



LENNOX HEAD ALSTONVILLE

S.L.S.C.

2016-2017

Annual Report

Office Bearers: 2016/2017 Season

Patrons

The Federal Member for Richmond

The State Member for Ballina

The Mayor - Ballina Shire Council

Life Members

Tony Cole

Don McAteer

Larry Platt

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Geoff Harris

Mark Laverty

President

Geoff Harris

Vice President

Lou Wilson

Secretary

John Beasley OAM

Treasurer

Brett van Zuylen

Club Captain

Richard Hughes

Chief Training Officer

Mark Laverty

Surf Sports Coordinator

Lauren Moston (appointed 25th July 2016

Resigned 1st March 2017)

Registrar

Vanessa Mills

Youth Activities Coordinator

Samantha Miller

Public Officer

Simon Crethar

Honorary Legal Advisor

Andrew Mulcahy – Mulcahy Lawyers

Adam Gibbs – SP Lawyers

Honorary Medical Advisors

Lennox Head Medical Centre

President's Report

The past year saw us start with the installation of the eco shark net which was eagerly anticipated by our members for the protection it would give - unfortunately the net failed and was removed. Eventually this was replaced by similar nets to those used in Sydney, that is 150 metres of net situated approximately 800 metres offshore in front of the club. The club supplemented the nets by hiring a drone to patrol the area during junior activities.

At this stage we are still waiting for the results of the net trial and advice from DPI Fisheries as to what will happen next year. They have promised we would be informed prior to the season commencing of what shark mitigation strategies will be in place.

In regard to the new Surf Club Building, discussions with Council are ongoing and members will be informed as developments occur.

As you are aware the Kiosk closed in January. Hopefully, after lengthy discussions with Council, it will be open by the time of this report.

The season is now over and I would like to thank all our members who contributed to the continued success of the club.

I would especially like to thank the following:

- Our Patrol Members; under Club Captain Richard Hughes and Vice Captain Andrew Kneipp, who volunteered their time to keep our beach safe and helped us fulfil our obligation to Surf Lifesaving.
 - On the subject of patrols whilst overall our membership increased the number of members doing patrols decreased. This puts an extra burden on those members who do patrols.
The primary function of the club is to patrol the beach - if we do not have a patrol on the beach there are no junior activities or surf sports. To assist in maintaining our patrol numbers I would like all junior parents and other members to consider obtaining your Bronze Medallion and join a patrol. If you can't do your Bronze, consider doing a First Aid or Spinal management course this will still enable you to do patrols.
- Our competitors; what a great year you have had with amazing performances from all of you culminating in Lennox Head finishing in 5th position at the Country Titles, being beaten by sheer weight of numbers, and 18th at the Junior State Titles. I would especially like to congratulate Niamh Sharpe for successfully defending her title again, winning gold in the under 10 Board Race at Junior State, and Nathan Mackenzie for winning Silver in the under 14 Board Race at the Youth Aussies.
- Our club coaches whose dedication and can be seen in the results we have had this year.
- Our age managers who under Youth Activities Coordinator Sam Miller who ensure our juniors have a good time while learning new skills.
- I would also like especially thank our Chief Training Officer Mark Laverty. Mark, who was awarded Life Membership last year for his services to the club, has done an outstanding job

over many years in training our new members and helping old ones maintain or increase their skills. Mark has decided to call time on his training career so if there is a member out there interested in the most important and rewarding role in the club please let us know. Mark will gladly mentor you.

- Our Trainers and assessors who ably assisted Mark.
- Our Officials and water safety personnel for your assistance at carnivals - without your efforts we would not be able to compete.
- Finally the Members of the Management Committee and advisors for your support during the year.

Next year it is important that we concentrate on rebuild our patrol numbers to ensure we continue to provide our services to lifesaving and the public.

Geoff Harris

President



Secretary's Report

The Club actively participated in community events this year including the Lennox Head Lions Games Night, the Love Lennox Festival and the Byron to Ballina Coastal walk for charity.

Our juniors were well represented at Carnivals across the Branch where they excelled in both individual and team events, and this success was repeated at the Country Championships and State titles, where they helped to fly the flag for Lennox and pitted their talents against the best in NSW. Unfortunately the Aussie titles were largely washed out, but not before Nathan McKenzie collected a silver in the U14 Ironman, and we extend our congratulations to him. It was also great to see a growing number of Seniors participate at the Country champs and training for Aussies, and we look forward to this trend continuing.

I extend thanks to all those patrolling members who helped to keep our beaches open throughout the season, and to the work of our committees and volunteers, who do much behind-the-scenes to benefit our nippers and the beach going public.

Less of a highlight this year has been our ability to effectively administer, with our June 2016 AGM adjourned due to the lack of a quorum. Under the Club's Constitution, a quorum requires fifteen members. Three Management Committee Meetings were also cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

In the season 2017-2018 the Club needs to fill the important positions of Chief Training Officer and Surf Sports Coordinator. Also, the Registrar has indicated that this will be her last season and would like a member to assist her in order to fill the position for the 2018-2019 season. Any members interested in nominating for the above positions may obtain a copy of the duties by contacting the Club Secretary.

Due to my age, it would also be an advantage to have an Assistant Secretary to familiarise themselves with duties, procedures and working of the office.

Management Committee Meetings Attendance - 2016/2017 Season

	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
G.Harris	President	12	1
L. Wilson	Vice President	12	1
J. Beasley	Secretary	13	
B. Van Zuylen	Treasurer	12	1
R. Hughes	Club Captain	12	1
M. Laverty	Chief Training Officer	Leave of absence	Leave of absence
L. Moston *	Surf Sports Co-ordinator	3	2
V. Mills	Registrar	7	4

S. Miller	Youth Activities Officer	10	3
S. Crethar	Public Officer	2	6

* Resigned from role mid season

John Beasley

Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Prior to depreciation and any audit adjustments to our accounts, the club made a loss for the year of approximately \$5000. This loss has allowed for the expected non-payment of some rent and hall hire fees and has also been adjusted for the recently received NSW Office of Sport facilities grant which has been received but not yet spent.

This represents a significant improvement over last financial year due mainly to the following factors:

- A doubling in the value of uniform sales, although the profit margin on these sales is quite low.
- A significant increase in the hall hires of approximately 50%, even allowing for a significant bad debt from one hirer. It is unlikely that this debt will be recovered.
- An 8% lift in membership subscriptions, even though membership fees were unchanged from the previous year.
- A significant fall in electricity costs as our solar power system was operational for the whole financial year. Our total electricity cost has fallen from over \$13,00 per annum to less than \$4,000 per annum.

These improvements were offset by the following factors:

- A small fall in sponsorships
- A significant fall in donations, but as many of these are tied to specific projects, this fall was offset by a significant fall in building work and purchases of rescue equipment.
- An increase in building repair costs.

Lois Bucket Real Estate has continued her major sponsorship of the club and this has greatly assisted our Junior Activities team with the provision of hi-vis tops and equipment. Shell Lennox Head has continued to provide all of our fuel needs and this is a significant benefit with the increased use of our powered rescue equipment due to water safety work. Global Marine Enclosures also provided a significant sponsorship of our Lennox Enduro event early in the year.

We continued to invest in our JAC members, with capitation, training camps and presentation costs of over \$10,000.

On the income side, membership fees were \$31,750 and BBQ sales of \$4,800 were significantly higher than the previous year. We also saw continuing generous donations via the various donation tins kindly kept on the counters of a number of local businesses. The ongoing work by our Club Secretary and Life Member John Beasley in regularly emptying and banking these is much appreciated. Overall, when the NSW Office of Sport facilities grant is excluded, total income for the year was \$116,172.

Clothing sales and the JAC barbeque continued their good work and returned profits for the club to help with providing our nippers with all of the equipment that they need to enjoy the surf and compete strongly.

Offsetting all of this good financial work was the non-payment of three and a half months rent from the Ocean View Café. The proprietor of the café had been a long standing and reliable tenant for some 16 years so it is very disappointing that this occurred. Without this loss of revenue, the club would have returned a small profit for the year. The Club is continuing action to try to recover this significant loss of rental income.

Brett van Zuylen

Treasurer

Club Captain's Report

The season, as always, starts off well before it is supposed to. We had "Love Lennox" (\$400), we assisted with the Longboarders Classic (they gave us \$1500) and limited assistance given to Skullcandy. On top of that we had Ed and his family from Western Australia attempting to install a shark net barrier in front of the club. This took up some space and minor interruptions to normal club business. As we know this failed and shark nets were installed similar to ones used in Queensland and in Sydney. Now this has been discontinued and we are back to where we started. On top of all that, Sue closed the Ocean View Cafe leaving us with no coffee on patrols.

Firstly can I thank all of the patrolling members. It was always going to be a massive season with the shark issues, which was highlighted by the media prior to September. Secondly, a big thank you to Andrew "Choc" Kneipp for his assistance as Vice Club Captain throughout the season. His involvement at the club was greatly appreciated especially when you consider the hours he puts in to his own business in town, family commitments and then helps with running of the club and patrolling. Thanks to Adam Van Zuylen who was the Boat Captain this season. I thought you did a great job in looking after the IRB's and keeping them running. A big thanks to the Management Committee for their assistance and guidance. Also thank you to all the individual patrol captains for looking after your teams and keeping the beach open for tourists and the locals to enjoy.

After being at the club for over 10 years now and being the Gear Steward for the past 4 years or so, performing the role of the Club Captain was a real eye opener. I have been mainly involved in the surf sports side of things with the club over the years and I always will, but I have a greater appreciation with the patrolling members after this season. Basically if we don't have members patrolling (core business) we don't have a club. Simple as that. I believe our athletes that come through the age groups become our best lifesavers and lifeguards. This is what the club needs, along with one or two parents to bolster the patrol teams. The stats for this season don't lie. All up we have some 534 members at our club. 132 are patrolling members, of that 10 members didn't show up at all for patrols, therefore 122 members did between 4 to 71.5 hours of patrols. That's less than a quarter of all members patrolling. We have 12 patrolling members under 18 years of age. I believe three quarters of the patrolling group would over 40 years old. More like 50 or 60 if you are in Team 1.

This season 49 members completed over 40 hours of patrolling and of that 19 members did over 50 hours. A special mention to Mark Crawford who topped the most patrolling hours at 71.5 (Bobby Harper second on 68 hours). Mark was always first to put his hand up to help out with water safety at the Longboarders classic and helped with the Love Lennox festival. One hundred percent attendance were Mark Crawford, Bernard Kelly, Serge Killingbeck and Dave Thomas. For someone who lives 3 hours away, Amanda Berry completed 64 hours of patrols as well.

I am sorry for being blunt but the club cannot sustain the patrolling member numbers as they stand. We had 11 teams with some only having 2 or 3 on patrol at times. We cannot rely on the same members year in and year out. There is no quick fix to the problem and it is the same with a lot of clubs in the branch. Perhaps advertising in the Lennox Wave or

recruiting at the Love Lennox Festival? I am a big believer that at some stage long term members should be sitting back on the deck looking out over the beach and depending what time it is in the day, either reading the paper and having a coffee or having a couple of VB's or wine on a Saturday/Sunday afternoon. We can only dream (especially the VB).

Thank you again to all patrolling members for a fantastic job of keeping Seven Mile beach safe. I believe it was a good year for the club as no one drowned.

Richard Hughes

Club Captain



Chief Training Officer's Report

2016-2017 has seen our member's successfully complete 54 education awards, a significant drop on last year, particularly across Branch run courses. With the failure of the netted enclosure, members are still cautious about their time in the ocean. This aside, it is pleasing to receive positive feedback from assessors and facilitators, reflecting a high level of commitment from candidates.

Education of members is very much a team effort; a huge thank you must go out to all involved, including club trainers, water safety personnel, especially the IRB drivers and crew who take on the challenge of swim can placement and retrieval, branch assessors and facilitators. The club again has maintained a close working relationship with our neighbouring club of Ballina. The steady number of IRB Crew awards is a direct result of the concentrated effort of Bob Harper. Bob has a number of trainee drivers in preparation for assessment before Spring.

Surf Rescue Certificate 10	Gold Medallion 1
Bronze Medallion (Cert II Aquatic Rescue) 19	Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management 1
Spinal Management 1	First Aid 9
IRB Crew Certificate 7	Advanced Resuscitation Techniques 4
Rescue Water Craft Operator 2	

Lennox club members continue to demonstrate their commitment to public safety and community service.

Mark Laverty

Chief Training Officer

Awards 2016/2017

First Name	Last Name	Award Name	Award Number	Award Date	Trainer(s)
Sean	Hartley	Surf Rescue Certificate	NS10214896	07/10/2016	Robert Harper
Samantha	Hughes	Surf Rescue Certificate	NS10214898	07/10/2016	Robert Harper
Will	Kneipp	Surf Rescue Certificate	NS10214900	07/10/2016	Robert Harper
Shea	McEvoy	Surf Rescue Certificate	NS10214902	07/10/2016	Robert Harper
Zoe	McInnes	Surf Rescue Certificate	NS10214904	07/10/2016	Robert Harper
Maisie	Miller	Surf Rescue Certificate	NS10214906	07/10/2016	Robert Harper
Yannick	Reischl	Surf Rescue Certificate	NS10214908	07/10/2016	Robert Harper
Patrick	Thompson	Surf Rescue Certificate	NS10214910	07/10/2016	Robert Harper
Samuel	Van Zuylen	Surf Rescue Certificate	NS10214912	07/10/2016	Robert Harper
Nathan	Mackenzie	Surf Rescue Certificate	NS10314685	04/12/2016	Byron Bay
Lois	Buckett	Bronze Medallion	NS10214850	07/10/2016	Michael Brown
Karina	Hartley	Bronze Medallion	NS10214861	07/10/2016	Michael Brown
Trixie	Miller	Bronze Medallion	NS10214872	07/10/2016	Michael Brown
Jasmine	Sloane	Bronze Medallion	NS10214883	07/10/2016	Michael Brown
Cavan	Thompson	Bronze Medallion	NS10214894	07/10/2016	Michael Brown
Yannick	Reischl	Bronze Medallion	NS10272384	21/11/2016	Robert Harper
Lena	Langer	Bronze Medallion	NS10291990	18/12/2016	Mark Laverty
Lochie	Mullett	Bronze Medallion	NS10292001	18/12/2016	Mark Laverty
Scott	Mullett	Bronze Medallion	NS10292012	18/12/2016	Mark Laverty
Matthew	Webber	Bronze Medallion	NS10292023	18/12/2016	Mark Laverty
Claudia	Weston	Bronze Medallion	NS10292034	18/12/2016	Mark Laverty
Lily	Murphy	Bronze Medallion	NS10292045	18/12/2016	Robert Harper
Abby	Butler	Bronze Medallion	NS10359950	29/01/2017	Mark Laverty
Zara	Butler	Bronze Medallion	NS10359961	29/01/2017	Mark Laverty
Jessica	Mills	Bronze Medallion	NS10359972	29/01/2017	Mark Laverty
Christopher	Campbell	Bronze Medallion	NS10412721	09/04/2017	Mark Laverty
Keith	Francis	Bronze Medallion	NS10412732	09/04/2017	Mark Laverty
Caroline	Klose	Bronze Medallion	NS10412743	09/04/2017	Mark Laverty
James	Walker	Bronze Medallion	NS10412754	09/04/2017	Mark Laverty
Clare	Johns	First Aid [AID]	NS10193497	17/09/2016	G Horsey, D Morrow, L Platt, M Sewell
Rebecca	McCowan	First Aid [AID]	NS10193500	17/09/2016	G Horsey, D Morrow, L Platt, M Sewell
Luke	Mounic	First Aid [AID]	NS10265004	19/11/2016	Larry Platt, Maryanne Sewell
Lily	Murphy	First Aid [AID]	NS10380217	18/02/2017	G Horsey, L Platt, M Sewell
Butler	Abby	First Aid [AID]	NS10380221	18/02/2017	G Horsey, L Platt, M Sewell
Butler	Zara	First Aid [AID]	NS10380225	18/02/2017	G Horsey, L Platt, Sewell
Thompson	Cavan	First Aid [AID]	NS10193497	17/09/2016	G Horsey, D Morrow, L Platt, M Sewell
Joshua	Barrett	First Aid [AID]	NS10419317	22/04/2017	Kris Beavis, Geoffrey Horsey, Larry Platt
Nathan	Mackenzie	First Aid [AID]	NS10419321	22/04/2017	Kris Beavis, Geoffrey Horsey, Larry Platt

Lily	Murphy	First Aid [AID]	NS10419325	22/04/2017	Kris Beavis, Geoffrey Horsey, Larry Platt
Jack	Alder	Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	NS10387469	25/02/2017	G Horsey, M Sewell
Rebecca	McCowan	Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	NS10387472	25/02/2017	G Horsey, M Sewell
Luke	Mounic	Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	NS10387475	25/02/2017	G Horsey, M Sewell
Lily	Murphy	Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	NS10396820	11/03/2017	K Beavis, G Horsey, L Platt
Jack	Alder	Spinal Management	NS10374715	11/02/2017	G Horsey, S Perris, L Platt
Adam	Van Zuylen	Silver Medallion Beach Management	NS10193536	11/09/2016	Michael Kenny
Harrison	Murphy	Rescue Water Craft Operator Cert	NS10181933		12/07/2016
Blake	Ghanimeh	Rescue Water Craft Operator Cert	NS10194195		18/09/2016
Adam	Van Zuylen	Gold Medallion	NS10246537		22/09/2016



Registrar's Report

After low numbers in the previous season, the 2016/2017 season has seen an increase in our total membership to 535 members, with increases in all categories.

Our current membership shows member retention from the previous season as a positive 115.8%. Our Active 18years+ have remained similar in numbers and our Junior Activity Members currently represent nearly 38% of our total membership. Unfortunately, our Cadet Members have fallen.

Membership Categories 2016/2017

Category	Total Members	Male Members	Female Members
Junior Activity (5-13 years)	202	115	87
Cadet (13-15 years)	14	6	8
Active (15-18 yrs)	16	10	6
Active (18yrs and over)	96	66	30
Award	1	0	1
Reserve Active	5	3	2
Long Service	6	5	1
Associate	189	81	108
Life Member	6	6	0
Total	535	292	243

All our member's details are kept in SurfGuard, which is a centralised secure database provided by the Surf Life Saving Association and used nationally. This allows us to keep up to date information on all of our members, especially in regards to contact details, awards and patrol hours. It is important for the club to have accurate records and up to date contact details.

Members can check this information and make changes online using **Surf Life Saving Online**. This can be accessed at <https://www.lifesavingonline.com.au>

Vanessa Mills

Registrar

Youth Activities Co-ordinator's Report

Our 2016/2017 season has been another successful one, with a dedicated, knowledgeable, enthusiastic team of amazing people. Age Managers, coaches, bbq coordinators, Team Managers, uniform coordinator, Assistant JAC, officials, water safety personnel and more all getting together to make the season run so smoothly. Thankyou thank you!!!

I would like to make a special mention to our IRB Captain, Adam Vanzuylen, and his crew man Mal Mahon, for their dedication each Wednesday and Friday mornings for turning up and driving the IRB for the kids' training sessions. Without you they would be in the lake so the kids are super stoked for your commitment to them. As well as Tim Breen coordinating our water safety, once again. Tim you have done a brilliant job in getting the kids into the surf.

Our Lennox Enduro was a success with competitors from all over once again coming to give it a go. We were fortunate to have such great conditions on the day, and to be able to hold the event in the ocean. Also the Lennox carnival was a success; we had a good day, a little cold but great surf conditions. I was a little disappointed with numbers, but let's hope we can get more to this carnival next year.

To the entire Lennox nippers thankyou once again for your brilliant team spirit and sportsmanship you truly do us all proud. Our after carnival day presentations just keep getting bigger and better. Keep that happening I say.

And what about Country - it was a hoot!! So many new families came along to share the experience, and it was so good to see our team of senior boys there. The little kids just adored seeing them compete, and handle for them; fantastic team spirit, let's do it again next year. Maybe the oldies need to start training now!!!

To our Junior Lifesavers of the year Patrick Thompson and Maisie Miller – well done. You gave it your best shot at the Branch Interviews, and I am sure your represented Lennox well.

We had 5 of our nippers make it to the FNC Inter branch team which is the most we have had in a few years. Under 12 Ollie Sharpe and Lachlan Mahon, Under 13 Jack Breen, Under 14 Nathan Mackenzie and Maisie Miller. They gave it a great crack with some amazing results.

To our Under 14's moving on to the senior ranks congratulations on receiving your SRC and good luck. We look forward to seeing you on patrol and helping out next year.

Also I would like to give a huge shout out to Nathan and Maisie who in their last year as nippers managed to secure a long awaited medal at the State Titles. After years of making finals Nathan came away with Bronze in the board and Bronze in the iron man whilst Maisie gained a bronze in the Iron woman. And then to top it all off Nathan secured silver in the board at Aussies. Such an amazing effort, all that hard training paid off thanks to the dedication of their coach Lou Wilson.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee for their support once again this season, we have managed to give our nipper families a lot this year and what we get back from them means we are all on the right track. Awesome families, awesome nippers. I look forward to continuing that next season. Go Lennox!!!

Sam Miller

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