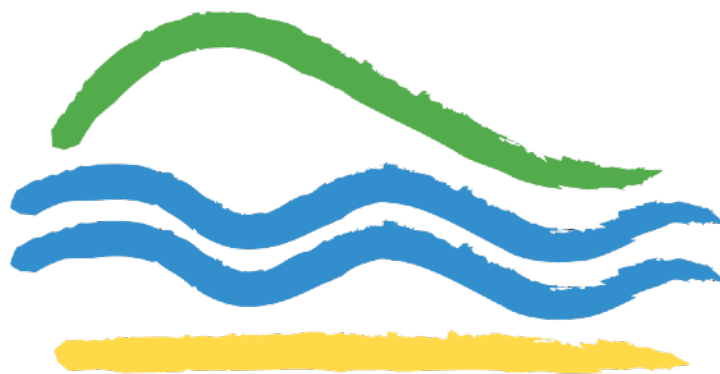


Annual Report

2021 / 2022



**LENNOX HEAD
ALSTONVILLE**
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

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<i>President</i>	Geoff Harris
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<i>Treasurer</i>	Brett van Zuylen
<i>Club Captain</i>	Justin Ingram
<i>Chief Training Officer</i>	Laura Boyle (Resigned 27/09/2021) Brian Farrell (Appointed 13/03/2022)
<i>Surf Sports Coordinator</i>	Samantha Miller
<i>Registrar</i>	Phoebe Humphreys
<i>Youth Activities Coordinator</i>	Brendon Matthews
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President's Report

This year has brought with it some difficult times, what with Covid, extreme weather, rain and floods and in the latter part of the season, polluted water keeping beaches closed due to water quality. This made patrols challenging at times and I thank all our patrolling members for your commitment in making sure we carried out our responsibilities, maintaining our patrols on the beach.

Club membership this year has reached record levels due, I believe, to the population increase in the area and our excellent junior activities programme run by Brendon Matthews and his team of age managers.

This year has seen excellent results by both our junior and senior competitors at local, State and Aussie carnivals and our thanks go to the coaches involved with these athletes. Congratulations to Courtney Yantsh and Jayden Matthews for being selected to represent the Branch as Junior Life Savers of the year. Jayden went on to win the NSW Junior Life Saver of the year.

Our club has responded to a number of emergencies this year, firstly in the search for a young man who tragically lost his life on our beach. Our thanks to the IRB crews involved and also to the members who provided food and refreshments to all the emergency personnel involved.

The severe local flooding saw many of our members involved in search and rescue operations and the club opened as an evacuation centre. To the IRB crews, the ladies who ran the evacuation centre, the members who cooked food for not only our centre but 2 other evacuation centres in the area, thank you.

I must also thank our water safety and officials for their work during the season and all our members who work behind the scenes to keep our club going.

Finally thanks to the Members of the Management Committee for their advice and support during the season.

Geoff Harris
President

Secretary's Report

What a season 2021-2022 has been - Covid, rain, floods, and polluted oceans. I cannot recall, in my 68 years in surf lifesaving, a more disastrous season. Having regards to these problems, the Club has performed well above what we could have expected under the circumstances.

Club memberships has been near record levels, while patrols have been trying, under difficult circumstances.

The Club has recorded success at carnivals including the State and Aussies Titles.

Achieving a quorum for Management Committee meetings during the latter part of the season was difficult and required several meetings to be either postponed or cancelled due to COVID and/or flooding.

This season saw all portfolios elected or appointed which was a first for several seasons and it's hope that this may be the case next season. The Management Committee members have assisted me, and I would like to thank each of them.

Hoping next season that the club can be back to doing what it does best and that is, making our beach safe.

Management Committee Meetings Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
Geoff Harris	President	8	
Lou Wilson	Vice President	7	1
John Beasley	Secretary	8	
Brett Van Zuylen	Treasurer	5	3
Justin Ingram	Club Captain	5	3
Laura Boyle	Chief Training Officer (resigned - 27.09.21)	2	
Brian Farrell	Chief Training Officer (appointed - 13.03.22)	4	
Sam Miller	Surf Sports Co-ordinator	8	
Phoebe Humphreys	Registrar	1	7
Brendon Matthews	Youth Activities Officer	5	1
Tim Breen	Public Officer	5	3

John Beasley
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Prior to depreciation and any audit adjustments to our accounts, the club made a modest loss for the year of \$11,441. This is a significant turnaround from last year's unusually large profit. This was due mainly to a significant increase in electricity costs, clubhouse cleaning costs and some large orders for club clothing that were not all sold during the fiscal year.

Notable improvements were as follows:

- A 105% increase in income from hall rentals, to \$21,881
- Clothing sales were up 16% over last year, with a gross income of \$11,844 for the year.
- Sponsorship income was up by 130%, to \$6,575. This is mainly due to unusually low sponsorships last year.
- Donations for replacing our surf boat of \$14,000.
- Total repair costs for rescue equipment was down by 90%.
- BBQ sales of \$12,748. This is a small increase from last year and generated a profit of \$7,246.

These improvements were offset by the following factors:

- Grant income of \$15,000 which consisted of an increased Beach Safety Equipment Fund for the year. No other grants were received this year. Last year's grant income included a COVID specific one off grant.
- Total electricity costs were \$22,535, which was an increase of \$8,000 over last year due to continuing issues with the solar electricity system and an increase in kiosk electricity consumption.
- A small 5% decline in membership income.
- Cleaning costs were up by 77% due to an increase in hourly costs with a change of supplier and more regular cleaning.
- Building repairs were similar to last year at \$7,993.

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 in petrol prices over the year. Lennox Gelato & Coffee also came on board as a Bronze Sponsor. General purpose donations for the year totaled \$4,375.

We also received a number of donations specifically for our surf boat equipment. Donations were received from The Mullumbimby Courthouse Hotel, Noel Holmes, Opec Systems, Northern Rivers Seafood and Somerville Laundry Lomax Solicitors. We thank all these generous donors.

We continued to invest in our JAC members, with capitation, training camps, team uniforms and carnival entry fee costs of well over \$12,000.

On the income side, membership fees of \$45,980 were down slightly and BBQ sales of \$2,628 were significantly down on last year due to the reduced number of nipper days and poor weather. Overall, total income for the year was \$209,790.

Brett van Zuylen
Treasurer

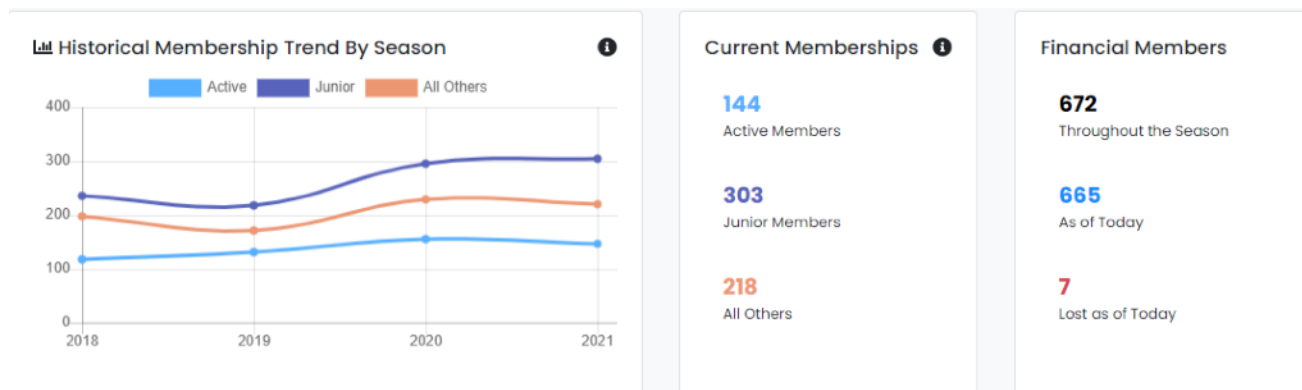
Club Captain's Report

Another successful season at our club due to the commitment and dedication of all members and our volunteer lifesavers. Who throughout the season performed rostered patrols, other patrols and water safety for the protection of our beach goers and young surf life saving members. Total active members for 2021/22 = 144, 303 junior member and 672 financial members.

Through the support of the UAV Operators and Surf life Saving Association throughout the season our beaches have been monitored and kept safe all season. This was done by performing 6 Rescues, responding to incidents and first aid treatments. Keeping our beach going public and surf club members safe.

All recorded and available patrol hours and data have been entered and members patrolling hours of service updated for the season of 21/22 on Surfguard. Between September and May 2022, our patrolling members collectively patrolled **4,020.23** Hours, slightly down from last year. Patrolled and unpatrolled stats for the season include 6 total rescues, 18 first aid treatments Total preventive actions extend to 122, which is a great way of demonstrating the fantastic and diligent work or patrolling members are going to.

Please find the below statistics highlighting the outstanding efforts of our patrolling members this season:



Patrol captains have continued to lead their members through challenging times coming through the other side of COVID, loss of life to our members' families and enduring extreme weather conditions and floods. I would personally like to thank our members who came together this year in a time of need. In December we experienced the unfortunate drowning of a member of our community. Many of our members supported the search efforts and did not leave the club for three days until he was found, enabling his family to say goodbye. And when the floods hit us, our members raised their hands day after day, week after week, to help wherever they could. From IRB rescues on day one, to IRB retrievals day and night over the following week. A special mention to Brian Lyndon, Paul Smith and Brian Paff, along with plenty more IRB drivers, and everyone bounding together to turn our surf club into a refuge centre for flood victims who were quickly homeless. I cannot thank you enough and that is why I believe the patrol of the year is our flood relief patrol.

I would like to thank our Patrol Captains once again for pulling together even when patrol numbers are down, long standing members of the club putting up their hands and helping out the club, even on unpatrolled rosters.

I would like to thank the patrol members who went above and beyond volunteering for patrolled hours and dedicating their time even during un-rostered hours on our beach, all to keep our beach goers and young lifesavers safe. Please find below list of members with over 50 patrol hours for the year:

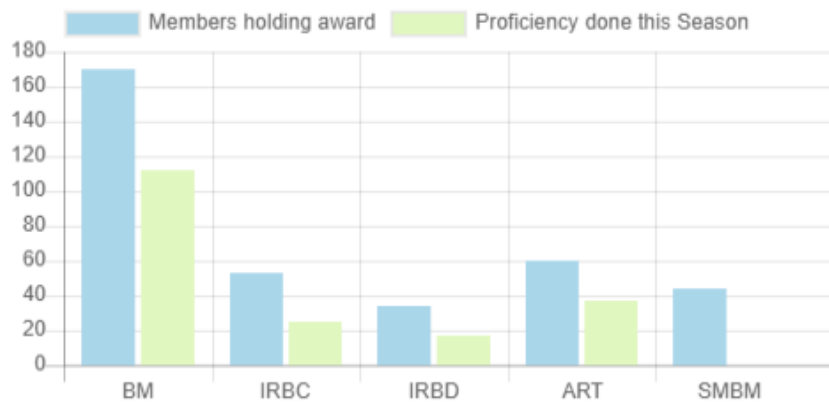
1. Darren Oke 60hr
2. Justin Ingram 56hr
3. Lukas Van Zwieten 56hr
4. Brett Van Zuylen 55hr
5. Mark Crawford 55hr
6. Gai Coleman 51hr
7. Brooke Ingram 50hr
8. Paul Smith 50hr

Patrolling Members Contribution



- Non-Contributing Members
- Less Than 10 Hours
- Between 10 and 50 hours
- Greater Than 50 hours

Awards & Proficiencies



Lennox Head has become an amazing place to patrol, with the people in the club changing something that is good to something that is great. It was my pleasure to hold the roll as Club Captain and look forward to seeing everyone on the beach next season.

Justin Ingram
Club Captain

Chief Training Officer's Report

2021-2022 has been a fun and challenging season for the training team, with weather and covid testing us on a few occasions. Congratulations to those who attended and completed courses this season. It's exciting to see Lennox growing and new faces joining. It's also great to see existing members upskilling their awards.

Lennox Head this season has seen a good number of our members gain awards:

Surf Rescue Certificates	12
Bronze Medallions	13
Training Officer's Certificate	1

We completed the following proficiency numbers this season:

Bronze Medallion	112
IRB Crew	25
IRB Driver	17
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	37

Upskilling and further training is a great way to become more involved in the club and I encourage those who may be looking to do more to consider obtaining a new award or even to become trainers in an award that they hold.

There have not been opportunities to gain First Aid or Advanced Resuscitation Training this season but with new courses being released we hope the Far North Coast Branch will have some upcoming dates for us soon.

Surf Lifesaving NSW have been running trainer programs online. The program runs for five weeks and once completed you can train in the awards you hold. If you would like to know more about the trainer program, please ask any of the training team, we have all been through it and are happy to share our experiences with those that might be interested in joining one of the programs later this year. Most recently Michael (Rossco) Wilson has completed his online trainer program and is currently assisting on a couple of courses before being signed off as a trainer.

Training and education is an important part of our club and our ability to provide a skilled volunteer service to our community. Running our courses, providing our proficiencies and upskilling our members would not be possible without our trainers and assessors Amanda Berry, Barry Holland, Michael Brown, Bryan Lyndon, Bob Harper, Mark Laverty, Brain Dell, Lara Boyle Matthew Benson and most recently Michael (Rossco) Wilson. We are very thankful and appreciative of the support from surrounding clubs and the branch for loaning us assessors throughout the year to help us have everything completed. I would like to say a special thank you to Lara Boyle who started the season as Chief Training Officer. Lara's knowledge and experience from her time working for SLS NSW was a real asset to the training team and helped us develop some best practices going forward.

Below is a list of new equipment added this season:

Infant mannequins	3
Training Defibrillators	3
Asthma Inhaler and Spacer	3
Adrenaline Autoinjector	3
Tourniquet	3

Wishing everyone a wonderful 2022-2023 season

Brian Farrell
Chief Training Officer

Registrar's Report

The online registration process using Surfguard was the only way to register for the 2021-22 season. Whilst we have been transitioning to the online system over the past couple of seasons, this year was the first to be 100% paperless. This process allowed both new and existing members to join our club from the comfort of their homes, which was especially convenient during the persistent La Niña weather pattern.

The shift to online registrations saw existing members streamline their online profiles, and new members creating new profiles, with the guidance of the Registrar and of the SLS Helpdesk. Updates to the notoriously flawed Surfguard program have begun to roll out and, piece by piece, making things easier for all of us. Whilst there are many updates yet to come, these initial changes, and the increased and widespread usage of the Surfguard system, has allowed all administrative committee volunteers to learn more about the program and how to incorporate it more usefully into their roles.

With our rapidly expanding local area attempting to meet the demands of the significant influx of new people to our area, memberships flourished. The 2021-22 season unexpectedly saw younger age groups reach numbers double capacity. We were forced, even before the season started, to close registrations for these age groups, breaking many parents and young Nipper hopefuls' hearts. With many of our new members moving from intra- and interstate, Covid lockdowns over Christmas hampered their moves, so the reality of the increased numbers in the younger age groups was only realised in late January once everyone had arrived!

The final breakdown of our member numbers for the 2021-22 season are as follows:

Sub-Membership Category	Total Members
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	275
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	28
Active (15-18 yrs)	14
Active (18yrs and over)	129
Reserve Active	1
Long Service	5
Associate	206
Life Member	4
General	1
Honorary	2
Total	665

Whilst our official total membership tally fell short of the previous record of 669 in 2019-2020 season, we were forced to deny membership to dozens of additional families due to the concentration of interest in those younger age categories. Should we have been able to safely accept these families, we would have exceeded the 2019-20 numbers. Regardless, we made sure to direct those families to other local clubs, so we are happy to know they didn't end up missing the opportunity to start their Nippers journey. With junior numbers flowing into our club and other surrounding clubs like they have this season, the future of Surf Lifesaving looks bright!

For those planning to renew next season, please watch your emails and be ready to pounce once registrations open for the 2022-23 season (sometime during later winter). For families changing the combination of members in their family 'groups', please contact lennoxregistrar@gmail.com *before* you start to ensure the system is easier from your end. And for any new members reading this, we look forward to meeting you next season!

I would like to thank Michelle Mahon for her tutelage during my first year in the role as Club Registrar and for her ongoing care and willingness to continue with her volunteering since stepping down from Registrar at the end of last season. I would encourage anyone willing to become a more active member of our club to touch base with any of our committee members and/or volunteers and get chatting about how you too can become involved in this community!

Phoebe Humphreys
Registrar

Surf Sports Report

Well here it is, a wrap on our Surf Sports Season.

Once again due to Covid it was a very slow start to the surf season, and the uncertainty made it difficult to for motivation. We had our usual local carnivals, which was great, an inter-branch weekend away (without the inter-branch competition) and Country Titles went ahead as planned. That's before we had all the rain and unfortunately State Titles were cancelled due to water quality.

However, the mighty Aussie Titles went ahead, and this year saw the introduction to 13's in the youth program.

Our team was made up of 13's Marli Francis and Reuben Sharpe, 14's Jayden Matthews, 15's Luke Bond, Ethan Bayly and Niamh Sharpe. They all did so well with standouts from Marli who came 3rd (Bronze) in the 2km run, Reuben 3rd in the surfing and Niamh 1st in the surfing. Well done to you all, you were awesome!

Next we had our masters and opens, Chris Bond, Nathan Mackenzie and Patrick Thompson, 19's Jackson Bond, Lachie Mahon, Ollie Sharpe, Clancy Miller and Charlotte Shepherd in the 17's. Most of this crew made individual and team finals with Ollie coming away with a very well deserved 3rd (bronze) in the board race.

I would like to thank Lou Wilson, Chris Bond and Brendon Matthews for all your dedication in coaching our seniors this season. And to all the athletes, you are all legends! Your dedication to training, your will to succeed and your team spirit and mateship are to be applauded and as one of the coaches and the surf sports co-ordinator, I couldn't be prouder.

Bring on next season - let's hope we don't have any more hurdles, and it's a ripper!

Sam Miller

Surf Sports Co-ordinator

Youth Activities Co-ordinator's Report

This 2021-2022 Nippers Season has been a mixed series of extreme weather events, from cyclones, tsunami warnings and floods, combined with another year of COVID. But our Nippers and club took it all in their stride, and we finished the year on a high. Lennox Head competed in four FNC branch carnivals this season, which is a little less than normal, but we were glad we could participate and compete as a club with the other SLS clubs on the Far North Coast. Again, Lennox Head Surf Club has had record numbers, with over 300 Nippers registered this season, with many of our young age groups reaching full capacity, which meant we had to cap numbers for the first time ever. Luckily, we had many wonderful parent volunteers to assist our age managers in delivering an enjoyable series of Nippers Days for our younger age groups.

We were lucky to experience our Yamba carnival with perfect conditions which was ideal for our U8's as it was their first time competing. Our team of 74 kids participated over a well run, two-day program, with sixteen of those being from U9's. Our U9's group has been our strongest age group for participation right across all carnivals this year. Out of 82 events, Lennox competitors finished 82 times within the top 6. We came 2nd overall in our total points tally, which has been a consistent result for us over the past three years.

At our Cudgen Branch Carnival we experienced much tougher conditions. We had 58 children compete in this carnival, from U8's to U14's. This carnival also included our Senior competitors as well so it was an amazing club effort which resulted in 150 top 6 finishes. Overall, we placed 2nd out of the 8 local clubs which is the same result as the prior two years.

Country was held at Foster, Tuncurry this year and we thank all parents who made the effort to drive down so our Nippers could compete. We finished in 4th place out of 30 clubs which was a fantastic result! We had 37 Nippers participating in U8's to U14's but we were also lucky to have the opportunity to have both our Seniors and Juniors participate together which ensured a fantastic team bonding experience!

Our final carnival for our Nippers was the NSW State Surf Lifesaving Championships, which is the pinnacle of our competition calendar. There were 21,000 competitors from 129 clubs along the NSW State Coast who had entered and were due to compete over multiple weekends. We had 16 Lennox Head Nippers in our U9 to U14 age groups who went down to compete over a four day program which was subsequently reduced to two days due to unpredictable environmental challenges. Our U9 to U12 age groups were lucky enough to compete in most of their events however, unfortunately the majority of the U13 and U14 events were cancelled on the day. I would like to personally acknowledge the parents who invested their resources of time, effort and money to make the trip down to Sydney for this carnival. We recognise how big this commitment is to their children and to our club. We really feel for those Nippers and parents who made the trip down to compete against the best in State and unfortunately did not get the opportunity to do so. We ended up with some fantastic results which shows no matter where you come from, how big or small your club is, if you are willing to put in the work at training you can compete with the best kids in the State.

We would also like to recognise those U13 and U14 Nippers who participated in The Aussies on the Gold Coast, this was the first year these age groups had been added to the Carnival and it was a fantastic experience for them.

Lastly, we would like to congratulate Ruby Yantsch and Jayden Matthews for being named Lennox Club and Far North Coast Junior Lifesaver of the Year. They both travelled to Sydney in April to take part in a three day program of team building and leadership skills. Jayden then went off to win the Male NSW Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award which is an awesome result, not just for him, but also for our Club. Congratulations Jayden and Ruby!

We would like to thank each and every volunteer, parent and Nipper who have supported us through out the Season and we look forward to an even better Season in 22/23!

Brendon Matthews
YAC Co-ordinator

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