

**LENNOX HEAD
ALSTONVILLE**
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB
ANNUAL REPORT

2024 / 2025

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President	Tim Breen
Vice President	Geoff Harris
Secretary	John Beasley OAM
Treasurer	Brett van Zuylen
Club Captain	Chris Bond
Chief Training Officer	Brian Farrell
Surf Sports Coordinator	Samantha Miller
Registrar	Kate Bruce
Youth Activities Coordinator	Jodie Roberts
Public Officer	Scott Roberts

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President's Report

The 2024/25 season was very busy at Lennox Head which made patrols challenging at times and I thank all our patrolling members for their time and commitment in making sure we carried out our responsibilities of maintaining our patrols on the beach.

Junior Activities at the club remain strong, with 321 Junior and Cadet members filling the beach every Sunday morning for Nippers and a strong competitive culture, fostered by Jodie Robert's as JAC, who took a team of competitors to both the Country and State Titles. The Club would like to thank Jodie for her time and efforts over the past few years as JAC as she passes the batten over to Peter Yopp for 2025/26.



JAC Jodie Roberts and Nippers Presentation



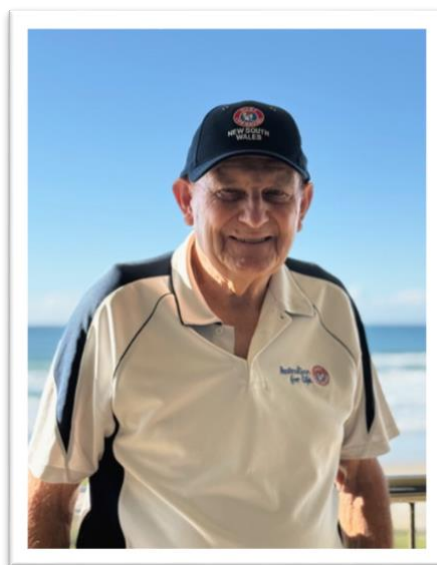
End of Season Nippers Presentation

Club memberships were up slightly on last season, with our Nippers numbers reaching an all-time high. We would like to acknowledge and thank our Club Registrar, Kate Bruce for her tireless work this season, culminating in 100% of memberships being submitted and paid online.

The Club has celebrated a number of member milestones this season with Gai Coleman receiving the SLSNSW Long Service Award and John Beasley AOM ("Beas") being recognised for 70 years of service with SLSNSW.

In his capacity as Secretary, Beas sets the Management Committee Meeting agenda and records the minutes of meetings. He is the person called upon to clarify former decisions made and guides the protocol of our meetings to ensure correct due process.

In addition to fulfilling the club's administrative functions, he is also our unofficial club 'fixer'. If the lock on the door is broken, John organises the repair. If the solar panels are not working, Beas makes the call. If the fuse-box is on fire, John arrives with the fire brigade.



Training and education are fundamental aspects of our club's mission and are crucial in providing a skilled volunteer service to our community. I would like to thank Brian Farrell, our Chief Training Officer, and his fantastic team for all their hard work and dedication. Congratulations are in order for all those who attended and completed courses this season! It is particularly encouraging to see many nipper parents and new faces joining us in training efforts focused on enhancing water safety and supporting weekend patrols.

Below are the award numbers achieved this season:

- Bronze Medallion 32
- Training Officer's Certificate 2
- Patrol Captains Course 2
- RWC (Jet ski) 3



New Bronze Medallion Holders



Aussie Titles Competitors

Thank you also to the LHASLSC Management Committee for the time that they contribute to the Club above and beyond, Patrols, Nippers, Training, Officiating and Water Safety.

Tim Breen
President

Secretary's Report

This season has been successful for Club membership, with both junior and patrol member numbers increasing. This Club is fortunate to have a base of experienced members, which should put the Club in a good position for the future.

In terms of Management Committee meetings, this season saw several meetings postponed, and on one occasion, the meeting was cancelled (dissolved in accordance with the Constitution) due to a lack of quorum. The incoming Management Committee should consider changing the day of the month the committee meets to hopefully resolve the issue of cancelled meetings.

In my time as Secretary, the Club has never had a succession plan in place for the Management Committee. This gap is something the incoming Management Committee should review.

During this season, I have had great support from the Management Committee members, which I appreciate, as it makes the position of Secretary easier. I would also like to acknowledge the support that I have received from Michelle Mahon and Kath Murphy.

Finally, at the commencement of the 2011-2012 season, then-President Wayne Jones asked if I would nominate for the position of Secretary for one year, which then turned into 12 seasons. If no nomination is received for the position of Secretary, I am prepared to nominate for one more season. If a nomination is received, I am happy to accept the position of Public Officer or Assistant Secretary.



Management Committee Meetings Attendance

POSITION	NAME	ATTENDANCE	APOLOGIES
President	Tim Breen	7	2
Vice President	Geoff Harris	8	1
Secretary	John Beasley OAM	9	
Treasurer	Brett van Zuylen	4	5
Club Captain	Chris Bond	7	2
Chief Training Officer	Brian Farrell	5	4
Surf Sports Co-ordinator	Samantha Miller	7	2
Registrar	Kate Bruce	7	2
Youth Activities Co-ordinator	Jodie Roberts	8	1
Public Officer	Scott Roberts	5	4

John Beasley

Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Prior to depreciation and any audit adjustments to our accounts, the club made a cash profit for the year of \$53,281. This is significantly larger than previous years. A significant contributor to this is the \$10,000 Federal Government Beach Safety Equipment Fund (BSEF) which has been received but will be spent next financial year due to delays in the delivery of the new IRB. Two other one off grants were also received for member retention and for fundraising assistance.

Notable improvements were as follows:

- An increase in membership subscription fees of \$1,860 to \$52,010
- Complete coverage of our electricity costs due to the kiosk catching up their arrears
- Hall hire sales were up by \$12,582, to \$27,418
- Sponsorships increased by \$1,823, to \$10,708
- A 50% increase in clothing sales income

These improvements were offset by the following factors:

- A fall in bar sales by approximately \$4,000 due to fewer club functions during the year
- General donations were down by \$1,542

Lois Bucket Real Estate and Club Lennox (Cherry Street Sports) have continued their Gold sponsorship this year. The Station Grocer at Lennox Head has continued to provide all of our fuel needs. East Coast Care Connect became a Bronze sponsor this year.

We continued to invest in our JAC and senior members, with capitation, training camps, team uniforms and carnival entry fee costs of well over \$20,000.

Overall, total income for the year was \$199,599, which was an increase of 2% for the year.

The club remains in a strong financial position with cash assets of \$295,000.

Brett van Zuylen

Treasurer

Club Captain's Report

Lennox Head Alstonville SLSC continues to protect the local community often at times of greatly increased population during holidays and has maintained a reliable service in the face of declining volunteerism across all emergency services and community groups.

I am pleased to report that for the 2024-2025 Patrol Season just concluded, there were *no lives lost* in the area patrolled by LHASLSC in performing our obligations under the Lifesaving Service Agreement (LSA) 2024-2026.

We have 147 Active Members, of which there are 121 Proficient Bronze members and 76 not proficient. Total Patrol Hours performed across all teams were 3761 hours, with 11 documented rescues performed and 193 Preventative Actions (actions such as mitigating assessed risk areas, providing public advice and segregating dangerous surf craft from swimmers etc).

Patrol of the Year 2024/25 was awarded to Patrol #2 captained by Bryan Lyndon. Rationale for award to this patrol was the fact they operated on depleted active attending members although very well led and organised by the Captain and Vice Captain, in a season where they dealt with a high proportion of rescues.

We commend any time given by our volunteers to patrol, but special mention to the following who committed service exceeding 40 hours:

Michael Wilson	123	Malcolm Mahon	47.5
Brian Paff	108.5	Stephen Manley	47.5
Bryan Lyndon	66.5	Chris Bond	47.5
Neil Kennedy	66	Thomas Mahon	46
Mark Crawford	65.5	Barry Holland	45
Bob Harper	62	Thomas Berry	44.5
Brighton Wilson	57	Geoff Harris	44.5
Martin Fox	56	Brendan Rae	44.5
Scott Roberts	54.5	Gai Coleman	43.5
Lucas Van Zweiten	53	Andrew Kneipp	43.5
David Gates	52	Matthew Parish	41
Brett Van Zuylen	52	Jane Bond	40.5
Andrew Hoolihan	51	James Dueck	40.5
Caroline Klose	48.5	Lachlan Mahon	40.5
Tim Breen	48.5	Peter Yopp	40
Justin Ingram	48		

I wholeheartedly thank Brian Farrell, Bryan Lyndon and Barry Holland plus their extended team of trainers and assessors for providing us with extra trained Bronze Medallion lifesavers this season.

The community spirit is alive and well with the IRB team covering all known shortages across the season, with Rossco Wilson and Brian Paff performing many extra hours helping the teams to maintain this very important asset on our beach. Brilliant efforts from Steven Manley and Rossco for your time given to training prospective new IRB Drivers and Crew.

The maintenance of all lifesaving equipment has been top class which enables us to achieve and exceed compliance standards each season.

I am planning to hand over to a new Club Captain position holder at the 2025 AGM, having covered this position for four years of the last 6 years, and I will offer my support from the start with formulation of new patrol rosters for the 2025/2026 season in whichever form the patrol members have recommended. With our patrol team strengths comes weaknesses as well however, with plenty of no-shows this season so I appeal to all able members to maintain their proficiency and commit to team rosters where you can to ensure we keep providing the service and uphold the great reputation our organisation holds in the area.

Thanks!

Chris Bond
Club Captain



Chief Training Officer's Report

I am pleased to present the Chief Training Officer's Report for the 2024-2025 season, which has proven to be both enjoyable and productive for our Training Team.

Firstly, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated team of volunteer trainers. Without your hard work and commitment, we would not have been able to complete all our training and proficiency sessions this year. A special mention goes to Barry Holland, Bryan Lyndon, Michael (Rossco) Wilson, Stephen Manley, and Coen Acret—your efforts have been invaluable.

I must also express my gratitude to our Director of Education FNC, Geoff Horsey, for his continued support. Additionally, I want to acknowledge Terry Mortimer, Tim Payne, Steve McNabb, and Stephen Perris from BLSLSC for their assistance as external assessors; your contributions have greatly enhanced our training initiatives.

A unique thanks goes out to Mark Law for serving as an Endorsed Delegate this season. His expertise in guiding us through proficiency was greatly appreciated and ensured a smooth process.

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- Training Officer's Certificate: 2 (Stephen Manley IRB, Coen Acret BM)
- Patrol Captains Course: 2 (Matt Lampard, Michael Thompson)
- RWC (Jetski): 3 (Matt Lampard, Taama Jones, Adam Baker)
- We also completed impressive proficiency numbers this season:
- Bronze Medallion: 130
- IRB Crew: 29
- IRB Driver: 17
- Advanced Resuscitation: 23

Thank you once again to all members who took the time to attend proficiency sessions and renew their awards. Your commitment is what makes us strong.

Brian Farrell
Chief Training Officer



IRB Captain's Report

Season 2024-2025 was a challenging one with limited IRB Drivers & in some cases limited crew to fulfil the club's patrol lifesaving obligations. However, our members stepped up and filled gaps in the roster going above their own obligations. Thank you to all our IRB members for helping me in my role as IRB Captain, without your knowledge and guidance particularly from senior members it would have been very difficult for me to do my job; I won't name you all for fear of missing someone. There were many carnivals & events that IRB members participated in during this season and without their attendance & commitment they would not have gone ahead.

I especially want to thank Brian Paff for his outstanding contributions across all areas this season including IRB commitments which earned him the award for Patrol Person of the season. Congratulations Brian!

The weather as per usual presented its own challenges particularly in March with Tropical Cyclone Alfred making its presence felt causing havoc on the east coast. Several of our members including Bryan Lyndon, Brian Paff, & myself volunteered for flood deployment duty with SLSNSW under the direction of NSW SES. Brett Van Zuylen & Coen Acret also participated through their commitments as SES members.



As far as equipment goes our club currently has three operational IRBs with another on the way expected delivery later in 2025 hopefully in time for next season. We have also taken delivery of 2 new motors one of which has completed its run in time & deployed operationally & the second motor run in is well under way. A clean out of the boat shed, storage modifications & equipment checks & updates will be undertaken during the off season.

Stephen Manley our IRB Trainer will be focussing on driver & crew training during the off season which is a priority for our club to boost its members & maintain its lifesaving commitments.

Thank you to all our members & I am looking forward to seeing you all again next season.

Mr (Roscco) Wilson

IRB Captain

Registrar's Report

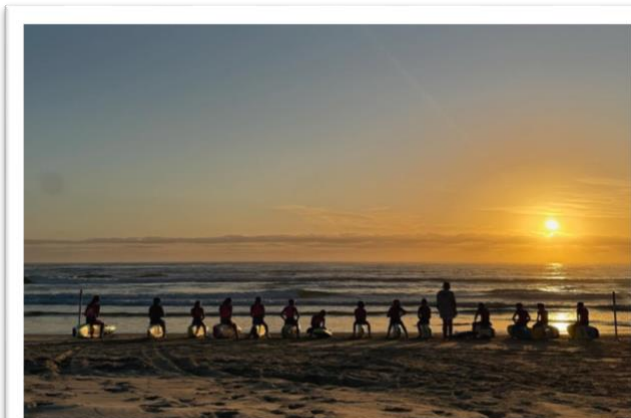
What a busy season it was for nippers with a record number of 317 juniors registering for the 24/25 season. Registration needed to be closed by November 2024 as we were packed to the rafters.

As wonderful as the numbers are, it was a great challenge to meet this demand with the required age manager volunteers. I would like to acknowledge the tremendous effort Jodie Roberts, JAC, put in to keep things running smoothly while still smiling.

Our active (patrol) numbers were 148 members for the season. We would love to see an increase in these numbers; with the ever growing nipper numbers it is hoped this may translate into increased patrol members.

Kate Bruce

Registrar



Surf Sports Report



Well as another season rolls over, it's time to thank all those involved in Surf Sports.

To our athletes, coaches, officials, water safety and committee I would like to express my gratitude for all your support. We had a very small number of athletes this season, due to our former ones moving away for Uni, and not having the numbers in our older nipper age groups to move into open's. In saying that the athletes we did have represented us very well.

We had 2 ladies represent us at Inter Branch; Frankie Moir-Dobbs in the 17's and Abi Matthews in the 15's, along with myself as assistant coach and Jodie Roberts as a chaperone. We all had a fabulous time down at Cape Hawke SLSC and look forward to next season.

Frankie was our only open competitor to compete at Aussies and she did an excellent job as a first year 17 to make the semi-final in the board race.

A special mention to Laurel Moston who represented Lennox as an official for the whole time, we really appreciate your enthusiasm and dedicating 10 days officiating.

Club Champions for the year were:

- Niamh Sharpe Open female
- Frankie Moir-Dobbs 17 Female
- Abi Matthews 15 Female
- Luke Roberts 15 Male
- Laurel Moston Masters Female.



The club this year kindly gave surf sports a budget of \$10,000.00 to purchase some new equipment. We have purchased a brand-new race one adjustable ski with a paddle for those that are learning and competing on, as well as some second-hand boards to replace old dodgy ones (I am still in the process of acquiring those)

Also, this year we have 2 Under 14's who will be getting a new board for next season. They then will get an option after the first year to either purchase them from the club or hand them back for club stock. The 14's need to be competitive members, patrol once they acquire their SRC and to have been a nipper for the past 3 years. It's a fabulous opportunity to be able to do this ongoing now and hopefully a way of boosting our Open numbers.

I would like to give Lou Wilson a huge shout out for all the coaching you have given our athletes once again this season, it's an unpaid job and the kids are lucky to have you.

Bring on next season (after we all have a well-earned rest) Cheers!

Sam Miller

Surf Sports Co-ordinator

Youth Activities Co-ordinator's Report

The 2024/25 Nippers Season for Lennox Head Surf Club saw record numbers this year with 317 Junior members registered, the highest ever on record. We had a fantastic and dedicated team of Age Managers, Coaches, Administrative Volunteers and Water Safety who made the running of Nippers throughout the season enjoyable for all. We were so grateful for their enthusiasm and commitment each week.

We'd like to especially acknowledge our 2 youngest Age Managers – Jayden Matthews (U12 Age Manager) and Niamh Sharpe (U14 Age Manager) who stepped in to these roles and took on the responsibility with enthusiasm and dedication and inspired our Nippers of what pathway is possible.

Alongside Niamh and Jayden, I'd like to thank Jodi & Hannah (U6 Age Managers), Nicole & Curtis (U7 Age Managers), Jess & Ange (U8 Age Managers), Peter, Brock and Brooke (U9 Age Managers), Leah & Anna (U10 Age Managers), Ben and Kate Sattler (U11 Age Managers) and Ben McRae (U13 Age Manager). Every week this incredible team showed up and lead our Nippers on the beach and in the water, advancing their beach and water skills, teaching them beach safety and showing them a fun time along the way. A large portion of this group took on the Age Manager role for the first time!

A huge thank you also to Kristy Stewart who held the Team Manager role for the 5th consecutive year. There's a huge amount of work behind-the-scenes and Kristy always does a wonderful job, showing passion and consideration for all, thank you for all you do Kristy! I'd also like to thank Kate Sattler (Registrar, Water Safety and U11 Age Manager) and Peter Yopp (Foamie Coach, U9 Age Manager) for their dedication throughout the season, not only with their core roles but doing so much more beyond. Kristy, Pete and Kate were awarded the Chairpersons Award for the 2024/25 Season.

Our former JAC of many years and current Surf Sports Coordinator Sam Miller has continued to also provide unwavering support throughout the season, Sam's commitment to our Juniors, Seniors and the surf club overall is inspiring. Sam is not only at the Club at board training every Wednesday and Friday, she also runs our Iron training on Saturday morning, attends many carnivals, mentors our kids and also coordinated our Nipper proficiencies at the beginning of the season. Sam, you're quite simply the best, and the Nippers, parents and Club are so lucky to have you!

Our Water Safety team grew significantly this season, which was a key requirement given the expanding numbers! An impressive cohort of Nipper parents completed their Bronze this year, to ensure our ratio for future seasons remains strong. I'd like to personally thank every single Nipper parent who put on an Orange Rashie throughout the season, we literally couldn't run Nippers without you.

Of special note, I'd like to thank Scott Roberts who led our Water Safety team every week at both Nipper Sundays and on board training mornings. Scott has been a Board Coach now for 7 years and consistently paddles alongside and out the back with our Nippers, thanks for all you do Scotty!



A huge thank you also to Karen Prior our Uniform Officer, again Kaz does so much more than her formal role. Kaz is always the first to turn up at every Nippers, making sure our Uniform cupboard is stocked, and the Nippers are fully kitted up and offering a hand whenever and wherever it's needed. Thank you so much for everything Kaz! Karen was also supported by Annie Griffiths in the Uniform Officer role, Annie did a great job designing our merch this season!

Thanks also to Mel Dilger for supporting our Social Media including creating our Instagram account to complement our existing Facebook page.

There were several new initiatives throughout the 2024/25 season, in particular the addition of our dedicated sprint training conducted by Steve Tighe and Pete Dilger. Steve and Pete are huge advocates for advancing our beach sprint and flags skills and their dedication paid off when we won multiple All Age Sprint relays throughout the season. I'd also like to thank Steve for setting up the beach every Sunday morning.

We also had Courtney Hancock and Harriett Brown (professional Ironwomen) run a number of sessions with our Nippers including a Growth, Mindset and Healthy Habits workshop and multiple Surf Skills sessions. The expertise and advice given by these incredible athletes was inspiring for our Juniors.



In the second half of the season, we held 'Introduction to Board Training' sessions for our U8s, ran by Peter Yopp and supported by Age Managers Jess and Ange and our Water Safety team. This was a great springboard for our U8s who will begin competing on the foamie boards next season.

The conditions for our Club Championships were challenging however with the incredible support provided by many club members and Patrol, we were able to conduct all beach events before the tide got too high and then moved over to the lake for the water events. This was a great finale to the season and the spirits of all those who participated were high!

Cudgen hosted the first FNC carnival of the season for our U12-Seniors which was a great fun day, thanks for having us Cudgen! Yamba was the second carnival of the season, and we thank the Yamba SLSC for organising such a great event for our Juniors. There were smiles all round and Lennox represented well.

The Branch Championships hosted by Byron SLSC was another awesome weekend, it was a packed day on the beach and huge attendance numbers, the conditions were challenging, however Byron did a wonderful job and we thank them for the hospitality and organisation of our biggest FNC carnival of the season.

The team who participated also really appreciated the extra effort by Ballina SLSC for the hosting the season sprint series!

We'd like to thank our Officials who supported these carnivals especially Bryan Lyndon and Laurel Moston whose commitment is huge.

We had 5 representatives on the Far North Coast team – the kids who had this wonderful opportunity truly cherish this experience and we're grateful to the management team and the branch for their continued support.

We had a small but mighty team head down to the Country Championships in Warilla with a number of our competitors finishing on the podium including 6 Gold, 6 Silver and 1 Bronze. We congratulate our Nippers for their outstanding sportsmanship and thank the parents for their commitment to make the journey down to the South Coast.

As the pinnacle event of the Surf Sports calendar, we also had a small but mighty team compete in the NSW State titles in Manly – notable mentions to Amy Roberts (Gold 2km Run) and Harley Dilger (Silver Sprint and Bronze Flags) and Willow, Amy and Miliani (Bronze Board Relay). Amy, Miliani and Willow also competed at the Aussies at North Kirra SLSC. The conditions were extremely challenging with many events cancelled, however Amy achieved 5th in the board, Miliani was in the board final, Willow was in the board semi-final and all 3 girls made it to the Cameron final.

Congratulations Nash Stewart and Amy Roberts who were our Club Champions for 2024/25 with the highest point score for the season. As an U8, Nash is the youngest Nipper to achieve this accolade!

Well done to Miliani, Billie, Willow and Pearl who represented Lennox at the U13/14 FNC Development camp and thanks to the Branch for organising this weekend.

A very special thank you to our Sponsors: Lois Buckett Real Estate, Club Lennox Sports, East Coast Care Connect, Surfit, Lennox Gelato, Friendly Grocer Lennox Head, Lennox Head Butchery and Deli and our local business and community members for the support and contributions given to our Surf Club.

After 2 years in the JAC role and 7 years total of various official roles for the Nippers program, I am handing over the JAC reins to Peter Yopp next season. It's been an incredibly fulfilling role and I'm so grateful for the club for entrusting me in this position and will forever treasure the friendships I have gained through being part of the club. I would also like to wish Yoppy all the best and I know the Nippers program is in good hands with his dedication and commitment.

And last, but not least, thanks to our Nippers for being incredible children who have fun, work hard, and bring 100% enthusiasm to the beach.



Jodie Roberts
YAC Co-ordinator

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