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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Graeme Doig Vice President: Terry Aldridge

Director Administration: Scott Crawford **Director Lifesaving:** Bernadette Nicholson

Director Finance: Kellie Connolly **Director Surf Sports:** Noelene Young **Director Junior Activities:** Michael Cross **Director Education:** Sandra Donkin

Public Officer: Michael Bartlett

OFFICE BEARERS

Branch Delegate: Bernadette Nicholson Publicity Officer: Kim Gollan

Registrar: Bernadette Nicholson Social Activities Officer: Kaycee Wisemantel

First Aid Officer: Sandra Donkin Functions Co-Ordinator: Leana Doig
IRB Captains: Peter Gollan Gym Co-Ordinator: Jim Crookston
Bar Manager /Licencee: Terry Aldridge Saturday Awareness Co-Or: Jim Crookston

Board and Ski Captain: Leigh Croker

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Beach Supervisor: Mark Miller

Water Safety Officer: Mark Miller, Mark Hillyer & Nick Wisemantel

Gear Steward:Mark HillyerPublicity Officer:Nicole CrossBBQ Coordinator:Linda Jackson

Age Managers: Jared Wait, Paul Cox, Peter Brabant, Amber Walters,

Kevin Boag, Kate McSwan & Mark Dew, Chris Pearce,

Natalie Carrier, Kylie Pearce

Surf Education Coordinators: Natalie Hawkins & Bernadette Nicholson

Clothing Coordinator: Kaycee Wisemantel

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND HONOURS COMMITTEE

Convener: John Edstein

Members: John Hannigan, Graeme Doig, Mike Bartlett, & Terry Aldridge

Black Head Surf Life Saving Club Inc.



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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Black Head SLSC will be held at the Clubhouse on Sunday 21st August 2016 at 11am.

Agenda

Apologies

Welcome by the President

Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM held on Sunday 26th July 2015

Presentation and adoption of the Annual Report.

Presentation of the Financial Report and Balance Sheet

Election of Office Bearers for the 2016-17 Season

Notice of Motion:

1. That affiliation be sought by Black Head SLSC with Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Proposed Graeme Doig Seconded Scott Crawford

Urgent General Business

All members are encouraged to attend.

Any member who wishes to vote must be a financial member at the beginning of the meeting.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Scott Crawford
Director Administration
27 June 2016

Black Head Surf Life Saving Club Objectives

The Objects of the Club are to:

- (a) Provide for the conduct, encouragement, promotion and administration of surf lifesaving in the local area;
- (b) Participate as a Member of SLSNSW and SLSA through and by which surf lifesaving and the preservation of life in the aquatic environment can be conducted, encouraged, promoted, advanced and administered.
- (c) Ensure the maintenance and enhancement of the Club, and surf lifesaving, its standards, quality and reputation for the benefit of the Members and surf lifesaving;
- (d) At all times act on behalf of and in the interest of the Members and surf lifesaving;
- (e) Promote the economic and community service success, strength and stability of surf lifesaving;
- (f) Affiliate with and otherwise liaise with SLSNSW and SLSA in the pursuit of these objects and surf lifesaving;
- (g) Conduct, encourage, promote, advance and control surf lifesaving in the local area, its many aspects devoted to aquatic safety and management, and the preservation of life in the aquatic environment;
- (h) Apply the property and capacity of the Club towards the fulfilment and achievement of these objects;
- (i) Promote the involvement and influence of surf lifesaving standards, techniques, awards and education with bodies involved in lifesaving;
- (j) Strive for Governmental, commercial and public recognition of the Club as the authority on aquatic safety and management in local area;
- (k) Foster, regulate, organise and manage assessments, competitions, displays and other activities and to issue badges, medallions and certificates and award trophies to successful members;
- (I) Review and/or determine any matters relating to surf lifesaving which may arise, or be referred to it, by any Member;
- (m) Represent the interests of its Members and of surf lifesaving generally in any appropriate forum in local area;

Presidents Report

The Club commenced the season by celebrating 90 years since its formation. It was a great weekend enjoyed by over 170 members, past and present. Thank you to Kaycee Wisemantel and all her helpers for making it a great weekend.

Thanks to all patrolling members for another successful season, especially the 46 members, mentioned elsewhere in this report, who achieved 100% patrol.

Once again the Club had continued success in Surf Sports during the season with some great results, congratulation to all competitors.

The 2015-16 season has been another successful one for Black Head Nippers.

Thank you to Club Trainers and Assessors for all the hard work training lifesavers during the year.

The Head2Head was held again in January this year. There were a total of 103 competitors. Thank you to Scott Crawford for taking on the role as Race Director and organising the event. Thanks to the 77 members, who assisted on the day making it a success.

Saturday Surf Awareness Program was held for the 9th year with great success, as demonstrated by the increasing numbers, a special thank you to Jim Crookston and his many helpers for their amazing effort in running this program. It is wonderful to see people with a disability learn surf skills and enjoy the beach.

To the Club sponsors many thanks for the continued support that enables the Club to patrol Black Head Beach.

We continue to use the Clubhouse as a function centre from time to time, thank you to Leana Doig the Functions Coordinator and to Terry Aldridge the Licencee, and the many members who work behind the bar, and in the kitchen. Sunday Sippers continues to be popular each week with members and the local community. Brekkie on the Balcony was again held during the Christmas Holidays and was a great success.

It was an honour to attend the Presentation, of a Certificate of Appreciation, by the NSW Police Force Manning Great Lakes Local Area Command to Club member Pierce Jackson recently. The certificate reads;

"in recognition of his actions to assist Police and other emergency services, stabilise and rescue a person who had fallen down a 20 metre cliff at Godfrey's Gap, Black Head on Saturday 9 April 2016.

Mr Pierce Jackson is worthy of recognition by the NSW Police for his contribution to providing primary first aid support and general assistance during a rescue operation under difficult circumstances and is so commended."

Thank you to all Directors and Office Bearers for their hard work during the year. Thanks also go to Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch and its officers for their hard work and support.

Graeme Doig President



Presentation of the Certificate of Appreciation to Pierce Jackson by Acting Superintendent Wayne Humphrey, Commander Manning Great Lakes Local Area Command



Joint winners of Senior Club Person of the Year Leigh Croker & Amber Walters

Administration Report

The Board met 12 times during the season between July 2015 to July 2016.

		Present
President	Graeme Doig	11
Vice President	Terry Aldridge	8
Dir Administration	Scott Crawford	12
Dir Finance	Kellie Connolly	11
Dir Lifesaving	Bernadette Nicholson	8
Dir Surf Sports	Noelene Young **	10
Dir Junior Activities	Michael Cross	5
Dir Education	Sandi Donkin	6
Public Officer	Mike Bartlett	6

^{** 11} Meetings, appointed August 2015

The Club adopted a new Constitution and By-Laws at the 2014 Annual General meeting. The outgoing board has recommended that the incoming board appoint a committee to review the By-Laws.

The major awards for the season were as follows:

Senior Club Person Leigh Croker & Amber Walters

Junior Club Person (under 19) Pierce Jackson Junior Encouragement Award (under 19) Mia Moran Cadet Encouragement Award Molly Aiken **Dennis Jeffers Memorial Award** Mark Hillyer **Senior Competitor** Jordan Connolly Junior Competitor Cormac O'Byrne **Cadet Competitor** Julian Boag **Masters Competitor Noelene Young**

The Club is grateful for support from the following:-

Greater Taree City Council NSW Government

(now MidCoast Council). Commonwealth Government

The Lions Club of Hallidays Point Lions Foundation

Diamond Beach Butchery L J Hooker Real Estate Hallidays Point

Garry Douglas Autos Hallidays Point Probus

Walker Legal & Conveyancing Taree Cellarbrations at Diamond Beach

Bruce Pain - Regional Financial Services Foodworks @ Black Head Grant Burley (Helicopter) Black Head Beach Quilters

Don Emms Signs Earl's Turf

Hallidays Point Tavern Manning River Marine

Geoffrey Stewart Constructions (Watman Family) Kempe Families

Townsend Family Your Heritage Financial Planning P/L

Andrews Gardner Real Estate Diamond Beach Holiday Park Hallidays Point Combined Probus Club Barnett Earthmoving P/L

Forster/Tuncurry & Crowdy/Harrington Marine Rescue

Forster Gas XX Trophies

Please support our sponsors by utilising the goods & services they have to offer.

I would like to comment on some aspects of Club activities:

- The **Head2Head** swim event returned to January and was well received. The event was very ably run by over 70 Club volunteers (see report later). Thank you all the helpers. This event is a significant contributor to Club funds.
- The Club organised the **fireworks** again on New Year's Eve with community funding. This is a popular community event with many spectators. It requires ongoing community financial assistance to continue and more publicity as well as the consent of Crown Lands.
- Linda Jackson & Eddie Connolly, all those hungry people on Sunday mornings say thank you for your efforts on the **BBQ**.
- All those who use the Clubhouse will appreciate the facilities, especially up stairs and the change rooms. Thank you to our **caretaker**, Alan Murray.
- To our diligent **Licencee**, Terry Aldridge and his many helpers, Terry puts in a power of work around the Club but especially relating to the Bar.
- **Sunday Sippers** continues through winter and is being well received by members & the local community.
- Brekkie on the Balcony was another success. Thanks to the team leaders and their crews.
- **Saturday Surf Awareness** was held for the 9th year with great success as demonstrated by the increasing numbers, a special thank you to Jim Crookston and his many helpers for their amazing effort in running this program. (see report later).
- The **Hall Hire** is becoming an increasingly important source of funds for the Club. Leana Doig made a big contribution in coordinating the bookings and setting up especially for weddings. This is greatly appreciated.
- The **90th** celebrations were well received by 170 past & present members
- Funds were raised from Federal, State, Local Government & Lions Club as well as the Hallidays Point Community to complete the **road** in front of the Club. Mike Bartlett did an amazing job of project management.

Thanks to Graeme Doig, Terry Aldridge, Bernadette Nicholson, Trevor King, Kellie Connolly, Vicki Smyth & Kevin Boag for the work they did at **Branch** in their various roles.

Scott Crawford Director Administration



Head2Head Ocean Swim

Lifesaving Report

Thanks to all patrolling members for another successful season.

This season 101 patrol members did a very impressive 3,380 hours of patrol and the attendance record shows over 14,000 people visited Black Head Beach this season.

Congratulations to Patrol 5 for Best Patrol of the season (David Johnston, Chris & Kylie Pearce, Kellie, Jordan & Shelby Connolly, Robyn King, Sophie Wunder and Vicki Smyth).

Congratulations to the 46 patrol members who achieved 100% patrol this season.

Congratulations to the 9 members who were awarded 10 year National Patrol Service Awards and to the 9 members who were awarded 5 year National Patrol Service Awards at this year's presentation night.

A big thank you to the 32 members who patrolled on Christmas Day this season many hands made light work of the day and each hour was covered for the whole day.

Big thank you to Gary Douglas Auto for keeping the patrol vehicle going for yet another season.

See you on the beach

Bernadette Nicholson Director Lifesaving



Vigilance and Service

100% Patrol Awards

Molly Aiken Terrence Aldridge Julian Boag **Kevin Boag David Bowland Ronald Bridges** Carmel Brown **Natalie Carrier David Casserly Kellie Connolly Shelby Connolly** Jordan Connolly John Cooling Leigh Croker Jim Crookston Glenn Daley

Bernadette Daley Darren Defina Mark Dew Michael Elliott Sab Frederickson Peter Gollan Kim Gollan Mark Hillyer Pierce Jackson David Johnston Robyn King **Trevor King** Paul Kremer Kathryn McSwan Paul McWhirter Sharyn McWhirter Matthew Miller
Mark Miller
Maria Moran
Lisa Nicholson
Bernadette Nicholson
Christopher Pearce
Shane Reeman
Vicki Smyth
Adam Turville
Amber Walters
Tony Weir
Bruce White
Mitchell Wilson
Noelene Young



Members who received their 100% Patrol Award at the presentation night

Vice Presidents Report

Function hall hire continues to be a good income earner for the Club. Thanks to all the hard work Leana Doig puts in.

Sunday Sippers

The main social activity is very well attended by members and local guests. Numbers keep growing by word-of-mouth and Sippers is now held all year round from 3pm.

NRL Tipping Comp

This season, Jim Frewin has started a tipping competition on the NRL games. Even though we were a bit late notifying members, the dozen participating are enjoying the challenge and the banter associated with Jim's progress score report on Sundays.

I would like to thank my assistants, John Hannigan & Ron Bridges and all those who help with the bar by volunteering their time at Club social functions.

List of Bar Volunteers

Amber Walters, Bernadette Nicholson, Bill Lyndon, Bruce White, Graeme & Leana Doig, Kellie & Jordon Connolly, Kate McSwan, Kaycee & Nick Wisemantle, John & Leah Hannigan, Leigh Croker, Michael Bartlett, Noel McManus, Ron, Liz & Rachel Bridges, Scott Crawford, Tracy Black, Trevor King, Vicki Smyth, Yvonne Geerts. Peter & Kim Gollan, Jack Cooling, Brony Crookston, Paul Kremer.

Terry Aldridge Vice President & Licencee



Mark Hillyer being presented with the Dennis Jeffers Memorial Award from last year's inaugural winner Shelby Connolly, watched by Kim Jeffers.

Surf Sports Report

This season Black Head Club represented well at the Crowdy Head Carnival in November, which the Club won comfortably. Masters members competed at the Scotts Head Carnival more as a warm up for the season .

Juniors and Cadet members of Black Head competed with the Lower North Coast Inter-branch team at Cape Hawk in December, achieving good individual results in a tough field of competitors.

Black Head held the Head2Head Ocean Classic on 17th January with Club members gaining great results.

During the Christmas holiday break, board training was offered to members on Wednesday mornings to prepare for Country and Branch Championships. At Country Championships at Southwest Rocks in early February Black Head placed 19th out of 37 NSW Country Clubs.

The Branch Championships were held at Old Bar in February in surf conditions that were not easy, particularly for nippers. Great performances by Pierce and Nelson Jackson, Boag family(Julian, Issac, Cullum, & Kevin), Jarred Wait, Isabella and Nathanial Deas, Olivia Dew, Brady Cross, David Diehm, Lucas Kloosterhof, the Pierce Family(Kylie, Lucy & Oliva) and many others. A full report of results for Branch follows.

I would like to thank all those who came to the branch carnival and made it a great day, this includes all parents/grandparents taking the time to transport their kids. Thanks to age managers for their organisation and training of age groups throughout the year and particularly officials and those who always turn up for Water Safety. A carnival cannot run without this water safety or officials.

Water safety: Mark Hillyer, Amber Walters, Leigh Croker, Mark Miller, Mick Cross, Adam Turville, Shelby Connolly & Nick Wisemantel.

Officials: Kellie Connolly, Natalie Carrier, Carmel Brown, Craig Jackson, Peter Brabrant, Terry Aldridge, Vicki Smyth, Chris Pierce & Bernadette Nicholson.

If I left anyone out I apologise.

See you on the beach next summer.

Noelene Young
Director Surf Sports

Club Awards

Senior Competitor
Junior Competitor (Under 19)
Cadet Competitor (Under 15)
Masters Competitor

Jordan Connolly Cormac O'Byrne Julian Boag Noelene Young

Results for Black Head SLSC 2015-2016

Senior Branch Championships

David Diehn 2nd Beach Sprint u15 men Pierce Jackson 1st Beach Sprint u17 men Amber Walters 1st Beach Sprint open ladies Jordan Connolly 1st Beach Sprint open men Kate McSwan 2nd Beach Sprint o40 ladies Glen Daley 2nd Beach Sprint o40 men Mark Dew 2nd Beach Sprint o50 men Pierce Jackson 2nd Flags u17 men

Flags open men Pierce Jackson 1st, Jordan Connolly 2nd

Marathon o30 ladies

Surf race u15 men

Surf race u17 men

Surf race open ladies

Kate McSwan 3rd

Jullian Boag 1st

Pierce Jackson 1st

Amber Walters 2nd

Surf race open men Pierce Jackson 1st, Kevin Boag 2nd

Surf race o30 men Beau Weatherley 3rd

Surf race o40 men Kevin Boag 1st, Kylie Pearce 3rd

Surf race o50 men

Surf teams open men

Black Head 1st

Board race u15 men

Board race u17 men

Board race open ladies

Noelene Young 2nd

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Board race open men Jared Wait 2nd, Kevin Boag 3rd, Pierce Jackson 4th, Glen Daley 5th,

Mark Dew 6th

Board race o40 ladies Noelene Young 2nd

Board race o40 men Jared Wait 2nd, Kevin Boag 3rd, Glen Daley 4th, Mark Dew 5th

Ironperson u15 men Jullian Boag 1st
Ironperson u17 men Pierce Jackson 1st

Ironperson open men Jared Wait 1st, Kevin Boag 3rd, Pierce Jackson 4th

Ironperson o40 Jared Wait 1st, Kevin Boag 2nd

Ironperson o50 ladies Noelene Young 2nd
Ski open ladies Noelene Young 2nd

Board riding u15 Matt Miller 1st, Heath Turville 3rd, Jullian Boag 4th

Board riding senior Trevor King 1st, Adam Turville 2nd
Board riding o30 Trevor King 1st, Adam Turville 2nd
Long board open Trevor King 1st, Adam Turville 2nd
Long board o40 Trevor King 1st, Adam Turville 2nd

Long board u15 Matt Miller 1st, Heath Turville 2nd, Jullian Boag 3rd

Tube u15 maleJullian Boag 1stTube u17 malePierce Jackson 1stTube open ladiesAmber Walters 1st

Tube open male Pierce Jackson 1st, Kevin Boag 3rd, Nick Wisemantle 4th

Tube o40 male Kevin Boag 1st, Kylie Pearce 2nd

2 Km run ladies Amber Walters 3rd
2 Km run male Pierce Jackson 1st

Junior Branch Championship

Lucy Pearce 5th Beach Sprint under 8 female Olivia Dew 3rd Beach Sprint under 11 female Lachlan Turville 2nd Beach Sprint under 11 male

Olivia Pearce 4th, Elise Montague 5th Beach Sprint under 12 female

BJ Kloosterhof 4th Beach Sprint under 12 male

Julia Brown 1st, Jasmine Axisa 2nd Beach Sprint under 13 female

Isabella Deas 4th Beach Sprint under 14 female

David Diehm 1st, Sam Diehm 3rd, Lucas Koosterhof 5th, Beach Sprint under 14 male

Lucy Pearce 5th Beach Flags under 8 female

Lachlan Turville 2nd, Max Hillier 4th Beach Flags under 11 male Olivia Pearce 3rd, Elise Montague 4th Beach Flags under 12 female

BJ Kloosterhof 3rd Beach Flags under 12 male Julia Brown 1st Beach Flags under 13 female Sam Diehm 2nd Beach Flags under 14 male Izaac Boag 2nd Surf Race under 10 male Olivia Dew 1st Surf Race under 11 female

Nathanial Deas 2nd, Brady Cross 3rd Surf Race under 11 male Olivia Pearce 2nd, Elise Montague 5th BJ Kloosterhof 3rd Surf Race under 12 female

Surf Race under 12 male Julia Brown 4th Surf Race under 13 female

Lucas Kloosterhof 1st, Nelson Jackson 2nd Surf Race under 13 male

Surf Race under 14 female Isabella Dea 1st

Callam Boag 1st, Fletcher Pearce 2nd Surf Race under 14 male

Black Head 1st & 3rd Surf Teams under 11 Black Head 1st & 2nd Surf Teams under 13 Black Head 1st Surf Teams under 14 Olivia Dew 1st Board Race under 11 female

Nathanial Deas 2nd, Brady Cross 4th, Jayme Wisemantel 5th Board Race under 11 male

Jasmine Axisa 1st Board Race under 13 female

Lucas Kloosterhof 1st, Nelson Jackson 2nd Board Race under 13 male

Isabella Deas 2nd Board Race under 14 female

Callam Boag 1st, David Diehm 4th, Sam Diehm 5th Board Race under 14 male

Black Head 1st Board Relay under 14 open Black Head 4th Board Rescue under 12 open

Black Head 1st, 2nd & 5th Board Rescue senior male

Nathanial Deas 2nd, Brady Cross 3rd, Izaac Boag 4th Iron Person under 11 male

Jayme Wisemantel 6th Jasmine Axisa 1st

Iron Person under 13 female

Lucas Kloosterhof 1st, Nelson Jackson 2nd Iron Person under 13 male

Isabella Deas 1st Iron Person under 14 female

David Diehm 1st, Callam Bog 2nd, Fletcher Pearce 3rd Iron Person under 14 male

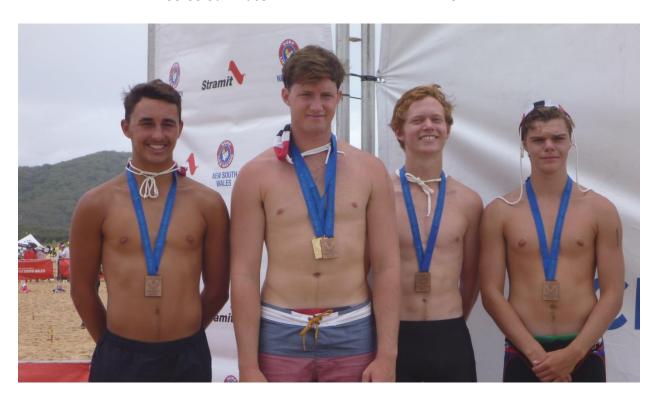
Sam Diehm 5th

Country Championships at South West Rocks

Jordan Connolly	Under 19 Male Beach Sprint Open Male Beach Sprint	1 st 2 nd
Cormac O'Byrne	Under 17 Male Beach Sprint	3 rd
Chelsea Grimmett	Under 14 Female Beach sprint	3 rd
Noelene Young	50-59 Board Race 50-59 Ski Race	1 st 3 rd
Under 19 Male Beach Relay (Jordan Connolly, Paul Elliott, Pierce Jackson, Cormac O'Byrne)		3 rd
Trevor King	50-59 Malibu Long Board Riding	1 st
Terry Aldridge	60+ Malibu Long Board Riding	2 nd

NSW State Championships at Umina

Noelene Young	55-59 Board Race	2 nd
	55-59 Ski Race	2 nd
	55-59 Iron Woman	2 nd
	55-59 Surf Race	5 th



Under 19 Male Beach Relay (Pierce Jackson, Jordan Connolly, Paul Elliott, Cormac O'Byrne)

3rd Country Championships

Nippers Report

The 2015-16 season has been another successful one for Black Head Nippers. In terms of outright competition results and numbers attending each Sunday, the season was probably not up to the usual Black Head standard and expectations, however the quality of the surf performances was once again outstanding.

Like many sports and community organisations, Black Head SLSC suffers from ebbs and flows in membership numbers. This season the membership numbers were also negatively affected by the shark incident in the lead up to the start of the season.

While Black Head convincingly won the point score at the Crowdy Head carnival in November, competitor numbers were significantly reduced at the Lower North Coast (LNC) Branch Championships. This was in part due to clashes with the NSW State Age Swimming Championships and the NSW State Cup touch football tournament.

There were many outstanding performances, however sheer competitor numbers saw Forster win the LNC Junior point score by a mere 15 points.

Individual competitors to perform well include Jasmine Axisa, Callum Boag, Izaac Boag, Julia Brown, Brady Cross, Isabelle Deas, Nathanial Deas, Olivia Dew, David Diehm, Nelson Jackson, B J Kloosterhoff, Lucas Kloosterhoff, Fletcher Pearce, Olivia Pearce and Lachlan Turville. Black Head competitors also performed well in the team and multi discipline events.



Weather and surf conditions over the season provided Nippers with a variety of challenges that both enhanced existing skills and developed a range of new ones.

Black Head is very fortunate to have dedicated and highly skilled age managers who work tirelessly each Sunday to pass on their surf knowledge and experience to the Nippers. They have helped our Nippers become very confident and skilled in the surf.

An enjoyable way of developing surf awareness and skills is a goal of Nippers. All children learn skills to keep them and others safe in the surf. While age managers will encourage surf participation and teach surfing skills, it is not the role of age managers to teach children to swim. The ability to swim is a vital part of Australian life and parents must be responsible for ensuring their children can swim. To the parents of weaker swimmers, I encourage you to help your children by enrolling them in swimming programs that will ensure they are equipped with essential skills to be safe in the water. This will also lead to greater enjoyment in the water. Any child who cannot meet the required minimum swimming standards will not be permitted to enter the surf.

Club Championships were conducted on two separate competition days, with a third day being cancelled due to dangerous surf conditions. Having two championship rounds rather than the planned three led to a number equal placing in most age groups. Congratulations to all who participated.

Congratulations to Molly Aiken and David Diehm, who were the Black Head nominees in the Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award. Molly and David acquitted themselves extremely well and Black Head is proud of them both.

Nippers is run solely on a voluntary basis. The continued success of Black Head Nippers is due to the dedication of a number of people. A huge thank you must go to the age managers who give up their time each week to teach and mentor the Nippers; without their dedication Nippers would not happen.

To Linda Jackson and Ed Connolly; thank you very much for organising and running the BBQ each week. Thanks also to Forster Gas and Diamond Beach Butchery for supplying gas and quality meat for the BBQ.

Thank you to the parents who took their children to carnivals, carried out water safety, officiated at carnivals, assisted age managers each week or helped out with the weekly BBQs. They may not have said it directly, but I'm sure the Nippers also appreciate everything you do for them.

Thank you also to the senior and patrolling members of Black Head SLSC who are always willing to help out with water safety, the weekly BBQ or instructing the Nippers; your assistance in making Nippers a safe and fun experience is most appreciated.

Thank you to the Black Head SLSC Board for its ongoing support. The Nipper members are the future of the Club and the Board are always very supportive of any request for assistance with any activity undertaken by the Nippers.

Congratulations to the under 14 members who have now completed their Surf Rescue Certificate and graduated to be patrolling life savers. I thank you all for your contributions to Black Head Nippers over the years and wish you well for the future. I look forward to seeing you patrolling the beach and helping out the Nippers with water safety.

2015-16 was great season for Black Head Nippers and I look forward to seeing you all on the beach for another successful surf season in 2016-17.

Yours in Surf Life Saving

Mick Cross
Director Junior Activities



Nippers Presentation Day



Noelene Young training

Education Report

Thanks to the Education team, listed below, who helped train and assess so many candidates over the last 12 months.

Trainers/Assessors/Facilitators

Sandra Donkin Joel Donkin Noelene Young Paul Kremer Michael Elliott Geoff Jackson Amber Walters Kevin Boag

Glenn Daley (providing assistance during Skills Maintenance)

Probationary Trainers

Leigh Croker Bernadette Nicholson

Sandra Donkin
Director Education

Education Awards

Bronze Medallion

Julian Boag Abby Minett Matthew Moulder Mia Moran

Adam Sharpe Sophie Wunder

Surf Rescue Certificate

Elizabeth Avery Callum Boag Catherine Bowland Kalani Cross
Isabella Deas Samuel Diehm Chelsea Grimmett Kye Lewis-Colliar

Claire Newham Fletcher Pearce Molly Reid

Silver Medallion IRB Driver

Leigh Croker Amber Walters

IRB Crew Certificate

Pierce Jackson

Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue

Leigh Croker Jim Crookston Stuart Crookston Glenn Daley

Noelene Young

Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management

Stuart Crookston Leah King

Rescue Water Craft Operator Certificate

Leigh Croker Trevor King

First Aid

Susie Catterson Jordan Connolly

Nipper Education Awards

Surf Aware One Ashlee Brabant Ava Sharpe	Oliver Castle Taia Shedden	Madeleine Cradock Evie Wood McGuire	Lucy Pearce
Surf Aware Two Mark Allan Charli Kizilos Leilani Williams	Lauryn Brown Bridey McDermott	River Colliar Ziggy Pickering	Griffin Joyier Tayla Wait
Surf Play One Emily Castle Blake Shedden	Eleanor Cradock Jack Vaughan	Alannah Hawkins-Munro Connor Wait	Quillan Joyier Lily Woodfield
Surf Play Two Isabella Colliar Daisy Pickering	Miley Cox Kayle Williams	Scarlett Donnellan	Angel Garton
Surf Safe One Izaac Boag	Lachlan Castle		
Surf Safe Two Schafer Aiken Brady Cross Jay Kizilos Jayme Wisemantel	Sarah Allan Nathanial Deas Patrick Montague Wolf Woodroff	Haylee Brabant Olivia Dew Lachlan Turville	Jackson Burns Max Hillyer Hamish Wilson
Surf Smart One Grace Brkic Elise Montague	BJ Kaukura Olivia Pearce	Gracie Hawkins-Munro Laura Wilson	Jessica Kearney Oliver Wynne
Surf Smart Two Maddison Aiken Nelson Jackson Laura Wilson	Jasmine Axisa Lucas Kloosterhof Max Wynne	Julia Brown Molly Reid	Hunter Burns Ethan Williams

Patrol Hours

Molly Aiken	35.25	Michael Elliott	38.75	Claire Newham	29.25
Steve Aiken	28.25	Paul Elliott	25.75	James Newham	37
Terry Aldridge	47	Renee Elliott	36	Bernadette Nicholsor	41.25
Jillian Black	24.25	Sab Frederickson	43	Lisa Nicholson	47.25
Callum Boag	8	Ned Gillis	17	Sharon Noble	35
Julian Boag	47.5	Kim Gollan	37	Cormac O'Byrne	38.5
Kevin Boag	44	Peter Gollan	64.5	Chris Pearce	44
Catherine Bowland	25	Toby Gollan	8	Kylie Pearce	32
David Bowland	66.75	Chelsea Grimmett	2	Beaumont Proudfoot	8.5
Ron Bridges	50.25	James Harvey	8	Shane Reeman	45.5
Carmel Brown	40.75	Mark Hillyer	59.5	Jacob Sandilands	14.25
Natalie Carrier	39.5	Pierce Jackson	94	Rimmi Scott	32
David Casserly	40.25	David Johnston	48	Vicki Smyth	47.75
David Castle	12	Aaron King	28	Georgia Steell	16
Jordan Connolly	64.25	Leah King	16	Adam Turville	44.75
Kellie Connolly	44	Robyn King	40	Heath Turville	40.25
Shelby Connolly	53.25	Thomas King	13.5	Jared Wait	4
John Cooling	45.5	Trevor King	70.25	Amber Walters	55.75
Paul Cox	40	Anastasia Kladis	18.25	Tony Weir	40.75
Leigh Croker	194.75	Katarina Kladis	10.25	Julie Welsh	28.5
Jim Crookston	49.5	Paul Kremer	50.75	Alexander White	29
Kalani Cross	6	Tristan Mannow	16.75	Bruce White	40
Michael Cross	5.75	Kathryn McSwan	41.75	Rosanna White	22
Bernadette Daley	36.5	Paul McWhirter	46	Ben Wickenden	24.5
Glenn Daley	40.5	Sharyn McWhirter	40.5	Eliza Williamson	8
Anne Davies	24.25	Mark Miller	45.5	John Williamson	32
Scott Davies	28.25	Matthew Miller	54.5	Mitchell Wilson	36
Isabella Deas	8	Abby Minett	20.25	Clayton Wisemantel	27.75
Darren Defina	40	Maria Moran	32	Nicholas Wisemantel	33.5
Mark Dew	40.25	Andrew Moulder	8	Sophie Wunder	12
David Diehm	33	Matthew Moulder	25	Noelene Young	55.75
Joel Donkin	4.25	Jake Nash	32		
Sandra Donkin	4	Luke Nash	8		

Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Awards of Excellence Night

Black Head SLSC winners

Life Saver of the Year Award (Open 19-30years) Young Life Saver of the Year Award (Under 19) Open Competitor of the Year Award Coach of the Year Award Team of the Year Award

Age Manager of the Year Award

Masters Life Saver of the Year Award (Over 30 years) Volunteer of the Year Award Administrator of the Year Award

Amber Walters Pierce Jackson **Jordan Connolly Kellie Connolly** U19 Beach Sprint Relay

Jordan Connolly, Pierce Jackson, Cormac O'Byrne, Paul Elliott

Kylie Pearce

Leigh Croker (Highly Commended) Linda Jackson (Highly Commended) Scott Crawford (Highly Commended)

90th Celebrations Black Head SLSC

The weekend of 25th – 27th September saw the Club celebrate its 90th birthday.

Almost 170 members, friends, sponsors and former members celebrated the event between Friday evening and Sunday evening.

A few turned up on Friday evening for a catch up before the main event being the Saturday lunch when 150 attended and it was standing room only.

The Club Board, Life Members, Honour Blazers, Patrons, Former Presidents and families of former Presidents and deceased Life Members were introduced.

Judith Wisemantle was presented with a Life Members jacket by the President, Graeme Doig. Judith had been a life member of the former Ladies Club before amalgamation but no jacket had been presented until now.

The President welcomed all before lunch. A great 3 course meal was served by Kaycee Wisemantel and her team of hard working "kitchen hands". Well done all.

John Edstein and his sister, Judith Wisemantle cut the birthday cake before it was shared as a second dessert.

Helen Meddings (nee Whitington), sister, Sally Bennett and Sally's daughter, Kate unveiled the photos of their grandfather/great grandfather, Dr Tony Railton, the Club's 1st President and the Club founder Frank Postle. Helen spoke about her grandfather's time in Taree/Black Head and his war service (he was awarded a Military Cross in WWI before enlisting for WWII). These photos were donated by John & Tracey Wilson and now are proudly displayed prominently in the Club.

There was an "open mic" session where many tall tales but true about past Surf Club glories were related by the likes of John Ritchie, Keith Lynch, Alan Skinner, Geoff McGlashan, Tom Keech, Ross Maunsell and Bruce Pain before patron Dr David Gillespie congratulated the Club on achieving 90 years.

The days proceedings ended with finger food and a band for dancing.

Sunday saw the bar open for lunch which comfortably rolled into the evening and sippers.

Many people combined to make the celebrations a success.

Now for the centenary in 2025,



Left to Right: Helen Meddings, Sally & Kate Bennett



Past and present members enjoying the 90th celebrations

Saturday Surf Awareness Program

The 9th year of Saturday Surf Awareness (SSA) has come and gone in a blink of an eye.

This years program saw a record 28 participants gather at Black Head for the eight week program, the majority returning from last year and some new faces attending.

The usual activities include pool swim, self rescue techniques, paddle board races and just enjoying each others company and good weather. Once Pool activities concluded it was down to the beach to meet the Patrol of the day and learn about the role of the Life Saver and how to use the safest part of the beach. Activities included board paddling, body surfing, tug-o-war and beach flags just to name a few.

The program concluded with a presentation of trophies and certificates as well as a BBQ lunch for participants, carers, relations and cubbies.

This year the program benefited from a donation of funds from a disability coordinator that was closing down. This enabled purchase of some shirts and matching Baseball caps for everyone taking part.

Thanks once again to Robyn & David King and Noelene Young for taking care of everyone.

Welcome aboard Helen and Dick Quinn. Dick and Helen come with a wealth of knowledge with backgrounds in swim coaching and teaching. The Club looks forward to seeing them back volunteering next year.

Thanks to all the clubbies who provide water safety, guidance and encouragement to all the participants each week.

Thank you to Ability Links which provided kick boards, pool noodles and a new eski with wheels.

Ray Piper from the Lions Club of Hallidays Point was able to see the program in full swing while swimming at the pool and approached the Club to see if the Lions could assist in any way with the program. So from next year participants will need to wear sunnies when the program is in full swing as the crew will be wearing new lime green rashies and caps, replacing the faded ones currently in use. Thank you Lions.

To the Rainbow Flat RFS which was part of the presentation day once again, and was a hit with all providing some fire safety information along the way. Thank you.

Supplier of the beautiful trophies the crew receive on presentation day, Yogi at XX Trophies is really appreciated for the continued support.

Thanks to all carers from About Inclusion at Taree and Ageing & Disability Services Midcoast Council (formally LARO) without their assistance the program could not run. (Sandi and Rob too)

Last but not least To the Mighty Green Machine Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, for coming along each year and putting in 100% with your effort, support of your mates, smiles and enthusiasm.

Once again thanks to Black Head Surf Club and its Directors who have supported and backed this worthwhile program from the start and making it one of the highlights on the Black Head Surf Life Saving Club calendar.

FYI Surf Life Saving is starting to take notice of programs such as SSA and in April this year a Think Tank was held at Noosa Heads SLSC in Qld to improve networking, information sharing, provide support resources and to assist other Surf Clubs Australia wide to implement special needs nippers and Surf Awareness programs at other Clubs.

"From Little Things Big Things Come"

Below are some of the nominations the program has received over the past year

'October 2015'

Certificate of Recognition, Citizen of the Year 2015 Myall Lakes Community

'November 2015'

Finalist, NSW Disability Industry Innovation Awards in Excellence in the Category, Individual Decision Support and Service Provision 2015.

'July 2016'

Commendation, Hunter Aged Care and Disability Achievement awards, Volunteer of the Year and special mention for initiative program outside the Hunter Region.



Brony & Jim Crookston at Disability Achievement Awards

At the time of writing nomination for State Award of Excellence, Community Education Program of the Year.

See you all on the beach next season

Jim Crookston Saturday Surf Awareness Coordinator



Group photo Saturday Surf Awareness participants



Saturday Surf Awareness participants learning self rescue techniques

Head2Head Ocean Classic



Start Head2Head Ocean Swim

The annual Head2Head held on 17 January 2016 was a huge success for the Club, with the event running smoothly, the weather turning to fabulous conditions, and participants and volunteers thoroughly enjoying the community feel of the event.

The day commenced with the ski paddle race, a 12km triangular course heading 2km out to sea before turning toward the northern headland and back to the Surf Club. 3 laps saw strong competition. It was a fast paddle, at 1hr 15minutes and a juggle for the lead for the entire race. The crew on the helicopter had the best vantage point.

The helicopter was an excellent addition to the race this year, with air and sea safety being paramount to organisers and participants. Grant Burley donated his chopper services to the Club, and took up Dave Quinlivan who was attacked by a great white in September. The crew on board the chopper did a sweep before each event, and hovered above swimmers ensuring there was monitoring of the ocean. Not one sea creature was sited, but the racers were reassured to see it checked.

Carolyn Turnham, the female winner of both the 700m swim and the 1,500m swim commented that it was simply the best ocean swim she had participated in. When she heard the chopper would be in place, she found it immeasurably reassuring and loved swimming with the chopper above protectively. Marine Rescue boats from Forster and Crowdy Head were also in position, with the lifesavers on boards and the jet ski as well as IRBs to watch the swimmers at sea level.

The event also attracted two 'celebrity' entrants. Lochie Hinds, 20yrs, was the youngest person at 16years of age to swim the English Channel. Lochie is a regular ocean swimmer and swims with Bondi SBLSC. It was his first time entering the Head2Head, and he was the first to finish in both the 700m and 1,500m swims. The "perfect distances, and perfect weather" of this years event see him planning to return for more! The 77 volunteers to the 103 swimmers brought a community feel to the event, and he appreciated Director Surf Sports Noelene Young out front on a ski to guide them in.

The Head2Head also attracted another English Channel swimmer, John Koorey, from Forster, who was the first Australian male to cross the English Channel when he was 25yrs. Now in the 70+yr race category, John participated in the event for the third time this year. John is also a regular ocean swimmer.

The Surf Club hosted a lunch following the swim, with awards presented and a focus on raising funds for the Westpac helicopter service. This event should grow from strength to strength. The Club would like to congratulate all participants in the three races, and particularly thank the volunteers, Marine Rescue and Grant Burley for helping to make a safe and successful event. The event would not be possible without the generous support of sponsors LJ Hooker Real Estate Hallidays Point and Walker Legal & Conveyancing of Taree.

Scott Crawford Race Director



View from Grant Burley's Helicopter of Head2Head Ocean Classic

Black Head Pool Road & Bank

After over 6 years of agitating for the renewal of the road to the Black Head Pool, the Club managed to raise sufficient funds to carry out the works.

Funds were donated by:

The Federal Government through the Stronger Communities Programme with the assistance of Member for Lynne, Dr David Gillespie.

The NSW Government through the Regional Communities Fund with the assistance of the Member for Myall Lakes, Stephen Bromhead

The Greater Taree City Council, now the Mid Coast Council with the support of then Mayor, Paul Hogan and former councillor Alan Tickle and Council Officers.

The Watman Family donated the road base for the project through Geoffrey Stewart Constructions.

The Hallidays Point Lions Club and the Lions Foundation have committed to provide funds upon completion of the project.

Local families, individuals and businesses gave generous donations namely, Mr & Mrs Alan Kempe, Mr & Mrs Barry Kempe, Mr & Mrs Don Townsend, Your Heritage Financial Planning P/L (Alan Tickle). There were 2 Anonymous donations.

The Stanley Family donated the new turf through Earl's Turf.

The Club raised the funds and provided the project management for this much needed community project. No Club funds were involved.

The new road is a boon to the community including those utilising the disabled parking by providing safer and better access to the pool for swimmers and Dad's Army of pool cleaners, enhanced access to the beach for Emergency Services and the Club.

The road survived the 4 & 5 June storm with waves breaking over the bank and road depositing debris into the downstairs of the Clubhouse. The bank did not fair so well but has been reinstated by Mid Coast Council and contractor Ditchfield.

Photographs

Photo's is this Annual Report courtesy of Kellie Connolly, Abby Crawford, Scott Crawford, Jim Crookston, Nicole Cross and Graeme Doig.

Members 2015-2016

Life Member

Terry Aldridge John Hannigan Allan Skinner OAM Ron Bridges Peter Manusu Judith Wisemantle

Graeme Doig Bruce Pain

John Edstein OAM John Ritchie OAM

Long Service

Michael Bartlett Tim Manusu Deb Schmitzer

Scott Crawford Jeanette Marriott
Michael Cross Stuart Marriott

Past Active

Thomas King Dick Quinn

Reserve Active

Darren Defina

Kirilly Aldridge Mitchell Bridges Jared Wait
Lara Aldridge Rachel Bridges John Wilson

Erin Bridges Mark Mowbray

Active (18yrs and over)

Steve AikenSandi DonkinGary O'KeefeJessica AxisaMichael ElliottJames O'KeeffeKevin BoagKim GollanChris PearceCatherine BowlandPeter GollanKylie Pearce

David Bowland Toby Gollan Beaumont Proudfoot

Carmel Brown Cecilia Harvey **David Quinlivan** Natalie Carrier James Harvey Shane Reeman **David Casserly** Mark Hillyer Rimmi Scott **David Castle David Johnston** Adam Sharpe Vicki Smyth **Jordan Connolly** Sonia Johnston **Kellie Connolly Aaron King** Georgia Steell John Cooling Robyn King Adam Turville **Paul Cox Amber Walters Trevor King** Leigh Croker Paul Kremer Tony Weir Jim Crookston Kathryn McSwan Julie Welsh Paul McWhirter **Bruce White Bernadette Daley**

Glenn Daley Sharyn McWhirter John Williamson
Anne Davies Ellen Miller Mitchell Wilson
Scott Davies Mark Miller Nick Wisemantel

Andrew Moulder

Mark Dew Bernadette Nicholson

Joel Donkin Sharon Noble

Noelene Young

Active (15-18 yrs)

Jordan Brown Anastasia Kladis **Shelby Connolly Tristan Mannow** Stuart Crookston Abby Minett Paul Elliott Maria Moran Sab Frederickson Matthew Moulder **Ned Gillis** Jake Nash Pierce Jackson Luke Nash Leah King James Newham

Cormac O'Byrne **Jacob Sandilands** Alex White Rosanna White Eliza Williamson Sophie Wunder

Cadet Member (13-15 years)

Molly Aiken Isabella Deas Matthew Miller Elizabeth Avery David Diehm Claire Newham Jillian Black SamuelDiehm Lisa Nicholson Callum Boag Renee Elliott Fletcher Pearce Julian Boag Chelsea Grimmett Heath Turville **DamonCross** Katarina Kladis Ben Wickenden Kalani Cross **Kye Lewis-Colliar** Clayton Wisemantel

Associate Jennifer Dayment Audrey Aiken Lee Aldridge Rod Dayment Carmel Bartlett **Corey Deas** Prue Bartlett Helen Diehm Dick Bartlett Leana Doig Alan Bishop Jillian Donnellan Tracy Black Robert Duggan Cathy Boag Joan Edstein Kerri Elliott Bopha Brabant Peter Brabant James Frewin Liz Bridges **Yvonne Geerts** Christian Brkic Jill Hanna **Nigel Brown** Stephen Harvey Sarah Burns **Scott Hawkins** Scott Burns Frank Hooke **Grant Carolan** Susan Hooke Susie Catterson Ingrid Horsburgh Celia Colliar Stuart Horsburgh Glenn Colliar Nigel Hudson **Edward Connolly** Craig Jackson **Dan Connor** Linda Jackson Judy Connor-Verwijmeren Marguerite Jenkins Bart Johnson **Abby Crawford Nicole Cross** Mel Johnson

Albert Kenmare Jennifer Kladis Labby Kladis **Noel Mcmanus** Deborah Miller Robert Moulder **Angus Muir** Natalie Munro Louise Murphy Thomas O'Byrne **Judith Pellow Anthony Pengilly Belinda Pickering**

John Pym Peter Rvall Sue Schmerleib Jane Sharpe Lisa Starling Cathy Turville Kaycee Wisemantel **Amber Woodroff** Julie Wynter

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Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)

Maddison Aiken **Nathanial Deas** Daisy Pickering Schafer Aiken Olivia Dew **Ziggy Pickering** Mark Allan Scarlett Donnellan Molly Reid Sarah Allan **Angel Garton** Ava Sharpe Jasmine Axisa Alannah Hawkins-Munro Blake Shedden Taia Shedden Izaac Boag Gracie Hawkins-Munro Ashlee Brabant Max Hillyer Lachlan Turville Haylee Brabant Nelson Jackson Jack Vaughan Grace Brkic Taj Johnson ConnorWait Julia Brown Griffin Joyier Tayla Wait **Quillan Joyier Ethan Williams** Lauryn Brown **Hunter Burns** BJ Kaukura **Kayle Williams** Jackson Burns Jessica Kearney Leilani Williams **Emily Castle** Charli Kizilos Hamish Wilson Lachlan Castle Jay Kizilos Laura Wilson Oliver Castle Lucas Kloosterhof Jayme Wisemantel Isabella Colliar **Bridey McDermott** Simon Wisemantel River Colliar Evie Wood McGuire Neave McDermott Miley Cox Lily Woodfield Elise Montague **Eleanor Cradock** Wolf Woodroff Patrick Montague Madeleine Cradock **Lucy Pearce** Max Wynne **Brady Cross** Olivia Pearce Oliver Wynne

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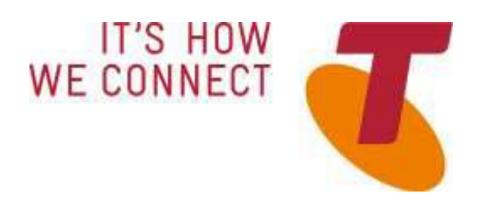




Grant Burley (Helicopter)

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Commonwealth Government - Dr David Gillespie MP

NSW Government - Steve Bromhead MP

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