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BLACK HEAD



2024-2025 100TH ANNUAL REPORT

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LIFE MEMBERS

Life Members of Black Head Surf Life Saving Club are individuals who have shown exceptional dedication, commitment, and service to the Club over many years. Their contributions have helped shape the Club's identity and ensure its continued success. Whether through patrolling, training, administration, or community support, Life Members have gone above and beyond in their efforts. They are highly respected within the Club and serve as role models for current and future members. This honour is a reflection of their passion for lifesaving and their unwavering support for the Black Head community. We thank them for their remarkable service.

• Dr F.O. Stokes	1926	• H. Bennett	1969
• F.G Postle	1932	• A Skinner OAM	1975
• T. Lynch	1933	• J. Ritchie	1981
• R. Plummer	1939	• G. Doig	1991
• F. Plummer	1943	• B. Pain	2002
• W. Scott	1944	• P. Manus	2002
• J. Maitland	1946	• T. Aldridge	2006
• J. Affleck	1947	• R. Bridges	2007
• A. Whyte-Butler	1947	• J. Hannigan	2010
• C. Woolcott	1947	• B. McWhirter	2022
• Mrs A. Trotter	1948	• M. Bartlett OAM	2023
• W. Warren	1951		
• B. Moy	1952		
• V. Godwin	1959		
• Mrs J. Wisemantle	1966		
• J. Edstein OAM	1969		

HONOUR BLAZERS

The Honour Blazers for Black Head SLSC are typically awarded to members who have made significant, long-term contributions to the club. These blazers are a prestigious form of recognition, often symbolizing dedication, service, and achievement within the club.

• B. McWhirter	1990	• T. Manusu	2004
• D. Hopkins	1990	• C March	2006
• B. Pain	1993	• P Kremer	2009
• T. Aldridge	1996	• J Wilson.	2009
• M. Cross	1996	• M Bartlett OAM	2010
• P. Manusu	1996	• N Young	2013
• K. Farrelly	1996	• J Crookston	2013
• D. Smith	1998	• J Cooling	2013
• M. Fisher	1998	• P Gollan	2019
• R. Bridges	1999	• K Gollan	2019
• J. Edstein OAM	2002	• B White	2019
• J. Hannigan	2002	• K Boag	2021
• D. Jeffers	2002	• S Horsburgh	2021
• S. Schmerleib	2003	• K Pearse	2022
• T. Robards	2003	• K Connolly	2023
• J. Bevan	2004		

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Season 24/25 was a very mixed one for the club.

Highlights:

Lifesaving

Thank you to all who volunteered their time to patrol and keep our record of no lives lost while the beach was patrolled. Director Nigel chalked up most hours, I believe and still managed to do his second job of Branch DOL - a glutton for punishment.

Education

Big thanks to Peter McErlain and his team who, apart from training bronze and SRC squad, they also managed to re-accredit some other volunteer groups with their First Aid certificates.

Community Events

Lions club, Anzac dawn service and New Years fireworks. The Dawn service hosted by our local Lion's Club gets bigger each year. The club again providing a colour party of our junior members march past team laying a wreath, Ian Marshall (march past team coach). We also had IRB's on the water, Bronwyn New, Nigel Pegrum, Luke Murray, Anthony Neil. We thank the Lion's club again for raising the funds for the annual fireworks and all those that donated towards the display.

Surf Sports.

Congratulations to the under 15 Female Cameron Relay team Ashliegh & Ella Pegrum, Amaya Cross, Bronte Kippax on their gold medal at Australian Championships 24/25.

Also getting gold were our masters ladies at country championships in 150 yrs Beach Relay; Gemma & Melea Tyrie, Katie Quadrio, Bronwyn New.

There were many other medallist, finalised & competitors to congratulate. The competitors attended carnivals up and down the coast again this season.

Black Head were victorious at LNC branch championship this season taking out Senior and Overall point scores.

Administration

Although having to resign midseason I can't heap enough praise on Bronwyn New for her continued help with admin. Along with Kerry Thomson for stepping into a role she knew nothing about. We could not have managed Registrar without Kerry's time and support and we greatly appreciate her efforts.

The club would like to acknowledge and thank office bearers of BHSLSC, SLSLNC & SLSNSW for their support this season.

I'd like to finish off by saying 24/25 was a very turbulent season for the club, we had 2 directors resign due to the toxic culture of a small group of members that no matter how hard the club tried to appease nothing worked.

Terry Aldridge



LIFESAVING REPORT

I would like to begin this report with a huge thank you to all our Black Head Life Savers. Thanks to your time and efforts, the flagged area at Black Head Beach has once again been a safe place for all visitors—with zero lives lost.

Thank you not only for your tireless work, but also for the way you represent our Club and Surf Lifesaving as a whole. The season simply wouldn't happen without so many people giving so much of themselves.

Every year, our patrolling members don the red and yellow uniform, dedicating their increasingly limited time to protect both our local community and visiting beachgoers. I'd like to thank our Patrol Captains, Vice-Captains, IRB crews, and all water safety personnel for their dedicated service.

A special thanks goes to those I've encouraged (or nudged!) into roles they may not have been familiar with—I truly believe each of you has more than risen to the challenge. Looking to the future, it's clear that we'll need even more people to step up to help our small but mighty club run efficiently.

It's been a privilege to lead a team of such committed members who guide and support their patrols on Black Head Beach. Thank you for everything you do, and for the encouragement and advice you've given me in my first year as Director of Lifesaving. Your support has helped me grow into this role and continue improving our lifesaving efforts.

Special thanks to Peter McErlain for running training courses for our members, and to all the trainers who support him. Thanks also to our JAC, Adam Heathcote, and his dedicated team of Age Managers for helping prepare our next generation of lifesavers.

To the Bowlands—Cathy, thank you for keeping our First Aid supplies sorted, and Dave, I couldn't have navigated Surfguard without you!

Thank you to Bronwyn New for everything you've done for me and the Club—you've been such a huge help.

Finally, to the friends who've supported me in this new role: thank you. Your advice and encouragement have meant so much, and I look forward to working with you again next season.

Nigel Pegrum



PATROL TEAMS

Patrol 1

Jase Allan
Andrew Quadrio
Terry Aldridge
Kim Gollan
Peter Gollan
Kellie Connolly
Erin Ireland
Katie Quadrio
Ben Trautsch
Noelene Young

Patrol 2

Ross Blowers
Corey Duncan
Scot Gale
Brady Cross
Aaron Williams
Allysia Duncan
Erin Harrison
Lauren Jordan

Patrol 3

Kevin Boag
Mauricio Cobra Siqueria
Callum Boag
Luke Murray
Cathy Boag
Chris Pearce
Kylie Pearce
Joel Spychala
Lucy Pearce
Riley Spychala

Patrol 4

Nigel Pegrum
Anthony Neil
Timothy Manusu
Bronwyn New
Mitchell Ayres
Sally Ayres
Troy Bond
Greg Fowler
Mitchell Nicholson
Ashleigh Pegrum
Ella Pegrum
Tenea Wilkinson
Mary Wood
Dave Woodlee
Melea Tyrie
Gemma Tyrie

Patrol 5

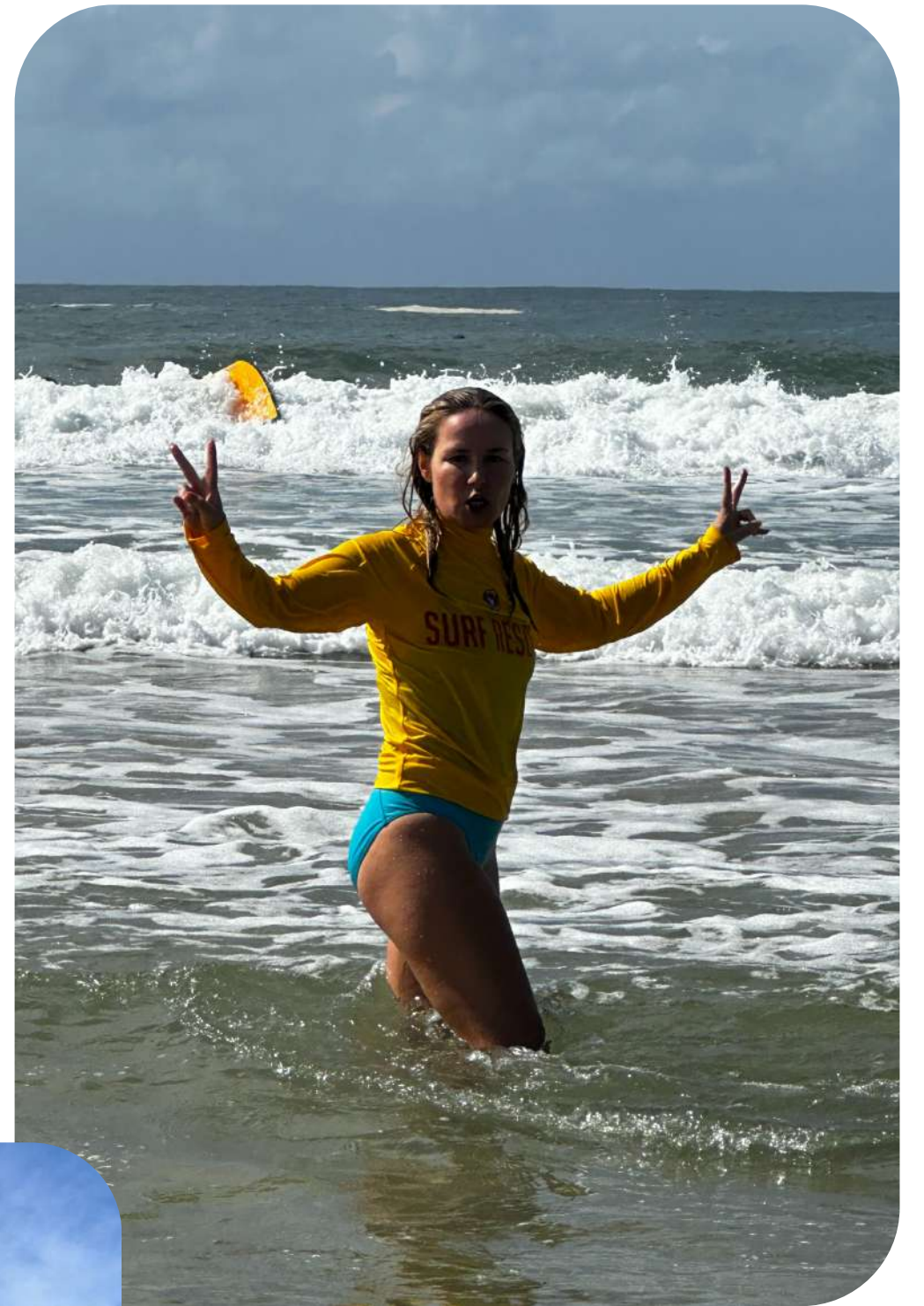
Kevin Watt
Peter McErlain
Jayme Wisemantle
Andrew Phelps
Catherine Bowland
David Bowland
Miley Cox
Paul COx
Louise Every
Darcy Every
Charlie Malignin
Tania McKone
Harry Mills
Stephen Powell
Rob Purcell
Cohan Watt
Nicholas Watt
Carter Cox

Patrol 6

Adam Gregory
Aaron Wilson
Paul Kremer
Joshua Lynch
Bruce White
Stephen Camilleri
Amie Clemente
Christian Clemente
Bronte Kippax
Michael Kippax
Emma Marshall
Ian Marshall
Lee McDonald
Kate Townsend
Tony Weir
Alfie Marshall
Nicholas Lynch

THANK YOU ALL





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EDUCATION REPORT

The 2024-2025 season was particularly productive within our education program.

Education is central to surf lifesaving, where we aim to train prospective lifesavers in various qualifications and upskill our existing members. Black Head Surf Lifesaving Club greatly benefits from its high-quality trainers, assessors, and facilitators in all disciplines of surf lifesaving.

This year marked my first tenure as Director of Education on the Board of Management at Black Head. I was fortunate to have excellent support from Ross Blowers, Suz Gerrish, and Bronwyn New, which made my transition into the role straightforward. At the time of writing this report, Bronwyn has completed her probationary period and is now an endorsed trainer at our club. Our aim is to strengthen the education team and continue to promote quality training within the club. Special mention to Mauricio Siqueira, Luke Murray and Nigel Pegrum for passing their Training Officer Certificate and welcome to the training team.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all water safety personnel who assisted during the delivery of courses and ensured the safety of our Bronze/SRC students in the surf. Additionally, I acknowledge the Black Head Board of Management and Scott Graham at the Branch for their support in our local education programs and the processing of member awards.

Throughout this season, we completed various courses including the Surf Rescue Certificate, Bronze Medallion, Advanced Resuscitation Techniques, First Aid, and IRB qualifications. This involved extensive hours of training and assessment by the education team. Black Head's trainers and assessors are proficient across multiple awards, contributing significantly to quality training and assessment. This season, we successfully added 14 Bronze Medallion and 10 Surf Rescue Certificate members to our ranks—an outstanding achievement for a small club.

Through our qualified trainers/ assessors and endorsed delegates Black Head effectively conducted proficiencies for various awards, ensuring seasonal currency and enabling member competitive rights validation.

My sincere thanks go out to everyone in education for their individual and collective contributions throughout the season.

Peter McErlain APM



NIPPERS - JAC REPORT

Black Head Surf Club – Nippers Program Annual Report
Summer Season 2024/5

The 2024 Nippers season at Black Head Surf Club was an outstanding success, with 114 enthusiastic participants joining us for a summer of fun, learning, and surf safety. We were blessed with consistently great weather and excellent water conditions, creating the perfect environment for developing our young lifesavers.

This season, we placed a strong focus on board and water skills, helping our Nippers grow their confidence and capability in the surf. Thanks to the ideal conditions and a dedicated team of volunteers, our program was able to push boundaries and provide new challenges. A highlight was the effective use of the Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB), which allowed us to extend swimming distances safely and give participants a more realistic understanding of surf conditions and endurance.

We are deeply grateful to our Age Managers, who brought patience, knowledge, and energy to their respective groups every week. Your commitment and leadership made all the difference in ensuring the program ran smoothly and that every child had a positive and safe experience.

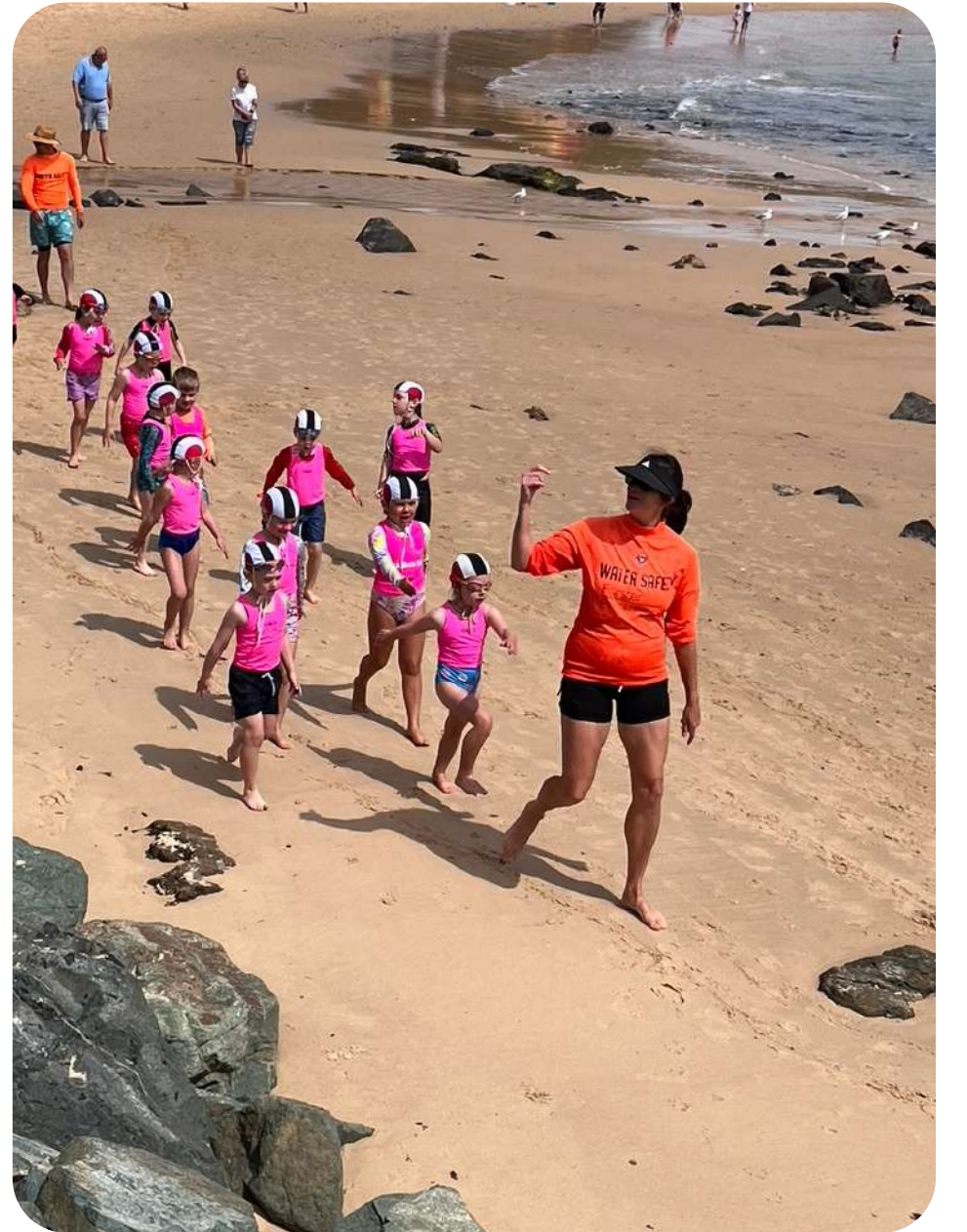
A special thank you also goes to our Hallidays Helpers, who stepped up for the first time ever to manage the BBQ. Their efforts not only kept our families well-fed but also helped raise valuable funds for our club. We hope to see this new tradition continue and grow in the years ahead.

To all our Nippers, families, and volunteers—thank you for being part of another fantastic season at Black Head Surf Club. We look forward to welcoming you all back next summer for more surf, smiles, and community spirit.



Adam Heathcote





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Bronze Medallion:

ChristianClemente
Harry Mills
Nicholas Watt
Bronte Kippax
Ashleigh Pegrum
Ella Pegrum

Alannah Hawkins-
Munro
Cathy Boag Jessica
Axisa
Louise Every
Charlie Malignin
Tenea Wilkinson
Troy Bond
Mary Wood



Surf Rescue Certificate

Darcy Every
Ethan Mills
Amaya Cross
Cody Murray
Ella McDonald

Max Tynan
Isla Wilson
Hayden Richards
Mason Toms
Manoa Glover



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COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

Country Championships went to Warilla Barrack Point for its second consecutive year, unfolding over an action-packed three-day weekend. The event saw a strong contingent of over 30 dedicated competitors from Black Head navigate the big surf conditions that prevailed throughout the competition.

The defining feature of this year's championships was undoubtedly the large surf, which added an extra layer of difficulty to all water-based events. The powerful waves demanded exceptional surf skills, strategic racing, and a high degree of watermanship from the athletes.

The championships featured a comprehensive program, age groups ranged from Nippers (under 9) through to Masters. The testing surf conditions meant that competitors had to adapt their techniques and strategies, making for compelling viewing.

A notable aspect of this year's competition was the strong representation from the Masters contingent, who brought a wealth of experience and fierce competitive spirit to the events. Their ability to handle the big surf with skill and determination underscored the lifelong commitment that many individuals have to surf life saving and the pursuit of personal excellence, regardless of the conditions. This dedication manifested in tangible success beyond the water events, with the Masters women's 150+ years sprint relay team securing a well-deserved gold medal.

The Masters also had solid representation in the Womens and Mens - Board Rescue with a Silver and Bronze medal respectively.



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STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

Black Head SLSC were represented by competitors at the 2025 NSW State surf lifesaving titles held at Queenscliff Beach NSW in early March.

The following competitors attended:

U10 – Harry Lynch

U11 – Layla Amiri

Jayden Macdonald

Ruby Gale

U12 – Delilah Marshall

Hayley Duncan

Tully Kippax

U13 – Ella Macdonald

U14 – Alfie Marshall

Carter Cox

Queenscliff and Manly beaches being impacted heavily by the effects of Tropical Cyclone Alfred, competition for our 10's, 11's and 12's was moved to the tranquil waters of Shelley Beach. With literally no surf at all it became a flat water swim/paddle off. Black Heads kids achieved a number of top 10 results.

The best recorded finish for the younger age groups was 5th place overall for the Black Head U12 Board Relay.

In stark contrast our U14's and U13's competitors moved to Collaroy Beach, they were faced with strong swells and unpredictable conditions. Black Head kids performed solidly. The highlight of the older ages being the U13 female board relay. U13 Ella Macdonald was joined by U12's Tully Kippax and Delilah Marshall who stepped up to give Ella a crack in the board relay.

Tully Kippax was first to go and matched it with some of the U13's best paddlers to exit the water amongst the top 4. Ella took over and worked hard to send Delilah off in 4th place going into the final leg. A great board leg and strong run to the line almost snuck the bronze with Delilah finishing about a foot behind the 3rd place athlete. A great achievement by our girls against the all U13 teams of our rival clubs.

We at Black Head SLSC are very proud of your continued efforts and look forward to following your futures.



AUSSIES - GOLD COAST 2025

Huge congratulations to Black Head SLSC's U15 Female Cameron Relay Team on their incredible gold medal win at the 2025 Aussies!

The race kicked off with a brilliant swim leg from Amaya Cross, who trains with the Taree Torpedoes and has only been part of Black Head SLSC for the past six months — what a debut season!

Next up, Ash Pegrum powered through the first transition run, setting up Bronte Kippax for a strong board leg. Bronte showed her experience and composure, moving into the top two and catching the lead wave to tag Ella Pegrum for the final run.

Ella stormed home in style, taking the lead and holding off Newport and Cudgen to secure the gold position for Black Head.

We are so proud to have supported and assisted your journey through the years and to celebrate this fantastic achievement with you.

Congratulations to each of you and your families — we can't wait to see where your sporting paths take you next!



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BAR & SOCIAL REPORT 2025

A Big Thank You to Our Bar Volunteers!

A huge shout-out to the following volunteers who gave their time and energy to keep the bar running smoothly throughout the season (in no particular order): Ron & Liz Bridges, John Hannigan, Kellie Connelly, Mark Forbes, Jim Frewin, Noelene Young, Louise Murphy, Peter Gollan, Tania McKone, Emma Lowry, Nigel Pegrum, Ingrid Horsburgh, Breck Muir, Peter McErlian, Noel McManus, Phil Musitano, and Tony Langford. Your contributions are truly appreciated!

The bar was a hit this season, with strong trading over the holiday period, which helped boost the club's revenue. Sippers, which remains one of the club's most popular and lively social events, bringing everyone together!

A special thank you to Tania McKone and her team for running an incredibly successful Halloween Disco night—what a fantastic event! So many happy faces, some behind the masks.

The Christmas and New Year period was great success, particularly with the return of bingo. A big thank you to Bronwyn New, Anthony Neil and Terry Aldridge for making it all happen! Special mention to Lisa Stewart for stepping in on the moment to relieve the number caller. Outstanding support.

We were thrilled to see the return of Breakfast on the Balcony this season. A huge thank you to Kellie and Eddie Connelly and their fantastic team for their hard work. Volunteers included:

Kellie, Ed & Shelby Connelly, Carmel Brown, Stuart Horsburgh, Graeme Studd, Breck Muir, Bronwyn New, Anthony Neil, Lynk Drury, Nigel and Lincoln Pegrum, Andrew / Katie, Emilia Quadrio, Ian / Emma, Delilah & Alfie Marshall, John Edstein, Carmel & Michael Bartlett, Caroline, Jenny Dayment, Ron & Liz Bridges, Anthony Roberts, Bruce Pain, Sue & John Hannigan, Lee & Terry Aldridge. Thank you all for your support!

Hall Hire & Bookings

While hall hire has been a bit slow, we're looking into ways to bring more bookings in the future. A big thanks to Bronwyn for continuing to manage the hall bookings!



Sippers Tipping Comp

And last but certainly not least, Jim Frewin's Black Head Sippers Tipping Comp was another great success! Congratulations to Chrissa13 and Hanno for sharing 1st place. Both winners kindly donated some of their prize money back to the bar—what a generous gesture!

Wine Tasting with Celebrations.

Celebrations Diamond Beach held their annual wine tasting in February with roaring success. Delicious tastings accompanied by Tania McKone and team nibble plates. Thanks to Steve and the gang and all the suppliers for their efforts.

MICHAEL BARTLETT 2025

After two decades of dedicated service on the board, Michael "Bickies" Bartlett has decided to step down from the committee at Black Head SLSC.

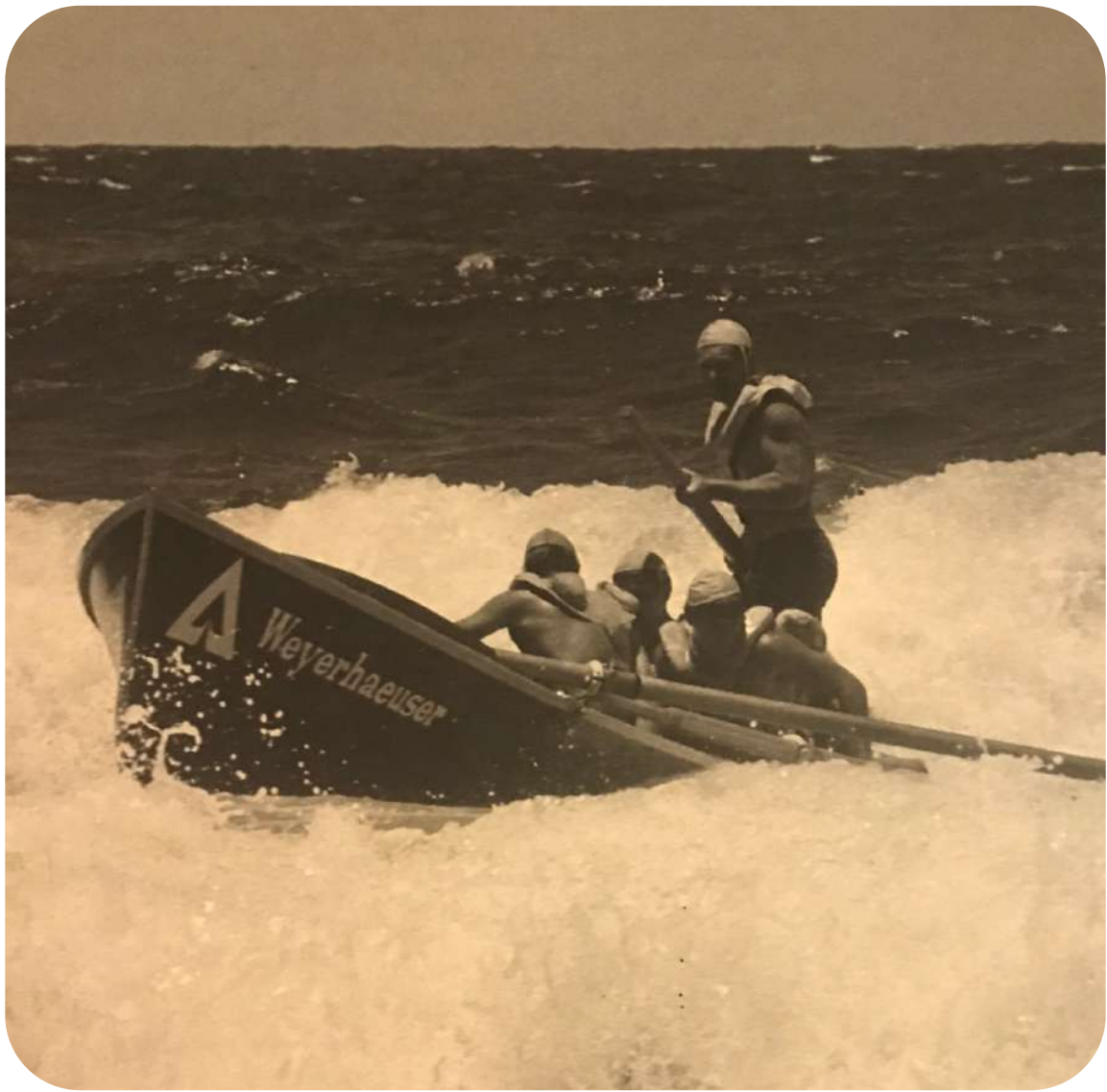
Bickies first joined the club in 2000, bringing with him a wealth of surf experience from Bilgola SLSC. His involvement with Black Head SLSC quickly grew, and in 2002, he took on the role of Bar Manager, a position he held for four seasons.

In 2005, Michael transitioned to Admin, where he served for the next seven years. At the end of the 2011/2012 season, he retired from Admin to become the club's Public Officer, a role he held with distinction for 13 years.

Throughout his time at Black Head, Michael's contributions were widely recognised. He was awarded the Honour Blazer in 2010 and Life Membership in 2023. Bickies also served on the Honour Blazer, Life Member and Constitution panels and he spent many years as a Bar volunteer. Notably, he was Foreman for several of the club's major renovations and was involved in many other significant projects at the club.



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Michael's commitment to surf lifesaving spans nearly 70 years. He has been an accomplished boat sweep and has held numerous positions on the boards of Sydney Northern Beaches Branch, Bilgola SLSC and Black Head SLSC. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the community, he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in 2019.

His extensive list of awards includes Life Membership from Bilgola SLSC, Sydney Northern Beaches, SLSNSW and SLISA.

While Michael may be stepping down from his official duties, we are confident that he will still be a familiar face at the club, especially at prayers on Sunday afternoons.

On behalf of Black Head SLSC, thank you, Michael, for your extraordinary service and commitment.

Terry Aldridge
President



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AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2025

Black Head Surf Life Saving Club swapped zinc cream and patrol shirts for party shirts as we came together to celebrate our annual Awards of Excellence.

The night was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on a season filled with sun, surf, rescues, training and sausage sizzles.

There was plenty of laughter and a few heartfelt moments as we recognised the dedication, hard work, and community spirit that keeps Black Head SLSC strong.

Some of the highlights included:

- Lifesaver of the Year: The member who's clocked more beach hours than the seagulls - **Kevin Watt**
- Trainer of the Year: For the patient soul who somehow makes resuscitation dummies exciting.
- Patrol of the Year: The team who kept the beach safe, the flags up, and the banter flowing - **Patrol 5**
- Cadet Club Person of the Year: Proof that the future of the club is in excellent, sandy hands - **Alfie Marshall**
- Senior Club Person of the Year: The ultimate all-rounder – always first to set up, last to leave, and somehow still smiling - **Joel Spychala**

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the evening a success – from the organisers and presenters to those who helped pack up at the end (the unsung heroes of every good event).

Congratulations to all our nominees and award recipients. You are the heartbeat of our club, and your efforts don't go unnoticed.

Here's to another season of teamwork, surf safety, and maybe a few less sunburns!



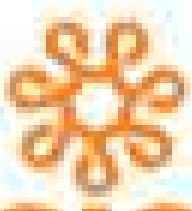
Patrol Captain of the Year - Adam Gregory
Patrol of the Year - Patrol 5
Surf Lifesaver of the Year - Kevin Watt
Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year - Alfie Marshall
Encouragement Award - Christian Clemente
Jintabunda Award (keeper of the lake) - Andrew Quadrio
Age Manager Award - Bronwyn New
Coach of the Year - Paul Cox
Masters Competitor of the Year - Andrew Quadrio
Open Competitor of the Year - Callum Boag
Youth Competitor of the Year - Amaya Cross
Cadet Competitor of the Year - Cody Murray
Surf Sport Team of the Year - U15 Cameron Relay AUSSIES
CRISP Sportsmanship Award - 150+ Female Relay Country Championships
Senior Club Person of the Year - Joel Spychala
Youth Club Person of the Year - Amaya Cross
Cadet Club Person of the Year - Alfie Marshall
Presidents Award - Bronwyn New



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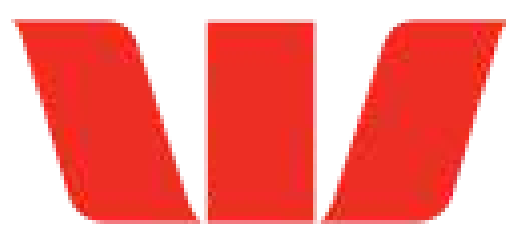
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