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WHALE BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB
ANNUAL REPORT 2016 / 2017



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Charitable purpose: Whale Beach Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) exists to save lives, create great Australians and build a better community at Whale Beach. Donations can take many forms such as personal and corporate time, loan of equipment, purchase of equipment, loan of facilities, donation of products and direct monetary donations. The Management Committees of Whale Beach SLSC Incorporated and Whale Beach Property Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated extend sincere thanks to all sponsors and corporate, member and private donors.


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DHL	NSW Government's Department of Justice
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Burfitt-Williams, Robert	Gray, Stephen	O'Brien, Paul	Taylor, Peter
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Campbell, Yvonne	Jackson, Mathew	Pozniak, Sheldon	Walker, Dugald
Carnegie, Charles	LaGinestra, Byrne	Pratten, Jon	Warburton, John
Carr, Lorna Alison			





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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANDREW PEARCE

One Foot in the Past...

The Club's biggest asset is its people, and it is very rewarding rubbing shoulders with members from generations other than my own. I enjoy the wisdom and experience of a dozen surrogate grandparents and offset this with the youthful energy and enthusiasm of dozens of surrogate younger cousins. It really is a big warm family here, with all of us sharing a passion for Whale Beach.

I miss Midget; I think he was one of the greatest role models we had in the Club and epitomised spanning the generation gap. He enjoyed the ear of a cross section of our membership, nurturing his boat crews of young adults, wittering away with the 7am swimmers over coffee and stirring up the Management Committee with his provocative opinions. He was a salty rooster, a gentleman, a mentor and a comedian, and he kept us all honest. When I grow up, I want to be like Midget.

My challenge is to span the age divide between the generations of the Club. It is rewarding to sit around a table once a month for civilised discussions with a diverse bunch of passionate leaders of the Club. I enjoy seeing our members from their eclectic walks of life mixing amicably under the tent, on the BBQ deck or at Sunday Events. Despite our differences, we have so much to share with each other.

In the Present...

The fundamentals of our Club are strong: we have a highly engaged and growing membership, the building and facilities are in excellent order, financially we have a diversified income and a respectable bank balance, and there is an amazing pool of talent leading this Club.

The 2016 / 17 season was about continuity as we transitioned leadership with both a new President and a new Club Captain settling into their roles. The goal was to maintain the high standard of the prior season. There were three key areas that needed to be maintained: a safe environment at Whale Beach, a vibrant social calendar, and a healthy club culture. By all accounts, we can look back and say that we successfully achieved on all of those.

How do we know we're doing a good job of running the Club and continuing its great legacy?

Beach Operations: No lives lost!

Competition and Surf Boats: Inaugural Midget Farrelly surf competition, continuity of surf boat crews, Sunday Events and Club Championships, presence at Branch, State and National titles.

Education: 94 individuals attained 128 new awards.

Gear and Equipment: A boat shed full of modern equipment, lovingly maintained by dedicated volunteers.

Events were executed beautifully: Women of Whale, The Big Swim, Pig Night, Awards Night, Monthly Drinks, Rippers.

Marketing: New website launch, email campaigns, increased Instagram presence.

Administration: No lives lost either! All car park stickers and key fobs accounted for.

Finance: Thanks to our treasured Treasurer Jon Pratten, who provides superb stewardship of our finances.

Property: Extensive repairs and upgrades to facilities and amenities. We have the best club house in Australia.

An Eye on the Future...

Now that the season has closed, we review and position ourselves for the 2017 / 2018 season.

The Club needs to be absolutely clear on its identity, and to that end there is a review of the Club logo and colours underway in order to successfully manage our brand. This work will lay foundations as we grow our profile.

It is important to ensure that the structure of committees and officers aligns with the work that needs to be done in order to run our Club, and this is being reviewed by the Management Committee. Once the structure is ratified, there will be active recruitment to fill roles to ensure that the workload can be spread evenly.

Next season there will be a focus on beach operations. A "How to patrol at Whale Beach" manual is being produced that will help us all to consistently run patrols and make use of gear and equipment. Leveraging technology will help us run the Club, we

have an incredible new website, and we will utilise the "Swapsea" system to better manage our patrols and implement the cloud solution "G Suite" to facilitate collaboration.

When the foundations of having a clear identity, a smoothly operating beach and a strong management team have been laid, the Club will embark on a growth phase. This will allow us to adequately patrol the beach, hold a significant presence in the community, contribute materially to our income, and provide a large pool of talent to draw upon in order to successfully run the Club.

We are fortunate to not only enjoy the benefits of owning our land and building, but also the rewards of the recent renovation. An ocean front presence and heavy use by 400 members provides many challenges with maintenance as well as upgrading amenities to meet the needs of the membership. You will have noticed improvements and repairs taking place about the premises throughout the season. Over the winter, the first aid room will be upgraded and work started on renovating the boatsheds.

Club Administrator Monica Kim has resigned at the end of May. I would like to sincerely thank her for 5 years of diligence and dedication in ensuring that the Club operates smoothly. We welcome long-time member Sue Kearney into the Club Administrator role and very much look forward to working with her.

The Club has just been honoured with accolades at the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch Awards of Excellence; a huge congratulations to Lara Boyle for Lifesaver of the Year, Patrol 9 for Rescue of the Year, and the "Flying Fish" for winning Female Reserve boat crew.

Thank you also to all our volunteers, members, officers, community and friends, patrons, Pymble Ladies College, Knox Grammar School, Sydney Northern Beaches Branch, Surf Life Saving NSW, Surf Life Saving Australia, local, state and federal government, and our generous sponsors and donors. All these groups contribute to making Whale Beach SLSC the amazing volunteer organisation that we all know and love.

It has been a pleasure.

Andrew Pearce



SECRETARY'S REPORT

KIERAN GALLAGHER

WOW! What a year it has been... the camaraderie and support of each and every member of this amazing organisation continue to surprise, delight, humble and amaze me.

We set the challenge to contributors to this report with the theme "You're in safe hands". This theme not only highlights our purpose as lifesavers, but also offers acknowledgement to the fantastic contribution made by legacy members and the responsibility of our leadership to prepare for the future, embracing innovation.

We invited contributors to reflect on the year in review and how this year fits with the Club's history. Looking back on what happened – the wins, the learnings, tributes to what got us here, the noteworthy elements that happened – hopefully we managed to incorporate and respect our history and the efforts of the Whale Beach SLSC heroes of bygone years.

A year or so ago, when I joined Whale as a trainee Bronzie, lured by the appeal of an accelerated program, I was simply awestruck. The warmth of each and every member, the time they all took to ensure I was welcomed and valued,

the quiet confidence of true experts – it all enthused and intrigued me. I have yet to meet a Whale member lacking confidence, independence, strength of character and personality. I had to ask myself why.

And now I know. We are carried on the shoulders of the members who precede us. The journey is easier because of their support. We embrace learning and, more broadly, wisdom, and we respect tradition. Long-term members are a priceless asset, their passion is palpable, and their enduring commitment and practical approach gleaned from years of actual contribution make Whale the best surf club in Australia. Long may this mentor-led culture prevail.

In order for the Club to flourish, preserving the lessons of the past whilst advancing the Club is essential, as are fostering a culture of inclusion and presenting opportunities for members to advance their lifesaving skills and hone them to razor sharpness, as well as the implementation of initiatives that encourage a more holistic view, where members are encouraged to win at life as well as lifesaving. Happy, fulfilled, confident, life-skilled members are ultimately the key to the sustainability of this organisation.

As Secretary, it's been an absolute honour to be part of this amazing team; I thank all the members for having the confidence in me filling the rather large boots of my predecessor Andrew.

I thank all of the members of the committees for their patience and support as I've fumbled about on most of our monthly Sunday meetings, and on a personal note would like to most of all thank Andrew for his tireless efforts and support. Andrew contributes so much to this Club each and every day, and now I have a glimpse of a subset of what he offers, I am humbled and awestruck at his contribution.

I'm looking forward enthusiastically to what's next... next year and beyond, with a shared vision, embracing innovations that are exciting and relevant to Whale, and understanding how Whale can embrace the future, for our community, but most of all for the lifeblood of the Club.

You.

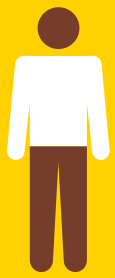
TOTAL MEMBERS BY CATEGORY

Category	2016 / 2017 Total members	Male members	Female members	2015 Total members	Change versus 2015
Probationary	13	6	7	5	8
Cadet Member (13 to 15 years)	19	14	5	23	-4
Active (15 to 18 years)	46	33	13	42	4
Active (18 years and over)	94	54	40	100	-6
Reserve Active	23	20	3	22	1
Long Service	35	35	0	32	3
Past Active	10	7	3	6	4
Associate	125	78	47	104	21
Life Member	16	16	0	14	2
Honorary	3	1	2	1	2
TOTAL	384	264	120	349	35

KEY METRICS AT A GLANCE 2016 / 2017

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MEMBER PARTICIPATION



384 TOTAL MEMBERS
182 PATROLLING MEMBERS
60 NEW MEMBERS


2013 34h
2014 34h
2015 28h

2016 33h
2017 33h

HOURS AVERAGE
PER PATROLLING MEMBER BY SEASON

5,981 MEMBER HOURS PATROLLED THIS SEASON 

SAFETY OUTCOMES

198 
PREVENTATIVE
ACTIONS


38
RESCUES

 **47**
FIRST AID
TREATMENTS

FINANCIAL HEALTH OF CLUB

 **\$273,588**
INCOME (+36%)

+10% 
MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

+23% INCOME
PER MEMBER 

\$719 EXPENDITURE
PER MEMBER 

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Patrons

Rob Stokes, Jason Falinski, Kylie Ferguson

President

Andrew Pearce

Vice President

Sally Collier

Immediate Past President

Phil Schmidt

Secretary

Kieran Gallagher

Honorary Treasurer / Public Officer

Jon Pratten

Club Captain

Lara Boyle

Club Vice Captains

Alex Burchett, Angus Bownes

House Captain

Andrew Pearce

Property Officer

Danny Ryan

Marketing Officer

Ellie Keft

Digital Officer

Annika Harrison

Communications Officer

Vacant

Chief Instructor

Georgia Roberts

Occupational Health and Safety Officer

Bill Phillips

Gear Steward

Richard Stewart

Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) and Power Equipment Captain

Harry Smith

Surf Boat Captain

Brett Babicci

Board and Ski Captain

Floyd Higgins

Radio Officer

Bryan Webster

Entertainment Secretary

Phil Madden

Honorary Handicapper

Robert Burfitt-Williams

The Big Swim Race Director

Simon Morgan

First Aid Officer

Jonathan Stubbs

Competition Secretary

Floyd Higgins

Junior Activities Captain

Sue Kearney

Delegate to Branch

Andrew Pearce

Honorary Solicitor

Bill Phillips

Honorary Architect

Vacant

Honorary Engineer

Vacant

Honorary Photographers

Chris Hendrikson

Tom Sanderson

Honorary Medical Officers

Peter Saxon-Williams, Graeme Stewart

Management Committee

Andrew Pearce, Jon Pratten, Kieran Gallagher, Lara Boyle, Sally Collier, Phil Schmidt, Danny Ryan, Georgia Roberts, Floyd Higgins, Sue Kearney, Ellie Keft

Executive Committee

Andrew Pearce, Jon Pratten, Kieran Gallagher, Lara Boyle

Lifesaving Committee

Lara Boyle, Alex Burchett, Angus Bownes, Harry Smith, Georgia Roberts, Richard Stewart, Bryan Webster, Floyd Higgins, Jonathan Stubbs

Education Sub-Committee

Not appointed

Competition Committee

Kieran Gallagher, Lara Boyle, Brett Babicci, Simon Morgan, Robert Burfitt-Williams, Angus Bownes

Ocean Swim Sub-Committee

Not appointed

Finance Committee

Jon Pratten, Martin Armstrong, Phil Schmidt, Bill Phillips

Administration Committee

Not appointed

Entertainment Sub-Committee

Not appointed

Election Sub-Committee

Not appointed

Property Committee

Danny Ryan, Andrew Pearce, Bill Phillips, Phil Schmidt

Junior Activities Committee

Not appointed

Life Membership Committee

Graeme Stewart, Bryan Webster, Danny Ryan, Martin Armstrong, Chris Hendrikson

Constitution Committee

Jon Pratten, Bill Phillips, Martin Armstrong, Phil Schmidt, Andrew Pearce

Judiciary Committee

Kieran Gallagher, Bill Phillips, Phil Schmidt

Management Committee

Property Club (PC)

Andrew Pearce, Jon Pratten, Kieran Gallagher, John Lewis, Bryan Webster, Martin Armstrong, Richard Stewart, Rob Berry, Chris Hendrikson

Executive Committee (PC)

Not appointed

Building Committee (PC)

Not appointed

Finance and Investment Sub-Committee (PC)

Not appointed

The Legal Sub-Committee (PC)

Not appointed

Annual Report Production Team

Kieran Gallagher, Heather Noakes, Andrew Pearce

Photos

Chris Hendrikson, John Fielder, Rob Berry, Mike O'Flynn, Tom Sanderson and countless others



FINANCIAL REPORT

Whale Beach SLSC Incorporated ABN 89 110 310 102

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TREASURER'S REPORT

JON PRATTEN /
HONORARY TREASURER

This year has again been financially satisfactory, with revenue and expenditure both increasing. We had a net loss of \$3K after a donation to our Property Club of \$31K. Income was \$274K, with the main contributions coming from The Big Swim (\$103K), members' subscriptions (\$42K), donations (\$56K) and sponsorship and grants (\$31K). Expenses were \$276K including the donation to the Property Club. Major expenses were the The Big Swim (\$33K) and repairs and maintenance (\$60K).

The Big Swim continues to be a most important contributor to our financial wellbeing. Our thanks again go to our major sponsor for The Big Swim, Macquarie Group, and our major sponsor for The Little Big Swim, United Resource Management. Macquarie Group has sponsored The Big Swim for 19 years, and has already prepaid its sponsorship for another year.

Club functions made a small loss, consistent with our established policy of providing benefits to our members and fostering good relations with the Whale Beach community. Awards Night 2017 was held at Moby Dicks, and we are again indebted to Andrew and Pip for the favourable terms offered by Moby Dicks, not only for this function, but for our Community Night and other regular Club get togethers.

Surf boat rowing remains strong in the Club, with Brett Babicci taking up the challenge of continuing Midget Farrelly's legacy. This year we have invested \$16K in an additional surf boat and oars.

Thanks must go again to all who help make our Club successful. In particular, I would like to thank our donors, who are listed in the Annual Report. Thanks also to Monica Hughes, who after 5 successful years has recently retired as Club Administrator. This important role has been taken over by Sue Kearney, and I look forward to working further with Sue.

We completed the year with \$12K cash on hand.

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Whale Beach SLSC Incorporated (the Club) is incorporated as an Association under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984 (NSW). The Club is required to meet certain obligations pursuant to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Act 2012 (as amended) and Regulations, the Associations Incorporation Act 1984 (NSW) (as amended) and Regulations, and the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (as amended) and Regulations.

The financial statements included in this Annual Report are a summary extract from our full Financial Report, which may be found at <http://tinyurl.com/WBPSLSC>. Our full Financial Report includes our comprehensive compliance statements and the independent audit report from our auditor, Reanda Business Intellect Pty Ltd.

The Club's Management Committee takes responsibility for the financial statements included in this Annual Report and declares that the Club meets its obligations under the Acts and Standards under which we operate and that the summary financial statements included in this Annual Report are an accurate extract from our full Financial Report.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Management Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Andrew Pearce
President

Jon Pratten
Honorary Treasurer

Date 19 June 2017

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2017

INCOME STATEMENT

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Government grants	30,737	20,036
Donations and bequests	55,786	14,335
All other revenue	187,065	167,475
Other income	-	-
Employee benefits expense	-	-
Grants and donations made	(31,387)	(21,000)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	(19,510)	(13,834)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	(4,901)
Other expenses	(225,264)	(160,015)
Surplus (loss) before income tax expense	(2,573)	2,096
Income tax expense	-	-
Surplus (loss) for the year	(2,573)	2,096

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2017 \$	2016 \$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	11,672	3,802
Accounts receivable and other debtors	-	38,377
Inventories	3,724	10,458
Total current assets	15,396	52,637
Non-current assets		
Accounts receivable and other debtors	-	-
Property, plant and equipment	50,077	44,195
Total non-current assets	50,077	44,195
Total assets	65,473	96,832
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and other payables	12,525	6,311
Other	35,000	70,000
Total current liabilities	47,525	76,311
Non-current liabilities		
Other	-	-
Total non-current liabilities	-	-
Total liabilities	47,525	76,311
NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	17,948	20,521
EQUITY		
Retained earnings (accumulated losses)	17,948	20,521
Total equity (deficit)	17,948	20,521

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

This statement does not form part of the audited accounts.

	2017 \$	2016 \$
INCOME		
Interest received	7	70
Other revenue	14,845	10,688
Big Swim	103,322	100,772
Members' subscriptions	42,335	36,505
Donations	55,786	14,335
Apparel sales	2,563	3,881
Sponsorship and grants	30,737	20,036
Surf club functions	23,993	15,559
	273,588	201,846
EXPENDITURE		
Administration fees	28,280	23,550
Apparel purchases	9,135	800
Auditor's remuneration	4,500	4,500
Bank charges	1,055	561
The Big Swim	33,177	35,745
Carnival fees and costs	2,810	1,115
Office expenses	2,817	1,013
Depreciation	19,510	13,834
Donations to Property Club	31,387	21,000
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	4,901
SLS Branch/State fees	11,913	8,960
Trophies, prizes, tributes	7,206	3,436
Postage and freight	16	594
Printing, photography, media	11,791	11,933
Repairs and maintenance	60,147	43,786
Surf Club functions	30,374	10,971
Freight and cartage	-	(30)
Utilities and rates	9,308	8,006
Training	12,735	5,075
	276,161	199,750
NET OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)	(2,573)	2,096
Retained profits (accumulated losses) at the beginning of the financial year	20,521	18,425
Retained profits (accumulated losses) at the end of the financial year	17,948	20,521



BEACH OPERATIONS

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CAPTAIN'S REPORT

LARA BOYLE / CLUB CAPTAIN

As weather fronts battered the coast and reshaped the beach with more “beach closed” days than we could poke a tube at, our Whale Beach team banded together in our red and yellow, keeping the public safe for another season.

With some new faces in our patrol leadership teams, we began the 2016 / 2017 season with resounding camaraderie as more than 70 Whale Beach lifesavers took to the beach for our first ever all-in patrol – knocking over proficiencies in one fell swoop with the help of our incredible education team.

Refreshing our skills and reigniting friendships on the first weekend set us up well for what was an intense start to the season, with numerous preventions, first aids, and rescues. On 26 November the quick actions of Patrol 9 – the Naughtycool Nines – performing a mass rescue in large seas, resulted in them being awarded the Northern Beaches November Rescue of the Month.

Our patrollers were dedicated to improving their skills on and off the beach with an increase in mock rescues and resuscitation simulations. We were provided with fantastic opportunities to further develop our soft skills to interact with the public and fellow members through the Milan Partners communications and mentoring courses.

The Big Swim 2017 was a great success, and I thank each and every member who helped on the day to keep things running smoothly; with a number of mass rescues and tricky rips it was certainly a day to remember.

As we move into next season having had growth in our membership base over the last few seasons, I'm looking forward to expanding our patrol teams, seeing more members move into leadership positions, greater Club-wide participation in non-lifesaving related activities, and continuing to foster growth in our younger members.

Moving into the future, further developments in our physical resources are in the pipeline, with renovations to the first aid room and boatshed, an expanded digital radio network, induction packs for both patrols and officers, and new merchandise to take pride in our great Club. In addition, technological resources, such as our new Whale Beach SLSC website, online logbooks, and the emerging use of drones for lifesaving purposes, will allow us to focus on what we do best – ensuring that every person who comes to the beach goes home safely.

Many thanks are due to every member for giving their time so generously to keep the public safe, with special thanks to our team of Patrol Captains and Vice Captains, our Education Team, Al Burchett, Andrew Pearce, and the many others who ensured that Whale Beach SLSC's 2016 / 2017 was one of our best seasons yet.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING REPORT

GEORGIA ROBERTS / CHIEF INSTRUCTOR

What a season it has been for Education!

Over summer, the Education Team worked hard to ensure that we were offering as many pathways for growth as possible. Existing active and associate members were encouraged to reflect on the skills they wanted to gain whilst brand new members were introduced into our wonderful community.

A combined goal of brushing off old cobwebs and introducing new skills ensured that the standard of lifesaving at Whale Beach remained high.

By far our biggest achievement was our ability to expand our active membership base and introduce 36 enthusiastic, intelligent and capable new lifesavers to our Club.

With 31 Bronze and 5 Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) qualifications achieved, we have been able to provide more support and variation to patrols whilst also gaining some fantastic insight into how our Club is seen through fresh eyes. The experience of training such a large group of candidates has assisted the Education Team in understanding how large courses should be run in future seasons.

In addition, we were able to offer existing female active members the opportunity to become a mentor for new female members participating in the Bronze or SRC course. Such a wealth of support and guidance will ensure that these women are given the empowerment and confidence they desire. A huge thank you must go to Tamara Scott and the Women of Whale Committee for providing our new members with this fantastic program.

These keen new members have hit the sand running and are getting involved in all aspects of the community. From assisting at The Big Swim to getting involved in extra courses and social events such as the monthly drinks, these members have thrived in our little community. I am excited to see where the next season will take you! I wish to thank you all for being so dedicated to your first season at Whale Beach SLSC.

The Education Team wanted to take the Club's already competent and engaged active members and assist them in completing extra awards. Multi-skilled patrols assist in ensuring that the public is placed in safe, capable hands at all times.

This season, 41 members completed a Provide First Aid course, which has greatly boosted the Club's ability to treat a wide range of incidents. In addition, 13 members gained their Spinal Management (Provide Emergency Care for Suspected Spinal Injury) award. Another 5 members succeeded in gaining their Provide Advanced Resuscitation award. In total, the number of awards gained for this season is 128. What a spectacular result; well done to you all.

In closing, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the trainers who gave up their time to train our wonderful new lifesavers and organise extra awards. These superstar trainers did all they could to empower and motivate all the candidates this season. Your efforts are very much appreciated and your love for this Club is contagious.



GEAR AND EQUIPMENT REPORT

RICHARD STEWART / GEAR STEWARD

Resourcing our patrols demands weekly maintenance, sterilisation and repairs, tasks which are the essence of the Club's responsibilities to the community.

A team of experienced senior members meets at the boat shed every Thursday morning to wash, clean, disinfect, check, replace and prepare all items of patrol gear and equipment for the following weekend.

Any inadequate and / or defective gear could compromise the lives of the community and club members.

All Terrain Vehicle (ATV).

Australian Lifeguard Services, contractors to local Council, this season provided our Club with a new vehicle subsidised by a grant. Whale Beach SLSC shares the ATV with the lifeguards.

Over the past 15 years, our Club has purchased 3 vehicles at our capital cost and operating expenses for weekend beach patrol work and, as required by Council, they were also used weekdays by Council lifeguards. The current arrangement is much more balanced. It is a relief that the saved capital cost is available for other gear and equipment needs.

ATV Code of Conduct.

The training of members in the use of an ATV is of prime importance.

Equally important is attention to the use of the vehicle on the beach for patrol use and the avoidance of any use that is unnecessary.

Adherence to the Code of Conduct is essential to ensure that understanding of safety and risks and the responsibility to operate the ATV are within member skill levels. ATV's travelling on the beach attract significant public attention.

Radios

The long expected move to digital radios has not yet happened. Presently, there are 5 digital Hytera radios in use on the old network that will eventually move to digital. The analog radios will be retained for when needed and are also used for communications at our annual ocean swim.

First Aid

The installation of a Rinnai continuous hot water heater to the first aid room was a welcomed and essential addition for the treatment of bluebottles.

First Aid Officer Jonathan Stubbs and I submitted a proposal to the committee for improvements to the first aid room over the winter months. These include the removal of entry to the boat shed via the first aid room to improve hygiene, replacement of the very old window and replacement of the broken sink cupboard amongst others.

Off Season

The gear team continues to work in winter, scheduling service for the 3 IRB's and motors, and servicing of the Oxy-vivas and defibrillator units, and preparing all gear for the Branch gear inspection on 20 August.

Thanks and Appreciation

I convey my thanks to the Thursday team of Colin Timms, Rob Berry and Peter Taylor and overseer, supervisor, bonvivant Paul Hughes.

Also, the Club very much thanks the paramedic services of Jonathan Stubbs, our First Aid Officer, for his professional season-long care of the Club's first aid equipment.

And our thanks and appreciation to Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches for their continuous wisdom, advice and support.



IRB AND POWER EQUIPMENT REPORT

HARRY SMITH / AKA THE LIGHTNING HARRY

WHALE BEACH IRB AND POWER EQUIPMENT CAPTAIN

The 2016 / 2017 season was all about maintaining momentum as we continue our transformation at Whale Beach, firming foundations and fostering growth in the Club. The availability and quality of the power equipment at our Club rivals the best in the branch, and this season on numerous occasions we saw the importance of having good quality equipment and highly trained operators on the beach to assist with rescues. I want to highlight three key points to reflect upon from the season gone and to focus on in the season to come.

1. Growing the number of skilled operators and trainers in our Club.
2. Fostering a culture of responsibility and respect for our equipment.
3. Continuing to invest in new technology to support our lifesavers on the beach.

There has been a great interest from lifesavers at Whale Beach this season wanting to upskill in powercraft awards. Unfortunately, our IRB training team was

a bit understaffed this season, and we weren't able to accommodate all of the interest. A key objective in the coming season will be encouraging any potential trainers out of the woodwork to grow our team and support more members in getting their IRB crew and driver awards. It's a rewarding experience that will build your skills and confidence both in the craft and in leadership; please get in contact with me if you're interested. Congratulations to all our new IRB drivers and crew members on completing their awards over the season.

It's important as active members that we continue to respect and appreciate the time and money that goes into maintaining power equipment for use in the Club. I applaud our members last season for their careful and safe operation of our equipment throughout the season, with the exception of a few minor incidents. It's a team effort and the responsibility of every person in the Club to act when you see something reckless or unsafe. If we can improve the longevity

of our equipment and spend less on repairs, then it frees up budget to invest in new and exciting equipment for the Club, which brings me to my last point.

The future holds many exciting things in terms of power equipment in lifesaving as more clubs look to adopt newer technology to assist us on the beach, including jet skis, drones and remotely operated rescue craft. The new Sea-Doo Spark is a lightweight jet ski capable of being launched and operated by a single crew member. It provides more manoeuvrability and speed in the water which is critical for reaching patients quickly in dangerous surf conditions. As the Club matures and increases its arsenal of Rescue Water Craft (jetski) qualified drivers, the potential to adopt this new technology becomes far more real and could make all the difference in a rescue.

Overall it has been a fantastic season for power equipment at Whale Beach, and we will certainly be looking to build on that success in the season to come focusing on these three key areas.



SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA AWARDS

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (AID)

Collier, Sally
Garside, Julia
Mayne, Christina
Muller, Harrison
Roberts, Georgia

Assessor Bronze Medallion

Boyle, Lara

Assessor IRB

Smith, Harry

Bronze Medallion

Baker, Imogen
Bardon, Isabella
Browning, Tas
Burns, Elliott
Chapman, Karen
Clarke, Martin Hugo
Dalton, Digby
Darley, Stephanie
Freestone, Nicole
Gay, Dylan
Hackett, Andrew
Hackett, Juliette
Hackett, Reuben
Harrison, Edward
Harte, William
Jackson, Mathew
Kaderavek, Nikolas
Kaleski, Imogen
Marshall, Sophie
Miles, Harry
Miller Hill, Blaise
Muller, Harrison
Payne, Jack
Ravenhall, Ethan
Rees, Jacqueline
Rees-Ewen, Dylan
Riley, Isabella
Shortis, Mia
Stollmann, Charlotte
Webster, Willa
Weymark, Kiana

Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)

Keft, Tom

Crew Small Powercraft in a Rescue Operation

Gojnich, Amy

First Aid (AID)

Bardon, Isabella
Becroft, John
Bownes, Suzannah
Boyle, Lara
Bradford, Ben
Clarke, Saskia
Connolly, Edward
Darley, Stephanie
Dodd, Rebecca
Fleming, Madeleine
Freestone, Nicole
Gallagher, Kieran
Garside, Julia
Gribble, Shannon
Gu, Nonie
Hackett, Reuben
Harte, William
Higgins, Evered
Kearney, Suzanne
Keft, Lindon
La Ginestra, Byrne
Madden, Philip
Mayne, Christina
Miles, Harry
Pearce, Andrew
Pegg, James
Puertolas, Cesar
Rae, Michele
Rains, Penelope
Ravenhall, Ethan
Reichelt, Philip
Scott, Tamara
Shortis, Mia
Smith, Harry
Spencer, Ian
Stanwell, Lachlan
Stenning, David
Szegmeister, Tibor
Vial, Ella
White, Angela
Zagorski, Madeline

IRB Crew Certificate

Connolly, Edward
Dijohn, Nicholas
Dodd, Rebecca
Garside, Julia
Higgins, Floyd
Kellaway, Charles
Mayne, Christina
Thorn, Charles

Junior Activities

Age Manager

Babici, Brett

National Leadership College

Boyle, Lara

Provide Advanced First Aid

Boyle, Lara

Provide Emergency Care for Suspected Spinal Injury

Boyle, Lara

Provide Pain Management

Boyle, Lara

Rescue Water Craft Operator

Boyle, Lara

Silver Medallion Beach Management

Bownes, Suzannah

Silver Medallion IRB Driver

Bownes, Angus
Burchett, Alexander
Clarke, Saskia
Higgins, Floyd

Spinal Management

Bradford, Ben
Bridges, Natasha
Burns, Elliot
Clarke, Saskia
Frear, James
Gallagher, Kieran
Phillips, Bill
Puertolas, Cesar
Reichelt, Philip
Ryan, Daniel
Schmidt, Philip
Stenning, David
Vial, Ella

SS – ASC Community Coaching General Principles

Babici, Brett
Taylor, Cameron

SS – Development Coach Online Theory Modules

Taylor, Cameron

SS – Development Coach Surf Boat

Babici, Brett

SS – S2 Boat Sweep Accreditation

Babici, Brett

State 18-25 Years Development Program

Boyle, Lara
Higgins, Floyd

Surf Rescue Certificate

Hackett, Barnabas
Metcalf, Jacinta
Reid, Charlotte
Riley, Isabella
Zagorski, Madeline

Training Officer Bronze Medallion

Higgins, Floyd



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COMPETITION AND CARNIVALS REPORT

FLOYD HIGGINS / COMPETITION SECRETARY

Competitions at Whale Beach are growing year on year. The rowers are doing some amazing things, Sunday Events are outstanding, and more and more members are competing and planning on competing at branch and state levels.

This year saw several members entered into the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch Championships held at Newport. Heatwave conditions forced the events to be held earlier in the day, resulting in some extremely limited warm-up time for our competitors! Congratulations to all members who competed, with special mentions to Eloise Riley and Nic Dijohn, who both placed strongly in their divisions.

The Sunday Events continued this season with a core crew of competitors and many welcome celebrity guest appearances. A huge thank you to Rob

Burfitt-Williams, who once again served as the Events Handicapper. This is a huge commitment, coming down to the beach every Sunday of the season to run the events. The Sunday Events at Whale are a great chance for members to get involved without needing to be an ironman or woman in training. Each competitor is given a starting time handicap leading to some very exciting finishes!

From this year, the honour boards in the members' lounge will be expanded to include junior men's and women's event winners and Club champions. To all the younger members who want to get involved – the Club championships are usually held in early February. Better get to the Sunday Events to practise!

The Midget Farrelly Surf Memorial Competition was established at Whale Beach this year for active members and associates to celebrate the life of one

of our members after his passing. The event was a hit, with over 25 competitors battling it out on "anything over 6 foot" with the judging criteria of skill, style and fun! This was a great day all round and a definite fixture for the future. A wooden alaia surfboard has been mounted in the members' lounge and as the honour board for winners of this event. Congratulations to Harry Murdoch, Byrne La Ginestra, Dylan Rees-Ewan and Aaron Hendrikson for making the top 4 on the day.

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in the competitions sector. Events include beach sprint, long distance beach run, beach flags, march past, surf (swim) race, tube race, board race, surf ski race, ironman and relays. If you are interested in competing externally next season, make sure you get in contact: floydhiggins@hotmail.com



COMPETITION HANDICAPPER'S REPORT

ROBERT BURFITT-WILLIAMS / HONORARY HANDICAPPER

Thank you to all who participated and helped in 2016 / 2017 Sunday Events and also in the Club Championships.

This has been my 4th year as handicapper, and I wish to thank the competitors, those who assisted me so that I could race a few times, those who filled in for me when I was unable to attend and those who assisted with laying the swimming, ski and board courses and provided water safety during the swimming races.

Again, in my position of handicapper, I had expected certain gratuities to come my way to assist competitors in achieving their best results. Again I appear to have been mistaken in this belief, and this resulted in some awkward silences on the starting line when this subject was broached with competitors.

Due to variable surf conditions, the Sunday Events were held on 18 weekends out of a possible 31 Sundays during the 2016 / 2017 patrolling season.

Well done Nic Dijohn, the 2016 / 2017 "Point to Point" champ and Bill Phillips, the 2016 / 2017 "Bay to Breakers" champ. Phil Schmidt was first across the line in the "Bay to Breakers", but his self-awarded 5 minute head start resulted in disqualification.

Club Championships were held on 5 February. Congratulations to all winners of Club Championships events and thanks to all those who entered.

Some statistics:

- 65 people competed in the Sunday swims during the season, with the biggest field being 18 competitors (Point to Point) and the smallest being 2.
- 53 people competed in board paddling races during the season, with the biggest field being 12 competitors and the smallest being 3.
- 33 people competed in ski paddling races during the season, with the biggest field being 10 competitors and the smallest being 2.
- 35 people competed in beach flag races during the season and 39 in beach sprints.
- Veteran competitor Graeme Stewart competed in 15 swims, 14 ski races and 13 board races for a total of an incredible 42 races in the season. Unfortunately, Graeme was unable to attend the Club Championships races.

- Brett Babicci competed in 9 swims, 7 ski and 5 board races for 21 races in the season in the Masters category. Brett was unable to make it to the Club Championships.
- Dougal Walker and Sue Kearney swam 10 times, Peter Taylor swam 9 times and President Andrew Pearce swam 7 times.

Sunday competition events and Club Championships are fun, and I recommend anyone who has not competed to come along and give them a go. Each race is a mixed bag of cadets, juniors, opens, masters and veterans both male and female. Participating in the races improves your surf skills, fitness and stamina. If you want to be competitive, then the opportunity is there. If you want to participate for fun or to improve your skills, then the opportunity is also there. Once you have tried them, you will enjoy a sense of achievement and camaraderie with other competitors. Less experienced members have told me that after competing over a few weeks, they feel stronger and more confident in the surf. Swimming and board paddling are the bread and butter of lifesaving in the surf, and racing only improves your skills.



SURF BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

BRETT BABICCI / SURF BOAT CAPTAIN

After the passing of last season's Surf Boat Captain and respected local legend Midget Farrelly in August 2016, Brett Babicci put his hand up for the job. It didn't go to plan after a car accident impacted Babs for the next three months, so for the early part of the season Brett was supported by Dave Maguire who taught him the art of sweeping the big stick.

Crews in the Reserve Men's and Reserve Women's divisions achieved great results representing Whale in most carnivals throughout the season and making the quarters, semis and finals throughout the season.

2016 / 2017 highlights include;

"The Boys" – Big Fish: Nick "Pretty Boy" Wubben, Will Thomas, Angus "Wolf" Wood, Cam "Bluebottle" Taylor and celebrity appearance from Hugh "Big-Sleeve" Stevenson.

Achieved 1st Place at Freshwater Boat Carnival / 4th Overall Branch Point-Score / Quarter Finals Australian Surf Rowers League, Shellharbour.

"The Girls" – Flying Fish: Starred Julia "Abs" Garside, Amy Gojnick, Alice "Acol" Collins and Maddie "Fearless" Findlay, also Nat Matthews.

Achieved 3rd Place Sydney Northern Beaches Branch (SNB) Championships / 1st Overall SNB Point-Score and Sunday racing at State Championships Swansea.

Dave Maguire took both crews to success at Bilgola, Newport and Mollymook, with Babicci's first carnival being Warriewood, the day after the birth of his second daughter.

Queenscliff 21 January

This was a challenging competition with big waves and a shorter course. The Big Fish made the quarter finals. Both crews concluded they did not like being knocked out early and learnt the importance of good starts and the need to be ahead of the pace on the way out to the cans so as to not "gas the tanks".

Freshwater 26 January

This was a great carnival for the Big Fish who placed 1st in Men's Reserves in smaller conditions over a longer course. The boys pushed themselves, fighting to turn runners into waves by determination.

Manly 28 January

The crew experienced flat conditions with a shallow bank and a long gruelling row; Marshall Denning and Dan "Thunder" McMillian filled in, and their experience got the boat up to speed, with the grit required from a competitive crew.

Long Reef

SNB Branch Championships 11 February

The boys realised the hot pace of the Reserve division and the girls held their own amongst the ex-open women's crews to finish 3rd in the final and taking 1st place in the SNB point score.

Swansea Belmont

NSW State Championship 11 March

Both crews made it to Sunday, but massive surf conditions saw the girls race on the lake for the state titles. The boys tackled huge surf at the beach in the afternoon, but missed the gate can in their first heat. The boys fell to the curse of alley one in the repechage and the girls in the first semi-final.

Tugan Beach

Australian Championships 1-2 April

In an anxious build-up to the Aussie Titles the boys scrounged for an oarsman after Wubben took ill. The Flying Fish were well prepared, however fell to the havoc caused by Cyclone Debbie. Despite the near perfect conditions on the scheduled day of the girls' event, Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) cancelled all water events.

Whale Beach should be proud of all Pelicans building strong relations with neighboring clubs and giving 100% at all times.

Special thanks for the support of Bev Farrelly, Danny Ryan, and David Maguire for the commitment and hard work of both crews throughout this season. Thanks for the repairs, maintenance and funding to keep the boat afloat and for carnival entries.

David and Brett continue Midget's hard legacy. Please contact Brett on 0410 669 511 (bbabicci@gmail.com) or David on 0413 617 793 if you'd like to row for Whale Beach SLSC.



THE BIG (AND LITTLE) SWIM

SIMON MORGAN / THE BIG SWIM RACE DIRECTOR

Let's talk about volunteers.

Planning for the next Big Swim generally starts shortly after the last swim, when we have a debrief of the various personnel and address any problems with the last swim.

During the next few months, we lodge applications for everything from aquatic licences, parking and other Council permits, Lifesaving New South Wales approval etc. – lots of paperwork.

Work on the graphics and media products is meant to be completed by August. We are always late, and in September the committee starts to engage with key event managers.

We have two beach managers. Jon Pratten, who has been a rock in previous years, wasn't available so his team of Peter Taylor, Dugald Walker and Alex Hromas stepped up. Lara Boyle managed the beach on the day (with all her myriad other jobs) and Robert Burfitt-Williams managed Palm Beach, assisted by his patrol members. The beach managers ensure that all the correct gear is available at their respective beaches and

organise the crews to set up, operate, then dismantle; it is a big job over several days.

In conjunction with the beach managers, we have water safety led by Harry Smith and Lara Boyle, who also manages all The Big Swim personnel allocations; it is a monster job, too.

We have a strong working relationship with local clubs; however, Palm Beach SLSC provides significant resources, and Tamara Scott ensured that both clubs worked together to provide exemplary water safety for both swims with Palm Beach SLSC Patrol Captain Nick Warby. Ella Vial starts organising synergies between both clubs and in particular the activities which give Whale Beach such a buzz following the swim.

In October, Bob and Barbara Wines start contacting volunteers for all the registrations; 1,600 - odd swimmers, need correct timing bracelets, correctly fitted, and briefing of conditions. The Wines manage 50 volunteers.

Paul Hughes and Monica Kim are now filling their garage with merchandise; T-shirts, swimmers caps etc., so we can sell promotional gear on the day. They've been sold out the last two years; they're doing a great job.

In January, the committee members watch the weather and you see them mumbling little prayers to the surf gods for good conditions. Phil Schmidt and Bill Mulligan are gearing up for the car park food and Ella Vial is finishing the "afters" entertainment and food; it's getting busy now.

Saturday the 29th is hectic. Full steam ahead, setting up at Palm Beach and Whale Beach and checking all the safety gear. Entries close at 3.30pm and the phone calls start beseeching a late entry. Some excuses are legendary.

On Sunday morning, 30 January, the committee checks the conditions at Whale Beach and Palm Beach, and all must agree to GO. Danny Ryan fires up the helicopter, and IRBs from all the local clubs arrive to assist. The Big Swim has the most significant safety of any swim I am aware of, it is our number one priority.





A huge thank you to Macquarie Bank, now well into its second decade as the principal supporter of The Big Swim.

Lindsay Kershaw as the event controller now heads out to the Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR) command vessel and assumes control with the assistance of 5 VMR vessels and parking and traffic control from NSW Rural Fire Service volunteers.

8:30am: The URM Little Big Swim; 4 waves on a short course introducing hundreds of new swimmers to ocean swimming. Many previous swimmers now swim in the big one.

10.00am: The Big Swim, 1,500 - odd swimmers charging down the beach and off on their Big Swim, a journey swim from Palm Beach to Whale Beach, just under 3km. In 2017, a light southerly added 5 minutes to the previous year's time, and there were weary swimmers arriving at Whale Beach complaining of the chop getting around Little Head, and that was in light conditions!

A huge thank you to Macquarie Bank, now well into its second decade as the principal supporter of The Big Swim. Our event is very much synonymous with Macquarie, and the Club is most grateful for its support.

Likewise, a big thank you goes to URM, supporter of The Little Big Swim and the Dash for Cash. The URM Little Big Swim is proving the entry point for new swimmers to test their mettle; it would seem many are continuing with greater challenges. URM's support of this nursery of ocean swimming is significant.

Thanks to Boathouse Group and Andrew Goldsmith for assistance with prizes across all age groups and of course to Mana Island, Fiji for consistently supporting our event with accommodation and entry at its Swim Fest held each year in late October. In 2016, across all the races for Mana Island Swim Week both male and female, The Big Swim winners blitzed the field. Also, thanks to Fresh Produce Group and Rob Nugan for all the fresh fruit to sugar - hit the finishers.

Finally, thank you to every volunteer from Whale Beach, Palm Beach, Avalon Beach, Newport SLSC's, marshalls, Volunteer Marine Rescue and NSW Rural Fire Service.

This event cannot work without the 300+ volunteers assisting - thank you all.



“ The Big Swim has the most significant safety of any swim I am aware of, it is our number one priority.



RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Branch Lifesaver of the Year

Boyle, Lara

Branch Rescue of the Year

Patrol 9

Naughtycool Nines

Allen, Barney
Bownes, Angus
– Vice Captain
Bownes, Iain
Bownes, Oliver
– Patrol Captain
Bregenhøj, Jack
Gay, Dylan
Humphrey, Adam
– Vice Captain
Kellaway, Angus
Leonard, Richard
Muller, Harrison
Oscar, Press
Parks, Luke
Rothery, Sophie



Winning Branch Female Reserve Boat Crew

Flying Fish

Collins, Alice
Findlay, Maddie
Garside, Julia
Gojnych, Amy
Maguire, David
Matthews, Nat

Lifesaver of the Year

Burchett, Alex



Young Lifesaver of the Year

Miles, Harry

Captains Service Award

Boyle, Lara
Burchett, Alexander
Clarke, Saskia
Higgins, Floyd
Miles, Harry
Pearce, Andrew



Outstanding Service Award

Burfitt-Williams, Rob
Higgins, Floyd
Keft, Ellie
Mayne, Nina
Scott, Tamara

Outstanding New Member

Leonard, Richard

Patrol Captain of the Year

Keft, Ellie

Patrol of the Year

Patrol 5 The Kooks

Most Valued Patrollers

Patrol 1 Myers, Peter
Patrol 2 Miles, Harry
Patrol 3 Wood, Angus
Patrol 4 Weymar, Kiana
Patrol 5 Burns, Elliot
Patrol 6 Connolly, Edd
Patrol 7 Stenning, David
Patrol 8 Paul, Ryan
Patrol 9 Parks, Luke and
Rothery, Sophie

Contribution to Education

Higgins, Floyd

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

WOMEN

Beach Sprint
Beach Flags
Surf Swim
Tube Race
Board Race
Wave Ski
Club Champion
Sunday Point
Score Champion

VETERANS

N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A

N/A

MASTERS

N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A

Sue Kearney

OPENS

Riley, Eloise
Riley, Eloise
Riley, Eloise
Riley, Eloise
Riley, Eloise
Riley, Eloise
Riley, Eloise

Garside, Julia

JUNIORS

Riley, Isabella
Riley, Isabella
Riley, Isabella
Riley, Isabella
Riley, Isabella
N/A
Riley, Isabella

Freestone, Nicole

MEN

Beach Sprint
Beach Flags
Surf Swim
Tube Race
Board Race
Wave Ski
Club Champion
Sunday Point
Score Champion

VETERANS

Phillips, Bill
Taylor, Peter
Phillips, Bill
Lamrock, Brian
N/A
Schmidt, Phil
Phillips, Bill

Stewart, Graeme

MASTERS

N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A

Babici, Brett

OPENS

Higgins, Floyd
Burchett, Alex
Dijohn, Nic
Higgins, Floyd
Murdoch, Harry
Murdoch, Harry
Higgins, Floyd

Higgins, Floyd

JUNIORS

Leonard, Richard
Leonard, Richard
N/A
N/A
Leonard, Richard
N/A
Leonard, Richard

Miles, Harry

Point to Point Winner

Dijohn, Nic

Bay to Breakers

Phillips, Bill

Midget Farrelly Memorial

Murdoch, Harry

The Big Swim

Fastest Club members
Male – Denning, Marshall
Female – Kearney, Suzanne



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WOMEN OF WHALE

TAMARA SCOTT / CHAIRWOMAN OF WOMEN OF WHALE COMMITTEE

What a year for the Women of Whale Beach!

With so much accomplished in a whirlwind year, it's time to reflect on the amazing efforts and offer our heartfelt thanks to all involved.

The Women of Whale initiative was established with a few key objectives:

- To acknowledge the past achievements and dedication shown by the Women of Whale Beach in the development of the Club.
- To encourage our female members to stand up and have their voices heard.
- To reinvigorate our school Bronze programs.

In order to achieve these aims, a Women of Whale (WoW) event was held in October 2016 including special guests Sara Seifeddine and Jill Pietzker (two of the first women lifesavers in NSW in the 1980 / 81 season for Whale Beach SLSC, and Christine Hopton (SLSA Director). With more than 200 attendees, WoW was a huge success and the format of the event is being kept as a template for future initiatives.

Our memorial book commemorates Whale Beach SLSC as the first club in NSW to have women as surf lifesavers. It highlights the story of women at our Club and it's production was sponsored by Belle Property, Avalon, which provides a copy to each new owner of property in the area.

We also held our communications and mentoring courses, hosted by Milan Partners with the generous sponsorship of Goldman Sachs. We rely heavily on our schools program and realised that many participants could benefit from improving their communication skills and confidence to help them deal with members of the public and older patrol members. The courses covered communication skills; confidence "tricks" in communication; identifying personality types and different communication styles, and how to adapt to these in order to best engage the other person.

To address member retention, we also held a mentor training program for our senior female members, so that they felt more confident in providing coaching and guidance to the new young members, many of whom are 15 / 16 years old.

We have an emphasis on engaging women in leadership roles both on and off the beach, including our pilot mentorship program.

Although Whale Beach SLSC has had women as a part of its committee for many years, these women were heavily outnumbered. Patrol captains were encouraged to take on female vice captains to mentor them through their first season in patrol leadership, and women were welcomed in both lifesaving and management committees.

This drive saw a number of women eagerly accept management roles within the Club including Vice President, Chief Instructor, Club Captain, Marketing Officer and Junior Activities Officer.

We reinvigorated our school Bronze programs, which benefited from the integration of soft skills into our surf lifesaving curriculum. This season, we reinvigorated our partnership with Pymble Ladies College (PLC).

Every initiative that was launched was done so with passion and professionalism that was over and above the day-to-day responsibilities of running the Club and I am very grateful for the positive impact the Women of Whale are having on the health of our Club.



VALE: BERNARD “MIDGET” FARRELLY

Australia's first world surfing champion, Midget helped propel surfing from society's fringes to the mainstream. He was instrumental in the formation of the Australian Surfriders Association and launched the International Surfing Federation, which ensured the growth of surfing as a huge business worldwide. Midget was inducted into the Sports Australia Hall of Fame in 1985; in 2007 he was inducted into the Surfing Walk of Fame at Huntington Beach.

Later, he became a surfboard designer and manufacturer producing some of the sport's most progressive boards. His business, Surfblanks Australia founded in the early 1970s, is one of the sport's longest running operations.

A focused individual, he prioritised his marriage to Beverlie and raising their daughters Priscilla, Johanna and Lucy, whilst maintaining his business, designing and making surfboards, and expanding his knowledge of wind and water through hang-gliding, windsurfing, and racing paddleboards and surf skis.



Midget was interested in, and engaged with the world around him, and people, and events outside of surfing, and because there was balance in his life, his love for riding waves never waned.

As a talented surf boat sweep, he challenged the traditional ways of the arcane sport. Casual viewers were often baffled by Midget and his surf boat crew, riding waves and then effectively flicking off and paddling back out for more, without the chaos of a typical surf boat crash-landing on the sand.

Midget has been a member at Whale Beach SLSC since 2006, holding positions as Boat Captain and Competition Secretary. Through our involvement in the Management Committee, I came to adore Midget. He was my mentor and trusted advisor; we spent hours sharing ideas and our visions for the Club's future. He was not afraid to tread on toes and I very much enjoyed Midget challenging the status quo. A true gentlemen, Midget was always well mannered with a sharp wit. I found Midget gracious and eloquent and admired his sense of style, evident in his dapper dress sense and colour palettes used on his boats and boards. Midget certainly had a presence amongst us, in the ocean and on the beach. We will miss you and we will not forget you.

The Whale Beach Surf Club extends our deepest sympathies to Bev and your family.

Andrew Pearce



VALE: STAN COONAN



From the mid 1950s, Stan Coonan (Dad) was a very keen member of Whale Beach SLSC. He drove all the way out from Beecroft with the kids (later nippers) every weekend. Owen Ramsay did the same. It was his prime passion and place of recreation in his life and, as far as he was concerned, there was no better tribe to belong to. Apart from the adventures in the sea, and there were many of them, there was a fantastic night life after a long day on the beach up at Moby Dick Surfers Club. All the kids were put in a special room and fed like animals in a cage by their mothers while the party progressed and the dining, dancing and drinking went on. They were wild and pretty flirty event's from what I can gather. How Dad ever managed to front up to a responsible job as an up and coming consultant with "WD Scott" and later as General Manager at "Farley & Lewers" we will never know. We always made it back home though.

Later in life, Dad set up his own management consultancy business specialising in corporate and strategic planning and stayed fit by swimming right up until his last year. He always swam and would swear by its therapeutic value. The surf club was also a place of saving other people's lives and competitions which he took very seriously, including the military style marching of the reel along the beach wearing the one piece. He was very proud and was mentioned in the paper once for his efforts saving someone's life. He saved more than a few, and there were many gnarly seas he had to swim through to do that.

It was pretty popular in those days to jump off the rocks and swim point to point with blokes like Owen Ramsay, Geoff Gardner, Brian Johnson and Allan Gonsalves. All legends in his mind, and they were often mentioned when he told stories of classic swells that came through including the one that wiped out the old boat shed on the beach.

Thank you so much for showing Dad around recently and spending time listening to his stories; it really brought joy to him as all those memories flooded back. Unfortunately, Stan passed away recently, however his love of surfing has been passed on to his sons and grandson and will continue on through the generations. Thanks again Whale Beach.

Matt Coonan

Active (15-18 yrs)

Allen, Barnaby
Baker, Imogen
Baptist, Sam
Bardon, Isabella
Bregenhøj, Jack
Browning, Tas
Burns, Elliott
Clarke, Martin Hugo
Dalton, Digby
Dijohn, Nicholas
Drummer, Harrison
Frear, James
Freestone, Nicole
Gay, Dylan
Green, Elizabeth
Harrison, Edward
Harte, William
Jackson, Mathew
Kaderavek, Nikolas
Kaleski, Imogen
Kellaway, Charles
Leonard, Richard
Lowe, Rachel
Muller, Harrison
Oag, Angus
O'Brien, Olivia
Parks, Luke
Paul, Ryan
Payne, Jack
Pegg, James
Penn, Harrison
Photios, Claudia
Powell, Mac
Ravenhall, Ethan
Rees-Ewen, Dylan
Riley, Eloise
Robertson, Sydney
Rothery, Sophie
Sanderson, Thomas
Scott, Lachlan
Shortis, Mia
Stafford, Matthew
Tysoe, Jeremy
Vinci, Celeste
Wang, Samuel
Webster, Willa

Active (18 yrs and over)

Bowles, Angus
Bowles, Iain
Bowles, Oliver
Bowles, Suzannah
Boyle, Lara
Bradford, Ben
Bridges, Natasha
Browne, Cameron
Browning, Georgia

Burchett, Alexander
Burfitt-Williams, Robert
Carnegie, Charles
Chapman, Karen
Clarke, Saskia
Collier, Sally
Collins-Gallagher, Alice
Connolly, Edward
Cooper, James
Cooper, John
Cooper, Nicholas
Darley, Stephanie
Dodd, Rebecca
Dreyfus, Rachel
Fenkart, Jade
Findlay, Madeleine
Fleming, Madeleine
Gallagher, Kieran
Gardner, Stephen
Garside, Julia
George, Henry
Gojnick, Amy
Gribble, Shannon
Hackett, Andrew
Hackett, Juliette
Hackett, Reuben
Haigh, Peter
Harrisson, Juliette
Higgins, Floyd
Horder, Luke
Hromas, Alexander
Humphrey, Adam
Kearney, Suzanne
Keft, Eleanor
Keft, Tom
Kershaw, Lindsay
King, Richard
La Ginestra, Byrne
Lawrance, Harrison
Madden, Philip
Mann, Holly
Marshall, Sophie
Matthews, Natalie
Mayne, Christina
McEntyre, Lachlan
Middleton, Kathryn
Morgan, Sebastian
Morris, Andy
Murdoch, Harry
O'Brien, Naomi
Photios, Sophie
Puertolas, Cesar
Rae, Michele
Rees, Jacqueline
Rees-Ewen, Olivia
Reichelt, Philip
Roberts, Georgia
Rowlinson, James

MEMBERSHIP LIST 2016 / 2017 SEASON

Scheiner, Joshua
 Scott, James
 Scott, Tamara
 Sharpington-Recny, Emily-Jane
 Silk, Caprice
 Smith, Harry
 Stanwell, Lachlan
 Steiger-Thorpe, Jessica
 Stenning, David
 Stevenson, Hugh
 Stewart, Graeme
 Stollmann, Charlotte
 Stranger, Lucy
 Stubbs, Jonathan
 Taylor, Cameron
 Thomas, William
 Thorn, Charles
 Van Westing, Marco
 Vial, Ella
 Webster, Evan
 Weymark, Kiana
 Williams, Lachlan
 Wood, Angus
 Wright, Michael
 Wubben, Nicholas

Associate

Allan, Don
 Anderson, Grace
 Anderson, Peter
 Archer, Martin
 Armstrong, Ursula
 Arnott, Richard
 Babicci, Glen
 Balkin, David
 Barry, Denise
 Beale, David
 Birks, William
 Bonouvrie, Amanda
 Bonouvrie, Jeremy
 Borean, Derick
 Bowra, Nigel
 Bradshaw, John
 Brown, Saul
 Cameron, Elizabeth
 Cameron, Ian
 Campbell, Michael
 Campbell, Yvonne
 Carr, Lorna Alison
 Carr, Robert
 Clarice, Eva
 Clarice, Ross
 Cook, Jennifer
 Cook, Judith
 Cook, Stephen
 Coughlan, Owen
 Crivelli, Mike
 Crivelli, Patrick
 Crivelli, Susie
 Dalrymple, Rawdon
 Dorahy, Simon
 Dowe, Andrew
 Enestrom, Ron
 Enestrom, Suellen
 Farrelly, Beverlie
 Figgis, Christopher
 Forster, George
 Friend, Ryan
 Friend, Tina
 Froggatt, Tony
 Fudim, Laura
 Gale, Eric
 Gallagher, Steve
 Gepp, Michael
 Gole, Elizabeth
 Gorman, John
 Gray, Richard
 Haigh, Jennifer
 Hauserman, Alan
 Henry, Tina
 Higgins, Lisa
 Hromas, Harriet
 Hughes, Monica Kim
 Johns, Elliott
 Jones, Matthew
 Karhan, Giles
 King, Vivienne
 Lee, Cedric
 Lee, Wanhee
 Lindbert, David
 Lockley, Michael
 Lockley, Sally
 Lynch, Suzanne
 Lysaght, Timothy
 Macdonald, Scott
 Mackay, Ross
 Malcolm, Hugh
 Martin, Ian
 Mcfarlane, Lynda
 McGrath, John
 McMurray, Russell
 Miles, Jennifer
 Molesworth, Michael
 Morgan, Carolyn
 Morgan, Simon
 Mulligan, Jennifer
 Mulligan, William
 Nash, Janet
 Nolan, Andrew
 Nolan, David
 O'Brien, Paul
 O'Flynn, Michael
 Oates, Lisa
 Ong, Julia
 Osborne, Barbara
 Pozniak, Elizabeth

Pozniak, Sheldon
 Pratten, Alison
 Pratten, Robert
 Pursell, Virginia
 Purvis, Rodney
 Rains, Penelope
 Rains, Richard
 Riley, Michael
 Ristevski, Peter
 Rose, Sheila
 Rothery, Simon
 Rouhan, Michael
 Rowntree, Andree
 Rutherford, Gary
 Saad, Nick
 Schmidt, Kerrie
 Sedgley, Jocelyn
 Selig, Gordon
 Shirbin, John
 Simmons, Ross
 Sippe, John
 Smith, David
 Spencer, Ian
 Stewart, Margaret
 Strain, Kaye
 Sullivan, Allan
 Walker, Dugald
 Warburton, John
 Waters, Gary
 Waters, Kathleen
 Westcott, Julie
 Williams, Penelope
 Wines, Barbara
 Wines, Robert
 Zagorski, Roger
 Zagorski, Samantha

Cadet Member (13-15 years)

Asher, Samuel
 Breden, Daniel
 Constable, Thomas
 Griffiths, Oliver
 Hackett, Barnabas
 Kellaway, Angus
 McDonald, Wil
 Metcalf, Jacinta
 Miles, Harry
 Noersadi, Jahliana
 Press, Oscar
 Rechner, Samuel
 Reid, Charlotte
 Riley, Isabella
 Sanderson, William
 Thomson, Oscar
 Williams, Rhys
 Wong, Mitchell
 Zagorski, Madeline

Honorary

Gaven, Isabel
 Goldsmith, Andrew
 Goldsmith, Philippa

Life Member

Armstrong, Martin
 Baird, John
 Berry, Robert
 Cullis, Philip
 Hendrikson, Christopher
 Hughes, Paul
 Lewis, John
 Patterson, Darcy
 Phillips, Bill
 Ryan, Daniel
 Stewart, Richard
 Strong, David
 Timms, Colin
 Tosi, Peter
 Webster, Bryan
 Young, Paul

Long Service

Archer, John
 Babicci, Brett
 Bamford, John
 Blundell, Peter
 Bosson, James
 Bracey, Justin
 Collier, Terry
 Crisp, Danny
 Davis, Charles
 Elvy, Robert
 Farrelly, Bernard
 Fraser, Peter
 Graber, Brian
 Gray, Stephen
 Hall, Peter
 Hannaford, George
 Hansford, Richard
 Hennessy, Ross
 Jarrett, Matthew
 Kirby, Neil
 Lamrock, Brian
 Laurence, Michael
 Lerpiniere, John
 Lerpiniere, Robert
 Lewis, Benjamin
 Macnab, James
 Maguire, David
 McRobert, Martin
 Montgomery AM, Peter
 Pickering, Noel
 Reynolds, Anthony
 Stevens, Nicholas
 Stewart, Ian
 Szagmeister, Tibor
 Taylor, Peter
 Wilcox, Allen

Past Active

Burgess, Peter
 Clark, Michelle
 John, Benjamin
 Lenehan, Julie
 Mayjor, Harrison
 Miller, Lachlin
 Pope, John
 Stanwell, James
 Symons, Nicholas
 Wells, Alice

Probationary

Ashurst, Nicola
 Campbell, Braeden
 Gu, Nonie
 Higgins, Evered
 Keft, Linton
 Mears, Laura
 Miller Hill, Blaise
 Moore, Charlie
 Richards, Lara
 Ross, Fraser (SRC)
 Stephen, Brittany
 White, Angela (SRC)
 Zagorski, Max

Reserve Active

Barrell, Bryan
 Becroft, John
 Bracey, David
 Buckingham, Simon
 Clark, Micah
 Coombes, Evan
 Cullis, Jeffrey
 Dauncey, Helen
 Denning, Marshall
 Fielder, John
 Gellert, James
 Grace, Robert
 Hale, Geoffrey
 Harrison, Annika
 Hendrikson, Aaron
 Lewin, John
 Mullens, Joshua
 Myers, Peter
 Norrgard, Vern
 Pearce, Andrew
 Pratten, Jonathon
 Schmidt, Philip
 Webster, Morgan

TAIL'S END – SOCIAL EVENTS ON THE DECK



AWARDS NIGHT

Thanks to Tom Sanderson (ACE photography), Chris Hendrikson, Haven and Sarah, Let's Party with Balloons and Moby Dicks for their support.



LITTLE RIPPERS

SUE KEARNEY / RIPPERS COORDINATOR

Once again, I am pleased to report on the Junior Activity Program “Rippers”, held over the Christmas to New Year period. The 2016 / 2017 season was my 5th year coordinating the event, and if success is to be measured in increased participation and achieving personal goals, then I can confidently identify this season past as an extremely rewarding one.

Three sessions were held, with close to 30 children participating in each. Along with the usual land activities, the obstacle course challenge, which included running, commando - style crawling, zigzagging and hurdling, was definitely the feature event. Fortunately, the ocean was kind to us for the final session, and we were able to hold water activities for children aged 7 and over. A special thank you to Evan Webster for his coaching and assistance with board paddling, wading and organising the ironman races.

I would like to make special mention to the following “Rippers” who have supported the program since its inception, and achieved significant goals this season: Jahli Noersadi (SRC), Sophie Wines (Ocean Swims – Avalon and The Big Swim), Lucy Warren, Campbell Warren, Phoebe Lenehan and Jemima Williams (Little Big Swim). Congratulations to you all!

I was also thrilled with the enthusiasm of the children to embrace the Sunday Events. Both Sophie and younger brother Angus competed in the Bay to Breakers, with their efforts encouraging other children and parents to join the following Sunday swim. I hope to keep this enthusiasm alive next season.

Thank you to seasoned rippers, Tom and Alex Rowntree, and Sophie and Angus Wines, for your willingness to assist with

the setting up of equipment and help organise the younger ones. To all The Big Swim tag removers, your job is an important one, and your efforts are very much appreciated.

To run a successful program, many thanks are due. Dugald Walker and Chris Hendrikson, your tunnel digging efforts are legendary. I must say, I was rather concerned about the condition of your health on those extremely hot days; had age wearied you? I will endeavor to find a few younger labourers next season. Thanks also to Jess Steiger-Thorpe, Jenny Mulligan, Tamara Scott, Saskia Clarke, grandparents and parents, and Avalon Nippers for the loan of their obstacle course equipment.

Lastly, congratulations to all the children. It is your enthusiasm that makes our “Rippers” what it is.



WOMAN'S PERSPECTIVE

CHRISTINE HIGHAM (NEE MARTIN)



Whale Beach; what delightful memories of my teenage years that name recalls. From 1950 to 1955 my family spent a considerable amount of time at Whale Beach. My two uncles, Noel Turner and Ivan McRobert were lifesavers doing their patrols on Sundays. My older brother Geoffrey gained his surf Bronze Medallion and joined them on patrols.

Being lifesavers, my uncles were allowed to pitch a permanent tent in the camping ground at the pool end of the beach. The heavy canvas ex-army tents were divided into three spacious rooms. This was very convenient because all you needed to bring to the beach every weekend was your food. Public toilets and showers were nearby in the picnic area.

My family, mum and dad plus five children, used these tents every May and August school holidays. Dad travelled to and from Sydney to work during the weekdays, leaving the children with mum to enjoy Whale Beach. At Christmas and in the summer time, we travelled to and from Sydney as our uncles and their friends occupied their own tents. Many family picnics were thoroughly enjoyed at the beach during these happy years.

Geoffrey and I were members of Cabarita and then Drummoyne Swimming Clubs. We trained from Monday to Friday, rain, hail or shine beginning at 6.00am for 2 hours, then we went home for breakfast and then on to school. After school, we went straight to the pool for another 2 hours of hard training. We swam about 8 miles every weekday. Home for tea and homework, and then into bed. On Saturdays, we competed in swimming races at various pools in Sydney. Our Sundays were spent surfing at Whale Beach.

My physical education teacher at Burwood Girls High School encouraged me to gain awards in the Royal Life Saving Society. I gained all the various medallions and awards up to and including the Instructors and Examiners certificates. At school, I met other students who became lifetime friends. One of these was Beverley Taylor (nee Jensen). She and I surfed together at Whale Beach. Bev's parents owned a weekend there, and I was often invited to stay the whole weekend and surf with Bev. Her parents always welcomed me and treated me with great kindness.

But whilst Bev and I were qualified and could surf and swim to a standard equal to the male lifesavers in the club, we were not allowed to gain our surf Bronze Medallions, and females were not allowed to join or compete in the official Surf Life Saving Club competitions. The Surf Life Saving Bronze Medallion is the only lifesaving qualification I do not have!

With special permission from Whale Beach Surf Club, we were allowed to compete in the club surf races. Perhaps this decision was influenced in our favour by having our family members in the Club with other sympathetic members like Brian Graber. But the wearing of a black cap and black costume were stipulated, and Bev and I had to start and finish at the water's edge. There was to be no running down the sand and into the water to gain speed, and no running up the sand and sitting in our finishing places. But we accepted these conditions; to swim in the surf race was marvellous.

Geoffrey, myself or Hal Baily usually came 1st, 2nd or 3rd in these races depending on who caught the final wave. Hal was a NSW Surfing Champion and Geoffrey was NSW and Australian Junior Belt Champion. I would have loved to compete in surf racing at that level. Body surfing gave me the greatest pleasure. With my head, shoulders or hands, I could catch these great ocean boomers. To be able to coast down a wave and feel the powerful surge of the ocean is fantastic!

Hal Baily was a great influence; he trained by swimming from one headland to the other, across and back. He kindly allowed Geoffrey and I to swim with him beyond the break, and it was amazing to freely swim in the vast ocean, just three human beings moving over the surface of the deep water.

Hal taught us to observe the waves carefully for signs of rocks or turbulence, to enjoy but be wary. It was a long way back to the safety of the sand! I am exceedingly grateful to him for imparting his wisdom to us. A wonderful memory that still lives with me to this day.

During my lifetime I have rescued people in the surf, in rivers, and in swimming pools. Not one rescued person has ever requested my qualifications or complained that they were saved by a female!

Today, women can join Whale Beach Surf Life Saving Club as equals, gaining their surf Bronze Medallions. I'm glad I've lived long enough to witness this! Enjoy the surf and the experience.

HISTORICAL LIFE AT WHALE



The Annual Report Committee is indebted to the generous photographic contributions of Rob Berry, Chris Hendrikson, John Fielder, Andrew Pearce and the Photo Competition entrants.

Your amazing work is an invaluable record of the Club's culture and history for generations to come. We sincerely thank you and hope you continue the project for many more seasons.

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NOTICE OF AGM

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF WHALE BEACH SLSC
INCORPORATED WILL BE HELD AT THE WHALE BEACH SURF CLUB
COMMENCING AT 2.00PM SUNDAY 13 AUGUST 2017.**

AGENDA

- Apologies
 - President's welcome
 - Confirmation of minutes of 2015 / 2016
 - Adoption of Annual Report
 - Adoption of Financial Statements and Auditor's Report
 - Notices of Motion as approved by Club Management Committee
1. Surf Club
To receive a motion to change the Club constitution as follows: the addition of a new Club officer, the Membership Officer; to include 5 further key Club officers in the Club Management Committee; to consolidate the Life Membership Committee, the Judiciary Committee and the Constitution Committee into a new elected Governance Committee; to revise the Club membership status requirements of certain Club officers; to recognise accepted practice regarding appointment of Club Committee members, and regarding meetings of Club Committees other than the Management Committee; and to correct minor errors and anomalies in the current constitution. Full details of the proposed changes to the constitution can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/WBPSLSC> or by request to the Secretary.
 2. To appoint our auditor for season 2017 / 2018, Reanda Business Intellect Pty Ltd.
 - Nominations for Life Membership
 - Election of Officers and Committees for 2017 / 2018 season
 - General business





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