

# BLACK HEAD



## Surf Life Saving Club

Founded 1925



## Annual Report 2021-2022



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021-2022

President:	Dr Bruce White	Vice President:	Terry Aldridge
Director Admin:	Dave Bowland	Director Lifesaving:	Ross Blowers
Director Finance:	Stuart Horsburgh	Director Surf Sports:	Kevin Boag
Director Education:	Nick Wisemantel	Public Officer:	Michael Bartlett OAM
	Director Junior Activities		Ian Marshall

## OFFICE BEARERS

Branch Delegate:	Dr Bruce White	Registrar:	Kerri Elliott
First Aid Officer:	Vacant	IRB Captain:	Mick Cross
Licensee:	Terry Aldridge	Gym Co-ordinator:	Ron Bridges
Functions Co-ordinator:	Kerri Elliott		

Saturday Surf Awareness Co-ordinators: Dick & Helen Quinn



## LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND HONOURS COMMITTEE

**Convener:** John Edstein; **Members:** John Hannigan, Graeme Doig, Mike Bartlett, Terry Aldridge

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### PATRONS

P. Dahdah	B. Pain	Dr B. White
Dr D. Gillespie MP	S. Bromhead MP	Ms. Clair Pontin
Johnny Walker		

### LIFE MEMBERS

Skinner OAM	J. Edstein OAM	G. Doig
A. Pain	P. Manusu	T. Aldridge
R. Bridges	J. Hannigan	

### LIFE MEMBERS (Deceased)

F. Postle	R. Plummer	T. Lynch
F. Plummer	W. Scott	J. Maitland
B. Moy	C. Woolcott	W. Warren
Mrs. A. Trotter	V Goodwin	A. Whyte-Butler J.
John Ritchie OAM	H. Bennett	Mrs. J. Wisemantle

# The 97th Annual General Meeting of the Black Head Surf Club will be held at the Club on the 23rd of July at 1pm



## Agenda

Welcome and Apologies

Confirmation of Minutes of the AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Presentation of the Financial Report and Balance Sheet

Presentation and adoption of the Annual Report.

Election of Directors 2022-2023 Season

Affiliation to be sought by Black Head SLSC with

SLS Lower North Coast Branch & SLS NSW

Proposed: Terry Aldridge

Seconded: Bruce White

### Urgent General Business

Members are welcome to nominate by firstly reading and accepting the Skills required and the Responsibilities for that position. These are found in the By-laws on the website ***Blackheadsisc.com.au***

Please have all nominations submitted to the Director of Administration by the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2022.

Members wishing to vote must be financial. If financial for the 2020/2021 season you will still be financial for the AGM.



## **Black Head Surf Life Saving Club Objectives**

- (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.
- (l) 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

# Categories of Club Membership:

- (a) **Probationary Members** shall be the designation of any person for the time between applying for membership and the granting of a formal category of membership of the Club. Probationary Members are non-voting members of the Club.
- (b) **Junior Activities Members** shall be a person who shall be a minimum age of five (5) years and up to a maximum age of thirteen (13) years and such person shall be required to gain the relevant Surf Education Certificate for that person's age group. Junior Activities Members are non-voting members of the Club.
- (c) **Cadet Members** shall be a Member of the age qualification as defined in SLSA's Manuals (i.e. Under 15) and who has obtained the Surf Rescue Certificate or has passed the annual proficiency test. Cadet Members are non-voting members of the Club.
- (d) **Active Members**, who shall hold an SLSA Bronze Medallion, fulfil patrol and Club obligations and qualify in an annual proficiency test (unless that Member has obtained their Bronze Medallion in that season). Active Members shall have the right to be present, to debate and to vote at General Meetings.
- (e) **Reserve Active Membership** may be granted to Active Members who have satisfactorily completed (from gaining the Bronze Medallion) at least eight (8) years of patrol and Club obligations as provided by SLSA and Club Constitution. Reserve Active Membership shall not be automatic but shall be granted by a resolution of the Board. Reserve Active Members shall have the right to be present, to debate and to vote at General Meetings.
- (f) **Long Service Members** may be deemed as such by the Club after having completed ten (10) years active service or eight (8) years active service plus four (4) years reserve active service. These Members shall have the right to be present, to debate and to vote at General Meetings, and may be exempt from patrol obligations and granted other special privileges.
- (g) **Award Members** must hold an SLSA award of one or more of the following qualifications: Surf Rescue Certificate, Radio Award, Resuscitation Certificate, Advance Resuscitation Certificate or First Aid Certificate. Award Members may be granted voting rights by the Club Board if they are undertaking lifesaving patrol duties.
- (h) **Associate Members**, who may or may not have an SLSA award. Associate Members shall not have voting rights unless elected to office or position, which is provided voting rights by this Constitution.
- (i) **Honorary Members** may be granted to Members who may or may not hold an SLSA award. Honorary Members are non-voting members of the Club.
- (j) **Life Membership** may be granted by the Club to Members who have rendered distinguished, or special service and shall have the right to be present, to debate and to vote at General meetings.

# A look back at the 2021/2022 Season

Each director has been able to convey the changes in their portfolio within the following sections. It has been a great year in each category. I write only on those parts not included.

Dave Boland has settled into the role of Director of Administration has done a great job organizing the various parts of the Club.

Terry has been able to clean out the area around the lower entry. This has been rendered and once painted will be another area for showing trophies and awards.

Marty Cowper and Kev are starting to see big results from their efforts, with podium finishes at both State and Aussies. Numbers continue to increase at training.

Education has had a huge year, with input from Nic. Ross and Suzie. The 3 members have trained 51 awards achieved over 12 months, with many members obtaining 2 or 3 awards. This is critical to the ongoing growth of the club; and increases the number of members we can put on patrol.

We thank Tanya for her energy and work with the Nippers. We have increased numbers of Nippers and had a wonderful Disco attended by 170 children. Remember we need at least 1 parent to be a member. Tania is a powerhouse of energy, but the Board recognises that even she can't do it all. We have had to bring in another member, Ian Marshall, who is now the Nipper Co-ordinator. Many thanks to Tania.

Projects initiated last year have progressed well:

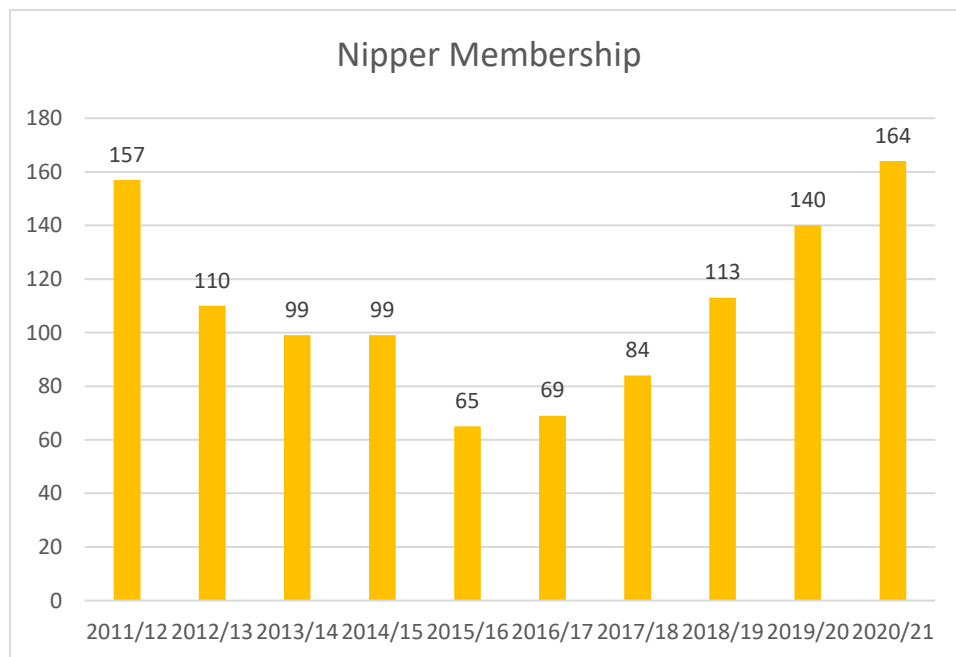
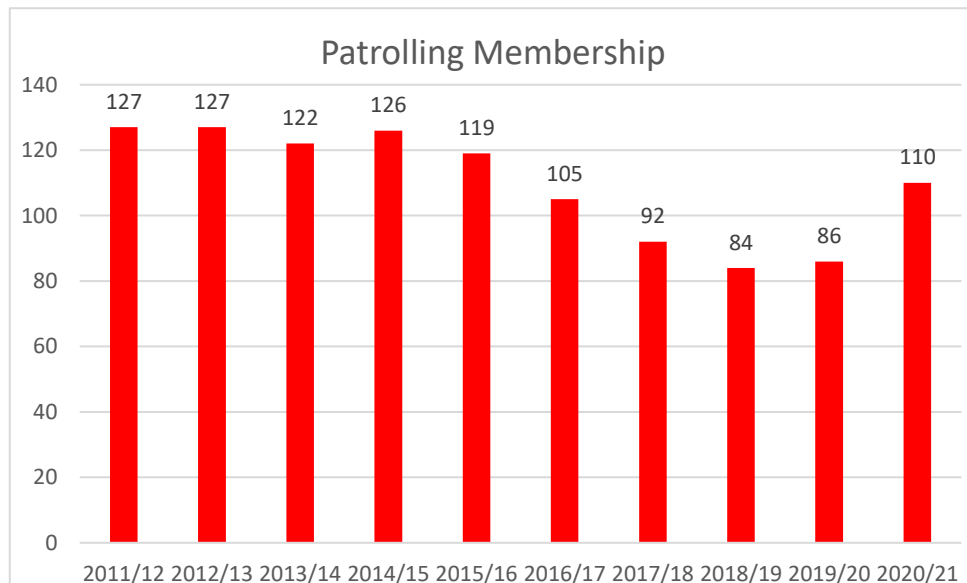
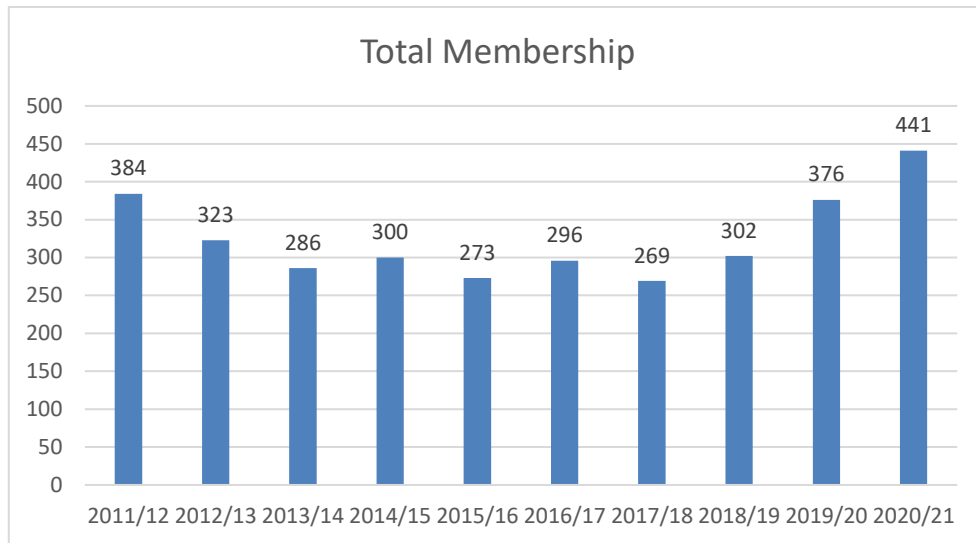
- the Council's public toilets,
- the dungeon under the Surfclub,
- a new patrol trailer, and
- security cameras.

This year has seen the introduction of drones on the beach and Suzie will discuss their use below.

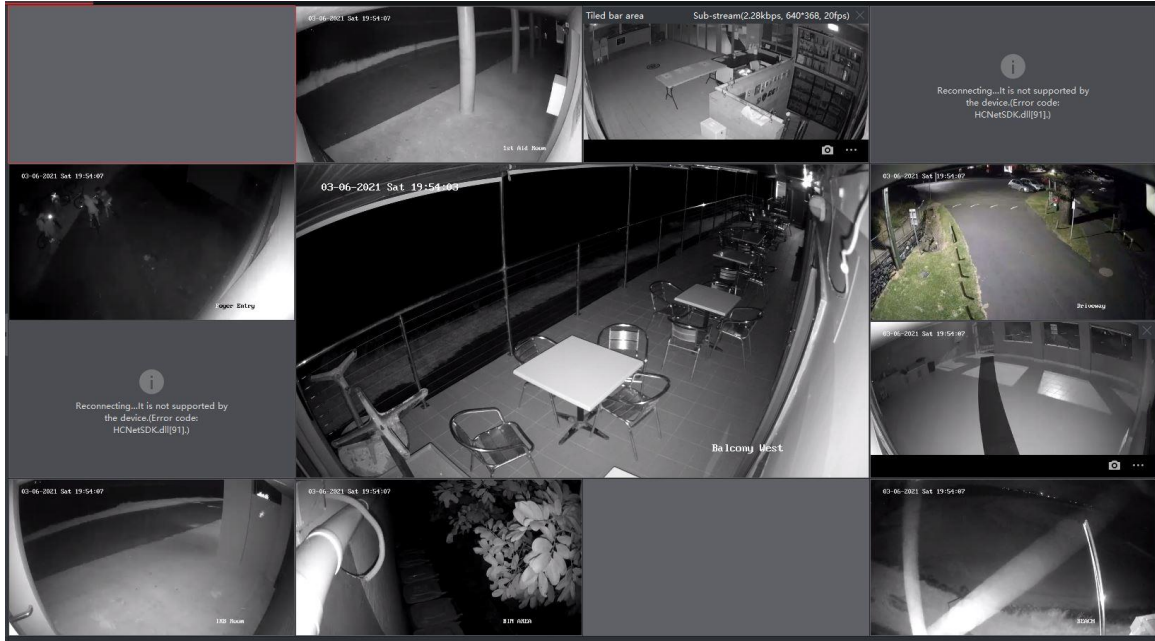
The club has run a Surf Awareness Program for disabled people for over 10 years. Unfortunately, Dick and Helen Quin, who have run this program are unable to continue. The program will cease if no one takes it on.

Last season has provided a fantastic foundation for season 2022-2023.

# Membership Trends (2021)

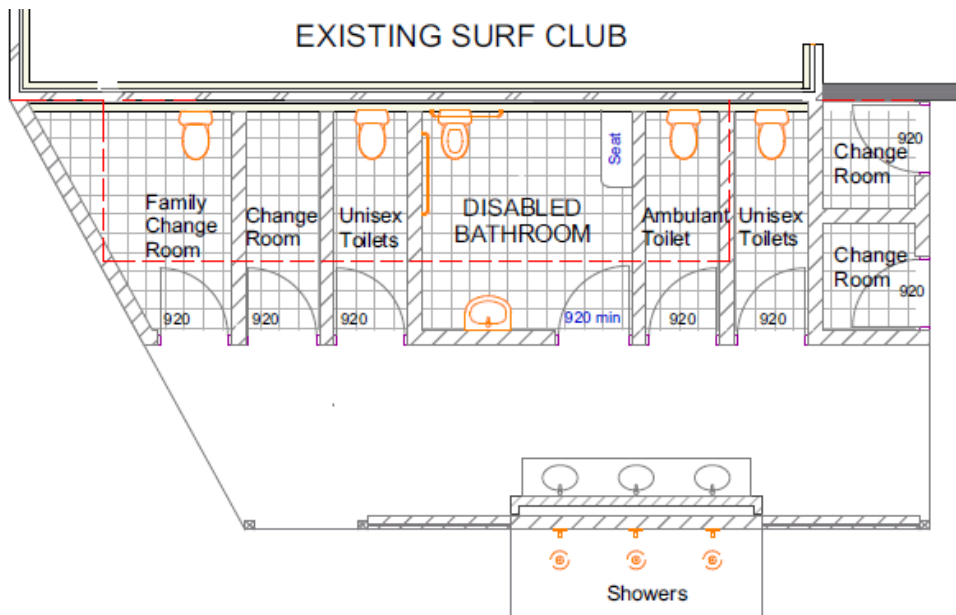








# Council Toilets (My Community Project NSW)





## Bar & V.P Report 2021 – 2022

### Functions.

These have picked up now covid restrictions have eased. Hopefully they won't increase again. The club has decided to ensure Security is used for all our major functions. This is to ensure the safety of guest but also our staff behind the bar.



### NRL Tipping Comp

This season Jim Frewin has a tipping comp going again with big increase in tipsters on the NRL game. New tipster Trigger after a stella inaugural year has dropped off the face of the earth.

### Sunday Sippers

Has been our main social activity during the year we've had good attendance at Sundays Sippers & Xmas New Year period.

Tania McHone ran a disco night which was well supported by nippers & local it went so well there are 2 more planned.

Graeme Studd, and Breck Muir, (aka Waldorf & Stanley) remain diligent ensuring all patrons are covid safe.

Most of club renovation & face lifts are close to finished.

On behalf of John, Ron & I, we would like to thank all those who help with the bar for volunteering their time at club social functions.

Ron Bridges (Moe) John Hannigan (Larry) Terry Aldridge (Curly)

Bar Managers

BHSLSCInc

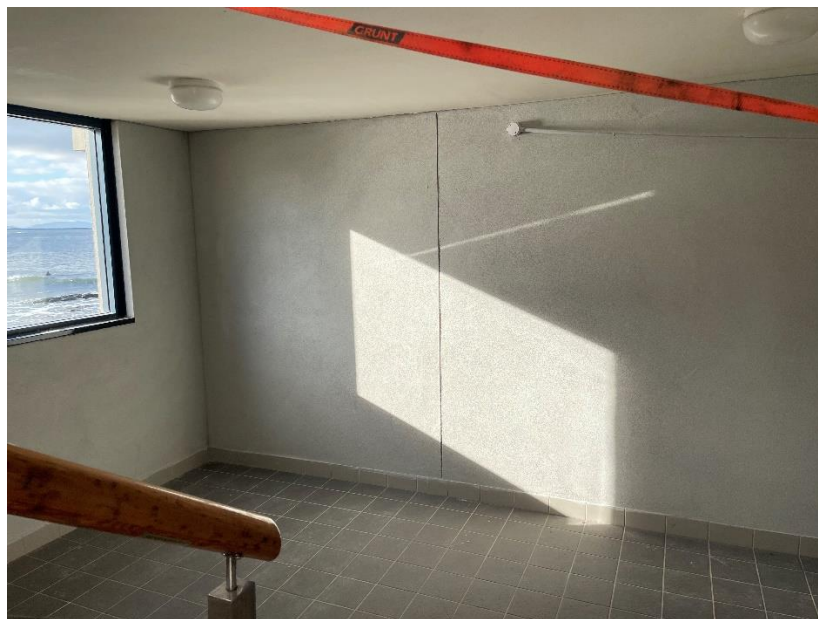
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## 100% Patrol for 2021-2022

Terence	<b>Aldridge</b>
Ross	<b>Blowers</b>
Estie	<b>Boshoff</b>
Mariki	<b>Boshoff</b>
Catherine	<b>Bowland</b>
David	<b>Bowland</b>
Stephen	<b>Camilleri</b>
John	<b>Cooling</b>
Brady	<b>Cross</b>
Michael	<b>Elliott</b>
Scott	<b>Gale</b>
Suzanne	<b>Gerrish</b>
Peter	<b>Gollan</b>
Paul	<b>Kremer</b>
Joshua	<b>Lynch</b>
Sharyn	<b>McWhirter</b>
Michael	<b>Parsons</b>
Christopher	<b>Pearce</b>
Kylie	<b>Pearce</b>
Olivia	<b>Pearce</b>
Jill	<b>Watkins</b>
Tony	<b>Weir</b>
Bruce	<b>White</b>
Richelle	<b>Williams</b>
Sara	<b>Wilson</b>



**Downstairs entry ready for trophies**



# Awards Completed 2021-2022

First Name	Last Name	Award Name
Schafer	Aiken	First Aid
Mauricio	Cobra Siqueira	First Aid
Kerri	Elliott	First Aid
Ian	Johnston	First Aid
Bronwyn	New	First Aid
Michael	Parsons	First Aid
Cohen	Watt	First Aid
Kevin	Watt	First Aid
Alana	Williams	First Aid
James	Williams	First Aid
Sara	Wilson	First Aid
Jayme	Wisemantel	First Aid
Noelene	Young	First Aid
Peter	McErlain	Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART) Certificate
Mauricio	Cobra Siqueira	Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART) Certificate
Nic	Wisemantel	Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART) Certificate
Bruce	White	Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART) Certificate
Miley	Cox	Surf Rescue Certificate CPR endorsed
Corey	Duncan	Bronze Medallion
Joel	Fleming	Bronze Medallion
Scott	Gale	Bronze Medallion
Adam	Gregory	Bronze Medallion
Michael	Kippax	Bronze Medallion
Sandi	Kippax	Bronze Medallion
Ian	Marshall	Bronze Medallion
Mitchell	Nicholson	Bronze Medallion
Nigel	Pegrum	Bronze Medallion
Ziggy	Pickering	Bronze Medallion
Jayee	Thomas	Bronze Medallion
James	Williams	Bronze Medallion
Matthew	Worth	Bronze Medallion

First Name	Last Name	Award Name
Callum	Boag	IRB Crew Certificate
Izaak	Boag	IRB Crew Certificate
Mauricio	Cobra Siqueira	IRB Crew Certificate
Brady	Cross	IRB Crew Certificate
Joel	Fleming	IRB Crew Certificate
Cohen	Watt	IRB Crew Certificate
Kevin	Watt	IRB Crew Certificate
Aaron	Williams	IRB Crew Certificate
James	Williams	IRB Crew Certificate
Callum	Boag	Silver Medallion IRB Driver
Mauricio	Cobra Siqueira	Silver Medallion IRB Driver
Kevin	Watt	Silver Medallion IRB Driver
Aaron	Williams	Silver Medallion IRB Driver
Aron	Wilson	Silver Medallion IRB Driver
Izaak	Boag	Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue
Cohen	Watt	Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue
Kevin	Watt	Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue
Aaron	Williams	Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue
Jayne	Wisemantel	Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue
Kevin	Boag	Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue

AWARD	Number for 2021
First Aid	13
ART	4
SRC	1
Bronze Medallion	13
IRB Crew	9
IRB Driver	5
Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>



# Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) or drone

All North Coast locations were operational for the Winter School Holiday in July up to and including Forster – manned by the NSW UAV Service.

We were on patrol and flying every day throughout the holidays, although the weather had other ideas.

Operating conditions have been tough for staff and volunteers due to adverse weather reducing visibility, there are still key benefits to having our UAVs up in the air as we can assist with a variety of taskings in addition to our usual shark monitoring operations.

UAV's were also utilised in the Flood Rescue/Relief throughout NSW, with the LNC assisting in and around the Maitland area.

The NSW UAV program will maintain patrols during school holidays throughout the year in conjunction with the LNC UAV's.

SLSA UAV service has recently opened recruitment for these areas, and whilst there are limited UAV Operator positions available for new staff, everyone is encouraged to submit an EOI to join in on the training programs available. **ack Head Members that are licenced operators are:**



Suzanne Gerrish    Brady Cross    Aaron Williams    Dave Bowland    Mauricio Cobra Siqueira  
Tim Blatch    Kellie Connolly



We also assist with local carnivals with SLS and outside agencies. As volunteers, we are also required to fly at Forster and Cape Hawke

## 2022 Country Championships @ Cape Hawke SLSC



### Rules for recreational drone operators

You must not fly your drone higher than 120 metres (400 feet) above ground level.

You must keep your drone at least 30 metres away from other people.

You must only fly one drone at a time. You must keep your drone within visual line-of-sight. This means always being able to see the drone with your own eyes (rather than through a [device, screen or goggles](#)).

You must not fly over or above people or in a [populous area](#). This could include beaches, parks, events, or sport ovals where there is a game in progress.

Respect personal privacy. Don't record or photograph people without their consent – this may breach [other laws](#).

Use a [drone safety app](#) to find out where you can and can't fly.

Remember, you must not operate your drone in a way that creates a hazard to another aircraft, person or property.

You must only fly during the day and you must not fly through cloud or fog.

You must not fly your drone over or near an area affecting public safety or where [emergency operations](#) are underway. This could include situations such as a car crash, police operations, a fire or firefighting efforts, or search and rescue.

If you're near a helicopter landing site or smaller aerodrome without a control tower, you can fly your drone within 5.5 kilometres. If you become aware of manned aircraft nearby, you must manoeuvre away and land your drone as quickly and safely as possible.

If you intend to fly your drone for or at work (commercially), there are extra rules you must follow. You will also need to [register your drone](#) and get a [licence](#) or [accreditation](#).

## LIFE SAVING ANNUAL REPORT: 2021 – 2022

### PATROLLING IS ABOUT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The start of the 2021 – 2022 Surf Patrol Season commenced with so much promise and, there was enormous enthusiasm from all Club Members to reengage with the Surf environment. Disappointingly, the season was interrupted by health concerns and incredible amounts of rain and storms. Yet, never to be deterred, our Active Members provided the safe environment for which Black Head SLSC is renown.

Patrol time committed by Black Head SLSC Active Members for the 2021 – 2022 season amounted to 3078.5 cumulative hours – an amazing contribution of time and service from an extraordinary group of people helping their community and visitors to the area.

### PATROL HOURS FOR 2021 – 2022 SEASON AT BLACKHEAD

Surname	Name	Hours	Surname	Name	Hours	Surname	Name	Hours
Aiken	Schafer	45.25	Cross	Brady	68.75	Pearce	Christopher	69
Aldridge	Terence	60	Cross	Kalani	36.75	Pearce	Kylie	69
Axisa	Jasmine	4	Cross	Michael	48	Pearce	Lucy	44
Axisa	Jessica	0	Elliott	Kerri	32	Pearce	Olivia	28
Blowers	Ross	81	Elliott	Michael	65	Pegrum	Nigel	40.75
Boag	Callum	40	Fleming	Joel	8	Pickering	Ziggy	28
Boag	Izaac	44	Gale	Scott	32.75	Powell	Stephen	26.25
Boag	Julian	20	Gerrish	Suzanne	69.75	Raglus	Freya	52
Boag	Kevin	48	Glover	Jared	48	Smyth	Vicki	28
Boshoff	Estie	44	Glover	Leiana	28	Turville	Adam	48
Boshoff	Mariki	32	Gollan	Kim	12	Turville	Lachlan	40
Bowland	Catherine	61	Gollan	Peter	65	Vincent	Khali	36
Bowland	David	65	Hawkins-Munro	Grace	44	Watkins	Jill	56
Brabant	Ashlee	43	Hillyer	Mark	52	Watt	Cohen	45
Brabant	Haylee	24	King	Trevor	16	Watt	Kevin	57
Camilleri	Stephen	76	Kremer	Paul	64	Weir	Tony	24
Carrier	Natalie	48	Lynch	Joshua	64	White	Bruce	76
Cobra Siqueira	Mauricio	28	Marshall	Ian	10	Williams	Aaron	52
Connolly	Jordan	3	McDonald	Lee	56	Williams	Rechelle	45
Connolly	Kellie	57.75	McErlain	Peter	45	Wilson	Aaron	56
Cooling	John	56	McKone	Tania	28	Wilson	Sara	56.75
Cox	Miley	4	McWhirter	Paul	48	Wisemantel	Jayne	44
Cox	Paul	28	McWhirter	Sharyn	56	Wisemantel	Nicholas	48
			New	Bronwyn	4	Young	Noelene	40
			Parsons	Michael	56.75			



## ADDITIONAL STATISTICS

1 <sup>ST</sup> AID SERVICES PROVIDED	6
PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS	207
RESCUES DURING PATROL HOURS	0
RESCUES OUT OF PATROL HOURS	4

It is important to remember when comparing the perceived imbalance between preventative actions against rescues is our purpose on the beach. Prevention will always be better than the cure; it means the Patrol Members are doing their function properly by ensuring safety is not compromised. Sadly, 4 rescues were required out of patrol times and involved inexperienced victims who did not recognising the dangers associated with the surf environment. All rescues successfully actioned with no loss of life.

I would particularly like to recognise the actions of Calum Boag, Izaak Boag, Matt Miller, Joel Flemming, James Williams, Joel Flemming, Jayme Wisemantel and Nick Wisemantel for their vigilance, courage and selfless determination displayed during a rescue of a mother and son at Black Head on Tuesday 11 January 2022, around 6pm. The sea and surf conditions were horrendous and, working together, they achieved a successful rescue. Two people are alive today because of their bravery. Thank you.

The involvement of the Education Team comprising Nick Wisemantel, Peter McErlain, Kevin Boag and Suzanne Gerrish provided the drive to ensure our members were trained and or up-skilled. This support provided our Club with new Bronze Members, SRC Members, IRB Drivers and Crew, new or Upgrade of First Aid, as well as new and or upgrade of Advanced Resuscitation. Black Head also an additional 4 members with the Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue award.

Visitor numbers fluctuated throughout the season due to health concerns and weather however, overall numbers on the beach were reasonably high.

We have the benefit of a new IRB hull which will be launched in the coming season. We have two motors that are a little worse for wear but, with appropriate management we will secure a new motor in the coming season. Gear and equipment are in good shape and serviceable. First Aid supplies will be replenished before the commencement of the 2022 season.

I extend my thanks to the Board of Black Head SLSC, our members and my wife Suzanne Gerrish for their continued support and encouragement. A particular thanks is extended to David & Cathy Bowland for their guidance, support and encouragement.

I believe we successfully delivered an exemplary response in keeping the beach and surf zone safe, for which we can be justifiably proud. I am confident that Black Head SLSC will continue to be the strongest and most innovative surf club in the Lower North Coast Branch. We have an amazing team that works collaboratively and collectively to ensure the safety of our community and visitors to our piece of paradise. I am honoured and privileged to have been given the opportunity by the Black Head Board of Management and the Members to serve as the Director of Life Saving. I look forward to working with all our members throughout 2022 – 2023 season.

Ross Blowers  
Director of Life Saving  
Black Head S



# SATURDAY SURF AWARENESS PROGRAM 2021

Another successful season completed. Despite a few wet mornings our team put together a program that was both informative and enjoyable for our participants, many of whom have been with us for several years now, as well as a couple of new starters.

Again, many thanks to those who helped put the program together, in the pool, on the beach, and at the barbecue. Thanks also the members of Saturday morning patrols who helped us with water safety. We were fortunate to receive support from Diamond Beach Butchery, with Wayne and Bonnie again sponsoring our weekly barbecue, and from Robert Weller, 'Yogi', from XX Trophies, who supplied the medals for the presentation. Yogi has been sponsoring the club in this way for many years and we are sad to see his business closing at the end of this year. We wish him well in his well-earned retirement.

Our club is grateful for the support of our sponsors and cannot thank them enough, so please support them when you can by patronizing their business.

We are unable to run the program next year, the club is looking for another member to take over..

Dick Quinn  
Coordinator





# SURF SPORTS ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021 Kev Boag

Training for the 2021 – 2022 competitive season started in the middle of winter for the senior squad on the river with two ski sessions per week and slowly built into September with the juniors joining in on Sunday board sessions and eventually the whole competition team was fit and ready for the season to come.

With COVID still lingering and the Queensland border closed our first carnivals were attended in November with Sydney Northern Beaches and Newcastle providing the locations. Our team put a strong performance in the Newcastle Permanent Series and the Kracka Craft Carnival Forcing the city clubs to take notice.



**Miley Cox**

As training ramped up so did the carnivals, 2022 started with our own Fast Five and led into SLSNSW Country Carnival which was held at Cape Hawk in early February. Black Head SLSC put in an enormous effort finishing in 11<sup>th</sup> position in the points score. We had some excellent results starting with Tully Kippax finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in the U9 board final through to our U17 ski relay winning the final in some large surf.



**Tully Ella & Ava**



**Joel**



**James & Ziggy**



**Izaak**

Our locale LNC Branch carnival was a great success with a huge team from Black Head turning up from u8s to opens and the odd master's competitor putting in a massive effort to convincingly win the Branch points score in the junior, senior and board riding categories.



## 2022 LNCSLS Branch Points Score

Group	Crowdy	TOB	Black Head	Forster	Cape Hawke	Pacific Palms
Board riding		24	87			
Seniors & Masters	88	7	214	24	44	
Juniors	201	78	727	228	301	17
Total	289	85	941	252	345	17
Total Other 5 clubs			988			



**Linc & Haley**



**Callum**



**Freya**

SLSNSW State Championships was held at Queenscliff and Manly beach this season. A huge east coast low was forecast promising to deliver some tricky conditions, but no one could have predicted the severity, with the juniors just finishing most of their events the wet weather came in and forced the event to stop due to surf conditions and water quality. Again Tully Kippax managed to put in a huge effort to win the U9 board final making it a clean sweep with gold in the Kracka, Country and state finals. Our U12 Board relay team also finished on the podium with a second place in the final. Overall our junior team performed outstandingly well across the entire season.



**Tully Kippax**



**Bronte Kippax, Ella Pegrum & Ashleigh Pegrum**



## Some of our juniors at State Championships

### Team Black Head



With NSW SLS State Championships cancelled for the seniors our U17s focused on Aussies held on the Gold Coast. Kurrawa was to be the location but again the weather had other ideas with large and powerful swell forecast the event was moved to North Kirra. Our U17 team were competitive across the whole carnival ending with an 8<sup>th</sup> place in the U17 Taplin Final.



Izaak, Joel, Jayme



## 21-22 Season Junior Activities Annual Report

We kicked off our season on Sunday 05 December with 102 nippers registered from U6's to U14's. Nearly two months behind our usual start date due to Covid. Numbers were down from previous year. Our younger age groups are still strong in numbers. Majority of our recruits are local but we do have participants from the greater Manning area such as Coolongolook, Nahiack, Bulahdelah, Wingham, Strathcedar, Taree and Cundletown. We also see the odd registration from Sydney and Hunter Valley.

Our age managers from the previous season stepped up we welcomed Bronwyn New, Jayce Thomas and Scott Gale to our age managers team.



Due to Covid restrictions, we were unable to start the season off with our first fundraiser, Halloween Family Party. The main fund raiser for us was Santa at the Beach along with our usual Sunday barbecues. Funds raised assisted us in purchasing foam and fibreglass boards. Fundraisers have already started up for 2022 with our first disco raising over \$1,500.





Our Branch Carnival was at Crowdy Beach in February with tricky conditions. The ocean was fierce for our young competitors and due to swell activity hardly any sand on the beach for our running and flag events. Our club took out both the JUNIORS and SENIORS categories for the second year around. We have cemented our position as the club to beat in the Lower North Coast region.

Many of our nippers represented us at Country and State levels with success in both land and water events.

We were able to host a few Fast 5 Carnivals at Black Head Beach. Feedback from all clubs who attended thoroughly enjoyed the event and look forward to returning back to our beach this season.



The AGM was held Sunday 20 March prior to nippers kicking off. Tania resigned her position as JAC after three years running the nipper program. Ian Marshall was nominated and accepted the position. We welcome Ian to the board and look forward to the high level of enthusiasm he brings to the club.

Most positions were filled in our AGM. We are still looking for volunteers in a few areas for each Sunday to run smoothly. If you are able to assist, please make yourself known to Ian.

End of season presentation was Sunday 27 March and we thank those who made it. Nippers received their certificates along with a Black Head SLSC shirt.



The Age Managers handed out their own award for the nipper who embodies what being a nipper, club person and surf lifesaver is all about. We congratulated:

- |    |                 |     |                  |     |             |
|----|-----------------|-----|------------------|-----|-------------|
| 6s | Tyler Toms      | 9s  | Delilah Marshall |     |             |
| 7s | Milla Nicholson | 10s | Cody Murray      |     |             |
| 8s | Bodhi Glover    | 11s | Alfie Marshall   | 12s | Alex Blatch |



Sadly for us we say goodbye to Paul Cox as Age Manager and his daughter Miley who has been part of the nipper program since she was 5.

Miley will remain actively involved in the club presenting us at carnivals, doing patrol and helping out with nippers on a Sunday.

Paul, we can't thank you enough for the time and dedication you have given to the nippers and club. You will be missed every Sunday.

For the 2022-23 season we are anticipating an increase in numbers with the easing of covid restrictions. Registration will commence in September with our season starting on 16 October 2022.

For our club, it is so good to see so many parents doing their Bronze medallions. The lifesavers are the most important role within the club. We are setting great standards for our kids. Thanks nipper parents for stepping up and supporting this vital role in the community.



Ian and Tania would personally like to thank you all for your help and support in 2021-22. Bring on an even bigger and better 2022-23!

See you at the beach!

*Tania*

Kind Regards, Tania McKone

Director Junior Activities (outgoing)



*Ian*

Kind Regards, Ian Marshall

Director Junior Activities (incoming)

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