service Award	5	1	0	6
25 Year Long Service Award	7	1	0	8
25 Year National Patrol Service Award	1	0	0	1
30 Year Long Service Award	9	4	0	13
30 Year National Patrol Service Award	1	0	0	1
40 Year Long Service Award	7	2	0	9
5 Year Age Manager Service Certificate	1	1	0	2
5 Year Assessing Service Certificate	1	0	0	1
5 Year Facilitating Service Certificate	0	0	1	1
5 Year National Patrol Service Award	25	18	0	43
5 Year Support Operations Certificate	3	0	0	3
5 Year Training Service Certificate	2	1	0	3
50 Year Long Service Award	2	0	0	2

Award	Male	Female	Non-binary	Total Members
55 Year National Patrol Service Award	1	0	0	1
60 Year Long Service Award	4	0	0	4
70 Year Long Service Award	1	0	0	1
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	44	26	0	70
Age Manager	1	1	0	2
Apply surf awareness and self-rescue skills (PUASAR012)	167	125	0	292
Assessor Gold Medallion (Advanced Lifesaving)	2	1	0	3
Assessor IRB	0	1	0	1
Award for Non Award Member (120 days)	0	2	0	2
Bronze Medallion	107	65	0	172
Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA20119)	124	71	0	195
Communicate in the workplace (PUACOM001)	124	71	0	195
Crew small powercraft in a rescue operation (PUASAR015)	34	14	0	48
Endorsed Delegate - ART	4	3	0	7
Endorsed Delegate - Bronze Medallion	26	18	0	44
Endorsed Delegate - Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue	6	2	0	8
Facilitator Assessor	0	0	1	1
Facilitator Bronze Medallion	3	4	0	7
Facilitator First Aid	1	1	0	2
Facilitator IRB	4	0	0	4
First Aid	122	90	2	214
Follow defined work health and safety policies and procedures (PUAWHS001)	124	71	0	195
Gold Medallion (Advanced Lifesaving)	1	0	0	1
IRB Crew Certificate	34	14	0	48
IRB Training Competition Eligibility	10	4	0	14

Award	Male	Female	Non-binary	Total Members
IRB Training Competition Eligibility	10	4	0	14
Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 10	74	74	0	148
Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 11	71	81	0	152
Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 12	47	56	0	103
Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 13	59	43	0	102
Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 14	27	35	0	62
Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 8	70	65	0	135
Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 9	95	80	0	175
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 10	202	176	0	378
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 11	158	170	0	328
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 12	114	125	0	239
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 13	108	87	0	195
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 14	40	40	0	80
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 6 - Restricted	188	163	0	351
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 7 - Restricted	224	229	1	454
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 8	247	264	0	511
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 9	241	226	0	467
Lifesaving CPR - TAF PD	48	27	0	75
Make presentations (BSBCMM411)	1	0	0	1
National Medal	4	3	0	7
National Medal - 1st Clasp 25 Years	1	0	0	1
Nipper Safety Assistant	33	18	0	51
Operate and maintain a personal water craft for rescue operations (PUASAR016)	8	1	0	9
Operate and maintain a small powercraft and motor for rescue operations (PUASAR014)	23	7	0	30

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IRB Training Competition Eligibility	10	4	0	14
Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 10	74	74	0	148
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Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 12	47	56	0	103
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Lifesaving CPR - TAF PD	48	27	0	75
Make presentations (BSBCMM411)	1	0	0	1
National Medal	4	3	0	7
National Medal - 1st Clasp 25 Years	1	0	0	1
Nipper Safety Assistant	33	18	0	51
Operate and maintain a personal water craft for rescue operations (PUASAR016)	8	1	0	9
Operate and maintain a small powercraft and motor for rescue operations (PUASAR014)	23	7	0	30

Award	Male	Female	Non-binary	Total Members
Operate communications systems and equipment (PUAOPE013)	168	130	0	298
Participate in an aquatic rescue operation (PUASAR013)	167	125	0	292
Prepare maintain and test response equipment (PUAEQU001)	31	8	0	39
Probationary Training Officer	2	0	0	2
Provide advanced resuscitation and oxygen therapy (HLTAID015)	52	32	0	84
Provide basic emergency life support (HLTAID010)	271	186	2	459
Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation (HLTAID009)	469	346	3	818
Provide first aid (HLTAID011)	197	146	2	345
Provide work skill instruction (TAEDEL311)	1	0	0	1
Radio Operator Certificate	1	5	0	6
Rescue Water Craft Operator Certificate	8	1	0	9
Resuscitation	73	54	0	127
Secondary School Teacher Qualification (VET)	1	0	0	1
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	23	7	0	30
Silver Medallion Patrol Captain	32	8	0	40
SS - Australian Sports Commission Community Coaching - Essential Skills Course	1	2	0	3
SS - Australian Sports Commission Community Officiating Essential Skills Course	1	0	0	1
SS - Core Official	0	1	0	1
SS - Development Coach Board	4	1	0	5
SS - Development Coach Iron	4	1	0	5
SS - Development Coach Ski	5	1	0	6
SS - Development Coach Surf Boat	1	0	0	1
SS - Development Coach Swim	4	1	0	5
SS - Foundation Coach	3	0	0	3
SS - S1 Boat Sweep Accreditation	1	0	0	1

Award	Male	Female	Non-binary	Total Members
SS - S3 Boat Sweep Accreditation	1	0	0	1
SS - Sport Integrity Australia Annual Update	1	0	0	1
SS - Technical Official	7	7	0	14
Surf Aware One - U8	238	266	0	504
Surf Aware Two - U9	212	211	0	423
Surf Play One - U6	269	222	0	491
Surf Play Two - U7	296	297	1	594
Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	66	70	0	136
Surf Safe One - U10	207	179	0	386
Surf Safe Two - U11	142	152	0	294
Surf Smart One - U12	106	111	0	217
Surf Smart Two - U13	92	76	0	168
Training Officer Bronze Medallion	3	3	0	6
Training Officer IRB	0	2	0	2
Undertake advanced surf rescue (PUASAR017)	1	0	0	1
Work effectively in a public safety organisation (PUATEA004)	124	71	0	195
Work in a team (PUATEA001)	124	71	0	195

MEMBER SERVICES COMPARISON FIGURES 2021-2026

Tea Gardens Hawks Nest	Competition Evaluation	Prelimary Evaluations	Transfers (in/out)	Junior Awards	SRC	Junior Membership
2025/26	0	0	7,3	0	0	0
2024/25	0	117	12,16	97	5	127
2023/24	0	122	13,5	99	8	136
2022/23	0	0	14,30	67	7	86
2021/22	4	82	19,22	85	4	111
Fingal	**Competition Evaluation**	**Prelimary Evaluations**	**Transfers (in/out)**	**Junior Awards**	**SRC**	**Junior Membership**
2025/26	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024/25	33	182	24,20	184	9	209
2023/24	68	193	33,24	166	12	193
2022/23	14	13	8,3	158	15	191
2021/22	19	20	18,27	157	12	212
Birubi	**Competition Evaluation**	**Prelimary Evaluations**	**Transfers (in/out)**	**Junior Awards**	**SRC**	**Junior Membership**
2025/26	0	0	7,3	0	0	0
2024/25	0	117	12,16	97	5	127
2023/24	0	122	13,5	99	8	136
2022/23	0	0	14,30	67	7	86
2021/22	4	82	19,22	85	4	111
Stockton	**Competition Evaluation**	**Prelimary Evaluations**	**Transfers (in/out)**	**Junior Awards**	**SRC**	**Junior Membership**
2025/26	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024/25	122	218	16,21	209	9	216
2023/24	71	171	21,23	193	7	201
2022/23	95	163	30,23	149	14	176
2021/22	100	153	29,24	171	6	187

Nobbys	Competition Evaluation	Prelimary Evaluations	Transfers (in/out)	Junior Awards	SRC	Junior Membership
2025/26	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024/26	4	122	46,29	201	3	255
2023/24	17	208	42,25	226	7	227
2022/23	44	187	30,27	205	13	230
2021/22	41	185	34,32	199	11	228
Newcastle	**Competition Evaluation**	**Prelimary Evaluations**	**Transfers (in/out)**	**Junior Awards**	**SRC**	**Junior Membership**
2025/26	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024/25	49	252	47,18	244	12	252
2023/24	55	186	28,30	173	3	178
2022/23	35	113	27,40	114	2	118
2021/22	25	136	22,24	131	12	137
Cooks HIll	**Competition Evaluation**	**Prelimary Evaluations**	**Transfers (in/out)**	**Junior Awards**	**SRC**	**Junior Membership**
2025/26	0	0	7,3	0	0	0
2024/25	27	401	12,16	97	5	127
2023/24	64	323	13,5	99	8	136
2022/23	84	295	14,30	67	7	86
2021/22	87	386	19,22	85	4	111
Dixon Park	**Competition Evaluation**	**Prelimary Evaluations**	**Transfers (in/out)**	**Junior Awards**	**SRC**	**Junior Membership**
2025/26	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024/25	0	0	22,34	147	8	154
2023/24	3	66	15, 0	136	4	141
2022/23	22	43	16,30	137	1	138
2021/22	17	60	17,29	136	2	147
Merewether	**Competition Evaluation**	**Prelimary Evaluations**	**Transfers (in/out)**	**Junior Awards**	**SRC**	**Junior Membership**
2025/26	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024/26	18	85	47,47	205	20	337
2023/24	45	85	44,37	364	6	375
2022/23	46	46	33,37	286	14	312
2021/22	29	31	25,40	245	7	253

Redhead	Competition Evaluation	Prelimary Evaluations	Transfers (in/out)	Junior Awards	SRC	Junior Membership
2025/26	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024/26	78	123	32,44	190	10	388
2023/24	144	176	32,0	423	11	429
2022/23	107	190	64,39	331	17	364
2021/22	96	174	49,58	261	10	292
Swansea Belmont	**Competition Evaluation**	**Prelimary Evaluations**	**Transfers (in/out)**	**Junior Awards**	**SRC**	**Junior Membership**
2025/26	0	0	0	0	0	372
2024/26	58	200	75,29	192	10	22
2023/24	1252	125	66,45	0	13	424
2022/23	131	319	100,37	377	18	395
2021/22	147	207	84,28	350	23	
Caves Beach	**Competition Evaluation**	**Prelimary Evaluations**	**Transfers (in/out)**	**Junior Awards**	**SRC**	**Junior Membership**
2025/26	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024/26	80	218	35,34	222	5	230
2023/24	46	98	53,42	209	4	215
2022/23	38	155	29,43	162	5	189
2021/22	56	188	23,43	194	7	219
Catherine Hill Bay	**Competition Evaluation**	**Prelimary Evaluations**	**Transfers (in/out)**	**Junior Awards**	**SRC**	**Junior Membership**
2025/26	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024/26	38	159	14,15	191	6	198
2023/24	56	220	19,9	203	5	210
2022/23	8	120	20,12	169	7	175
2021/22	6	75	12,13	120	8	139

DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORTS



Tara Neal
Director of Surf Sports

As the 2025–26 season concludes, Surf Sports in the Hunter Branch continues to grow from strength to strength. Our Surf Sports competitors are not just athletes; they are the heart and future of our clubs. Their commitment on the sand, in the pool, on the beach and in the surf directly supports the development of fitter, stronger and more capable lifesavers who are ready to respond when it matters most. To all clubs across the Hunter Branch, thank you for the support you continue to provide to our athletes, officials, coaches, volunteers and families throughout another busy and successful season.

The 2025/26 season commenced with the continued rollout of LiveHeats updates across the state. While this created some early adjustment for clubs and officials, the benefits on the beach and following events were clear, helping to support carnival delivery, results management and overall event experience. Thank you to our host clubs for 2025-26 Catherine Hill Bay, Nobbys, Redhead, Swansea Belmont, Caves Beach, Fingal Beach, Stockton. We love that we can spread out carnivals across the Branch. A big thank you to all the workforce parties that assisted us in making the events a success.

Coach and official accreditation remained a key focus throughout the season. We thank SLSNSW for helping drive this priority across the state, including making the coaching course available free of charge to members during the season. This support resulted in nine new coaches being accredited, with a further 15 coaches updating their accreditation or gaining higher qualifications.

The 2025–26 season also saw the return of Under 8 competitors at a dedicated carnival, alongside the delivery of an inclusive carnivals and inclusive Branch Championships. These opportunities gave our youngest members valuable exposure to the carnival environment before progressing to competition in future seasons. It was also wonderful to see our inclusive members participating on the beach, with their enthusiasm and enjoyment adding so much to the experience for everyone involved.

2025–26: A Season of Success

- Australian Surf Life Saving Championships – Youth, Opens and Masters:, 16 Gold, 17silver, and 15 bronze.
- IRB Australian Championships: 2 gold and 6 silver
- Australian Pool Rescue Championships: 4 silver, and 2 bronze.
- SLSNSW State Championships: Hunter athletes secured an impressive medals: 51 gold, 52 silver, and 60 bronze.
- NSW State IRB Championships: 6 gold, 8 silver, and 10 bronze.
- NSW Pool Rescue Championships 6 gold, 5 silver, and 8 bronze.
- Age Branch Championships: 1st Swansea Belmont - 999 points, 2nd Redhead - 818 points, 3rd Cooks Hill - 594
- Open Branch Championships: 1st Redhead - 497 points, 2nd Swansea Belmont - 452 points, 3rd Cooks Hill - 235
- Masters Branch Championships: 1st Newcastle SLSC – 459 points, 2nd Dixon Park – 217, 3rd. Redhead - 201



These achievements highlight the depth of talent within the Hunter, as well as the incredible work being done at club level to support athlete development from juniors through to elite competitors.

Representative Teams

The Hunter was represented during 2025-26 in:

Australian LIfesaving Team	
Kaitlin Rees	Swansea Belmont
Emerson Leadbeatter	Swansea Belmont

NSW Interstate Team	
Kaitlin Rees	Swansea Belmont
Lucinda McNabb	Swansea Belmont

Super Surf Teams League – Hunter & Central Coast Orcas	
Andie Widseth	Redhead
Kane Edwards	Redhead
Emerson Leadbeatter	Swansea Belmont
Stephen Carcary	Swansea Belmont
Greg Tobin	Swansea Belmont

NSW Pool Rescue Team	
Sophie Hamilton	Redhead

NSW IRB Open Team	
Koby Gardiner	Caves Beach
Victoria Coppen	Caves Beach
Makayla Gay	Caves Beach
Jack Hawkins	Nobbys
Connor Johansen	Nobbys

NSW IRB U23 Team	
Bailey Green	Caves Beach
William Coppen	Caves Beach
Zach Mitchell	Caves Beach
Shae Harvey	Caves Beach
Hayley Walmsley	Caves Beach
Adrian Futterleib (Assistant Coach)	Fingal Beach

Interbranch Championships
The Hunter Interbranch team delivered a strong performance in the 2025–26 season, finishing 3rd Overall only 2 points behind 2nd and showcasing the exceptional spirit, unity and sportsmanship of our athletes. The team took out 31 first places over the weekend including both the Male & Female all age board relay.

The team's preparation and performance reflected the dedication of the athletes, coaches, managers, selectors, officials, water safety, support crew and families who worked together to represent the Hunter Branch with pride.

. special thank you to our coaching team, Ethan Whiteman, Pete Sutherland, Ange Leadbeatter, team manager Kristinn Egan and Branch selectors, James White, Mat Egan, Josh Blair and Troy Blatchord. Your leadership, time and care helped bring the team together and ensured our athletes were well supported throughout the campaign. We also acknowledge our, officials, chaperones, water safety, volunteers, families and clubs who contributed to the success of the team.

Across all levels, from our youngest competitors through to Masters, Hunter Branch saw strong participation and growth at club and Branch carnivals throughout the 2025–26 season. Our Branch Championships, twilight beach carnivals, surf carnivals, boat events, IRB rounds, development opportunities and inclusive programs continued to showcase athletic talent while also fostering friendships, club culture and community spirit.

Importantly, many of our athletes were selected into development academies, State teams and National squads and teams, reinforcing the high calibre of the Hunter Surf Sports program. This level of representation reflects not only the commitment of the athletes themselves, but also the quality of coaching, club support and passion for surf lifesaving that runs throughout the Hunter.

For every athlete, there is a network of parents, coaches, officials, team managers, gear stewards, IRB drivers, trailer towers, water safety volunteers, administrators and supporters helping to ensure events run smoothly. Your time, energy and dedication do not go unnoticed, and we thank you sincerely for everything you do.

To all our officials, thank you for your dedication and professionalism in delivering quality carnival experiences for our athletes. Your contribution goes far beyond the clipboard, the LiveHeats band or the finish line; you help create the environment where athletes can thrive, where fairness is upheld, and where the true spirit of Surf Life Saving is celebrated.

Thank you also to the Hunter Branch Executive, Club Directors of Surf Sports, Branch staff and the many volunteers who continue to support Surf Sports across the Hunter. Your leadership, vision and countless hours of work are essential to the ongoing success of our programs.

The 2026–27 season is already shaping up to be another exciting year for Surf Sports in the Hunter. With strong momentum, growing participation and continued club engagement, we look forward to seeing what our athletes and clubs will achieve in the season ahead.

We will continue to build on the success of inclusive programs, flexible carnival formats, development opportunities and major event hosting, while supporting clubs with officials, coaching, accreditation, water safety and event delivery requirements.

Stay active in your clubs, support each other, and keep striving for greatness. We look forward to seeing you all on the sand, in the pool, on the beach and in the surf throughout another incredible season of Surf Sports in the Hunter.

Tara Neal
Director of Surf Sports



2025-26 INTERBRANCH TEAM

Age Group	Name	Club	Name	Club
Under 12	Chloe Blatchford	Redhead	Alexander Wyborn	Swansea Belmont
	Francesca Bromley	Redhead	Max Edenborough	Swansea Belmont
	Indi Hoetzer	Swansea Belmont	Ry Turkington	Swansea Belmont
	Neve Harrison	Swansea Belmont	Theodore Price	Redhead
Under 13	Aluka Yodana	Redhead	Joseph Cootes	Cooks Hill
	Amaya Whiteman	Cooks Hill	Liam Blair	Swansea Belmont
	Piper Williams	Swansea Belmont	Patrick Blair	Swansea Belmont
	Sadie Upton	Stockton	Tex Ayre	Redhead
Under 14	Abigail Kelly	Redhead	Archie Doyle	Swansea Belmont
	Erin Fitchett	Cooks Hill	Chace Harrison	Swansea Belmont
	Ruby Ross	Redhead	Hamish Lawrence	Cooks Hill
	Xander Murdoch	Cooks Hill	Oliver Blatchford	Redhead
Under 15	Asha Hoetzer	Swansea Belmont	Charlie de Carle	Cooks Hill
	Blair Turkington	Swansea Belmont	Charlie Legge	Swansea Belmont
	Grace Van Esveld	Swansea Belmont	Ryan Boustead	Nobbys (NSW)
	Milla Price	Redhead	William Miller	Cooks Hill
Under 17	Alannah Dimmock	Redhead	Hamish Rae	Swansea Belmont
	Alexis Sutherland	Swansea Belmont	Liam Doyle	Swansea Belmont
	Lily Egan	Cooks Hill	Thomas Chalmers	Swansea Belmont
	Lucinda McNabb	Swansea Belmont	William Griffiths	Swansea Belmont



2025-26 NEWCASTLE PERMANENT POINTS SCORE

Age Group		Female Beach		Female Water	
Under 11	1	Xanthe Murrell	Swansea Belmont	Xanthe Murrell	Swansea Belmont
	2	Maggie Starrett	Caves Beach	Lillian Clark	Redhead
	3	Quinn Mittmann	Swansea Belmont	Kyah Fitzsimmons	Swansea Belmont
Under 12	1	Indi Hoetzer	Swansea Belmont	Neve Harrison	Swansea Belmont
	2	Tatiana Krstevski	Cooks Hill	Indi Hoetzer	Swansea Belmont
	3	Chloe Blatchford	Redhead	Lana Murrell	Swansea Belmont
Under 13	1	Aluka Yodana	Redhead	Amaya Whiteman	Cooks Hill
	2	Claudia Evans	Redhead	Piper Williams	Swansea Belmont
	3	Sadie Upton	Stockton	Aluka Yodana	Redhead
Under 14	1	Erin Fitchett	Cooks Hill	Abigail Kelly	Redhead
	2	Abigail Kelly	Redhead	Elli Duncan	Redhead
				Xander Murdoch	Cooks Hill
	3	Mollie Walter	Redhead	Ruby Ross	Redhead
Under 15	1	Amelia Palmer	Swansea Belmont	Grace van Esveld	Swansea Belmont
	2	Asha Hoetzer	Swansea Belmont	Blair Turkington	Swansea Belmont
	3	Milla Price	Redhead	Asha Hoetzer	Swansea Belmont

Age Group		Male Beach		Male Water	
Under 11	1	Gus Butler	Cooks Hill	Lachlan Thompson	Cooks Hill
	2	William Isedale	Stockton	Jacob Chalmers	Swansea Belmont
	3	Archie Mackel	Swansea Belmont	Atticus Dunn	Swansea Belmont
Under 12	1	Alexander Wyborn	Swansea Belmont	Ry Turkington	Swansea Belmont
	2	Theodore Price	Redhead	Max Edenborough	Swansea Belmont
	3	Harry Thurston	Cooks Hill	Benji Clarke	Redhead
Under 13	1=	Liam Blair	Swansea Belmont	Liam Blair	Swansea Belmont
	1=	Tex Ayre	Redhead		
	2	Takumi Golvers	Cooks Hill	Bodhi Cousins	Swansea Belmont
	3	Bronx Dillinger	Redhead	Gabriel Farrow	Cooks Hill
Under 14	1=	Archie Doyle	Swansea Belmont	Chace Harrison	Swansea Belmont
	1=	Oliver Blatchford	Redhead		
	2	Xavier Crosby	Cooks Hill	Oliver Blatchford	Redhead
	3	Tainui Murrell	Swansea Belmont	Tainui Murrell	Swansea Belmont
Under 15	1	Ryan Boustead	Nobbys	Charlie Legge	Swansea Belmont
	2=	Koby Berlin	Stockton	William Miller	Cooks Hill
	2=	William Miller	Cooks Hill		
	3	Sonny Johnston	Stockton	Charlie de Carle	Cooks Hill



BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Age Championships - Caves Beach

30th January - 1st February 2026

Club Results

Swansea Belmont - 1st - 999 points
Redhead - 2nd - 818 points
Cooks Hill - 3rd - 594 points

Event	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
U9 Female 250m Beach Run	Eedie Phillips (Redhead SLSC)	Neve Austin (Redhead SLSC)	Gabriella Read (Redhead SLSC)
U9 Female Beach Flags	Isla Byrne (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Myah Fittock (Redhead SLSC)	Frankie Robinson (Stockton SLSC)
U9 Female Beach Sprint	Isla Byrne (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Eedie Phillips (Redhead SLSC)	Myah Fittock (Redhead SLSC)
U9 Female Board Race	Eedie Phillips (Redhead SLSC)	Allyson Chen (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Myah Fittock (Redhead SLSC)
U9 Female Surf Race	Gabriella Read (Redhead SLSC)	Zahli Frost (Caves Beach SLSC)	Eedie Phillips (Redhead SLSC)
U9 Male 250m Beach Run	Hugh Coats (Redhead SLSC)	Remi Annett (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Duncan White (Stockton SLSC)
U9 Male Beach Flags	Billy Howard (Dixon Park SLSC)	Hugh Coats (Redhead SLSC)	Isaac Clark (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U9 Male Beach Sprint	Hugh Coats (Redhead SLSC)	Billy Howard (Dixon Park SLSC)	Remi Annett (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U9 Male Board Race	Duncan White (Stockton SLSC)	Lewis Taylor (Caves Beach SLSC)	Harry Cadd (Caves Beach SLSC)
U9 Male Surf Race	Kai Williams (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Huksly Cox (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Montgomery Pearse (Dixon Park SLSC)
U10 Female 250m Beach Run	Zara Dagwell (Cooks Hill SLSC), Charlie Ball (Swansea Belmont		Blake Hawkins (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U10 Female Beach Flags	Blake Hawkins (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Miela Mccloy (Stockton SLSC)	Zara Dagwell (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U10 Female Beach Sprint	Quincy Wallace (Redhead SLSC)	Blake Hawkins (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Miela Mccloy (Stockton SLSC)
U10 Female Board Race	Miela Mccloy (Stockton SLSC)	Oceah Cousins (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Quincy Wallace (Redhead SLSC)
U10 Female Surf Race	Macie Mcgrady (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Oceah Cousins (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Hannah McFarland (Redhead SLSC)
U10 Male 250m Beach Run	Brax Cousins (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Ned Bonney (Newcastle SLSC)	Sully Moulton (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U10 Male Beach Flags	Archie Thurston (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Archer Dunn (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	James Coleman (Cooks Hill SLSC)

Event	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
U10 Male Beach Sprint	Brax Cousins (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Sully Moulton (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Tom Stenhouse (Merewether SLSC)
U10 Male Board Race	James Coleman (Cooks Hill SLSC), Chase Hubbard (Swansea		Brax Cousins (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U10 Male Surf Race	James Coleman (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Amos West (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Brax Cousins (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Female 1km Beach Run	Miller Austin (Redhead SLSC)	Maggie Starrett (Caves Beach SLSC)	Quinn Mittmann (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Female Beach Flags	Sailor Grintell (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Miller Austin (Redhead SLSC)	Kyah Fitzsimmons (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Female Beach Sprint	Miller Austin (Redhead SLSC)	Xanthe Murrell (Swansea Belmont SLSC), Sailor Grintell (Swansea	
U11 Female Board Race	Xanthe Murrell (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Kyah Fitzsimmons (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Grace Coutts (Caves Beach SLSC)
U11 Female Ironperson	Kyah Fitzsimmons (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Lillian Clark (Redhead SLSC)	Xanthe Murrell (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Female Surf Race	Lillian Clark (Redhead SLSC)	Xanthe Murrell (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Kyah Fitzsimmons (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Male 1km Beach Run	Lachlan Thompson (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Gus Butler (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Finlay Traill (Newcastle SLSC)
U11 Male Beach Flags	William Isedale (Stockton SLSC)	Gus Butler (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Archie Mackel (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Male Beach Sprint	William Isedale (Stockton SLSC)	Archie Mackel (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Gus Butler (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U11 Male Board Race	Jacob Chalmers (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Lachlan Thompson (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Nicholas Kerfoot (Caves Beach SLSC)
U11 Male Ironperson	Lachlan Thompson (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Jonah Whiteman (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Jacob Chalmers (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Male Surf Race	Lachlan Thompson (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Cadin Bryant (Redhead SLSC)	Jacob Chalmers (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U12 Female 1km Beach Run	Indi Hoetzer (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Francesca Bromley (Redhead SLSC)	Georgie Withyman (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U12 Female Beach Flags	Tatiana Krstevski (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Chloe Blatchford (Redhead SLSC)	Indie Murdoch (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U12 Female Beach Sprint	Indi Hoetzer (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Tatiana Krstevski (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Neve Harrison (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U12 Female Board Race	Neve Harrison (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Indi Hoetzer (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Georgie Withyman (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U12 Female Ironperson	Neve Harrison (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Indi Hoetzer (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Georgie Withyman (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U12 Female Surf Race	Neve Harrison (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Indi Hoetzer (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Georgie Withyman (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U12 Male 1km Beach Run	Ry Turkington (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Theodore Price (Redhead SLSC)	Alexander Wyborn (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U12 Male Beach Flags	Ryan Marples (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Harry Thurston (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Eamon Clark (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U12 Male Beach Sprint	Alexander Wyborn (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Ryan Marples (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Harry Thurston (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U12 Male Board Race	Ry Turkington (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Theodore Price (Redhead SLSC)	Benji Clarke (Redhead SLSC)

Event	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
U12 Male Ironperson	Ry Turkington (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Benji Clarke (Redhead SLSC)	Max Edenborough (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U12 Male Surf Race	Ry Turkington (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Lennox Pascoe (Stockton SLSC)	Max Edenborough (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U13 Female 2km Beach Run	Claudia Evans (Redhead SLSC)	Isabella Park (Newcastle SLSC)	
U13 Female Beach Flags	Aluka Yodana (Redhead SLSC)	Claudia Evans (Redhead SLSC)	Lucy Sams (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U13 Female Beach Sprint	Aluka Yodana (Redhead SLSC)	Sadie Upton (Stockton SLSC)	Lucy Sams (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U13 Female Board Race	Amaya Whiteman (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Piper Williams (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Claudia Evans (Redhead SLSC)
U13 Female Ironperson	Amaya Whiteman (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Piper Williams (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Aluka Yodana (Redhead SLSC)
U13 Female Surf Race	Amaya Whiteman (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Piper Williams (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Aluka Yodana (Redhead SLSC)
U13 Male 2km Beach Run	Zirk Wilhelm Lombard (Caves Beach SLSC)	Theo Moulton (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Bodhi Cousins (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U13 Male Beach Flags	Takumi Golvers (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Tex Ayre (Redhead SLSC)	Taj Mccloy (Stockton SLSC)
U13 Male Beach Sprint	Liam Blair (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Tex Ayre (Redhead SLSC)	Takumi Golvers (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U13 Male Board Race	Tex Ayre (Redhead SLSC)	Liam Blair (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Bodhi Cousins (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U13 Male Ironperson	Liam Blair (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Gabriel Farrow (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Patrick Blair (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U14 Female 2km Beach Run	Mollie Walter (Redhead SLSC)	Elsie Howe (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Sienna Parker (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U14 Female Beach Flags	Erin Fitchett (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Abigail Kelly (Redhead SLSC)	Kalani Britt (Redhead SLSC)
U14 Female Beach Sprint	Erin Fitchett (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Abigail Kelly (Redhead SLSC)	Kalani Britt (Redhead SLSC)
U14 Female Board Race	Abigail Kelly (Redhead SLSC)	Ruby Ross (Redhead SLSC)	Allira Cook (Redhead SLSC)
U14 Female Ironperson	Abigail Kelly (Redhead SLSC)	Ruby Ross (Redhead SLSC)	Audrey Robertson (Redhead SLSC)
U14 Female Surf Race	Abigail Kelly (Redhead SLSC)	Xander Murdoch (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Elli Duncan (Redhead SLSC)
U14 Male 2km Beach Run	Tainui Murrell (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Theo Murrell (Stockton SLSC)	Xavier Crosby (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U14 Male Beach Flags	Nate Bernard (Stockton SLSC)	Oliver Blatchford (Redhead SLSC)	Xavier Crosby (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U14 Male Beach Sprint	Oliver Blatchford (Redhead SLSC)	Xavier Crosby (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Nate Bernard (Stockton SLSC)
U14 Male Board Race	Bede Davidson (Redhead SLSC)	Chace Harrison (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Oliver Blatchford (Redhead SLSC)
U14 Male Ironperson	Chace Harrison (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Tainui Murrell (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Bede Davidson (Redhead SLSC)
U14 Male Surf Race	Chace Harrison (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Hamish Lawrence (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Oliver Blatchford (Redhead SLSC)

Event	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
All Age Beach Relay	R Annett, C Ball, X Murrell, I Hoetzer, L Blair, A Doyle (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	I Clark, A Cullen, G Butler, T Krstevski, T Golvers, E Fitchett (Cooks Hill SLSC)	H Coats, O Bourke, H Degan, C Blatchford, T Ayre, A Kelly (Redhead SLSC)
All Age Board Relay	K Williams, O Cousins, X Murrell, I Hoetzer, L Blair, C Harrison (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	H Cox, B Hawkins, K Fitzsimmons, N Harrison, B Cousins, D Murdoch (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	H Coats, Q Wallace, L Clark, B Clarke, T Ayre, A Kelly (Redhead SLSC)
U9 Female 2 x 250m Beach Run Relay	E Phillips, N Austin (Redhead SLSC)	F Robinson, L Johnston (Stockton SLSC)	I Byrne, S Sutton (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U9 Female Beach Relay	E Phillips, N Austin, G Read, M Fittock (Redhead SLSC)	S Goldman, W Dunn, C Goodwin, O Hardy (Redhead SLSC)	F Robinson, S Robinson, A Burns, L Johnston (Stockton SLSC)
U9 Female Beach Relay	E Phillips, N Austin, G Read, M Fittock (Redhead SLSC)	S Goldman, W Dunn, C Goodwin, O Hardy (Redhead SLSC)	F Robinson, S Robinson, A Burns, L Johnston (Stockton SLSC)
U9 Female Board Relay	E Phillips, O Hardy, M Fittock (Redhead SLSC)	S Goldman, C Goodwin, W Dunn (Redhead SLSC)	
U9 Female Surf Team	E Phillips, M Fittock, G Read, C Goodwin (Redhead SLSC)	S Goldman, W Dunn, O Hardy, N Austin (Redhead SLSC)	
U9 Male 2 x 250m Beach Run Relay	H Coats, L Heape (Redhead SLSC)	R Annett, J Tobin (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	L Taylor, O Dezius (Caves Beach SLSC)
U9 Male Beach Relay	L Taylor, O Dezius, H Cadd, A Calvert-Evers (Caves Beach SLSC)	H Coats, L Heape, L Scott, B Ellis (Redhead SLSC)	J Tobin, H Cox, K Williams, R Annett (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U9 Male Board Relay	D White, T Blackwood, H Randall (Stockton SLSC)	B Ellis, L Scott, L Heape (Redhead SLSC)	O Dezius, H Cadd, L Taylor (Caves Beach SLSC)
U9 Male Surf Team	B Ellis, L Scott, H Coats, T Peden (Redhead SLSC)	K Williams, H Cox, J Tobin, R Annett (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	D White, T Blackwood, H Randall, G Jobbins (Stockton SLSC)
U9 Mixed 2 x 250m Beach Run Relay	E Phillips, H Coats (Redhead SLSC)	D White, F Robinson (Stockton SLSC)	L Heape, N Austin (Redhead SLSC)
U9 Mixed Beach Relay	H Coats, E Phillips, L Heape, N Austin (Redhead SLSC)	L Taylor, Z Frost, A Calvert-Evers, A Williams (Caves Beach SLSC)	L Scott, G Read, B Ellis, O Hardy (Redhead SLSC)
U9 Mixed Cameron Relay	K Williams, R Annett, A Chen (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	E McCloy, J Tobin, H Cox (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	
U10 Female 2 x 250m Beach Run Relay	B Hawkins, O Cousins (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	C Ball, B Hines (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	A Cullen, Z Dagwell (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U10 Female Beach Relay	C Ball, B Hawkins, E Blair, O Cousins (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	A Calvert-Evers, M Donnelly, Z Waring, H Lenton (Caves Beach SLSC)	A Cullen, Z Dagwell, S Sutton, I Byrne (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U10 Female Board Relay	O Cousins, B Hawkins, M Mcgrady (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Q Wallace, B Bohringer, A Peden (Redhead SLSC)	A Chen, E McCloy, E Littlewood (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U10 Female Surf Team	O Cousins, M Mcgrady, B Hawkins, B Hines (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	H McFarland, Q Wallace, B Bohringer, A Peden (Redhead SLSC)	M Mccloy, P Buckley, M Burr, E Johnston (Stockton SLSC)

Event	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
U10 Male Beach Relay	L Marples, B Cousins, C Hubbard, J Hubbard (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	A Thurston, J Coleman, S Moulton, H Brander (Cooks Hill SLSC)	I Clark, G Eldridge, W Thorning, A West (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U10 Male Board Relay	B Cousins, S Evenden, C Hubbard (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	J Coleman, S Moulton, G Eldridge (Cooks Hill SLSC)	E Asmar, C Rue, O Dezius (Caves Beach SLSC)
U10 Male Surf Team	J Coleman, A West, O Bevan, G Eldridge (Cooks Hill SLSC)	B Cousins, S Evenden, C Hubbard, A Dunn (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	R Smith, E Asmar, L Wray, A Sagi (Caves Beach SLSC)
U10 Mixed 2 x 250m Beach Run Relay	C Ball, B Cousins (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	O Cousins, L Marples (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	B Hawkins, C Hubbard (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U10 Mixed Beach Relay	L Marples, B Hawkins, C Ball, B Cousins (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	C Hubbard, B Hines, J Hubbard, O Cousins (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	O Bourke, Q Wallace, S Bromley, B Bohringer (Redhead SLSC)
U10 Mixed Cameron Relay	B Hawkins, A Dunn, M Mcgrady (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	E Asmar, R Smith, O Anthony (Caves Beach SLSC)	S Bromley, B Bohringer, Q Wallace (Redhead SLSC)
U11 Female 2 x 500m Beach Run Relay	L Clark, M Austin (Redhead SLSC)	X Murrell, Q Mittmann (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	M Starrett, G Coutts (Caves Beach SLSC)
U11 Female Beach Relay	S Grintell, X Murrell, S Williams, Q Mittmann (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	M Starrett, K Frost, Z Fisher, G Coutts (Caves Beach SLSC)	H Degan, L Clark, M Austin, K Duncan (Redhead SLSC)
U11 Female Board Relay	X Murrell, K Fitzsimmons, S Williams (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	F Crake, Q Mittmann, S Shannon (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	G Coutts, K Frost, M Starrett (Caves Beach SLSC)
U11 Female Board Rescue	K Fitzsimmons, X Murrell (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Z Fisher, A Hadfield (Caves Beach SLSC)	M Asmar, M Starrett (Caves Beach SLSC)
U11 Female Surf Team	X Murrell, K Fitzsimmons, G Blair, F Crake (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	L Clark, H Degan, K Duncan, Q Wallace (Redhead SLSC)	K Frost, A Hadfield, M Starrett, G Coutts (Caves Beach SLSC)
U11 Male 2 x 500m Beach Run Relay	G Butler, L Thompson (Cooks Hill SLSC)	J Whiteman, S Crosby (Cooks Hill SLSC)	W Dezius, N Kerfoot (Caves Beach SLSC)
U11 Male Beach Relay	J Chalmers, A Mackel, A Dunn, J Fuller (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	G Butler, L Thompson, L Roberts, S Crosby (Cooks Hill SLSC)	D Alcock, J Taylor, N Kerfoot, W Dezius (Caves Beach SLSC)
U11 Male Board Relay	G Butler, L Thompson, J Whiteman (Cooks Hill SLSC)	J Chalmers, A Mackel, J Fuller (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	W Dezius, J Taylor, N Kerfoot (Caves Beach SLSC)
U11 Male Board Rescue	J Chalmers, A Dunn (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	L Thompson, J Whiteman (Cooks Hill SLSC)	A Mackel, J Fuller (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Mixed Cameron Relay	L Clark, M Austin, C Bryant (Redhead SLSC)	K Fitzsimmons, Q Mittmann, A Dunn (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	J Chalmers, A Mackel, X Murrell (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U12 Female 2 x 500m Beach Run Relay	I Hoetzer, L Murrell (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	G Withyman, A Howe (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	E Dagwell, T Krstevski (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U12 Female Beach Relay	I Hoetzer, N Harrison, S Murdoch, L Murrell (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	E Dagwell, I Murdoch, T Krstevski, Z Bevan (Cooks Hill SLSC)	C Blatchford, F Bromley, M Coats, I Dunn (Redhead SLSC)

Event	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
U12 Female Board Relay	I Hoetzer, N Harrison, G Withyman (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	C Blatchford, F Bromley, I Dunn (Redhead SLSC)	L Murrell, A Howe, S Murdoch (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U12 Female Board Rescue	I Hoetzer, N Harrison (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	G Withyman, L Murrell (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	I Murdoch, Z Bevan (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U12 Female Surf Team	I Hoetzer, N Harrison, L Murrell, G Withyman (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	E Dagwell, I Murdoch, T Krstevski, Z Bevan (Cooks Hill SLSC)	C Blatchford, F Bromley, I Dunn, F Gillard (Redhead SLSC)
U12 Male 2 x 500m Beach Run Relay	R Turkington, A Wyborn (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	T Price, A Condon (Redhead SLSC)	H Gillard, O Callander (Redhead SLSC)
U12 Male Beach Relay	E Clark, H Thurston, G Butler, S Crosby (Cooks Hill SLSC)	A Wyborn, R Marples, R Turkington, C Ball (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	H Gillard, A Condon, T Price, O Callander (Redhead SLSC)
U12 Male Board Relay	G Butler, L Thompson, J Whiteman (Cooks Hill SLSC)	H Gillard, B Clarke, T Price (Redhead SLSC)	R Turkington, M Edenborough, C Ball (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U12 Male Board Rescue	J Buckley, L Pascoe (Stockton SLSC)	R Turkington, M Edenborough (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	L Thompson, J Whiteman (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U12 Male Surf Team	R Turkington, M Edenborough, A Mccloy, C Ball (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	B Clarke, T Price, H Gillard, O Callander (Redhead SLSC)	E Clark, H Thurston, L Thompson, J Whiteman (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U12 Mixed 2 x 500m Beach Run Relay	F Bromley, T Price (Redhead SLSC)	R Turkington, I Hoetzer (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	L Thompson, I Murdoch (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U12 Mixed Beach Relay	I Hoetzer, N Harrison, A Wyborn, R Marples (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	E Clark, H Thurston, T Krstevski, E Dagwell (Cooks Hill SLSC)	C Blatchford, A Condon, H Gillard, F Bromley (Redhead SLSC)
U12 Mixed Cameron Relay	R Turkington, I Hoetzer, N Harrison (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	M Edenborough, A Wyborn, L Murrell (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	G Withyman, R Marples, A Mccloy (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U13 Female 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay	A Whiteman, P Sutherland (Cooks Hill SLSC)	L Thompson, M Ashley (Cooks Hill SLSC)	I Park, G Skehan (Newcastle SLSC)
U13 Female Beach Relay	A Yodana, C Evans, M Phillips, S Goldman (Redhead SLSC)	E Woods, E Hone, C Berlin, S Upton (Stockton SLSC)	A Whiteman, S Coleman, D Marshall, P Sutherland (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U13 Female Board Relay	A Whiteman, P Sutherland, D Marshall (Cooks Hill SLSC)	P Williams, B Brooks, I Mackel (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	A Yodana, C Evans, M Phillips (Redhead SLSC)
U13 Female Board Rescue	P Sutherland, A Whiteman (Cooks Hill SLSC)	B Brooks, P Williams (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	C Evans, A Yodana (Redhead SLSC)
U13 Female Cameron Relay	P Sutherland, S Coleman, A Whiteman (Cooks Hill SLSC)	C Evans, S Goldman, A Yodana (Redhead SLSC)	B Brooks, L Sams, P Williams (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U13 Female Surf Team	A Whiteman, P Sutherland, L Thompson, D Marshall (Cooks Hill SLSC)	P Williams, B Brooks, I Mackel, E Fuller (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	M Ashley, S Coleman, Z Bevan, I Murdoch (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U13 Male 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay	B Cousins, B Taylor (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	P Blair, C Hawkins (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	J Cootes, T Moulton (Cooks Hill SLSC)

Event	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
U13 Male Beach Relay	L Blair, P Blair, B Cousins, B Taylor (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	T Ayre, B Dillinger, O Pizzey, M Evans (Redhead SLSC)	T Golvers, G Farrow, N Collins, T Moulton (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U13 Male Board Relay	L Blair, P Blair, B Cousins (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	T Ayre, B Dillinger, M Evans (Redhead SLSC)	J Cootes, G Farrow, T Moulton (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U13 Male Board Rescue	B Cousins, L Blair (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	B Taylor, P Blair (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	B Dillinger, T Ayre (Redhead SLSC)
U13 Male Cameron Relay	B Cousins, P Blair, L Blair (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	G Farrow, Z West, T Golvers (Cooks Hill SLSC)	J Cootes, B Hodgson, T Moulton (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U13 Male Surf Team	L Blair, P Blair, B Cousins, B Taylor (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Z West, B Hodgson, J Cootes, G Farrow (Cooks Hill SLSC)	T Ayre, B Dillinger, B McFarland, M Evans (Redhead SLSC)
U13 Mixed 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay	M Evans, C Evans (Redhead SLSC)	T Moulton, A Whiteman (Cooks Hill SLSC)	S Goldman, P Bohringer (Redhead SLSC)
U13 Mixed Beach Relay	T Ayre, C Evans, B Dillinger, A Yodana (Redhead SLSC)	O Pizzey, S Goldman, M Evans, M Phillips (Redhead SLSC)	T Mccloy, A Johnston, S Upton, C Berlin (Stockton SLSC)
U14 Female 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay	A Kelly, M Walter (Redhead SLSC)	E Howe, S Parker (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	E Fitchett, X Murdoch (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U14 Female Beach Relay	A Kelly, M Walter, K Britt, E Duncan (Redhead SLSC)	E Fitchett, X Murdoch, Z Filactos, D Marshall (Cooks Hill SLSC)	A Rowe, E King, R Ross, A Cook (Redhead SLSC)
U14 Female Board Rescue	A Cook, A Kelly (Redhead SLSC)	K Britt, A Robertson (Redhead SLSC)	E Howe, S Parker (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U14 Female Cameron Relay	R Ross, K Britt, A Kelly (Redhead SLSC)	A Cook, M Walter, E Duncan (Redhead SLSC)	E Fitchett, Z Filactos, X Murdoch (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U14 Female Surf Teams	A Kelly, E Duncan, R Ross, A Robertson (Redhead SLSC)	E Fitchett, Z Filactos, X Murdoch, A Whiteman (Cooks Hill SLSC)	A Rowe, E King, A Cook, K Britt (Redhead SLSC)
U14 Male Board Rescue	T Murrell, C Harrison (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	B Davidson, O Blatchford (Redhead SLSC)	J Degan, T Bryant (Redhead SLSC)
U14 Male Cameron Relay	B Davidson, J Degan, O Blatchford (Redhead SLSC)	D Murdoch, A Doyle, C Harrison (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	T Murrell, C Hawkins, L Urbanowicz (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U14 Male Surf Team	C Harrison, T Murrell, L Urbanowicz, D Murdoch (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	B Davidson, O Blatchford, J Degan, T Bryant (Redhead SLSC)	H Lawrence, X Crosby, Z West, J Cootes (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U14 Mixed 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay	O Blatchford, A Kelly (Redhead SLSC)	M Walter, J Degan (Redhead SLSC)	H Lawrence, X Murdoch (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U14 Mixed Beach Relay	O Blatchford, B Davidson, A Kelly, K Britt (Redhead SLSC)	X Crosby, H Lawrence, E Fitchett, X Murdoch (Cooks Hill SLSC)	M Walter, J Degan, R Ross, T Bryant (Redhead SLSC)

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30th January - 1st February 2026

Event	First Place	Second Place
U9 Female Beach Flags	Stevie Robinson (Stockton SLSC)	Iggy Perry (Newcastle SLSC)
U9 Female Beach Sprint	Stevie Robinson (Stockton SLSC)	Iggy Perry (Newcastle SLSC)
U10 Female Beach Flags	Elyse Hall (Redhead SLSC)	
U10 Female Beach Sprint	Elyse Hall (Redhead SLSC)	
U10 Female Run-Wade-Run	Elyse Hall (Combined SLSC)	
U10 Female Wade Race	Elyse Hall (Redhead SLSC)	
U10 Male Beach Flags	George Cranch (Redhead SLSC)	Ryder Lowe (Redhead SLSC)
U10 Male Beach Sprint	Ryder Lowe (Redhead SLSC)	George Cranch (Redhead SLSC)
U10 Male Run-Wade-Run	Ryder Lowe (Combined SLSC)	George Cranch (Combined SLSC)
U10 Male Wade Race	George Cranch (Redhead SLSC)	Ryder Lowe (Redhead SLSC)
U11 Female Beach Flags	Josephine Gillard (Redhead SLSC)	
U11 Female Beach Sprint	Josephine Gillard (Redhead SLSC)	
U11 Female Run-Wade-Run	Josephine Gillard (Combined SLSC)	
U11 Female Wade Race	Josephine Gillard (Redhead SLSC)	
U13 Female Beach Flags	Natalie Aldridge (Cooks Hill SLSC)	
U13 Female Beach Sprint	Natalie Aldridge (Cooks Hill SLSC)	
U13 Female Run-Wade-Run	Natalie Aldridge (Combined SLSC)	
U13 Female Wade Race	Natalie Aldridge (Cooks Hill SLSC)	
U15 Male Beach Flags	Koby Wolfenden (Redhead SLSC)	
U15 Male Beach Sprint	Koby Wolfenden (Redhead SLSC)	
U15 Male Run-Wade-Run	Koby Wolfenden (Combined SLSC)	
U15 Male Wade Race	Koby Wolfenden (Redhead SLSC)	
U9 Female Wade Race	Iggy Perry (Newcastle SLSC)	Stevie Robinson (Stockton SLSC)

Open Championships - Redhead Beach

8th February 2026

Club Results

Redhead - 1st - 497 points
Swansea Belmont - 2nd - 453 points
Cooks Hill - 3rd - 235 points

Event	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
U15 Female 2km Beach Run	Asha Hoetzer (Swansea Belmont SLSC)		
U15 Female Beach Flags	Amelia Palmer (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Milla Price (Redhead SLSC)	Evie Harrison (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U15 Female Beach Sprint	Evie Harrison (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Amelia Palmer (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Milla Price (Redhead SLSC)
U15 Female Board Race	Grace Van Esveld (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Kaili Williams (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Milla Price (Redhead SLSC)
U15 Female Ironperson	Blair Turkington (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Grace Van Esveld (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Asha Hoetzer (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U15 Female Surf Race	Blair Turkington (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Ayla Collins (Redhead SLSC)	Kaili Williams (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U15 Male 2km Beach Run	Marvyn Conrick (Redhead SLSC)	Charlie De Carle (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Sunny Hoffman (Redhead SLSC)
U15 Male Beach Flags	Ryan Boustead (Nobbys (NSW) SLSC)	Koby Berlin (Stockton SLSC)	Sonny Johnston (Stockton SLSC)
U15 Male Beach Sprint	Ryan Boustead (Nobbys (NSW) SLSC)	Koby Berlin (Stockton SLSC)	William Miller (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U15 Male Board Race	Marvyn Conrick (Redhead SLSC)	William Miller (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Charlie Legge (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U15 Male Ironperson	William Miller (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Charlie Legge (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Charlie De Carle (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U15 Male Surf Race	Charlie Legge (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	William Miller (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Charlie De Carle (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U17 Female Beach Flags	Angelica Kerfoot (Caves Beach SLSC)	Peyton Gay (Caves Beach SLSC)	
U17 Female Beach Sprint	Gabrielle Waerea (Newcastle SLSC)	Angelica Kerfoot (Caves Beach SLSC)	Peyton Gay (Caves Beach SLSC)
U17 Female Board Race	Lilah Kelly (Redhead SLSC)	Alannah Dimmock (Redhead SLSC)	India Davidson (Redhead SLSC)
U17 Female Ironperson	Lily Egan (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Alannah Dimmock (Redhead SLSC)	Lilah Kelly (Redhead SLSC)
U17 Female Single Ski	Alannah Dimmock (Redhead SLSC)	India Davidson (Redhead SLSC)	Lily Egan (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U17 Female Surf Race	Gabrielle Parmeter (Cooks Hill SLSC)	India Davidson (Redhead SLSC)	
U17 Male 2km Beach Run	Thomas Chalmers (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Mitchell Chalmers (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	William Griffiths (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U17 Male Beach Flags	William Griffiths (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Hamish Rae (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Will Munro (Swansea Belmont SLSC)

Event	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
U17 Male Beach Sprint	William Griffiths (Swansea Belmont SLSC)		
U17 Male Board Race	Hamish Rae (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Mitchell Chalmers (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Thomas Chalmers (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U17 Male Ironperson	Liam Doyle (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Will Munro (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Thomas Chalmers (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U17 Male Single Ski	Hamish Rae (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Liam Doyle (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Rocco Ayre (Redhead SLSC)
U19 Female Beach Flags	Arlia Retzlaff (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Jessica Mcdonald (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Briella Gyler-Dial (Caves Beach SLSC)
U19 Female Beach Sprint	Arlia Retzlaff (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Jessica Mcdonald (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Briella Gyler-Dial (Caves Beach SLSC)
U19 Female Board Race	Bronte Bowker (Redhead SLSC)		
U19 Female Single Ski	Bronte Bowker (Redhead SLSC)		
U19 Male Beach Flags	Rory Garnett (Redhead SLSC)	Brodie Macadam (Redhead SLSC)	
U19 Male Board Race	Brodie Wright (Redhead SLSC)	Brodie Macadam (Redhead SLSC)	Kane Edwards (Redhead SLSC)
U19 Male Single Ski	Thomas Hall (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Darcy Masia (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Brodie Wright (Redhead SLSC)
Open Female 2km Beach Run	Arlia Retzlaff (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Gabrielle Parmeter (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Jessica Mcdonald (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Open Female Beach Flags	Victoria Coppen (Caves Beach SLSC)	Angelica Kerfoot (Caves Beach SLSC)	Peyton Gay (Caves Beach SLSC)
Open Female Beach Sprint	Arlia Retzlaff (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Victoria Coppen (Caves Beach SLSC)	Annika Toohey (Redhead SLSC)
Open Female Board Race	Alannah Dimmock (Redhead SLSC)	Bronte Bowker (Redhead SLSC)	Mayla Cotterell (Redhead SLSC)
Open Female Ironperson	Alannah Dimmock (Redhead SLSC)	Bronte Bowker (Redhead SLSC)	
Open Female Single Ski	Bronte Bowker (Redhead SLSC)	Imogen Egan (Cooks Hill SLSC)	India Davidson (Redhead SLSC)
Open Female Surf Race	Lily Egan (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Lilah Kelly (Redhead SLSC)	Katelyn Drain (Redhead SLSC)
Open Male 2km Beach Run	Jonathan Price (Redhead SLSC)	William Griffiths (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	
Open Male Beach Flags	Evan O'Hanlon (Redhead SLSC)	William Griffiths (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Hamish Rae (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
Open Male Beach Sprint	William Griffiths (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Evan O'Hanlon (Redhead SLSC)	Liam Doyle (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
Open Male Board Race	Thomas Chalmers (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Kai Cook (Redhead SLSC)	Mitchell Chalmers (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
Open Male Ironperson	Kane Edwards (Redhead SLSC)	Thomas Chalmers (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Hamish Rae (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
Open Male Single Ski	Darcy Masia (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Aidan Rae (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Jet Hoffman (Redhead SLSC)
Open Male Surf Race	Liam Doyle (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Will Munro (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Thomas Chalmers (Swansea Belmont SLSC)

Event	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
U15 Female 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay	A Hoetzer, G Van Esveld (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	E Robinson, C Bernard (Stockton SLSC)	
U15 Female Beach Relay	A Palmer, E Harrison, B Turkington, A Hoetzer (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	M Price, E Duncan, A Cook, A Kelly (Redhead SLSC)	
U15 Female Board Relay	G Van Esveld, K Williams, B Turkington (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	A Kelly, M Price, J Watts (Redhead SLSC)	E Duncan, R Ross, A Collins (Redhead SLSC)
U15 Female Board Rescue	G Van Esveld, B Turkington (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	K Williams, A Hoetzer (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	M Price, A Kelly (Redhead SLSC)
U15 Female Cameron Relay	G Van Esveld, E Harrison, B Turkington (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	M Price, J Watts, A Collins (Redhead SLSC)	R Ross, A Robertson, A Kelly (Redhead SLSC)
U15 Female Rescue Tube Race	B Turkington (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	M Price (Redhead SLSC)	K Williams (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U15 Female Surf Team	A Hoetzer, K Williams, B Turkington, G Van Esveld (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	A Collins, E Duncan, J Watts, A Kelly (Redhead SLSC)	
U15 Male 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay	C De Carle, W Miller (Cooks Hill SLSC)	S Hoffman, M Conrick (Redhead SLSC)	T Murrell, Q Hone (Stockton SLSC)
U15 Male Beach Relay	S Johnston, K Berlin, N Bernard, Q Hone (Stockton SLSC)	S Hoffman, B Davidson, M Conrick, D Dillinger (Redhead SLSC)	W Miller, S Ward, A Marshall, C De Carle (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U15 Male Board Relay	W Miller, C De Carle, A Marshall (Cooks Hill SLSC)	M Conrick, B Davidson, S Hoffman (Redhead SLSC)	O Blatchford, D Dillinger, Z Hepple (Redhead SLSC)
U15 Male Board Rescue	W Miller, C De Carle (Cooks Hill SLSC)	B Davidson, Z Hepple (Redhead SLSC)	M Conrick, S Hoffman (Redhead SLSC)
U15 Male Cameron Relay	W Miller, A Marshall, C De Carle (Cooks Hill SLSC)	M Conrick, S Hoffman, O Blatchford (Redhead SLSC)	N Bernard, K Berlin, T Wagner (Stockton SLSC)
U15 Male Rescue Tube Race	C Legge (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	W Miller (Cooks Hill SLSC)	C De Carle (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U15 Male Surf Team	W Miller, C De Carle, S Ward, A Marshall (Cooks Hill SLSC)		
U17 Female Board Relay	A Dimmock, I Davidson, L Kelly (Redhead SLSC)		
U17 Female Board Rescue	I Davidson, L Kelly (Redhead SLSC)	L Egan, G Parmeter (Cooks Hill SLSC)	A Dimmock, K Drain (Redhead SLSC)
U17 Female Single Ski Relay	A Dimmock, L Kelly, I Davidson (Redhead SLSC)		
U17 Female Taplin Relay	L Kelly, A Dimmock, S Hamilton (Redhead SLSC)		

Event	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Open Female Board Rescue	V Coppen, M Gay (Caves Beach SLSC)	P Gay, B Gyler-Dial (Caves Beach SLSC)	
Open Female Double Ski	K Drain, A Dimmock (Redhead SLSC)	B Bowker, L Kelly (Redhead SLSC)	
Open Female Rescue Tube Race	V Coppen (Caves Beach SLSC)	B Gyler-Dial (Caves Beach SLSC)	M Gay (Caves Beach SLSC)
Open Female Surf Team	P Gay, M Gay, V Coppen, B Gyler-Dial (Caves Beach SLSC)		
Open Female Taplin Relay	M Cotterell, A Toohey, S Hamilton (Redhead SLSC)	M Gay, V Coppen, B Gyler-Dial (Caves Beach SLSC)	
Open Male Board Relay	B Macadam, B Wright, B Cook (Redhead SLSC)	W Ward, J de Carle, A Masia (Cooks Hill SLSC)	
Open Male Board Rescue	B Wright, K Edwards (Redhead SLSC)	B Conrick, M Conrick (Redhead SLSC)	D Ward, B Green (Caves Beach SLSC)
Open Male Double Ski	B Macadam, B Wright (Redhead SLSC)	A Rae, D Masia (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	T Hall, L Rae (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
Open Male Single Ski Relay	T Hall, T Williams, H Rae (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	B Ross, B Wright, B Cook (Redhead SLSC)	L Rae, A Rae, T Chalmers (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
Open Male Taplin Relay	B Macadam, B Wright, R Garnett, B Cook, J Hoffman, K Edwards (Redhead SLSC)		J Dwyer, B Ross, B Conrick (Redhead SLSC)
Open Mixed Double Ski	J de Carle, I Egan (Cooks Hill SLSC)	K Drain, A Clarke (Redhead SLSC)	A Toohey, D Little (Redhead SLSC)

Surf Boat Championships - Fingal Beach SLSC

31st January 2026

Event	First Place	Second Place
160 yrs min Female Surf Boat	S Withyman, B Everson, J Curtis, E Gale, M Rees (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	
220 yrs min Male Surf Boat	G Webster, C Bird, D Matheson, R James, J Illfield (Redhead SLSC)	E Bergsma, P Larkin, M Staff, E Gatehouse, S Howell (Fingal Beach SLSC)
260 yrs min Male Surf Boat	P Wilkinson, P Murray, P Hunt, I Kerr, S Barclay (Dixon Park SLSC)	
Reserve Grade Female Surf Boat	V Coppen, P Lowe, A Coppen, A Richards, G Coppen (Caves Beach SLSC)	B Quinn, M Quinn, S Quinn, C Screen, M Quinn (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Reserve Grade Male Surf Boat	B Green, S Coppen, D Ward, L Coppen, G Coppen (Caves Beach SLSC)	A Cummins, C Hughes, B Somers, M Robertson, J Illfield (Redhead SLSC)
60-69 yrs Male Single Ski	Ray Terrill (Redhead SLSC)	Paul Murray (Dixon Park SLSC)

Masters Championships- Stockton

14th February 2026

Club Results

Newcastle - 1st - 459 points
Dixon Park - 2nd - 217 points
Redhead - 3rd - 201 points

Event	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
30-39 yrs Female 2Km Beach Run	Daniel Brauer (Redhead SLSC)	Francesca Mortell (Newcastle SLSC)	Shane Abrahamson (Redhead SLSC)
30-39 yrs Female Beach Flags	Francesca Mortell (Newcastle SLSC)	Stephanie Guy (Newcastle SLSC)	Rose Anderson (Dixon Park SLSC)
30-39 yrs Female Beach Sprint	Stephanie Guy (Newcastle SLSC)	Francesca Mortell (Newcastle SLSC)	Rose Anderson (Dixon Park SLSC)
30-39 yrs Female Board Race	Stephanie Guy (Newcastle SLSC)	Alice Nolan (Newcastle SLSC)	Francesca Mortell (Newcastle SLSC)
30-39 yrs Female Ironperson	Stephanie Guy (Newcastle SLSC)		
30-39 yrs Female Single Ski	Francesca Mortell (Newcastle SLSC)	Stephanie Guy (Newcastle SLSC)	
30-39 yrs Female Surf Race	Stephanie Guy (Newcastle SLSC)	Louise Mackay (Newcastle SLSC)	Tara Puklowski (Stockton SLSC)
30-39 yrs Male 2Km Beach Run	Lachlan Pearse (Dixon Park SLSC)	Juan Ramuno (Dixon Park SLSC)	Michael Collins (Newcastle SLSC)

Event	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
30-39 yrs Male Beach Flags	Evan O'Hanlon (Redhead SLSC)	Juan Ramuno (Dixon Park SLSC)	Lachlan Pearse (Dixon Park SLSC)
30-39 yrs Male Beach Sprint	Evan O'Hanlon (Redhead SLSC)	Juan Ramuno (Dixon Park SLSC)	Lachlan Pearse (Dixon Park SLSC)
30-39 yrs Male Board Race	Brendan Kaczorowski (Newcastle SLSC)	Lachlan Pearse (Dixon Park SLSC)	Jack Harkness (Newcastle SLSC)
30-39 yrs Male Ironperson	Lachlan Pearse (Dixon Park SLSC)	Brendan Kaczorowski (Newcastle SLSC)	
30-39 yrs Male Single Ski	Lachlan Pearse (Dixon Park SLSC)	Jack Harkness (Newcastle SLSC)	
30-39 yrs Male Surf Race	Lachlan Pearse (Dixon Park SLSC)	Jack Harkness (Newcastle SLSC)	Brendan Kaczorowski (Newcastle SLSC)
40-49 yrs Female 2Km Beach Run	Marnie Long (Dixon Park SLSC)	Emma Benn (Newcastle SLSC)	
40-49 yrs Female Beach Flags	Marnie Long (Dixon Park SLSC)	Emma Benn (Newcastle SLSC)	
40-49 yrs Female Beach Sprint	Michela Ciulla (Newcastle SLSC)	Emma Benn (Newcastle SLSC)	Marnie Long (Dixon Park SLSC)
40-49 yrs Female Board Race	Kerry Ward (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Emma Benn (Newcastle SLSC)	Marnie Long (Dixon Park SLSC)
40-49 yrs Female Single Ski	Kerry Ward (Cooks Hill SLSC)		
40-49 yrs Female Surf Race	Cherie Smith-Van Dam (Redhead SLSC)	Emma Benn (Newcastle SLSC)	Michela Ciulla (Newcastle SLSC)
40-49 yrs Male 2Km Beach Run	Vladimir Shatrov (Dixon Park SLSC)	Matthew Kent (Redhead SLSC)	Timothy Wilkinson (Dixon Park SLSC)
40-49 yrs Male Beach Flags	Anthony Croke (Nobbys (NSW) SLSC)	Chris Berlin (Stockton SLSC)	Troy McClelland (Dixon Park SLSC)
40-49 yrs Male Beach Sprint	Chris Berlin (Stockton SLSC)	Anthony Croke (Nobbys (NSW) SLSC)	Anthony Willis (Newcastle SLSC), Troy McClelland (Dixon Park SLSC)
40-49 yrs Male Board Race	Jonathan Price (Redhead SLSC)	Matthew Kent (Redhead SLSC)	Brendon Ross (Redhead SLSC)
40-49 yrs Male Ironperson	Brendon Ross (Redhead SLSC)	Jonathan Price (Redhead SLSC)	Glen Bernard (Stockton SLSC)
40-49 yrs Male Single Ski	Jason Upton (Stockton SLSC)	Glen Bernard (Stockton SLSC)	Brendon Ross (Redhead SLSC)
40-49 yrs Male Surf Race	Brendon Ross (Redhead SLSC)	Dean Little (Redhead SLSC)	Clint Bryant (Redhead SLSC)
50-59 yrs Female 2Km Beach Run	Melissa Mitchell (Newcastle SLSC)		
50-59 yrs Female Beach Flags	Melissa Mitchell (Newcastle SLSC)	Meaghan Mcgregor (Newcastle SLSC)	
50-59 yrs Female Beach Sprint	Melissa Mitchell (Newcastle SLSC)	Meaghan Mcgregor (Newcastle SLSC)	
50-59 yrs Female Board Race	Kylie Whitbread (Stockton SLSC)	Elizabeth Lusby (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Kiani Kingston (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
50-59 yrs Female Single Ski	Kylie Whitbread (Stockton SLSC)	Natasha Ryan (Cooks Hill SLSC)	

Event	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
50-59 yrs Female Surf Race	Elizabeth Lusby (Cooks Hill SLSC)	Kylie Whitbread (Stockton SLSC)	Kiani Kingston (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
50-59 yrs Male 2Km Beach Run	Steven Mitchell (Newcastle SLSC)	Adam Metcalf (Newcastle SLSC)	
50-59 yrs Male Beach Flags	Steven Mitchell (Newcastle SLSC)	Brad Hunter (Redhead SLSC)	Adam Metcalf (Newcastle SLSC)
50-59 yrs Male Board Race	Adam Metcalf (Newcastle SLSC)	Shane Abrahamson (Redhead SLSC)	Mark Masia (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
50-59 yrs Male Ironperson	Adam Metcalf (Newcastle SLSC)		
50-59 yrs Male Single Ski	Andrew Hatcher (Redhead SLSC)	Shane Suska (Redhead SLSC)	Adam Metcalf (Newcastle SLSC)
50-59 yrs Male Surf Race	Adam Metcalf (Newcastle SLSC)	Mark Masia (Swansea Belmont SLSC)	Scott Graham (Newcastle SLSC)
60-69 yrs Female 1Km Beach Run	Amanda Plumsted (Stockton SLSC)	Patricia Stallard (Merewether SLSC)	
60-69 yrs Female Beach Flags	Patricia Stallard (Merewether SLSC)	Lee Howes (Newcastle SLSC)	Deb Lawson (Newcastle SLSC)
60-69 yrs Female Beach Sprint	Patricia Stallard (Merewether SLSC)	Deb Lawson (Newcastle SLSC)	
60-69 yrs Female Board Race	Lee Howes (Newcastle SLSC)	Jane Harris (Stockton SLSC)	Amanda Plumsted (Stockton SLSC)
60-69 yrs Female Ironperson	Lee Howes (Newcastle SLSC)		
60-69 yrs Female Single Ski	Lee Howes (Newcastle SLSC)		
60-69 yrs Female Surf Race	Lee Howes (Newcastle SLSC)	Amanda Plumsted (Stockton SLSC)	Deb Lawson (Newcastle SLSC)
60-69 yrs Male 1Km Beach Run	Peter Eden (Dixon Park SLSC)	Peter Wilkinson (Dixon Park SLSC)	Richard Ledger (Newcastle SLSC)
60-69 yrs Male Beach Flags	Peter Eden (Dixon Park SLSC)	Richard Ledger (Newcastle SLSC)	
60-69 yrs Male Beach Sprint	Peter Eden (Dixon Park SLSC)	Richard Ledger (Newcastle SLSC)	Peter Wilkinson (Dixon Park SLSC)
60-69 yrs Male Board Race	Ray Terrill (Redhead SLSC)	Gavin STEWART (Dixon Park SLSC)	Peter Wilkinson (Dixon Park SLSC)
60-69 yrs Male Single Ski	Ray Terrill (Redhead SLSC)	Paul Murray (Dixon Park SLSC)	Gavin STEWART (Dixon Park SLSC)
60-69 yrs Male Surf Race	John Lawson (Newcastle SLSC)	Gavin STEWART (Dixon Park SLSC)	Richard Ledger (Newcastle SLSC)
70 yrs & Over Male 1Km Beach Run	Anthony Logue (Tea Gardens Hawks Nest SLSC)	John Gifford (Caves Beach SLSC)	Alan Metcalf (Newcastle SLSC)
70 yrs & Over Male Beach Flags	Alan Metcalf (Newcastle SLSC)		
70 yrs & Over Male Beach Sprint	Alan Metcalf (Newcastle SLSC)		
70 yrs & Over Male Board Race	Paul Carter (Caves Beach SLSC)	Alan Metcalf (Newcastle SLSC)	
70 yrs & Over Male Single Ski	Paul Carter (Caves Beach SLSC)	John Gifford (Caves Beach SLSC)	Alan Metcalf (Newcastle SLSC)
70 yrs & Over Male Surf Race	Paul Carter (Caves Beach SLSC)	Alan Metcalf (Newcastle SLSC)	

Event	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Masters Female Beach Relay	F Mortell, S Guy, M Ciulla, E Benn (Newcastle SLSC)	M Long, N Pedraza, L Barnett, R Anderson (Dixon Park SLSC)	M Mitchell, L Mackay, D Lawson, M Mcgregor (Newcastle SLSC)
Masters Female Board Relay	F Mortell, S Guy, A Nolan (Newcastle SLSC)	K Whitbread, A Plumsted, J Harris (Stockton SLSC)	L Howes, M Mitchell, E Benn (Newcastle SLSC)
Masters Female Board Rescue	F Mortell, S Guy (Newcastle SLSC)	K Ward, E Lusby (Cooks Hill SLSC)	M Mitchell, E Benn (Newcastle SLSC)
Masters Female Double Ski	F Mortell, L Howes (Newcastle SLSC)	J Harris, K Whitbread (Stockton SLSC)	S Guy, M Mitchell (Newcastle SLSC)
Masters Female Single Ski Relay	L Howes, F Mortell, S Guy (Newcastle SLSC)		
Masters Female Surf Team	L Howes, S Guy, F Mortell (Newcastle SLSC)	L Mackay, E Benn, M Ciulla (Newcastle SLSC)	T Puklowski, K Whitbread, A Plumsted (Stockton SLSC)
Masters Female Taplin	F Mortell, L Howes, S Guy (Newcastle SLSC)	J Harris, K Whitbread, T Puklowski (Stockton SLSC)	
Masters Male Beach Relay	A Willis, L Sasse, S Mitchell, B Kaczorowski (Newcastle SLSC)	B Hunter, S Abrahamson, J Price, E O'Hanlon (Redhead SLSC)	T McClelland, P Eden, T Wilkinson, A Parker (Dixon Park SLSC)
Masters Male Board Relay	M Kent, J Price, B Ross (Redhead SLSC)	R Hone, G Bernard, J White (Stockton SLSC)	A Clarke, R Terrill, S Abrahamson (Redhead SLSC)
Masters Male Board Rescue	J Dwyer, B Ross (Redhead SLSC)	M Kent, A Hatcher (Redhead SLSC)	B Kaczorowski, J Harkness (Newcastle SLSC)
Masters Male Double Ski	S Suska, A Hatcher (Redhead SLSC)	G Bernard, J Upton (Stockton SLSC)	R Hone, J White (Stockton SLSC)
Masters Male Single Ski Relay	G Bernard, J White, J Upton (Stockton SLSC)	A Hatcher, B Ross, S Suska (Redhead SLSC)	D Little, A Clarke, M Kent (Redhead SLSC)
Masters Male Surf Team	J Lawson, A Metcalf, J Harkness (Newcastle SLSC)	J Dwyer, J Price, B Ross (Redhead SLSC)	D Brauer, M Kent, D Little (Redhead SLSC)
Masters Male Taplin	M Kent, S Suska, D Little (Redhead SLSC)	J White, G Bernard, C Berlin (Stockton SLSC)	D Brauer, A Clarke, B Ross (Redhead SLSC)
Masters Mixed Double Ski	J Harris, J White (Stockton SLSC)	A Metcalf, L Howes (Newcastle SLSC)	K Whitbread, C Whitbread (Stockton SLSC)

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Age - Swansea Belmont

19th-22nd February 2026

Club Results

Swansea Belmont - 3rd - 226 points
Cooks Hill - 12th - 72 points
Redhead - 13th - 72 points
Caves Beach - 33rd - 19 points
Stockton - 40th - 10 points
Dixon Park 54th - 1 point

Event	Place	Name
U9 Female Beach Flags	2	Isla Byrne (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U9 Male Board Race	3	Lewis Taylor (Caves Beach SLSC)
U10 Male Board Race	1	James Coleman (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U10 Male Board Race	2	Brax Cousins (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Female Board Race	1	Xanthe Murrell (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Female Board Race	2	Kyah Fitzsimmons (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Female Ironperson	1	Lillian Clark (Redhead SLSC)
U11 Female Surf Race	3	Xanthe Murrell (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Male 1km Beach Run	2	Gus Butler (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U11 Male Board Race	1	Jacob Chalmers (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Male Board Race	2	Lachlan Thompson (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U11 Male Ironperson	3	Lachlan Thompson (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U12 Female Board Race	1	Indi Hoetzer (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U12 Female Ironperson	1	Neve Harrison (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U12 Female Ironperson	2	Indi Hoetzer (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
All Age Board Relay	1	C Harrison, L Blair, I Hoetzer, X Murrell, O Cousins, K Williams (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U9 Female Beach Relay	2	E Phillips, N Austin, M Fittock, O Hardy (Redhead SLSC)



Event	Place	Name
U9 Female Board Relay	2	E Phillips, M Fittock, S Goldman (Redhead SLSC)
U9 Male Surf Teams	3	H Coats, L Scott, T Peden, B Ellis (Redhead SLSC)
U10 Male Board Relay	2	J Coleman, G Eldridge, S Moulton (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U10 Male Surf Teams	2	J Coleman, A West, O Bevan, G Eldridge (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U10/U11 2 Person R&R	2	Q Mittmann, O Sams (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Female Beach Relay	1	S Grintell, X Murrell, S Williams, Q Mittmann (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Female Board Relay	1	X Murrell, K Fitzsimmons, F Crake (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Female Board Rescue	1	K Fitzsimmons, X Murrell (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Female Board Rescue	3	M Asmar, M Starrett (Caves Beach SLSC)
U11 Male 2 x 500m Beach Run Relay	1	G Butler, L Thompson (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U11 Male Board Relay	1	J Chalmers, A Dunn, J Fuller (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Male Board Rescue	3	J Chalmers, A Dunn (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Male Surf Teams	2	A Dunn, J Fuller, J Chalmers, A Mackel (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Mixed Cameron Relay	1	J Chalmers, A Mackel, X Murrell (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U11 Mixed Cameron Relay	2	L Clark, M Austin, C Bryant (Redhead SLSC)
U12 Female Board Relay	1	G Withyman, N Harrison, I Hoetzer (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U12 Female Board Rescue	2	I Hoetzer, N Harrison (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U12 Female Board Rescue	3	G Withyman, L Murrell (Swansea Belmont SLSC

Event	Place	Name
U12 Female Surf Teams	2	I Hoetzer, N Harrison, L Murrell, G Withyman (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U12 Mixed Cameron Relay	3	R Turkington, N Harrison, I Hoetzer (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U13 Male Board Relay	1	L Blair, B Cousins, P Blair (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U13 Male Board Rescue	1	B Cousins, L Blair (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U13 Male Cameron Relay	1	B Cousins, P Blair, L Blair (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U13 Male Surf Team	2	L Blair, P Blair, B Cousins, B Taylor (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U14 Male Board Relay	2	B Davidson, J Degan, O Blatchford (Redhead SLSC
U14 Male Board Rescue	3	C Harrison, T Murrell (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U14 Male Surf Team	2	C Harrison, T Murrell, D Murdoch, L Urbanowicz (Swansea Belmont SLSC)



SLSNSW Open Championships - Swansea Belmont

27th February - 1st March 2026

Club Results

Swansea Belmont - 7th - 172 points
Redhead - 11th - 116 points
Cooks Hill - 26th - 24 points
Nobbys - 36th - 7 points

Event	Place	Name
U15 Male Beach Sprint	2	Ryan Boustead (Nobbys (NSW) SLSC)
U17 Female Beach Flags	2	Lucinda McNabb (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U17 Female Ironperson	1	Alexis Sutherland (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U17 Female Single Ski	2	Alannah Dimmock (Redhead SLSC)
U17 Female Surf Race	3	Alexis Sutherland (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U17 Male 2km Beach Run	1	Mitchell Chalmers (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U17 Male Single Ski	3	Rocco Ayre (Redhead SLSC)
U19 Female 2Km Beach Run	2	Arlia Retzlaff (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U19 Female 2Km Beach Run	3	Jessica Mcdonald (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U19 Female Beach Flags	3	Emerson Leadbeatter (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U19 Female Beach Sprint	2	Emerson Leadbeatter (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U19 Female Board Race	2	Kaitlin Rees (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U19 Female Ironperson	2	Kaitlin Rees (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U19 Female Ironperson	3	Tully Elliott (Redhead SLSC)
U19 Female Single Ski	2	Tully Elliott (Redhead SLSC)
U19 Female Surf Race	3	Kaitlin Rees (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U19 Male Surf Race	1	Alexander Walker (Swansea Belmont SLSC)

Event	Place	Name
Open Female Board Race	3	Tully Elliott (Redhead SLSC)
Open Male Board Race	3	Daniel Collins (Redhead SLSC)
Open Male Surf Race	2	Daniel Collins (Redhead SLSC)
U15 Female Board Relay	3	A Kelly, M Price, J Watts (Redhead SLSC)
U15 Female Cameron Relay	2	G Van Esveld, B Turkington, E Harrison (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U17 Female Board Rescue	3	L Egan, G Parmeter (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U17 Female Single Ski Relay	2	A Dimmock, L Kelly, I Davidson (Redhead SLSC)
U17 Female Surf Belt Race	3	R Garnett, J Hoffman, A Clarke, B Wright, S Hamilton (Redhead SLSC)
U17 Male Board Relay	3	W Paterson, H Rae, W Munro (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U17 Male Single Ski Relay	3	W Paterson, W Griffiths, W Munro (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U19 Female 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay	3	A Retzlaff, J McDonald (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U19 Female Board Relay	3	T Elliott, B Bowker, A Dimmock (Redhead SLSC)
U19 Female Rescue Tube Rescue	1	K Drain, T Elliott, A Widseth, S Hamilton (Redhead SLSC)
U19 Female Single Ski Relay	1	T Elliott, A Widseth, B Bowker (Redhead SLSC)
U19 Female Surf Belt Race	1	R Garnett, B Macadam, B Wright, J Hoffman, A Widseth (Redhead SLSC)
U19 Female Surf Teams	2	K Rees, Z Campbell, K Kingston, A Sutherland (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U19 Female Taplin Relay	2	K Rees, K Kingston, A Sutherland (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U19 Male Board Relay	2	S Carcary, B Foran, X Coates (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U19 Male Board Rescue	2	B Foran, X Coates (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U19 Male Double Ski	2	S Murphy, T Hall (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U19 Male Double Ski	3	B Macadam, B Wright (Redhead SLSC)
U19 Male Taplin Relay	3	K Cook, B Wright, K Edwards (Redhead SLSC)
U19 Mixed Double Ski	1	K Rees, T Hall (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U19 Female Boats	3	E Gill, D Blackwood, O Smith, T Sinclair, G Ross (Sweep) (Stockton SLSC)

Masters- Swansea Belmont

25th-26th February 2026

Club Results

Redhead - 8th - 153 points
Newcastle 21st - 77 points
Stockton - 22nd - 76 points
Swansea Belmont - 29th 44 points
Dixon Park - 35th - 28 points
Cooks Hill - 50th - 12 points
Merewether - 51st - 12 points
Nobbys - 64th - 5 points

Event	Place	Name
30-34 yrs Female Beach Flags	1	Francesca Mortell (Newcastle SLSC)
35-39 yrs Female Rescue Tube Race	3	Stephanie Guy (Newcastle SLSC)
35-39 yrs Male Beach Sprint	3	Evan O'Hanlon (Redhead SLSC)
35-39 yrs Male Tube Rescue Tube	1	Lachlan Pearse (Dixon Park SLSC)
40-44 yrs Male Single Ski	1	Adam Rowe (Redhead SLSC)
40-44 yrs Male Single Ski	3	Glen Bernard (Stockton SLSC)
40-44 yrs Male Rescue Tube Race	2	Clint Bryant (Redhead SLSC)
45-49 yrs Female Single Ski	3	Kerry Ward (Cooks Hill SLSC)
45-49 yrs Male Beach Flags	1	Michael Waghorn (Caves Beach SLSC)
45-49 yrs Male Beach Flags	2	Wade Alcock (Caves Beach SLSC)
45-49 yrs Male 2kn Beach Run	2	Jonathan Price (Redhead SLSC)
45-49 yrs Male Board Race	2	Brendon Ross (Redhead SLSC)
45-49 yrs Male Board Race	3	Matthew Kent (Redhead SLSC)
45-49 yrs Male Ironperson	2	Brendon Ross (Redhead SLSC)
45-49 yrs Male Single Ski	1	Nathan Croal (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
45-49 yrs Male Single Ski	3	Stephen Ford (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
50-54 yrs Male Single Ski	2	Shane Suska (Redhead SLSC)

Event	Place	Name
50-54 yrs Male Single Ski	3	Steven Masia (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
55-59 yrs Female Beach Flags	3	Susannah Doran (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
55-59 yrs Female Beach Sprint	3	Sharon Taylor (Tea Gardens Hawks Nest SLSC)
55-59 yrs Female Board Race	1	Bonnie Danuser (Stockton SLSC)
55-59 yrs Female Single Ski	3	Bonnie Danuser (Stockton SLSC)
60-64 yrs Female Board Race	2	Lee Howes (Newcastle SLSC)
60-64 yrs Male Beach Flags	3	Paul Wright (Caves Beach SLSC)
65-69 yrs Female Beach Flags	3	Patricia Stallard (Merewether SLSC)
65-69 yrs Male Beach Flags	1	Paul Brady (Dixon Park SLSC)
65-69 yrs Male Single Ski	1	Ray Terrill (Redhead SLSC)
70-74 yrs Male Single Ski	1	Paul Carter (Caves Beach SLSC)
70-74 yrs Male Rescue Tube Race	2	Paul Carter (Caves Beach SLSC)
75 yrs & Over Female Beach Sprint	3	Jan Logue (Tea Gardens Hawks Nest SLSC)
75 yrs & Over Male Beach Sprint	1	Anthony Logue (Tea Gardens Hawks Nest SLSC)
75 yrs & Over Male Beach Sprint	3	Alan Metcalf (Newcastle SLSC)
30-34 yrs Female Double Ski	3	L Howes, F Mortell (Newcastle SLSC)
35-39 yrs Female Double Ski	3	K Mulquiney, B Danuser (Stockton SLSC)
35-39 yrs Male Board Rescue	2	L Pearse, T Wilkinson (Dixon Park SLSC)
40-44 yrs Male Board Rescue	3	J Dwyer, B Ross (Redhead SLSC)
40-44 yrs Male Double Ski	3	G Bernard, J Upton (Stockton SLSC)
45-49 yrs Male Board Rescue	1	J Price, M Kent (Redhead SLSC)
45-49 yrs Male Double Ski	1	S Ford, N Croal (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
50-54 yrs Male Double Ski	1	S Buggy, A Hatcher (Redhead SLSC)
50-54 yrs Male Double Ski	3	M Masia, S Masia (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
60-64 yrs Male Double Ski	1	R Henderson, A Boyce (Redhead SLSC)



Event	Place	Name
60-64 yrs Male Double Ski	3	J Rowlatt, J Anderson (Stockton SLSC)
65-69 yrs Male Double Ski	2	G Mears, S Brinkley (Nobbys (NSW) SLSC)
70-74 yrs Male Double Ski	1	P Carter, R Hunt (Caves Beach SLSC)
110 yrs min Male Single Ski Relay	1	B Ross, I Costello, A Rowe (Redhead SLSC)
110 yrs min Male Surf Teams	2	M Kent, B Ross, D Morgan (Redhead SLSC)
130 yrs min Female Surf Teams	1	A Nolan, L Howes, S Guy (Newcastle SLSC)
130 yrs min Male Board Relay	1	B Ross, J Price, M Kent (Redhead SLSC)
130 yrs min Male Single Ski Relay	1	G Bernard, J Upton, J White (Stockton SLSC)
130 yrs min Male Surf Teams	2	P Scott, C Bryant, J Price (Redhead SLSC)
130 yrs min Male Taplin	2	I Costello, S Suska, M Kent (Redhead SLSC)
150 yrs min Female Taplin	3	K Mulquiney, J Dryden, K Whitbread (Stockton SLSC)
150 yrs min Male Single Ski Relay	1	P Scott, S Suska, A Hatcher (Redhead SLSC)
150 yrs min Male Single Ski Relay	3	M Masia, S Masia, N Croal (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
150 yrs min Male Taplin	2	J Dwyer, A Boyce, B Ross (Redhead SLSC)
170 yrs min Female Board Relay	3	K Whitbread, J Dryden, B Danuser (Stockton SLSC)
170 yrs min Female Single Ski Relay	2	K Whitbread, J Dryden, B Danuser (Stockton SLSC)

2026 NSW Pool Rescue Championships

9th - 10th May 2026

Cranbrook School Aquatic Centre

Event	Place	Name
Women 11 Year Olds 50 LC Meter w Fins	1	Indie Murdoch (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Women 11 Year Olds 100 LC Meter Line Throw 8m	2	Indie Murdoch (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Women 13 Year Olds 100 LC Meter Line Throw 10m	3	Zaharenya Filactos (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Women 14 Year Olds 200 LC Meter Obstacles	2	Xander Murdoch (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Women 14 Year Olds 100 LC Meter Manikin Tow w fins	3	Xander Murdoch (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Women 14 Year Olds 50 LC Meter w Fins	3	Xander Murdoch (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Men 12 Year Olds 100 LC Meter Brick Carry w Fins	1	Zeke West (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Men 12 Year Olds 50 LC Meter Brick Carry	1	Zeke West (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Men 12 Year Olds 50 LC Meter Brick Carry	2	Zeke West (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Men 13 Year Olds 100 LC Meter Line Throw 10m	2	Hamish Lawrence (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Men 13 Year Olds 50 LC Meter w Fins	2	Hamish Lawrence (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Men 13 Year Olds 100 LC Meter Brick Carry w Fins	3	Hamish Lawrence (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Men 13 Year Olds 100 LC Meter Manikin Tow w fins	3	Hamish Lawrence (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Men 13 Year Olds 100 LC Meter Obstacles	3	Hamish Lawrence (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Men 14 Year Olds 100 LC Meter Line Throw 12.5m	3	Will Miller (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Men 14 Year Olds 50 LC Meter Rescue Medley	13	Will Miller (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Mixed 12-13 100 LC Meter Relay Brick Relay	1	G Farrow, Z Filactos, H Lawrence , Z West (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Mixed 12-13 200 LC Meter Relay Medley Relay	1	G Farrow, B Hodgson, H Lawrence , Z West (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Mixed 12-13 200 LC Meter Relay Obstacle Relay	1	G Farrow, B Hodgson, H Lawrence , Z West (Cooks Hill SLSC)

2026 NSW IRB Championships

3rd - 5th July 2026

Fingal Beach SLSC

Club Results

Caves Beach - 1st - 143 points

Nobbys - 10th - 16 points

Sharkskin IRB Premiership

Caves Beach - 1st - 456points

Nobbys - 10th - 84 points

Fingal Beach - 15th - 2 points

Event	Place	Name
35+ Female Mass	1	N Murrell, E Angel, R Angel, Z Angel (Caves Beach SLSC)
35+ Female Rescue	1	B Boyle, J Fealy, K Gardiner (Caves Beach SLSC)
45+ Open Rescue	1	S Smith, D Bowmaker, Z Angel (Caves Beach SLSC)
45+ Open Tube	1	D Bowmaker, S Bryant, L Walmsley (Caves Beach SLSC)
Rookie Mass	1	D Wilks, D Wilks, C Jones, J Fealy (Caves Beach SLSC)
U23 Male Tube	1	C Johansen, J Hawkins, R Hawkins (Nobbys (NSW) SLSC)
35+ Female Teams	2	L Shearer, N Murrell, S Mitchell, E Angel, D Ward, Z Angel (Caves Beach SLSC)
35+ Female Tube	2	E Angel, N Murrell, L Warzecha (Caves Beach SLSC)
45+ Open Mass	2	S Smith, D Bowmaker, D Ward, Z Angel (Caves Beach SLSC)
45+ Open Teams	2	P Walmsley, S Smith, D Bowmaker, S Bryant, E Wallace-Smith, Z Angel (Caves Beach SLSC)
Open Female Rescue	2	M Gay, V Coppen, K Gardiner (Caves Beach SLSC)
Open Male Tube	2	C Johansen, S Foster, J Hawkins (Nobbys (NSW) SLSC)
U23 Female Mass	2	H Walmsley, S Harvey, D Ward, S Ward (Caves Beach SLSC)
U23 Female Teams	2	B Gyler-Dial, H Walmsley, T Harvey, S Harvey, V Coppen, K Gardiner (Caves Beach SLSC)



Event	Place	Name
35+ Female Tube	3	L Shearer, S Mitchell, M Lobston (Caves Beach SLSC)
Open Female Rescue	3	J Jones, S Harvey, W Coppen (Caves Beach SLSC)
Open Female Teams	3	M Gay, H Walmsley, V Coppen, E Wallace-Smith, S Coppen, Z Mitchell (Caves Beach SLSC)
Open Female Tube	3	H Walmsley, S Harvey, W Coppen (Caves Beach SLSC)
Open Male Teams	3	L Warzecha, R Angel, O Kleyn, B Green, V Coppen, Z Mitchell (Caves Beach SLSC)
Open Mixed Relay	3	B Gyler-Dial, T Harvey, R Oxenbridge, Z Mitchell, J Fealy, E Wallace-Smith, C Fisher, D Wilks, C Jones, W Coppen, L Walmsley, R Gough, E Angel, B Glanville, D Bowmaker, S Coppen (Caves Beach SLSC)
U23 Female Tube	3	B Gyler-Dial, T Harvey, L Walmsley (Caves Beach SLSC)
U23 Male Mass	3	R Angel, B Green, V Coppen, E Angel (Caves Beach SLSC)
U23 Male Rescue	3	S Coppen, F Wallace-Smith, S Harvey (Caves Beach SLSC)
U23 Male Teams	3	R Angel, S Coppen, B Green, F Wallace-Smith, L Warzecha, K Gardiner (Caves Beach SLSC)

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Youth Championships
21st - 24th March 2026

Event	Place	Name
U13 Female Beach Sprint	1	Sadie Upton (Stockton SLSC)
U13 Male Board Race	1	Tex Ayre (Redhead SLSC)
U13 Male Surf Race	1	Liam Blair (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U14 Male Board Race	3	Chace Harrison (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U14 Male Champion Lifesaver	2	Hamish Lawrence (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U15 Male Beach Sprint	3	Ryan Boustead (Nobbys (NSW) SLSC)
U13 Male Board Relay	3	G Farrow, J Cootes, B Hodgson (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U13 Male Board Rescue	1	B Cousins, L Blair (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U13 Male Cameron Relay	1	B Cousins, P Blair, C Hawkins, L Blair (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U13 Male Surf Team	2	L Blair, P Blair, B Cousins, O Legge (Swansea Belmont SLSC)



AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Open Championships
25th to 29th March 2026

Club Results

Swansea Belmont - 14th - 67 points
Redhead - 22nd - 40 points
Cooks Hill - 47th - 11 points

Event	Place	Name
U17 Male 2km Beach Run	2	Thomas Chalmers (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
Under 17 Female Shortboard	2	India Davidson (Redheac SLSC)
U19 Female 2Km Beach Run	3	Arlia Retzlaff (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U19 Female Board Race	1	Kaitlin Rees (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U19 Female Single Ski	1	Tully Elliott (Redhead SLSC)
U19 Ironwoman	3	Kaitlin Rees (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U17 Male 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay	1	W Griffiths, M Chalmers (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U19 Female 2 x 1km Beach Run Relay	3	A Retzlaff, J McDonald (Cooks Hill SLSC)
U19 Female Beach Relay	2	E Leadbeatter, L Da Rocha, L McNabb, P Doran (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U19 Female Double Ski	1	K Rees, X Calov (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U19 Female Double Ski	2	A Widseth, T Elliott (Redhead SLSC)
U19 Male Board Rescue	3	B Foran, X Coates (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
U19 Male Single Ski Relay	3	D Masia, S Murphy, T Hall (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
Open Male Board Rescue	1	D Collins, B Cook (Redhead SLSC)

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Masters Championships
23rd - 26th March 2026

Event	Place	Name
40-44 yrs Male Single Ski	3	Adam Rowe (Redhead SLSC)
40-44 yrs Male Surf Race	2	Ethan Whiteman (Cooks Hill SLSC)
45-49 yrs Female 2Km Beach Run	1	Angela Leadbeatter (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
45-49 yrs Ironman	2	Brendon Ross (Redhead SLSC)
45-49 yrs Male Board Race	3	Brendon Ross (Redhead SLSC)
45-49 yrs Male Single Ski	3	Stephen Ford (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
50-54 yrs Male Board Race	2	Joel de Carle (Cooks Hill SLSC)
50-54 yrs Male Single Ski	2	Peter Scott (Redhead SLSC)
55-59 yrs Female 2Km Beach Run	22	Sharon Taylor (Tea Gardens Hawks Nest SLSC)
55-59 yrs Male 2Km Beach Run	2	Mark Breasley (Cooks Hill SLSC)
60-64 yrs Male Board Race	1	John Rowlatt (Stockton SLSC)
65-69 yrs Male Beach Flags	3	Paul Brady (Dixon Park SLSC)
75 yrs & Over Female Beach Sprint	2	Jan Logue (Tea Gardens Hawks Nest SLSC)
75 yrs & Over Male 1Km Beach Run	1	Anthony Logue (Tea Gardens Hawks Nest SLSC)
40-44 yrs Male Double Ski	2	S Ford, G Tobin (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
45-49 yrs Male Board Rescue	2	M Kent, J Price (Redhead SLSC)
50-54 yrs Male Double Ski	2	S Masia, M Masia (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
50-54 yrs Male Board Rescue	3	J de Carle, J Webber (Cooks Hill SLSC)

Club Results

Newcastle - 31st - 51 points
Redhead - 37th - 45 points
Swansea Belmont - 47th - 32 points
Cooks Hill - 59th - 19 points
Stockton - 62nd - 18 points
TGHN - 65th - 16 points
Dixon Park - 121st - 4 points

Event	Place	Name
130 yrs min Male Board Relay	1	M Kent, B Ross, J Price (Redhead SLSC)
130 yrs min Male Single Ski Relay	1	S Ford, S Masia, G Tobin (Swansea Belmont SLSC)
150 yrs min Male Single Ski Relay	3	P Scott, A Hatcher, D Little (Redhead SLSC)
230 yrs min Male Beach Relay	2	M Waghorn, W Alcock, W Thomson, J Gifford (Caves Beach SLSC)





2026 Australian IRB Championships

16th - 19th July 2026

South West Rocks, NSW

Event	Place	Name
Masters Female IRB Tube Rescue	1	E Angel, N Murrell, L Walmsley (Caves Beach SLSC)
Open Mixed IRB Relay	1	M Gay, V Coppen, P Gay, K Gardiner, H Walmsley, S Harvey, Z Angel, R Angel, D Ward, B Green, F Wallace-Smith, E Angel, J Jones, B Glanville, D Bowmaker, S Coppen (Caves Beach SLSC)
Masters Female IRB Teams Rescue	2	L Shearer, N Murrell, S Mitchell, E Angel, D Ward, Z Angel (Caves Beach SLSC)
Masters Female IRB Tube Rescue	2	J Fealy, B Boyle, Z Mitchell (Caves Beach SLSC)
Open Female IRB Mass Rescue	2	M Gay, V Coppen, B Green, K Gardiner (Caves Beach SLSC)
Open Female IRB Teams Rescue	2	J Jones, B Gyler-Dial, S Harvey, T Harvey, D Ward, L Walmsley (Caves Beach SLSC)
U23 Female IRB Surf Rescue	2	H Walmsley, S Harvey, W Coppen (Caves Beach SLSC)
U23 Male IRB Surf Rescue	2	S Coppen, F Wallace-Smith, S Harvey (Caves Beach SLSC)

2026 Australian Pool Rescue Championships

7th - 9th August 2026

SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Adelaide

Event	Place	Name
Men U13 525m Brick Carry	2	Zeke West (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Men U13 50m Swim with Fins	2	Zeke West (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Men U13 100m Obstacle Race	3	Zeke West (Cooks Hill SLSC)
Men Under 14/15 4 x 50m Obstacle Relay	2	H Hawrence, W Miller, J McGregor, Z West (Cooks HIll SLSC
Men Under 14/15 4 x 25m Manikin Relay	2	H Hawrence, W Miller, J McGregor, Z West (Cooks HIll SLSC
Men Under 14/15 4 x 50m Medley Relay	3	H Hawrence, W Miller, J McGregor, Z West (Cooks HIll SLSC





Tea Gardens Hawks Nest SLSC Report

In my third year as President, I've once again had the absolute pleasure of working alongside an incredible crew of people on the committee, patrolling members, social members and volunteers who continue to represent Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Surf Life Saving Club with pride, good humour, plenty of heart and a remarkable commitment to getting things done.

It has been another big and positive year for the club, both on and off the beach. Across every area, we've seen progress, growth and a real sense of momentum as we continue working towards our strategic goals. Patrols have strengthened, capability has grown, and our club has remained a safe, family-friendly and welcoming place for locals, visitors and members alike — whether that's on the sand, in the gear shed, around the bar, or in the clubhouse where so much of our club life happens.

As I've said in previous reports, and it remains just as true today: this club runs because people show up. Our volunteers give their time, skills, energy and enthusiasm across every part of the club — patrols, nippers, youth, bar, training, fundraising, maintenance, governance and everything in between. Some jobs are visible, some happen quietly behind the scenes, and all of them matter. Without every club member who has stepped in, stepped up or simply kept things moving, we would not have had another safe, successful and enjoyable season.

Here are just some of the many things worth celebrating from our 2025–26 year and season:

- Zero preventable major incidents in patrolled hours
- Aligned patrol times with self-service WhatsApp communication for rostering and general communications
- 7.5% increase in patrolling members year on year
- 131 nipper enrolments
- More than 35 new competencies and certificates signed off by our education team
- Strong patrol operations, with our RWC, IRB and callout teams continuing to deliver safe, professional coverage during and after patrol hours
- Another huge season of proficiencies and assessments — every candidate passed, and our education team continues to grow
- Nippers thriving once again, with strong numbers, committed age managers, and a fantastic Christmas and presentation
- An increase in bar volunteers from locals and outsiders, whose work may not always happen on the beach but directly helps fund and maintain the equipment that keeps our beaches safe



- Bar revenue over Christmas delivered a $45,000 profit, suppo
- Supporting frontline training and equipment
- Continued growth in sponsorship and community partnerships, as well as consolidation of existing sponsor arrangements
- A successful Australia Day event delivered by a dedicated subcommittee and an amazing bunch of volunteers
- A growing youth program building on the previous year's efforts, with new opportunities, strong engagement and a nomination at the Hunter Branch awards
- Stronger alignment and skills sharing with other Hunter clubs, with a big special thank you to Birubi and Merewether for their support, generosity and club spirit

Around the club, we've also seen practical improvements made possible through grants, donations, bar revenue and the growing support of our bar volunteers. This year we secured funding for a reverse RWC trailer and new lightweight IRB beach trolley, gear shed assets, and continued investment in patrol and training resources. While not every volunteer role happens on the beach, every contribution helps keep our lifesaving equipment ready, our patrols supported and our beaches safe.

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One of the biggest achievements this year has been the continued embedding of our Strategic Plan. Now in its second year since development, it has helped us stay focused on long-term sustainability and making sure we remain financially and operationally ready to deliver what matters most: saving lives on our beach. I'm incredibly proud of the committee for the thought, care and capability they've brought to this work, and for doing it in a way that keeps the spirit of surf life saving and community firmly at the centre.

Our connection with the wider Tea Gardens–Hawks Nest community has also grown stronger. From shared fundraising with the Tea Gardens Soccer Club, to increased clubhouse use, to partnerships with local businesses and associations, our club continues to be a proud and valued part of the TGHN community. It is a reminder that surf life saving is about more than the red and yellow flags — it is about people, service, mateship and community.

I would also like to sincerely thank Hunter Branch, Jenny Hicks and Henry Scruton for their ongoing support, guidance and patience throughout the season. Their encouragement, practical advice and willingness to assist have been greatly appreciated. I also extend my thanks to Surf Life Saving NSW and all the teams within the organisation who continue to support clubs like
ours with professionalism, care and a shared commitment to keeping our beaches and communities safe.

To everyone who contributed this season — thank you. Thank you for the early starts, the late finishes, the sausage sizzles, the patrol swaps, the paperwork, the training, the conversations, the problem-solving and the countless moments of quiet generosity that keep this club ticking. Your commitment, passion and willingness to show up for this club and this community is what makes TGHN SLSC such a special place.

Rebecca Curtis
President



Fingal Beach Presidents Report

The 2025/26 season was a highly successful year for Fingal Beach Surf Life Saving Club, marked by strong membership growth, outstanding lifesaving outcomes, significant member development, and continued investment in the future of the club. Most importantly, the club achieved its primary goal of keeping beachgoers safe, recording zero lives lost at Fingal Beach throughout the season.

The club continued to grow, finishing the season with 556 members, including 231 Nippers and 148 active patrolling members. This growth reflects the strength of the club's programs, family culture and commitment to developing future lifesavers.

Our volunteer members delivered an exceptional lifesaving service, contributing 5,612 patrol hours, performing 16 rescues, providing 51 first aid treatments, and undertaking approximately 9,000 preventative actions to keep more than 109,000 beach visitors safe throughout the season.
Education and training remained a major strength of the club. Members achieved:

- 15 Bronze Medallions
- 8 Surf Rescue Certificates
- 11 First Aid Awards
- 19 Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Awards
- 9 IRB Crew Awards
- 4 IRB Driver Awards
- 10 Silver Medallion Patrol Captain Awards

Fingal Beach SLSC continues to grow stronger, developing lifesavers, supporting its community, and delivering on its mission of saving lives, creating great Australians, and building a stronger future.

These achievements have significantly strengthened the club's operational capability and leadership depth. The Junior Activities program continued to thrive, with strong participation across all age groups and increasing representation at branch carnivals. The inclusive Starfish Nippers program also enjoyed another successful season, providing valuable opportunities for young members to participate in surf lifesaving activities.

Surf Sports experienced significant momentum throughout the year. Fingal Beach successfully hosted several major branch and state events, including rounds of the Newcastle Permanent Series, Stevens Boat Series and NSW IRB Premiership Series. The club's Masters Surf Boat crew achieved a Silver Medal at the Hunter Branch Championships, while Fingal's IRB program continued to build a strong reputation across New South Wales.

The club also continued investing in its future, reinvesting approximately $96,000 into facilities, equipment and infrastructure, while securing almost $55,000 in grant funding. Major upgrades included a modern electronic security and access control system, new operational equipment and improvements that will benefit members for many years to come.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers, patrol members, trainers, assessors, officials, age managers, committee members, sponsors and supporters. Their commitment has ensured another outstanding season for Fingal Beach Surf Life Saving Club and positioned the club strongly for continued success in 2026/27.

Adrian Futterleib
President



Birubi Point Presidents Report

Key Operational Statistics

- 0 lives lost during patrol hours
- 6 rescues performed
- 22,971 preventative actions
- 27 first aid treatments
- 5002 voluntary patrol hours contributed

The 2025/26 season has been another outstanding year for Birubi Point Surf Life Saving Club, defined by strong operational performance, continued growth, and a collective commitment to excellence across all areas of the club.

At the core of our operations remains our primary purpose: the safety of our community. I am extremely proud to report that there were no lives lost during patrol hours at Birubi Point this season.

Across the season, our members conducted 6 rescues, delivered a remarkable 22,249 preventative actions, and provided 27 first aid treatments. These figures highlight not only the critical incidents responded to, but more importantly, the proactive work undertaken to prevent situations from escalating.

This work was underpinned by more than 5002 voluntary patrol hours, contributed by our dedicated members who continue to show up week in, week out, in all conditions. This level of commitment reflects the professionalism, vigilance, and strength of our patrol teams, and the entire club should be extremely proud of this achievement.

Our Education Team has once again delivered exceptional results. The volume of courses conducted, combined with a high level of member participation in proficiencies and upskilling, has strengthened the capability of the club. The effort invested in training new members and maintaining operational readiness across all patrol members is significant and and critical to our ongoing success. As a result, our members remain confident, capable, and prepared to respond when required.

Significant progress has also been made behind the scenes, particularly with the implementation of major IT system upgrades. These improvements have modernised club operations, enhanced internal communication, and increased overall efficiency. While not always visible, these advancements are essential in supporting a well-functioning and future focused organisation.







The Nippers program continues to be a cornerstone of the club, and this season marked a major milestone with the largest cohort in the club's history. This achievement highlights the strong culture within the club and the dedication of our Age Managers, Water Safety personnel, and volunteers. The program not only develops surf awareness and lifesaving skills, but also fosters confidence, resilience, and a strong sense of community among our youngest members. The success of Birubi Point SLSC is built on the collective efforts of all members. From patrols and education through to junior activities and administration, every contribution plays a vital role in the club's achievements.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our club executive that have guided the club through the season also leading from the front – Mick Denahy, Sue Hume, Bec Delaporte, Steve Fogwill, Greg Williams and Callum Mercer.

The club would also like to acknowledge and thank Hunter SLS Branch for their ongoing support throughout the season. In particular, we recognise the leadership of President Henry Scurton, CEO Jenny Hicks, along with the dedicated office staff and Branch Directors.

Their continued guidance, resources, and commitment to supporting clubs across the branch play a vital role in enabling Birubi Point SLSC to operate effectively and continue to grow. I would like to acknowledge and thank our committee, sponsors, and the broader community for their ongoing support. Their contribution enables the club to continue delivering at a high standard and to grow from strength to strength.

In closing, the 2025/26 season stands as a testament to the strength, commitment, and culture of Birubi Point Surf Life Saving Club. All members should take great pride in their role in what has been a highly successful year.

Rohan Fisher
President



Stockton Presidents Report

As I sit down to write my first President's Report, 1 can't help but reflect on what an incredible year it has been." When I accepted the role of President, I knew there would be challenges, but I also knew I would be surrounded by an amazing group of people. Looking back over the past 12 months, I feel incredibly proud, not of what I have achieved, but of what we have achieved together.

Our club is built on volunteers. Every patrol, every working bee, every fundraising event, every BBQ, every committee meeting and every hour spent coaching, mentoring or simply lending a hand is what makes Stockton Surf Life Saving Club such a special place. It is these people that continue to make our club stronger each and every year. This season has been one of progress, growth and celebrating our proud history while continuing to invest in our future.

One of the most memorable occasions of the year was the presentation of a commemorative shield by Glan Wilcox recognising Stockton Surf Life Saving Club's role in the rescue efforts during the Australian Army exercise, "Operation Seagull" that happened on the 8th March 1954. It was a privilege to honour the extraordinary service of Frank Littlewood, Col Whyte, Harry Rowlatt, Bill Arthur and Barry Jones. Preserving the stories of those who built this club is incredibly important and we hope to continue commemorating their legacy each year and will be shortly including a historical section on our website so these memories are never lost. I think everybody will also agree that the Mineworkers Pipe Band did an amazing job, I know that I had a tear in my eye.

Another proud moment was the christening of our two new double skis, named in honour of John Bevan and Reg Dunn. These names will continue to inspire future generations of paddlers who represent our club.

Club Development and Achievements

There has been an enormous amount happening around the club over the past 12 months. Some of the highlights include:

- Installation of a new club speaker system.
- A complete repaint of the surf club, giving our building a fresh new look.
- Securing grant funding to refurbish the old patrol room, install new remote garage doors and improve the upstairs hall with ceiling fans and heaters.
- Launching our new club website and operating platform, making it easier for members and the community to stay connected.
- Introducing our Community CPR Training Program, proudly sponsored by Orica and delivered by Heart Starters. This initiative reflects our belief that surf lifesaving extends well beyond the beach. By teaching life-saving CPR skills within our community, we are helping make Stockton a safer place for everyone.

Stockton Harbour Swim

Without doubt, one of the standout moments of the year was the 30th Anniversary Stockton Harbour Swim. This year's event embraced an exciting new format, with both races starting and finishing on the Stockton foreshore. A big thank you to Paul Humphries for helping us with the scaffolding to make this format possible. Also, the introduction of turning buoys enhanced the race experience while creating a fantastic spectacle for competitors, supporters and the local community.

A huge thank you to Newcastle artist Mitch Revs for creating an exclusive event design for our commemorative shirts. They were a tremendous success and have become another unique part of the Harbour Swim experience. The support we received from competitors, volunteers, sponsors, spectators and the wider community was overwhelming. The event showcased everything we love about Stockton and demonstrated what can be achieved when our members work together. With the momentum we have created, I have no doubt that the 2027 Harbour Swim will be our biggest and best yet.

Investing in the Future

This year also saw significant investment in the equipment that keeps our members safe and competitive, including:

- A brand-new ATV, thanks to the generous support of Cargill.
- Two new adjustable surf skis.
- A new set of ladies' surf boat oars.
- Additional rescue boards.

These investments ensure our members have access to quality equipment, both on patrol and in competition.

Patrols and Lifesaving

While improvements to our facilities are important. nothing compares to the work performed by our volunteer lifesavers. Every patrol is staffed by members who willingly give up their weekends and holidays to keep our beach safe. They do it quietly, professionally and without expectation of recognition.

To every patrol member, Patrol Captain and support volunteer, thank you. Your commitment to serving our community is what defines our club.

Membership and Club Culture

One of the things I am most proud of is the culture that exists within Stockton Surf Life Saving Club. From our youngest Nippers to our oldest Life Members, there is a genuine sense of belonging. People support each other, celebrate each other's successes and step up whenever help is needed. That culture doesn't happen by accident it is created by people. This year we farewell Trevor Upton from the role of Junior Activities Coordinator after six years of exceptional service. Trevor's passion, leadership and commitment have transformed our Nippers program into one of the strongest parts of our club. Through changing guidelines, difficult seasons and the challenges brought by COVID, Trevor remained focused on giving our young members the very best experience possible. Trevor, on behalf of everyone at Stockton Surf Life Saving Club, thank you. You have given countless hours to our club, mentored hundreds of young members and left a legacy that will continue for many years to come. You have done our club proud.

This season also saw six members receive the National Medal from Surf Life Saving Australia for their contribution to Surf Lifesaving. Stockton SLSC is incredibly proud of each and every one of you, this is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of your dedication and service. These members are Kenneth Grainger, Callan Nickerson, Amanda Plumstead, Gregory Ross, Brendan Ryman, Nathan Wood and Jo-Anne Dryden.

You may have also noticed the new historical photo boards beginning to appear around the club. These displays are part of an ongoing project to celebrate and preserve the rich history of Stockton Surf Life Saving Club, ensuring the stories and achievements of those who came before us are remembered for generations to come.



A special thank you to Jane Watson, who has worked alongside me on this project. Together, we have produced our first display, showcasing the club's history from the early to mid-1900s. Jane has dedicated countless hours sorting through photographs and helping bring our club's remarkable history to life. I know our members and visitors will enjoy taking the time to reflect on the proud legacy of those who helped shape the club we know today.

Competition Success

Our competitors once again represented Stockton with pride throughout the season with some amazing efforts. These are mentioned in the Surf Sports Section of this report. These achievements are the result of countless hours of training, determination and the dedication of our coaches, officials and families. Stockton could not be prouder.

Thank You to Our Sponsors

Our achievements would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors. Thank you to:

- Port Waratah Coal Services for their ongoing support of our club and particularly the Stockton Harbour Swim.
- Cargill for funding our new ATV.
- Orica for supporting our Community CPR Initiative.
- Newcastle City Council for ongoing support of the Harbour Swim. Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group - Community program enabling us to purchase an adjustable Ski for the juniors and more Nipper boards.

Your investment in our club directly benefits our members and the wider Stockton community. Thank You.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who contributes to making Stockton Surf Life Saving Club what it is. To our committee, patrol members, trainers, assessors, coaches, officials, age managers, competitors, parents, families, barbecue crews, cleaners, sponsors and every volunteer who quietly helps behind the scenes-thank you.

It has been an absolute privilege to serve as your President during my first year.

Looking around our club today, I see more than a surf club. I see friendships that last a lifetime. I see generations of families volunteering together. I see young people developing confidence and leadership. I see experienced members passing on knowledge to the next generation. That is what makes Stockton Surf Life Saving Club so special.

The buildings, equipment and events are important, but they are not what defines us. Our people do. Thank you for placing your trust in me over the past year. I look forward to continuing this journey together as we build on everything we have achieved and ensure our club remains strong for generations to come.

Jo-Anne Dryden
President



Nobbys Presidents Report

As we reflect on another outstanding season at Nobbys Surf Life Saving Club, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for every member who has contributed to the success of our Club throughout the 2025/2026 season.

Our volunteers are the heart and soul of Nobbys SLSC. They generously give their time, knowledge and experience to ensure our beach remains a safe place for the thousands of people who visit each season. Whether standing watch between the flags, mentoring our newest members, maintaining our facilities, supporting competitions, educating future lifesavers or working tirelessly behind the scenes, every contribution plays an essential role in the ongoing success of our Club.

This season has once again demonstrated what can be achieved when people come together with a shared purpose. Through thousands of volunteer hours dedicated to lifesaving, education, surf sports, member development, fundraising and community engagement, our members have continued to strengthen the proud reputation of Nobbys Surf Life Saving Club.

A successful season is only possible through the leadership of a hardworking and dedicated Board of Directors. I sincerely thank Karl Barclay (Director of Member Services), Kath Donnelly (Director of Administration), Liza See (Director of Finance), Zachary Donnelly (Director of Education), Shane Barclay (Director of Life Saving), Olivia Hughes (Director of Surf Sports) and Luke Moore (Director of Junior Activities), together with their sub-committees, for their unwavering commitment to Surf Life Saving and the countless hours they devote to our Club.

My sincere thanks go to every member who volunteered throughout the season, from Patrol Captains, Age Managers and Water Safety personnel to officials, trainers, assessors, coaches, event volunteers and everyone who supported our fundraising activities, Groper Bar operations and countless other Club events. Every contribution, whether highly visible or behind the scenes, has made a lasting difference.

A special thank you must go to Brett Hawkins for his exceptional work in researching, preparing and successfully securing several grants throughout the season. His dedication has provided significant financial support for our Club and will continue to benefit our members for years to come. Congratulations, Brett, on an outstanding contribution.

Congratulations also to Olivia Hughes, whose dedication to our Club and community was recognised through the prestigious Westfield Local Hero Award. As part of this incredible achievement, Olivia secured $20,000 for Nobbys Surf Life Saving Club, enabling the purchase of two new beach wheelchairs for our Little Rippaz and community inclusion programs, together with beach matting to improve accessibility and ensure the wheelchairs can safely access the sand.

Congratulations to our outstanding members who were recognised as nominees in the Hunter Branch Awards of Excellence:

- Lifesaver of the Year – Coco Aislabie
- Young Lifesaver of the Year – Lily Ford
- Volunteer of the Year – Brett Hawkins
- Young Volunteer of the Year – Olivia Hughes
- Trainer of the Year – Kath Donnelly
- Assessor of the Year – Allan Gordon
- Under 14/15 Athlete of the Year – Ryan Boustead
- Official of the Year – Stephen Bennett
- Coach of the Year – Brett Hawkins
- Administrator of the Year – Kath Donnelly
- Team of the Year – IRB Tube Rescue Team – Jack Hawkins, Connor Johansen and Sam Foster

Thank you to our Director of Surf Sports, Olivia Hughes, for her leadership throughout the season. Congratulations to Ryan Boustead, who represented Nobbys with distinction at the Hunter Branch, NSW State and Australian Championships, achieving outstanding results while demonstrating exceptional commitment, skill and sportsmanship. Congratulations also to Steve Brinkley and Gary Mears on winning the Silver Medal in the Double Ski at the Surf Life Saving NSW State Championships. Their continued commitment to competition is an inspiration and they continueto do Nobbys SLSC proud.

We also congratulate our IRB RacingTeam, whose dedication and hard work delivered exceptional results at the Surf Life Saving NSW IRB Championships. These achievements are a testament to the commitmentof our athletes, coaches and support crews who continue to proudly represent Nobbys Surf Life Saving Club.

Lifesaving and Education remain the foundations of everything we do. Together, they ensure our members possess the knowledge, confidence and skills required to provide the highest level of service to our community.

I extend my sincere congratulations and thanks to every member who proudly wore the iconic Red and Yellow patrol uniform throughout the season. Thanks to your professionalism, commitment and vigilance, Nobbys Surf Life Saving Club has now proudly maintained 103 consecutive years with no lives lost between the flags while our members have been on patrol. This remarkable achievement is one every member should be incredibly proud of and stands as a testament to the outstanding service our volunteers continue to provide our community.

As we celebrate 103 years of service Between the Flags, I congratulate Zachary Donnelly and the entire Education Team for another exceptional season of training, assessing and developing our members. Your dedication ensures our Club continues to produce highly skilled lifesavers who are prepared for every challenge.

Congratulations to Luke Moore and the outstanding Junior Activities Team, together with our dedicated Age Managers and Water Safety personnel, for delivering another exceptional Nippers season. With 288 Nippers and 18 Cadets participating throughout the season, our Junior Activities program continues to grow while developing the next generation of lifesavers.

Congratulations also to our Junior Club Captains, Edith McNamara and Joe Niddrie-Graham, who were both nominated for the Hunter Branch Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award. Edith's outstanding commitment and leadership saw her named the Newcastle Permanent Hunter Branch Junior Lifesaver of the Year.

Our Silver Salties Program proudly celebrated its fourth birthday this season and continues to make a significantcontribution to the health and wellbeing of our local community.



Our Little Rippaz Program again provided an inclusive and enjoyable beach experience for many local families. Thank you to Olivia Hughes and the dedicated volunteers who continue to make this program such a success.

Thank you to Jenny Parlett for coordinating our seventh Annual Pink Day, celebrating and recognising women in Surf Life Saving.

Finally, I extend my sincere appreciation to all of our sponsors and supporters. Your generosity enables Nobbys SurfLife Saving Club to continue providing lifesaving services while creating opportunities for our members and the widercommunity.

As another remarkable season comes to a close, I reflect with immense pride on everything our members have accomplished together.Every achievement, every patrol, every event and every success has been made possible by the dedication, commitment and generosity of our incredible volunteers.

As we look towards another season, I have every confidence that our Club will continue to build on its proud traditions while embracing new opportunities, supporting our community and developing the nextgeneration of lifesavers.

Thank you for standing Between the Flags—not only as lifesavers, but as leaders, mentors, role models and proud custodians of one of Australia's finest Surf Life Saving Clubs.

Narelle Blick
President



Newcastle Presidents Report

What a season. Looking back on 2025/2026, I'm genuinely blown away by what this club achieved and by the people who made it happen.

Our membership keeps growing, and the energy that brings to our patrols is something you can feel. I've always believed that comes down to who we are as a club and the kind of place where people feel welcomed, looked after, and part of something bigger than themselves. That hasn't changed, and long may it continue.

A heartfelt thank you to every patrolling member who showed up, week after week, to keep our beach safe. Our patrol captains deserve real recognition for holding it all together. I also want to acknowledge Joe Clayton as he steps down from his role as Director of Lifesaving. Joe has brought tenacity, leadership and boundless energy to that role, and the club is genuinely better for it. Thanks also to our ECOT team and everyone who responded to out-of-hours rescues and emergency callouts throughout the year.

Beyond the patrols, there's a huge community of people giving their time as trainers, coaches, committee members, water safety volunteers and nippers helpers. I want to give a special shout-out to Jeff Dawson, who quietly and consistently keeps our sheds in order. That kind of unglamorous work is the backbone of everything we do.

The Education team has had a standout year. On top of producing another strong cohort of Bronze, Silver, IRB and SRC graduates, they pulled off a challenging club-wide Lifesaving CPR rollout.

David Du Plessis hasn't just been running training himself. He has been actively growing and mentoring our trainer group across the club. The fact that so many of our graduates move straight into active patrolling tells you everything about the culture and quality David and the team have built.

Nippers continues to be one of the true joys of our season. Watching kids who could barely face the shore break in October confidently swimming out through the waves by March never gets old. Felicity Park has been at the heart of what Nippers has become, and as she steps back this year to travel, I want to make sure she knows just how much her contribution has meant to this club. Thank you, Felicity.

Our Junior Surfsports program is growing right alongside Nippers, with teams competing across all the branch events. A big thanks to Nat Enninghorst, Shane Abell and John Lawson for their leadership, and to the brilliant team of volunteer officials and parents who show up and make it all work.

It's great to see our SRC cohort continuing to expand. This has been a deliberate strategy to bridge the gap between Nippers and patrol, and it's paying off. We're proud to put forward Bailey Metcalf and Charlotte Du Plessis as our Junior Lifesaver of the Year nominees this season. I also want to acknowledge our emerging youth leaders Amelia Jackson and Lucas Brannan.

Our Senior Surf Sports teams had a season to be really proud of. The Masters team won the Branch Championships by more than 200 points, competing across beach events, ski, board and ironperson races. At State Championships, Fran, Steph, Alice and Lee all brought home medals, with the team collecting 2 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze overall. At Aussies, Lee, Steph, Alice and Kaz were our medallists. The Ladies 130s team won gold in the Taplin Relay, silver in the board relay and bronze in the ocean swim. Congratulations to all of them and thank you to everyone who has contributed to building our Masters program into what it is today.

The Sandrays Ocean Swimming Club had another wonderful year running the Babyrays program, and the steady flow of new Bronze candidates it brings into our club is something we really value. This season we also delivered the Splash of Colour Beach Safety event, which was a great addition to our community program. Thank you to the Sandrays leaders and all our water safety volunteers who gave their time to make both programs happen.

Beach Life has once again been the engine room of our fundraising, and that support flows through to everything the club does, from operations and equipment through to facilities. It wasn't a straightforward year and we navigated some real challenges around trade waste restrictions, licensing and renovations. But we got through it. Josh Markulin's vision and drive for the venue is something I am always grateful for and the way he looks after his team and keeps finding ways to grow the space is a real asset to this club.

It was brilliant to have the Iron Series back at Newcastle Beach. The event was a massive success, and that's down to the army of volunteers Lee Howes marshalled on the day, as well as the Beach Life crew. The SLSA team were great to work with, inclusive and engaged and genuinely invested in the club. We'd love to have you back.

This season we completed the delivery of the NSW Office of Sport Gear Shed Renewal project. What a transformation. The sheds are more functional, make the most of the space we have, and genuinely support our lifesaving operations. Thanks to the City of Newcastle for their support in making it happen.

Thank you to our sponsors whose support makes such a difference: Harcourts, Newcastle Obstetrics and Specialist Ultrasound, Heal Urgent Care, The Commonwealth Hotel, and The George Darby Hotel. A continued thank you to Newcastle Permanent for their ongoing support of Surf Lifesaving across the Hunter.

I also want to acknowledge the directors stepping back this year. Tom Francis took on a significant task in restructuring the club's financial processes, and the work he's done will serve Newcastle SLSC for years to come. Imogen Llewelyn has navigated an ever-shifting landscape of software, portals and admin and kept improving the membership experience throughout. She has also become a trainer and leader in her own right, and the extra volunteering she has given to the club over the years has not gone unnoticed. Thank you both.

Every year when I sit down to write this report I find myself genuinely astonished by the volume of volunteer hours that go into keeping this club running and growing. It is humbling. It has been a privilege to be part of the leadership of Newcastle Surf Lifesaving Club again this year, and I can't wait to see what we do in year four. See you at the beach!

Michael Collins
President



Cooks Hill Presidents Report

As President of the Cooks Hill Surf Life Saving Club, I am proud to reflect on another outstanding season for our club and community.

The 2025-2026 season has once again demonstrated the strength of volunteerism that underpins everything we do. From patrols and education, to sport, administration, accessibility programs, fundraising, and community engagement, our club continues to thrive because of the dedication and commitment of our volunteers.

Every rescue performed, every patrol completed, every training course delivered, and every community event supported represents countless volunteer hours freely given for the benefit of others. Our members continue to set an exceptional standard, ensuring CHSLSC remains a leader within both our Branch and the wider surf lifesaving movement.

I would like to sincerely thank our Board of Directors, patrolling members, trainers, assessors, Age Managers, officials, and all volunteers who contribute behind the scenes. The effort required to deliver the programs and services we provide to the community cannot be overstated.

I also want to make special mention of Mark Doherty following more than 15 years of service as Club Captain and Director of Lifesaving. Mark's tireless work, leadership, and commitment to operational excellence have been extraordinary.

Quite simply, without Mark's efforts over many years, the club would not operate as effectively as it does today.

His contribution to CHSLSC has been immense and deeply appreciated by all members.

A thank you must also go to Ryan Mander for his dedication and contribution as Junior Activities Director over the past three seasons. Ryan stepped into the role when the Club needed someone to take it on and has since overseen one of the largest and most complex areas of our operations.

The role of Junior Activities Director extends far beyond Sunday mornings on the beach. It involves coordinating and supporting a large team of Age Managers, water safety personnel, and volunteers while delivering safe, engaging, and compliant programs for more than 500 Nippers and their families.

During Ryan's tenure the Club has continued to deliver high-quality junior programs while maintaining a strong focus on member development, participation, and safety.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Peter Sutherland for his service as Director of Facilities. On behalf of the Club, I thank Peter for his efforts and commitment and wish him all the best following his decision to step down from the position. I also welcome Andreas Sklavos, who has taken on the role and will continue to support the development and maintenance of our facilities into the future.

Throughout the year we have continued important interactions with Newcastle City Council, community stakeholders, regarding the Coastal Management Program (CMP). These ongoing discussions are critically important to the future of our club, ensuring that CHSLSC remains sustainable, accessible, and positioned to serve our community for generations to come.

Our Same Waves and Beach Access programs continue to lead both Branch and State in innovation, inclusion, and community reach. These programs are changing lives, breaking down barriers, and ensuring that everyone in our community can safely enjoy the beach environment. The impact of these initiatives continues to grow each year and remains one of the proudest aspects of our club.

We have a tagline “Where community comes together” as always, is reflected in everything we do — volunteers coming together to su
pport each other and the broader community.
Thank you to every member, sponsor, supporter, and volunteer who has contributed to another successful season.

Cooks Hill members provided over 470 volunteer hours for other surf clubs and surf lifesaving operations.

These members all chipped in to patrol with other clubs at other beaches like Bondi, Swansea Belmont, Whale Beach, Bronte, Port Macquarie, Nobbys, Crowdy Head, HSLS Support Operations and SLSNSW Support Operations.

Some of our members retain a connection with a club of their childhood or younger days and return to those clubs and undertake patrols and other support activities. Some members help other clubs who are struggling for patrol members and make a holiday out of it.

This season, as with last season, Crowdy Head Surf Lifesaving Club, the most northern club or the Lower North Coast Branch, reached out to Cooks Hill for patrol support and several of our patrol members; Adam, Freya, Tayla, Lily, Kai Ryan and Lloyd all volunteered to assist this struggling club, and at the same time had a great long-weekend on the Lower North Coast.

We also have members who volunteered significant hours to support both Hunter Surf Lifesaving Support Operations and SLSNSW Support Operations.
Shaleigh Lennox is a key member of Hunter Surf Lifesaving Support Operations and Duty Office, and Craig Hamilton is Hunter Surf Lifesaving Support Operations Rescue Water Craft (RWC) operator.
A huge thank you to these members who continue to keep giving to keep beachgoers and swimmer safe.
Many thanks to everyone listed above for helping the broader lifesaving community.

This season Cooks Hill patrolling members supported a number of community events ranging from the very emotional Bali Bombing 20 year Commemoration, where Cooks Hill provided First Aid support, to the fun and frivolity of the Hill to Harbour fun run with patrollers providing registration services, drink station management and crowd control, as well as a few of our younger, and not-so-young, members as “entertainment” dressing up in large inflatable animal suits.

The community events Cooks Hill supported this season are:

- The NSW Premier’s Raising of the Flags to commence the lifesaving season
- Mo Miles, a Movember long distance walk fundraiser
- Bali Bombing 20-year Memorial Commemorations
- Hill to Harbour run event
- 2026 Ronald McDonald House Northern NSW - Heart & Sole - Walk for Sick Kids

Michael Clancy
President



Dixon Park Presidents Report

On behalf of the Board of Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc, I am pleased to present this summary of the Club's Annual Report for the 2025-2026 season.

We acknowledge our affiliated surf lifesaving organisations — Hunter Surf Life Saving (HSLS), Surf Life Saving NSW (SLSNSW), and Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) — for their invaluable support. We also extend our gratitude to the City of Newcastle (CN) for its positive and professional support of the club's facilities, planning and operations.

The season was highly successful and demonstrated how DPSLSC continues to deliver on its core purpose of coastal safety, while also serving as an emergency service, youth movement, education provider, sporting organisation, and community hub for our local and broader Newcastle community.

Across the club, there has been a clear uplift in planning and initiatives in all areas. These achievements and positive outcomes reflect a genuine team effort across our members, volunteers, officials, families and supporters.

Some notable points and acknowledgments for 2025-2026 include:

- Dixon Park Surf Life Saving Club hosted the 'raising of the flags' ceremony in September, attended by NSW Premier Chris Minns, officials and representatives from local HSLS clubs.
- The commitment and skills of our patrolling members, led by Adrian Parker (Club Captain) and our Patrol Captains have ensured the safety of the beach.
- A season highlight was the joint IRB training course held in conjunction with Merewether SLSC, an initiative led by Ross Burgess, IRB Captain.
- Major club lifesaving award winners included Patrol 4 (Ross Burgess PC) – Patrol of the Year; Mark Vergot – Lifesaver of the Year; Ross Wood – Volunteer of the Year. The club is also proud of and congratulate Geoffrey Padgett (Life Member) who was a recipient of SLSA 60 Year Service Award, and Peter Wilkinson – 55 years, and Earl Rennie – 50 years both recipients of National Patrol Awards. Also, congratulations to Ross Burgess our newly conferred Life Member.
- We acknowledge the education team, led by Stuart Barnett (Director of Education), for their ongoing dedication and support as facilitators, assessors and trainers. In 2026-2027, the team will be expanded to meet the increasing education workload.
- The club is grateful for the continued growth and strength of our nippers program under the leadership of John Silveirnha (Director of Junior Activities).
- DPSLSC commenced the implementation of its Surf Sports Strategic Plan (2025-2029), focussed on building participation, strengthening pathways, and lifting performance across all age groups. The season delivered strong Masters and Junior championship results, supported by structured training programs under the leadership of Lachlan Pearse (Director of Surf Sports)

- A number of successful events were held during the season to connect with and recognise past and current members.
- The club maintained strong governance and management throughout the season. The Board / Club meets the ACNC governance standards and comply with the many requirements of SLSNSW and other regulatory bodies. Acknowledgement to Toni O'Donoghue (Vice President) as a key person for related matters.
- The external audited financial statements for the Financial Year ending 30th June 2026 provides independent confirmation of the the sound financial position of DPSLSC and operational sustainability. This is underpinned by the club's strong financial management practices led by Geoffrey Wooden (Director of Finance).
- Other significant achievements included the execution of a new 20-year club facility lease with the City of Newcastle through to November 2045, the introduction of new club branding, and painting and signage of the buildings, the launch of a new website, and improved communication to members.

The club has elected a strong Board and team of for the growth, development and sustainability of the club.

For over 90 years, since 1932, Dixon Park has been more than a surf club; it has been a community. Generations of members have learned to be lifesavers, built lifelong friendships, and contributed to something bigger than themselves. We intend to remain a strong community for another 90-plus years, and to do so we will continue to respond and adapt to the changing cultural landscape and the evolving engagement of volunteers and partners. This will be a key focus for club leadership as we develop our strategic plan for growth and development.

I am grateful to every club member, family, friend, and stakeholder who continues to support and contribute to the Dixon Park Surf Life Saving community.

Paul Murray
President





Merewether Presidents Report

Let me thank all members for the excellent way the situation and difficulties were managed with the start of season building repairs and the associated access and operational restrictions.

While the new roof, ceilings, electrics and overall tidy up inside of the club house have been well received it did all come at a cost, both financially and as a significant inconvenience to our members. I need to congratulate everyone for the way they adapted to the changes along with the way our patrols were undertaken, as member safety was paramount throughout the construction process. Happily the work was completed without incident.

I also need to thank all those members who assisted with the disassembly and removal of all the club equipment that allowed the work to proceed and, additionally, those members who helped replace it all upon completion. It was quite a task and as always, we are fortunate to be in the enviable position of having members that are willing to get in and help when needed. As always it was and is very much appreciated.

Our patrols were run to a high degree of professionalism even with the difficulties and construction inconvenience, all while maintaining a close interaction with the public to ensure good and consistent safe management of our beach. Statistics show we are performing more roving patrols and public interactions than ever, given the changing demographic and usage of our beach

There is a high reliance on us by the council lifeguards to cover “out of flag areas” with our remote patrols, with our IRBs covering the unpatrolled Burwood Beach areas to the south. Our assistance is much appreciated by the council lifeguards and we continue to maintain a friendly and good working relationship with them, ensuring smooth operation of our patrols.

During the season there were some notable incidents that required our patrol teams to perform some exceptional first aid and beach management. They all resulted in positive and successful outcomes for the patients involved. It was a clear demonstration of how well our patrol members react and how effective our skills and training are.

Our education teams have once again put in huge efforts. Anthony Tietze and all the training officers worked hard to run multiple courses and attained some great outcomes. Of note was the 32 Bronze and SRC candidates who successfully completed their respective courses. The education team ran numerous proficiency sessions, resulting in us achieving the highest ever recorded number of active proficient members (182). This comes on the back of our highest ever membership of over 880, all confirming our club’s encouraging and strong future. It not only highlights the effort given and the high standard of training being delivered by all of our education team, but also confirms the comfortable and happy club environment felt by our members.

There was a focus on IRB training by Nathan Bird and Gemma McMillan, necessary to support our increasing numbers. This effort resulted in an additional 16 proficient IRB crew and drivers. In addition Nathan Bird, Gemma McMillan and Kev Buckley gained their RWC endorsements and have been putting our club jet ski to good use by undertaking Branch support work. Chris Warren continued with Swiftwater training, Emergency Service scenarios and call out support.

Kev Buckly ran a full Emergency Call Out Training (ECOT) scenario. This was a significant training event, being the first of this type since our club ran one 10 years ago. The exercise resulted in some very good information and direction for all the Branch call out teams.

Our juniors, at around 380 strong, were very active with their training for both surf education and the competition teams. With the juniors' numbers again growing it's a credit to Emma Dean, her support team and all the age managers and helpers to operate so efficiently within the restrictions of our building, producing such great results through the development of our future members and champions. Mention must be given to the popular juniors' BBQ and the ever present support team helping make additional income, always serving with a smile.

This season our club returned to surfboat competition with Craig Doherty joining us and taking on the position of Club Boat Captain. Craig has put together an A and B woman's crew with the A crew achieving early success against the local competition and are now looking forward to next season.

Trish Stallard once again led the way in her Masters beach events, feigning off injury to bring home a hand full of medals from both the State and Aussie titles. Our Juniors also had a great season, coached by Brendan Kylie and family and assisted by the Fox family. Our young competitors ended up with some good results while having loads of fun along the way.

Financially we continue to operate well, although we still have some way to go in meeting our building fund requirement. Our challenge is always balancing the spending against the savings. We do recognise that maintaining a high standard of equipment and resources for club operations is a necessary expenditure. Compounding this we had our building closed for a four month period with no club associated income and various costs associated with the building work incurred by the club.

Many thanks to our sponsors team, Kris Wall and Adrian Harte. We have had very good sponsorship this season with financial support and generosity that has greatly helped us achieve a positive result while meeting our financial and sponsor commitments. Our Beach Hotel raffles team stepped up and have done and continue to do an excellent job in gaining us valuable income, particularly through the critical building shutdown period as this was our only source of regular income during that time.

Patrons have been impressed with the freshening up of the Function Room. Regular room hire for functions and wellness classes have continued since we reopened.

An important outcome of our last AGM was the acceptance and adoption of our new Constitution document. This had been a work-in-progress for some time and has been an enormous task for all involved.

We need to thank Cheryl Isles and Jamie Paras for their persistence in getting it completed. Behind the scenes we continue working with City of Newcastle on a new building with the second round of the MSLSC/CN steering committee scheduled to meet in June for building design reviews.



Club Community and Engagement Events

- We continue to support and run the Healthy Change Challenge group with another successful season completed.
- We successfully ran our biannual St Vincents Christmas and Winter food appeals.
- Our 16th community Easter egg hunt was also another successful event. Thank you to Noah Sander for assisting.
- Norm Rodgers and I, joined by Juniors Mason and Logan Overton attended the local ANZAC service.
- We hosted another round of the World Surf League, this year was part of the 40th anniversary of Surfest and is another event very much entrenched into our surf club with future rounds already locked into Merewether Beach.
- We again hosted the annual Newcastle University Law by the Sea advisory group sessions, another community event we have supported for a very long time.
- We had our Christmas Santa visit, thanks to Geoff Kelly and helpers.
- Our away patrol team members continued to provide much needed patrol assistance to Tea Gardens Hawks Nest club.

Many Thanks

- To our local lifeguards
- To our UAV team members, Emma Gale, Chris Warren, Kev Buckley, Oscar Wright
- To Rachel Soars always flying the flag as a senior MSLSC official
- To our Healthy Challenge Change group volunteers
- Kris Wall and Adrian Harte for seeking and managing club sponsorships and support
- To all the education team members
- To our raffle team volunteers
- IRB training team

Committee Thank you to all our committee members and executive - you are invaluable for the running and management of our club and we are fortunate to have such a great and enthusiastic team.

We need to say a huge thank you to all our sponsors for their continued support and assistance. You are all critical in allowing us to operate successfully in the way we do and we encourage all our members to support your businesses. Finally, thank you to Branch and SLSNSW for their assistance and support over the season

Nick Newton
President



Redhead Presidents Report

It is again my privilege to present the Annual Report for Redhead SLSC for Season 2025–2026. In Reflection of the season past, it has been one of real community commitment to our Club and Sport, it is an honour for me to acknowledge the Clubs achievements over the past twelve months and recognise our wonderful members whose unwavering commitment and professionalism ensures the smooth operation of our Club and ensures continued success.

To have the pleasure of working alongside all members of the Clubs Executive and Management committee is always an absolute honour, I'm so appreciative of the time, effort and dedication that everyone commits without hesitation and often without acknowledgement, to ensure that Redhead SLSC operates so extraordinarily well, as a Club we are truly blessed to have the caliber of people involved that we do, the professionalism that they display is unparallelled, Thank You Sharon Greenland, Stuart MacDonald, Scott Faraday-Bensley, Daren Mitchell, Andrew Wright, Shauna Abrahamson, Brad Garnett, Jenny Churchill, Luke Wiseman, Paul Widseth, James Kelly, Troy Blatchford, you are all amazing people, it's such a privilege to be a part of this team, I'm both humbled and so very grateful to be able work with you all in serving this great Club, Thank You.

Thank You to All the Patrolling Members of our Club, thank you for your selfless attitude and your willingness to serve the community, I appreciate your commitment greatly, this season we had 16 patrolling teams who completed 544 patrols / 2,176 hours throughout the season not counting Christmas Day, we had 195 members actively involved which includes 34 SRC members from this we had 87 members achieve 100% attendance you will benefit from the generosity and legacy of Jeff Matthews in the upcoming season what a great effort.

We had 10 people attain over 45 hours on Patrol and we need to acknowledge the amazing efforts of David Turnidge with 143 hours and Elijah Wisemen with 84.75 hours on patrol this season what great commitment you have shown – Thank You

Our Emergency Response Team is second to none, thank you so much for your willingness to answer the call any time at short notice. It's a real comfort to the Club and Community that you are willing to serve in this role, to those who ensure our emergency response equipment, IRB's, ATV, Radio's, etc. are always operational ready and ready to go when required, thank You, to Iain Robertson, Matthew Robinson, Ross Clarke, Tony Greenland, Andrew Wright, Luke Wiseman, Steve Foggett and all the team – thank you all so much.

To Troy Blatchford and All the JAC team – Thank you, what a massive job you've done, with around 415 nippers to organise, the new program you have introduced has been so effective, it was great to see so many nippers learning about the surf and enjoy being on the beach, your commitment to ensuring the

children understand the surf and educating them in surf safety is admirable and appreciated by everyone, this is Troys last season as JAC chairperson, thank you Troy it is and has been an absolute pleasure working with you as you led the JAC, I welcome Adrian Pedan to the role of JAC chairperson, for the 2026/2027 season thank you Adrian for taking up the challenge I'm sure that you also will do a great job in the role.

Along with Adrian we welcome Lennox Hepple (Treasurer), Melinda Goldman (Registrar), Clare Pedan (Age Manager) to their respective roles in the JAC Executive, thanks for your willingness to be a part of the team.

This season, through the efforts of Emily Price, David and Michelle Gillard and the team, the "Redhead Rockstars" Adaptive Nipper Program started and was a great success. This is an inclusive surf awareness program for children who have challenges in life, to witness the pure joy that the kids had as they got on the beach and in the water was truly moving and inspiring. Thank you to the volunteers who were a part of this program – you've really made a difference to people lives. The Program won the Hunter SLS Community Engagement Award and is in the running for recognition at the SLSNSW Award also. It would be remiss of me not to mention the generosity of the major sponsors for the program ~ Gillard Family Layers and Creative Kids Preschool, thank you so much for your support. I look forward to this Program continuing as it is a wonderful investment for our Club and Community.

The Education Team continues to deliver courses to the Club at the highest standard, thank you so much Shauna Abrahamson and your incredible team consisting of Steve Foggett, Dave Turnidge, Andrew Wright, Gail Henderson, along with Iain Robertson, Mathew Robertson, Luke Wiseman in the IRB's, I appreciate the amount of time you all commit to the Club and the high standards that you deliver all the courses throughout the year – I honestly believe that you are the best trainers in the organisation and we're totally blessed to have you all involved at our Club.

The professionalism of our Club is greatly displayed in the high levels of competence that our Members have and commit to the betterment of Redhead SLSC, I especially need to thank several members for their amazing efforts over the past season, thank you Mike McKey, Tony Greenland, Peter Bale, Mark Sargent, Steve Foggett, Ross Clarke, Matthew Bale, Gary Council and everyone else involved, for your dedication, wisdom, knowledge and willingness to support the Club in every way possible, I appreciate your time and expertise immensely, we couldn't operate as we do without your support.

To Karen Davidson and your incredible team who do such an amazing job with our functions, we receive so much positive feedback from those who hire the club. From the first meeting to the function, your friendly, welcoming nature is so evident and appreciated by so many. Due to your tireless work, we continue to be the Club of choice for many weddings, birthdays and special events and we continue to book solidly with very few available dates left in the calendar, because of everyone's ability to be so accommodating we continue to win awards as the best surf club in the area for a function, well done Karen and everyone involved – thank you all so much.





To the “Roosters” and “Old Boys” thank you so much for helping around the Club in so many ways. To Tony, Mike, Big Rossy, Clarkey, Hendo, Terry, Rob, Mick, Ray, Steve, Troy, Keith, Dave, Sash, Sophie, Sarge and Co thanks so much it’s always so immaculate, thanks for all for maintenance, repairs, painting, cleaning, organising the cool room, for everything you do, I look forward to joining the team in the near future, thanks again, everyone appreciates what you all do.

The Bars on Friday afternoon and Sunday “Stubbies” are volunteer bars and manned by Club members with all proceeds supporting Club operations. This volunteer effort is so essential with our Fund Raising and helps greatly with the expense of running the Club and Surf Sports. We have around 90 members who volunteer their time to work on these rosters, it’s really great to see our athletes taking on the responsibility of doing the bars along with members of the Club, it’s a wonderful credit to all involved and typifies the attitude of our members in supporting the Club. As always, I need to thank a couple of members for their support ~ David Hadden for his support with the Sunday roster and following up the various volunteers, and Brad Garnett who organises the competition Friday night (summer) bars – thanks so much Lads, it’s always greatly appreciated and helps so much.

To our Competition Section from Iron to the Boats, thanks all for your wonderful commitment to the Club and Sport, there have been some truly impressive results across all aspects of competition, culminating at Aussies with Dan Collins, Blake Cook and Tully Elliott winning Gold in the Open Male Board Rescue and U19 Female Single Ski, Tully Elliott and Andie Widseth winning Silver in the U19 female Double Ski, India Davidson winning Silver in Surfing - U17 Female Shortboard and many situations and a major effort from our masters boat crew who made the final – well done everyone.

Thank to everyone who competed for Redhead over the season, for the passion and pride displayed and the integrity with which you competed, I was so proud to watch many of you go around the cans regardless of podiums, you have represented us all in the manner that epitomises this great Club.

To our Surf Sports Coordinator Brad Garnett, thanks so much to you and the team for all your efforts, particularly Kellie Wright for the fantastic job you’ve done this season especially with all the changes that you’ve had to adapt to with carnivals etc. to the

Sectional Coaches ~ Jonathon Price, Adam Rowe, Dean Little, Boyd Conrick, Jason Illfield, John Bale and Michael Jones. Thank you for all you've done for your section, for your time, effort, willingness, personal sacrifice to ensure our athletes are well trained and ready to compete is always appreciated greatly by myself and the whole Club.

To LMCC, Mayor Adam Shultz, thank you for your support and willingness to be involved and available for Club functions, especially with the hectic calendar that you have, we look forward to catching up when the Surfest event is on later this year.

Thank you to our Club Officials, without your willingness to be involved we would never be able to compete at the carnivals we do. Whether it's judging races on a beach, or in an IRB to watch the cans or in a tower judging the boats thanks for your support. These great people give off their time selflessly and every competitor is thankful for them ~ Special thanks again goes to Andrew Wright for all the many hours on a Ski or assisting with carnivals at all levels, it's a massive task and most appreciated. To everyone who supports our Club officiating thank you so much, moving forward we will need more officials, hopefully we will be able to get a course running soon at the Club – it would be great to see as many as possible being a part of it - thanks all.

This year we grieved the loss of some very inspirational people in our Clubs history.
Sadly, Life Member Glynn Matthews and JAC Life Member Lorraine Scott, both had a major influence in our Clubs history and will be missed greatly, both Glynn and Lorriane will always be remembered for their commitment to Redhead and the JAC

Without the support of the Clubs many Sponsors, Supporters and Lake Macquarie City Council we would not enjoy the successes we do. I would like to personally thank our major sponsors - Matthews Family Trust, Jeff McCloy – McCloy Group, Luke Finlay - Insight Building, Trent Gearside – Ashmarc Constructions, Peter Sheils – Sheils Real Estate, Southern Cross Fitness, Radford Shopfitters, Central Charlestown Leagues Club, Club Redhead, Bale Boshev Lawyers, Matt Bale, John Bale, Mick Sullivan, Scott's Plumbing, Dave Makenna, Redhead Vehicle Repairs. I would also like to sincerely thank Mayor Adam Shultz and Lake Macquarie City Council, Yasmin Caitley - State Member for Swansea, Pat Conroy - Federal Member for Shortland, Henry Scruton, Jenny Hicks and all the team from Hunter Branch.

Finally, Mel, thank you so much for being so supportive and sharing this journey with me.

David McCallum
Redhead President



Swansea Belmont President Report

I am proud to present my third Annual Report as President of Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club for the 2025/2026 season.

This year has been one of the most productive and significant in our Club's recent history. Together, we have continued to safeguard our beach, develop the next generation of lifesavers, host successful events and competitions, and secure important funding to strengthen our future. These achievements reflect the dedication, professionalism and commitment of our members, volunteers, sponsors and supporters. Every success this year has been built on their collective efforts.

The Club continued to maintain a strong event profile hosting round four of the Sharkskin IRB Championships and NSW Surf Life Saving State Championships. These events reinforce the Club's reputation as a leading surf lifesaving venue and provide significant economic and social benefit to the broader community.
While many of our achievements have been highly visible, some of the most important work has occurred behind the scenes.

Over the past three years, I have made it a priority to address long-standing governance, compliance and strategic issues that had constrained the club's ability to grow. Working closely with Lake Macquarie City Council, government agencies, consultants and volunteers, we have driven a number of complex projects to completion, including the execution of our new lease, securing grant funding for critical infrastructure upgrades, and resolving historical building compliance and certification matters that had remained outstanding for many years.

These outcomes have not been achieved overnight. They are the result of sustained persistence, careful planning and countless hours of collaboration. Together, they have fundamentally changed the club's position, providing the certainty, regulatory compliance and strategic platform needed to confidently invest in the future of Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club.

Throughout the season, the Club has continued to make substantial progress across a number of strategic initiatives that will shape its future for decades to come.

One of the most important has been the registration of our club lease, including the formal incorporation of additional land to the north of the clubhouse. This process is now nearing completion, with registration expected shortly through NSW Land Registry Services.

Equally significant has been the resolution of longstanding building compliance matters.

When I commenced as President three years ago, it became clear that the club's compliance position required immediate attention. Numerous Construction Certificate matters and other building

compliance issues had remained unresolved. Without addressing these, the club faced ongoing uncertainty and significant constraints on its ability to improve or redevelop its facilities.

Recognising the importance of this work, I have made resolving these matters one of my key strategic priorities. I am pleased to report that Lake Macquarie City Council has formally confirmed that all outstanding Construction Certificate matters have now been finalised.

Fire safety compliance has remained a major focus throughout the 2025/2026 season. Significant upgrades were completed to improve emergency access, means of egress.

Across the Club's facilities, a substantial program of renewal was also delivered to improve safety, sustainability and member experience. This included replacement of all carpets, installation of electronic door locks, expansion of security camera coverage, upgrade of the disability toilet amenities, and installation of the solar system to eighty-six panels with battery capacity to support future expansion. Operational governance was also strengthened through the introduction of payroll arrangements for bar staff, ensuring improved compliance and financial accountability.

While these achievements may not be immediately visible to members, they represent one of the most significant governance, compliance and risk management programs undertaken by the Club in recent years. More importantly, they have removed longstanding barriers to investment and strengthened the Club's ability to plan and progress with confidence into its next phase of development. With these foundations established, the Club is well positioned to pursue a program of growth, delivering modern facilities, improved member experiences and a sustainable future.

Patrolling

To our patrolling members, thank you for your dedication, vigilance and selflessness. Your service saves lives and continues the proud legacy of our club and the Surf Life Saving movement.

Each season, our members proudly wear the red and yellow uniform and dedicate countless hours to protecting both local residents and visitors to our beach. I am pleased to report another successful patrol season, with zero patrol breaches and no loss of life between the flags.

Thank you to our Director of Life Saving, Patrol Captains, Vice Captains, patrol members, IRB crews and all water safety personnel for your commitment and professionalism.

Beyond our regular patrol operations, the demand placed upon our emergency response and call-out teams continues to increase. Members regularly leave their workplaces, homes and families to respond to incidents across our coastline and when required, inland waterways. As Surf Life Saving NSW continues to expand its emergency services capability, our members remain at the forefront of community safety.
I also acknowledge and thank the Lake Macquarie City Council Lifeguards, who once again worked alongside our patrol teams and contributed greatly to beach safety throughout the season.

Patrol Statistics 2025/2026

- Rescues: one
- Preventative Actions: seventy-six
- First Aid Cases: eight
- Beach Closures: four
- Beach Attendance: 17,741
- Patrol Hours: 5,372 (increase of two hundred and six hours from last season)
- Patrol Members: Two hundred and five (increase of thirty-one members from last season)

Our Junior Activities Program enjoyed another outstanding season, highlighted by a remarkable improvement at the NSW State Age Championships. Swansea Belmont finished third overall on 226 points, improving four places from the previous season and finishing behind only Manly and Wanda Surf Life Saving Clubs. Once again, we were the highest-performing club in the Hunter Branch.

The dedication of our Age Managers and coaches continues to ensure a bright future for our club. Thank you to our Junior Activities Chair and the entire Junior Activities Committee for their leadership and commitment throughout the season. Thank you also to our coaches, water safety personnel, officials, and volunteers who support our juniors every week.
Our Senior Competition Team also represented the club with distinction. At the NSW State Championships, Swansea Belmont finished an outstanding seventh overall.

These results continue to reinforce Swansea Belmont's position as one of the premier regional surf clubs in Australia and a benchmark for excellence within the Hunter Branch.

Individual achievements were equally impressive. Kaitlin Rees successfully defended her Australian title, winning back-to-back Gold Medals in the prestigious Under 19 Female Board Race, while also securing a Bronze Medal in the demanding Under 19 Female Ironperson event.

Liam Blair dominated the opening day of the Australian Youth Championships, achieving the rare feat of winning both the Under 13 Male Swim and Under 13 Male Ironperson events.

These achievements reflect the talent, commitment and culture that exist throughout our club. Congratulations to all competitors, Green Jacket recipients and Club Award winners on their outstanding achievements throughout the season.

Education and training remain fundamental to the success of our club.

Our Education Team has once again delivered an impressive range of courses and qualifications, ensuring our members continue to develop the skills required to provide the highest standard of lifesaving services.

Throughout the season, members attained qualifications across a wide range of disciplines, including Surf Rescue, Bronze Medallion, UAV Operations, and numerous other awards.

Thank you to Director of Education and all of our trainers, assessors, and facilitators for your commitment to developing our members. Without your dedication, our core purpose of saving lives would not be possible.

In the 2025 / 26 Season Swansea Belmont SLSC had:

- 205 Proficient Bronze Members
- 18 SRC Members
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Representing one of the highest numbers of proficient member achieved in recent years.

The continued support of our sponsors and partners enables us to deliver essential lifesaving services, training, education, and community programs.
On behalf of Swansea Belmont SLSC, I sincerely thank all of our supporters, including our national, state, branch, and local sponsors.

Your support plays a vital role in ensuring our club remains strong, sustainable, and equipped to serve our community.

My thanks are also extended to Hunter Branch President Henry Scruton ESM, CEO Jenny Hicks and the Hunter Branch Executive for their ongoing assistance and support throughout the season.

Brad Fox
President



Caves Beach President Report

It is with great pleasure I present my fourth and final annual report for the 2025/2026 season. Firstlyt, thank you Nicole for supporting me in this role for the last four years.

This marks the 97th year of no lives lost on our watch at Caves Beach; a record to be very proud of. Every member of the club no matter what your role can take credit for this and know that you are valued by your club and community. The four years I have been president I have had the pleasure of being involved with many exceptional people. Together we have achieved a great deal. Big thanks to the members who supported and assisted in obtaining and eventually signing of the new lease. The lease expires in 2046, this allows our club to plan for the future without the continual need to renegotiate for this period.

We again thank our long-service competitive members who agreed to take on extra patrols this season again reduce the workload of their active member counterparts. This sees a substantial drop in the required number of rostered patrol hours our volunteers must complete. In the 2025/2026 season, we recorded 62346 visitors to our beach during patrol hours.

Our members performed a total of 3650.35 patrol hours, whilst achieving more than 812 preventative actions, 50 first aid treatments, and 4 rescues. Another outstanding season keeping our beach safe. We thank every person who contributed to patrols this year.

Thank you to all members of the emergency callout team. This team always responds quickly and professionally.

Our education team was busy this season with the roll out of the Lifesaving CPR update. This was a huge endeavour with all members having to be upgraded.

Our club members achieved the following awards:

- 265 Junior Surf Education Awards
- 3 Surf Rescue Certificates
- 14 Bronze Medallions
- 5 IRB Crew
- 6 SM IRB Drivers
- 22 First Aid Certificates
- 5 Advanced Resuscitation Techniques

A huge thank you needs to go to all our club coaches, officials and water safety team who volunteer hour after hour to allow our competitors the opportunity to do what they do best an represent our club in all areas of competition.

Thank you to our sponsors. Without your support, we could not afford to operate.

A big thankyou to all executive and committee members for all the work you do, most of it unseen and unrecognised. I'd like to single out Keiran Brown for his work in moving the club to the new financial system and his support with the finances of the club for the time I have been president. He is stepping down this season for a well earnt rest.

Thanks you to everyone at Hunter Branch who has supported me and argued with me over the last four years.

Max Hoste
President



Catherine Hill Bay President Report

It is my pleasure that I present my sixth Annual report for the 2025/2026 surf season for Catherine Hill Bay SLSC.

It was fantastic to hold a Hunter Branch Carnival in October and to have our nippers represent Catho by competing in this carnival. We at Catho are looking forward to keep building in this area and hope to hold many more carnivals in the future with our nippers representing us.
This season our patrolling members were again committed to providing a safe aquatic environment for all the community and it is a pleasure to report that for another season there has been “No Lives Lost” between the flags.

Thank you to our Patrol Captains for your dedicated service and commitment to Surf Lifesaving and to leading our Patrol Teams with enthusiasm and great teamwork. To all our volunteer lifesavers who have given up their personal time to attend patrols to protect our community every weekend throughout the season, the club executive thanks you all for your many hours spent walking the coastline and protecting this coastline between the flags. Our volunteers not only protect the surf, but we also volunteer our time every year being involved as Water Safety for the Raw Challenge at Doyalson and this year we also provided Water Safety for the Tough Mudder at Hunter Valley. I thank Vaughan, Josh and Henry Clayton, Kieren Ford, Steven and Sarah Lipar for giving up their time to volunteer at these events..

Statistics for the Season:

- 3 Rescue
- 203 Preventative Actions
- 23 First Aid
- 2807 Volunteer Patrol Hours

I would also like to acknowledge the commitment to Surf Lifesaving as our club members Kieren Ford, Steven Lipar, Dan Wheatley and Nick Trajanovski achieved their RWC Award this season and have committed to working with Hunter Branch as members who patrol our coastal waters outside of their patrolling hours to keep not only our community members but all community members along the coastline safe.

We celebrated our season again at our annual presentation, and I wish to congratulate the following members on their achievements and service awards:

Service Awards:
25 Years of Service:

- Glen Roberts

15 Years of Service:

- Kelly Elasi
- Sam Johnston

Appreciation Awards:

- Junior Patrol Person of the Year: Josh Clayton
- Senior Patrol Person of the Year: Kieren Ford
- Patrol Captain of the Year: Dan Wheatley
- Youth Volunteer of the Year: Grace Hagan
- Official of the Year: Richard Black
- Administrator of the Year: Charlotte Hagan
- Training Officer of the Year: Kieren Ford
- Surf Lifesaver of the Year: Nick Trajanovski
- Volunteer of the Year: Sarah Lipar
- Yasmin Catley Good Sport Award: Henry Clayton

I would like to congratulate Janette Bax and Kelly Elasi who were recognised for their outstanding service in our community at the Yasmin Catley MP Awards. Janette, a Life Member of Catherine Hill Bay SLSC was awarded the 2025 Senior of The Year Award. Janette has been a long-standing Director of Administration, kiosk coordinator, hall hire coordinator and an instrumental part of keeping our club running.

Kelly was awarded the 2025 Adult of The Year Award for her 15 years of patrolling service, including roles as Patrol Captain, President (6 years), Director of Finance (6 years), 12 consecutive years on the Executive, and countless hours providing water safety for Nippers..

At the NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards Glen Roberts was recognised in the Senior category for his outstanding contribution to the community. Glen is a Life Member, has completed 25 years of patrolling service, a Patrol Captain for over 20 years, a trainer, bar coordinator and water safety for Nippers. Janette Bax was also recognised at these awards in the Senior Category and Kelly Elasi was recognised in the Adult Category.

I would like to thank the executive members for their continuing support throughout the season.

Thank you, Richard Black, Vice President who supported all those who needed it this season. Your experience and knowledge was utilised in all areas of our club and we all appreciate your dedication and service.

Thank you, Janette Bax, our secretary for your dedication and continued support. For you, there is never an off season as you work tirelessly throughout the year and I thank you for always making sure that Catho is compliant so we receive our annual funding. Thank you for running the Kiosk for another season.

I would also like to thank Johanna Mackenzie who was involved with the administration of the club this season and was also actively involved in our Sunday Sips. Your work behind the scenes doesn't go unnoticed and I thank you for your dedication this season.

Thank you, Sarah Lipar, for taking on Director of Finance this season and becoming an executive member. Being your first year you have worked hard behind the scenes not only completing the finances for the club but also getting Sunday Sips up and running, a new initiative from our Focus Committee to bring our community together on a Sunday afternoon, having the bar open and enjoying live music.

Thank you, Jordan Reinhard, Director of Surf Sports for assisting those nippers who represented Catho at carnivals. This was your second year in this role and I congratulate you on your dedication in developing in this role. It was great to see so many nippers competing this season and seeing them compete at Catho when we held the carnival was a testament to your work and efforts in delivering the Surf Sports program. We look forward to maintaining and increasing the numbers in this area over the next season.





Thank you, Rebecca Roberts for taking on the role of JAC for your fourth year. Again, Rebecca has dedicated herself to this role and is the driving force behind our members returning and gaining new members to the club. Again, this season Rebecca led with precise direction and was always readily available to help wherever the club needed it. Thankyou Rebecca for all of your hard work again this season.

This season we introduced the Focus Committee, with members coming together to discuss areas of our club that we could improve or work towards bringing in new initiatives to the club to bring the community together. This is where Sunday Sips was introduced.

Our first event was a success with club and community members coming together enjoying live music, good food and an amazing view. We ran these throughout the season and found them to be very successful. I would like to thank everyone involved for your efforts and it was great to see so many members, their friends, family and our community enjoying themselves at these events. We look forward to continuing Sunday Sips and hope to see more members and the community come together to enjoy Catho.

I would also like to recognise and thank Grace Hagan who initiated “Row for a Reason”, a fun day to row and raise funds for “Surfing the Spectrum” which is a not-for-profit Surf Therapy initiative working to positively impact the lives of families, and their children with Autism to the ocean through surfing.

Our Club Sponsors and supporters are an integral part of our club and have continued to provide financial support towards the operation of our facilities and services, so please support them where possible. Thank you to SLS Australia, SLS NSW, Hunter Branch SLS, Newcastle Permanent and our local sponsors Delta, Doyalson RSL, Fortunity Group Pty Ltd, Swansea Lions Club, Hokin Prestige Residential, Certify Your Pool (licensed inspectors) and Grasshopper. We also receive grants through the Government Beach Safety Equipment Funding, SLS NSW Foundation, Hunter Branch Club Quality Program, Yasmin Catley MP, Member for Swansea, Minister for Police & Counter Terrorism, through the Stronger Communities Program. These funds received provide our club with much needed Surf Lifesaving equipment and training equipment.

I would like to thank Lake Macquarie City Council Lifeguards for their ongoing support. We are grateful to have a team of LMCC Lifeguards who work closely with our volunteer life savers.

I would like to send my sincere thanks to Jenny Hicks, CEO, Henry Scruton, President, and all the team at Hunter Branch SLS for their continued support not only to myself but all the team at Catho.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the club members who support our club and to everyone who has supported me in my sixth year as President. I hope the 2026/2027 season is another successful year for Catho

Kelly Elasi
President

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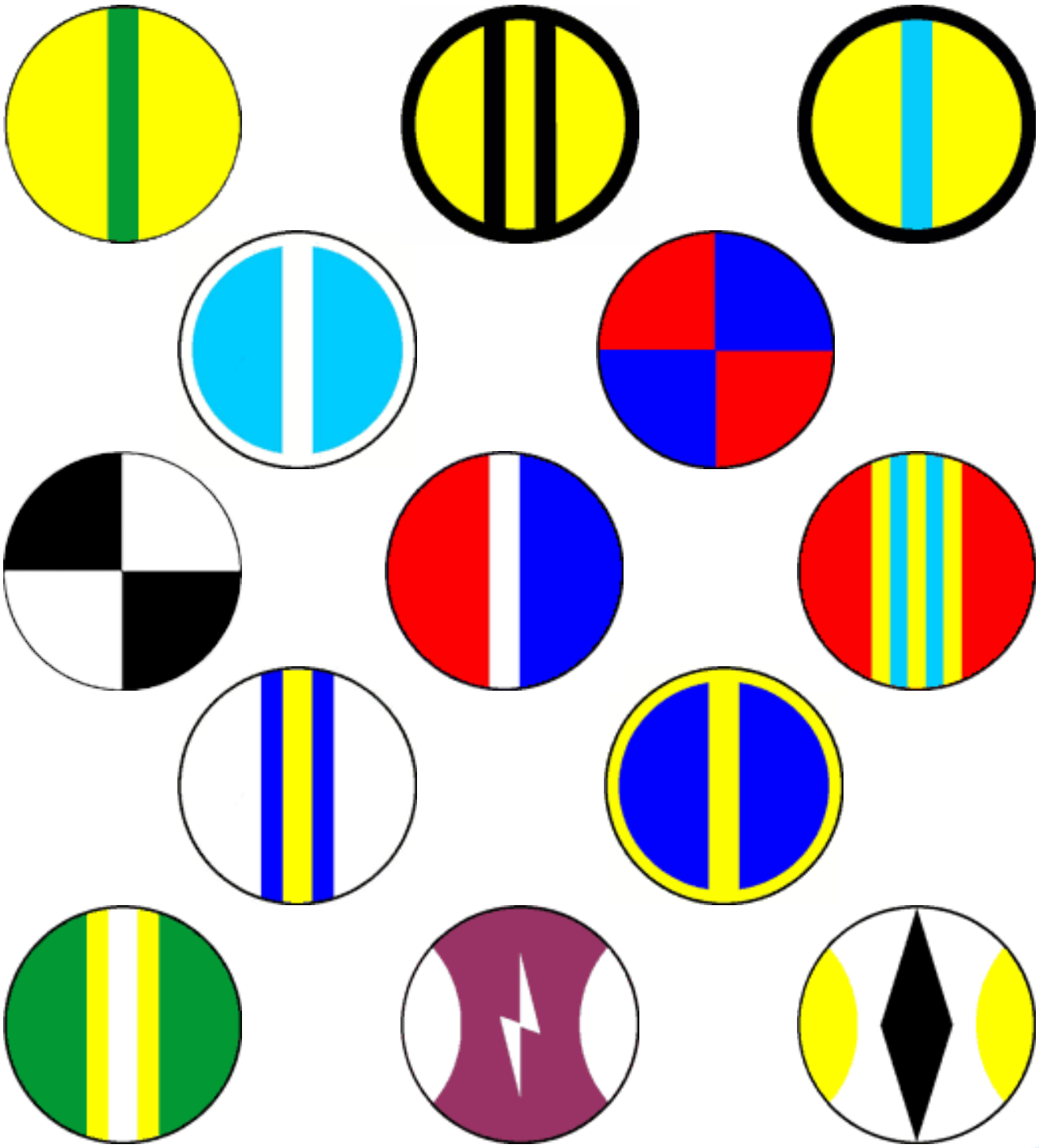
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The Federal Government, for the Beach Safety Equipment Funding, which provided $10,000 to each Surf Life Saving Club for the purchase of essential rescue equipment, first aid supplies, and medical resources. • The Federal Government, for ongoing Vocational Education and Training (VET) funding, which strengthens training capability across the state and supports members to gain the skills and qualifications required to perform their lifesaving roles safely and confidently.

We acknowledge Surf Life Saving NSW and the Surf Life Saving Foundation for their ongoing fundraising on behalf of Clubs and Branches. By coordinating fundraising centrally, members can spend less time on fundraising activities and more time delivering lifesaving services. This approach also helps ensure funding is shared fairly across the state

We acknowledge the general public and donors and say thank you for their generous support, without their purchases of raffle tickets or making donations, SLSNSW would not be able to distribute this money each year



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