



Annual Report

2019 / 2020



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Secretary	John Beasley OAM
Treasurer	Brett van Zuylen
Club Captain	Chris Bond
Chief Training Officer	Amanda Berry
Surf Sports Coordinator	Vacant
Registrar	Michelle Mahon
Youth Activities Coordinator	Samantha Miller
Public Officer	Tim Breen

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	David Wright	The Mayor - Ballina Shire Council

President's Report

We have had another good season even though the Covid-19 pandemic forced an end to patrols and competition and the shutting down of the club, which unfortunately inconvenienced some, but the safety of our members remained our first priority. Hopefully things will be back to some sort of normality prior to the commencement of next season.

We began the season without a club captain but our Chief Training Officer, Amanda Berry, assisted by Chris Bond, got our patrols organised and on the beach. Thanks to Chris for maintaining our records on Surf Guard throughout the year.

Amanda also managed to get a number of Bronze Squads through this season greatly increasing our patrol strength. Thanks Amanda for your passion and enthusiasm and assistance with the patrols.

As always at the end of any season there are a number of people to thank:

- firstly to our patrolling members for volunteering their time to keep our beach safe and fulfil our obligations to Surf Lifesaving
- our competitors who again represented the club, with everyone competing to the best of their ability, ably assisted by our club coaches, who dedicate an incredible amount of time to ensure our competitors are ready
- the Age Managers who make sure our juniors have fun while learning new skills
- our officials and water safety personnel without whom we could not compete
- and to all our members who work tirelessly behind the scenes who help keep the club running

This year with a Grant from the Government we completed renovations to the club house which included increasing space in the boat shed, enlarging the patrol room to give a much improved view of the beach, restoring the floor upstairs and improving the bar and kitchen area. There is still some work to be completed on the western side of the club. As a result of this work the Committee decided to open the bar on Friday and Sunday afternoons for the last 4 weeks of the Christmas school holidays. These afternoons were enjoyed by both locals and visitors, and were a huge success, resulting in over \$10,000 being raised. I must thank our Bar Managers Sam Miller and Vanessa Mills, ably assisted by Kath Murphy and Wayne Shepherd for the tremendous amount of time and effort they put into this.

This year our Junior Activities Coordinator Sam Miller is stepping down. Sam has been a member of the club since 2007 and YAC since 2012 and is responsible for the development of our junior programme to what it is today. Sam is a committed and passionate member of the club and is an inspiration to all, but especially our junior members, many of whom she has coached since the under 9s. Sam will be missed but we are not losing her, she intends to take on a new role next year. Sam on behalf of the club thanks for your great work also from me personally, for your assistance and friendship over the past 8 years.

Finally thanks to the members of the Management Committee and advisors for your assistance and support during the year.

Geoff Harris
President

Secretary's Report

Due to the Coronavirus, the Management Committee has only convened on seven occasions this season. The Management Committee does not convene in December, except if required. The Committee has worked well together, and my thanks to all Committee Members for their support during the season.

Nominations for positions on the Management Committee were received, except for the Surf Sports Coordinator. Hopefully, the Club will receive nominations for all 10 positions.

After seven seasons, this was the last season for Samantha Miller as the Club's Youth Activities Coordinator. Thanks to Samantha for her assistance during this period.

An ongoing concern during my time as secretary is that the Club does not have any succession planning, which should be reviewed by the incoming Management Committee.

Management Committee Meetings Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
Geoff Harris	President	7	-
Lou Wilson	Vice President	3	2
John Beasley	Secretary	6	1
Brett Van Zuylen	Treasurer	6	1
Chris Bond	Club Captain	2	2
Amanda Berry	Chief Training Officer	7	-
Vacant	Surf Sports Co-ordinator	-	-
Michelle Mahon	Registrar	6	1
Samantha Miller	Youth Activities Officer	6	1
Tim Breen	Public Officer	5	2

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 \$42,000. Two significant accounting issues explain this significant loss. The first item was the exterior painting of the clubhouse for which we received a grant in the 2018/19 financial year, however the cost fell in this financial year. This item accounts for \$28,000 of the loss. The second item is also building related. The most recent grant for the club renovation is claimed after the expense is incurred and there is an outstanding claim of approximately \$20,000. If these two items are excluded, then the club returned a small profit of approximately \$6,000.

With the 2 abnormal items excluded, this is a smaller profit than the previous financial year. Notable improvements were as follows:

- A 26% increase in the hall hires (to \$27,682) with some reduction in income from the kiosk rental due to the change of operator at the beginning of the financial year.
- Clothing sales were up 15% over last year, with a gross income of \$7,145 for the year.
- Grant income of \$185,347 for the major building renovations.
- Bar sales were up 390% to \$18,682.
- Carnival entry fees were down by \$7,000, to \$3,073.

These improvements were offset by the following factors:

- A large reduction in sponsorships, down to \$3,395, from the previous year's \$15,963. Some of this reduction is due to our major sponsor (Lois Bucket Real Estate) donating nipper uniforms directly, resulting in this not being shown in the financial accounts.
- \$7,015 was spent on equipment repairs, compared to \$590 in 2018/19. Most of this difference was due to 2 major repairs on the Yamaha Viking beach vehicle.
- Building repair costs were up 41% over last year, to \$11,948.
- A significant increase in clothing stock costs as we moved to the new uniforms.

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. Clarence Property was our major sponsor for the Lennox Enduro and the Ballina Heritage Inn provided sponsorship for our State Title team. Shell Lennox Head has continued to provide all of our fuel needs and this is a significant benefit with the ongoing need for powered water safety equipment whenever members are training or participating in organised water events.

We continued to invest in our JAC members, with capitation, training camps, team uniforms and carnival entry fee costs of well over \$15,000. Carnival entry fees were significantly lower this year due to the cancellation of many of the carnivals at the end of the season.

On the income side, membership fees of \$35,491 and BBQ sales of \$7,677 were similar to the previous year. The massive increase in bar sales was due to the efforts of some dedicated members running the bar for members and guests over the Christmas/New Year holidays. This achieved a profit of approximately \$6,700.

We also saw continuing generous donations via the various donation tins kindly kept on the counters of a number of local businesses.

Overall, total income for the year was \$332,873.

Brett van Zuylen
Treasurer

Club Captain's Report

I would like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of all members who perform rostered and other patrols for the protection of our beachgoing public, including the many hours dedicated to water safety for younger members and their activities. We are according fully with our Lifesaving Service Agreement and successfully providing a vital emergency service even though the volunteer base of many similar organisations is continually on the decline.

I value the cooperation of the Australian Lifeguard Service and also the UAV/Drone operators throughout the season who have added a significant degree of safety and risk mitigation for our members and Lennox Head community and visitors.

All relevant and available patrol data was entered and member hours were updated for the entire 2019-20 season on Surfguard. SLSA moved to accredit individual patrol teams with all hours they were rostered for but unable to perform, between 28 March to 26 April during the Covid19 shut down of facilities and services. Members were classed as 'not rostered/ excused' so on the record this will have no negative impact when applying for future awards or competition rights.

To maximise fulfilment of our obligations, it would be great to increase the participation rate of our Bronze Medallion Award Holders. Out of a total of 163, in this season 2019/20 118 achieved proficiency but 45 remained un-proficient. Let's rally up and have full participation of all members appropriately qualified to serve on patrol.

Total Patrol Hours for Lennox Head Alstonville SLSC were 3,806.25 hours. When this is broken down month by month, you can see the level of commitment of our members during the holiday season's heavy requirement for volunteer hours as follows:

- September 70.5 Hrs
- October 507 Hrs
- November 508.5 Hrs
- December 927.75 Hrs
- January 718 Hrs
- February 601 Hrs
- March 428 Hrs
- April 45.5 Hrs

Patrol Captains and teams are encouraged to utilise the SLSA Operations App/ Tablet for the recording of Patrol Statistics. I will present the official statistics here but for many patrols, none were entered: it is apparent we can become more productive in the future by complete recording of stats in using the supplied technology on each patrol:

- Rescues – 5
- Fractures/ dislocations – 1
- Minor Cuts/ Abrasions – 3
- Minor Marine Stings – 7
- Total Preventative Actions – 90 (warnings, advice, assistance provided to beachgoers).

For individual patrol hours, the contribution of any time given by members is greatly appreciated, but particular praise is due to those performing upwards of 40 and 50 hours on their patrols. Led by Darren Oke 58.5 hrs, Jackson Bond 56 hrs, Amanda Berry 53.5 hrs, and Michael Thompson 53 hrs, the following people were in the top 10 male or female patrolling members for 2019/2020:

Leading Female Patrol Members:

1. Amanda Berry (ID: 4569936)	53.5
2. Jane Bond (ID: 4315497)	41.5
3. Jodie Roberts (ID: 5665133)	41.5
4. Shona Macindoe (ID: 4243108)	39.5
5. Rhonda Bryant (ID: 4552629)	38.0
6. Lauren Thomas (ID: 3699715)	37.8
7. Anna Farrell (ID: 5807206)	33.0
8. Gai Coleman (ID: 3604735)	32.5
9. Carla Ellis (ID: 3607024)	32.5
10. Lily Murphy (ID: 4478762)	32.0

Leading Male Patrol Members:

1. Darren Oke (ID: 3603482)	58.5
2. Jackson Bond (ID: 5596026)	56.0
3. Michael Thompson (ID: 3571716)	53.0
4. Oliver Sharpe (ID: 5510028)	46.5
5. Michael Wilson (ID: 3599766)	46.5
6. Timothy Breen (ID: 3539675)	45.0
7. Justin Ingram (ID: 4318375)	44.0
8. Mathew Dugard (ID: 5523606)	43.5
9. Larry Platt (ID: 3603908)	43.5
10. Michael Brown (ID: 4228554)	42.0

I have been extremely fortunate to have the Chief Training Officer, Amanda Berry, support me in the original and ongoing formation of patrol rosters and her motivating and friendly nature in keeping our people doing long hours on the beach happy and dedicated. Her leadership and good nature are something all clubs would value in their ranks.

In her new role as the club’s primary instructor this year, Amanda has been instrumental in providing 22 new and dedicated lifesavers in their completion of Bronze Medallion training, with the expert help of Michael Brown: and others including Bob Harper who mentored 6 members through the IRB Crew Certificate: all of these new awards greatly assisting in our mission to save lives. A breakdown of the awards gained in LHASLSC this season is listed here:

Awards originating FROM Lennox Head Alstonville 2019/2020

Award	Total	Male	Female	Indeterminate	Unknown
Age Manager - Online Theory	2	0	2	0	0
Apply surf awareness and self-rescue skills (PUASAR012C)	25	12	13	0	0
Bronze Medallion	22	10	12	0	0
Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA21012)	25	12	13	0	0
Communicate in the workplace (PUACOM001C)	25	12	13	0	0
Crew small powercraft in a rescue operation (PUASAR012C)	6	5	1	0	0
Follow defined occupational health and safety policies and procedures (PUA0HS001C)	25	12	13	0	0
Inclusive Beaches Online	1	0	1	0	0
IRB Crew Certificate	6	5	1	0	0
Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 10	26	16	10	0	0
Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 11	17	13	4	0	0
Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 12	21	12	9	0	0
Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 13	14	5	9	0	0

Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 9	29	17	12	0	0
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 10	26	16	10	0	0
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 11	17	13	4	0	0
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 12	21	12	9	0	0
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 13	14	5	9	0	0
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 6 - 29	17	12	0	0	0
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 7 - 31	22	9	0	0	0
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 8	20	10	10	0	0
Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 9	29	17	12	0	0
Operate communications systems and equipment (PUAOPE013A)	39	20	19	0	0
Participate in an aquatic rescue operation (PUASAR013A)	25	12	13	0	0
Provide basic emergency life support (HLTFA211A)	25	12	13	0	0
Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation [CPR] (HLTAID001)	41	21	20	0	0
Provide first aid (HLTAID003)	2	1	1	0	0
SS - Scrutineer (Online Modules)	1	1	0	0	0
SS - Technical Official Finish Judge/ Time Keeper/ Recorder	1	0	1	0	0
SS - Technical Official Marshall/Check-Marshall	1	0	1	0	0
SS - Technical Official Online Theory Modules	1	0	1	0	0
SS - Technical Official Starter/Check-Starter	1	0	1	0	0
SSV Operator Induction	2	1	1	0	0
Supplementary Learning for Patrol Captains - Online	1	1	0	0	0
Surf Aware One	20	10	10	0	0
Surf Aware Two	29	17	12	0	0
Surf Play One	28	16	12	0	0
Surf Play Two	31	22	9	0	0
Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	14	8	6	0	0
Surf Safe One	26	16	10	0	0
Surf Safe Two	17	13	4	0	0
Surf Smart One	21	12	9	0	0
Surf Smart Two	14	5	9	0	0
TAF Pre-season Online 2018	2	2	0	0	0
TAF Pre-season Online 2019	5	5	0	0	0
Work effectively in a public safety organisation (PUATEA004D)	25	12	13	0	0

Work in a team (PUATEA001B)	25	12	13	0	0
Total	828	462	366	0	0

In closing I recognise the great camaraderie and teamwork that operates in this club, which for a regional area is performing all its lifesaving obligations with a great level of commitment and professionalism. I would like to pass the baton on and commend the Club Captain position to anyone else interested in filling this role. I would be happy to spend time in showing any prospective new Club Captain the duties and methods of managing our patrols and our maintaining our operational capability through the SLSA Surfguard system. Thanks for a great season.

Chris Bond
Club Captain



Chief Training Officer's Report

The 2019-2020 season has been a great year, despite the sudden shortening due to the world pandemic. I feel it has been one of our more successful seasons as a club for some time from a committee, patrolling and competition perspective.

From a training perspective, we started the 2019-2020 season strong. Our first group of bronzies commenced in August to be ready for the start of the season. We moved into quickly having another bronze group and our SRC kids ready before December, giving us 30 new patrolling members before Christmas. We have had several members travel to branch to obtain first aid, advanced resuscitation and spinal certificates. We have had several new IRB crew members through this year as well as some of these training towards their driving certificate. We commenced our 3rd group of bronzies in February, we had planned to have them all completed by Easter, but we will bring the remaining few to completion when social isolation has eased and we can arrange an assessment. I thank the members of this squad for their patience during this time.

We have done well with our members remaining proficient this season, with most of our members making the effort to keep up to speed this season. We shall continue to try and give our members the best opportunity to attend proficiencies and keep their skills up to date, thank you to all our patrolling members who make the effort to get through this process each year.

It has been an encouraging year for new members stepping up to do their training and older members starting to upskill beyond their bronze medallion. A special mention to both Barry Holland and Brian Farrell who have both put their hands up to become new bronze medallion trainers. Both of these gents received their Bronzes in the 2018-2019 season and it has been a delight to have both of them wanting to give back to our club and community. We hope to have these guys through their official training course as soon as the pandemic restrictions are over.

Also, to Sam Miller and Lauren Mosten, who again this season helped with co-ordinating the SRC kids. These ladies give so much each season to our youngest patrolling members and I am thankful for the ongoing support.

I would like to thank our senior trainers and assessors Larry Platt, Mark Laverty, Michael Brown, Byran Lyndon and Bob Harper. These guys are always willing to lend a hand and I am always very thankful to have their experience available each and every year. Also, thank you to Ballina and Byron clubs for their support on assessments for the courses we run.



This season has given us a new contact at branch for training purposes; Sam Clutterbuck is a welcome resource to the branch and Lennox is looking forward to being able to offer more courses into the new season.

Into the 2020-2021 season we look forward to continuing where we have left off. We hope to continue giving our members opportunities to upskill and ensure Lennox has a strong knowledge base within its members. We will make a special effort to arrange assessments for anyone who had not been able to complete their courses due to the pandemic as soon as restrictions ease.

It is possible that now that we have increased our patrolling member base that we can consider returning to 12 patrolling groups to lighten the roster for all our members. This would be the first time in many years we

have had the patrolling capacity to consider this and I will be in discussion with our club captain on how we might best approach this idea over the winter months.

We would like to see all patrolling groups have members with a patrol captains awards, IRB drivers and crew, first aid holders and will be in discussion with branch prior to the new season to provide opportunities to work towards this.

I look forward another season with Lennox, it will be my 25th year as a member of the club. I may need to personally step back slightly with living closer to Cabarita, and will use this season to help find someone who may be able to take over from my role when they are ready.

Chief Training Officer
Amanda Berry

Registrar's Report

Lennox Head Alstonville SLSC has enjoyed another great year with membership reaching a total of 518 members by June 2020. This was a marginal decrease of some 31 members from the previous season.

Cadet membership (13-15 years) was up by 122 per cent to a total of 23 members.

We had 194 nippers tearing up our beach on Sunday mornings, which was a slight drop from previous years.

Associate Membership was also slightly down at 85 per cent in comparison to season 2018-19.

While membership in the Active 15-18 years category was down by 66 per cent, membership in our Active 18 years+ was up by 119 per cent, and we again congratulate our Chief Training Officer for her strong commitment to recruitment and training, allowing people to achieve their Bronze and join a patrol team. We also recognize and thank these new members for stepping forward to support our patrol base.

Lois Buckett was made as an Honorary Member again in season 2019-20 in appreciation of the generous sponsorship by Lois Buckett Real Estate over many years.

Membership this season:

Category	total	male	female
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	194	118	76
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	23	16	7
Active (15-18 years)	10	2	8
Active (18 years and over)	119	76	43
Reserve Active	2	2	0
Long Service	5	4	1
Associate Member	158	78	80
Life Member	6	6	0
Honorary Member	1	0	1
TOTAL	518	302	216

Next season, we will be reemphasising the need for online registration renewals to create efficiencies and overcome double handling. We will also be strongly encouraging people to join or renew their membership prior to the commencement of the nipper and patrol season.

All member details are retained in a program known as Surfguard, which is a centralised and secure data base coordinated by the Surf Life Saving Association and used throughout Australia. It is important that member details are correct within Surfguard to enable administrators to contact people, and to ensure accuracy in recording awards and patrol hours. Members are encouraged to check their details are up-to-date by visiting www.lifesavingonline.com.au .

Michelle Mahon

Registrar

Youth Activities Co-ordinator's Report

It was once again another great season; we saw over 210 nippers attend our regular Sundays and on average, 60 turn up to carnivals.

The season was favourable with weather with most carnivals going ahead however the branch titles were cancelled.

We were very lucky to have been able to attend the State Titles with the country going into COVID-19 lock down soon after.

I would like to thank, once again, our dedicated Age Managers, Coaches, BBQ CoOrdinator, Registrar, Water Safety Officials, IRB drivers, Uniform Co-ordinator, Team Manager, Bar Operators, Fundraisers, my offsider Ness Mills, and all the many, many people who made this season so successful.

I would also like to thank the Management Committee for your continued support.

Well done to the Under 14 age group who successfully gained their SRC to become fabulous patrolling members and a massive thankyou to Laurel Moston who has been this age groups age manager since they were in the under 6's. Fantastic effort Laurel. And to all the Under 14 families who have now finished in nippers, thank you all for your contributions over all the years and good luck in the next journey.

We also excelled this year in representative teams, with Bede Francis, Maalik Moston and Niamh Thompson making the Far North Coast inter-branch team, while Maalik was also selected in the NSW Pathway Cup team. And after 9 years, Lennox Head gained a medal in a team event at State - the under 11 girls board rescue, with Marli Francis and Abi Matthews, the girls paddled their little arms off coming an impressive 3rd place.

After 13 years in nippers, it's time for the Miller family to bow out. It has been the best time meeting so many awesome people. I could think of no better way to spend my Sunday mornings. I am so please with what our little club has achieved over this period of time and I wish all the very best to Brendan Matthews, who will be taking over the position. There are so many new families coming through and their eagerness will continue the Lennox nippers spirit.

Sam Miller
YAC Co-ordinator



Vale

Alison Gai Thomas

11.03.1961 – 06.06.2020

The club was deeply saddened this month by the passing of Alison Thomas on Saturday, June 6th. Alison passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family.

Alison has been a member of Lennox Head Alstonville SLSC since 2005, holding numerous positions in the club including Club Registrar, and was a Surf Sports Official and officiated at many Branch and Country surf carnivals. She was also a driving force in getting our Pool Rescue competitions going in the Far North Coast Branch.

Alison will be sadly missed and our hearts go out to her family, Dave, Hayden, Murray, Lauren and Jess.

May Alison's beautiful smile last forever.



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