



WHALE BEACH SLSC

Whale Beach SLSC
Annual Report 2020 / 2021

Courage is Encouraged



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 8 August 2021.

COVID-19 social distancing regulations may limit the number of attendees. In this case pre-registration will be required and alternative attendance by video link will be possible and facilitated. Announcements and details will be made on our website at least a week before the meeting. See <https://www.whalebeachslsc.com/>.

Agenda

- President's Welcome
- **Motion:** That the format and conduct of the meeting be accepted and that any challenge arising from any procedural irregularity in, or to, the conduct of the meeting be waived.
- Apologies
- Confirmation of Minutes of 2019 / 2020 Annual General Meeting
- Adoption of Annual Report
- Adoption of Financial Statements and Auditor's Report
- Notices of Motion as approved by Club Management Committee:
 1. That affiliation be sought for the 2021 / 2022 season with Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Inc. (The Branch). Further, that the articles, constitution, by-laws, regulations and resolutions, together with the awards and equipment of The Branch, Surf Life Saving NSW, and Surf Life Saving Australia Limited be accepted without reservation.
 2. To appoint the Auditor for the 2021 / 2022 season, Morgan Veale & Co Pty Ltd.
- Election of Officers and Committees for the 2021 / 2022 season
- Presentation of Association Awards and Trophies
- General Business

Download the PDF of our 2020 / 2021 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report from our website at [whalebeachslsc.com/about/annual-reports/](https://www.whalebeachslsc.com/about/annual-reports/)

Officers and Committees

Patrons

Jason Falinski
(Member for Mackellar)
Rob Stokes
(Member for Pittwater)
Michael Regan
(Mayor, Northern Beaches Council)

Honorary Patron

Kylie Ferguson
(Councillor, Northern Beaches Council)

President

Andrew Pearce

Treasurer / Public Officer

Jon Pratten

Honorary Secretary

Kieran Gallagher

Immediate Past President

Philip Schmidt

Club Captain

Charlie Kellaway

Vice President

Nina de Leeuw

Chief Instructor

Chris Darley

The Big Swim Race Director

Annette Baggie

IRB and Power

Equipment Captain

Lindsay Kershaw

Gear Officer

Peter Myers

Club Vice Captains

Richard Leonard

Matt Stafford

Competition Secretary

Vacant

Marketing Officer

Saskia Clarke

Social Media Officer

Lochie Stanwell

Digital Officer

Hatty Middleton

Communications Officer

Claudette Good

Property Officer

Brian Lamrock

House Captain

Andrew Pearce

Junior Activities Captain

Vacant

Social Secretary

Sally Gole

Membership Officer

Laura Mears

Handicapper

Graeme Stewart

Boat Captain

Vacant

Board and Ski Captain

Dylan Rees-Ewen

Radio Officer

Ed Connolly

First Aid Officer

Susan Myers

Sponsorships and Partnerships Officer

Nic Dijohn

Work Health and Safety Officer

Bill Phillips

Club Administrator

Sarah Warburton

Delegate to Branch

Andrew Pearce

Membership Protection Information Officers

Alex Burchett
Loretta Leonard
Andrew Pearce
Sam Zagorski

Merchandise Officer

Bob Wines

Honorary Medical Officers

Michael Fasher
Peter Saxon-Williams
Graeme Stewart

Honorary Solicitor

Bill Phillips

Honorary Architect

Vacant

Honorary Engineer

Vacant

Honorary Photographers

Stephanie Darley
Chris Hendrikson
Max Zagorski

Management Committee

Annette Baggie
Saskia Clarke
Chris Darley
Nina de Leeuw
Kieran Gallagher
Sally Gole
Charlie Kellaway
Brian Lamrock
Laura Mears
Peter Myers
Andrew Pearce
Jon Pratten
Philip Schmidt

Executive Committee

Kieran Gallagher
Charlie Kellaway
Andrew Pearce
Jon Pratten

Governance Committee (Life Membership, Judiciary and Constitution Sub-Committees)

Martin Armstrong
Bill Phillips
Jon Pratten
Philip Schmidt
Graeme Stewart
Bryan Webster

Finance Committee

Martin Armstrong
Bill Phillips
Jon Pratten
Philip Schmidt
James Stanwell

Building Committee

Rob Berry
Brian Lamrock
Andrew Pearce
Philip Schmidt

Lifesaving Committee

Ed Connolly
Chris Darley
Charlie Kellaway
Lindsay Kershaw
Peter Myers
Susan Myers
Dylan Rees-Ewen

Competition Committee

Not appointed

Education Sub-Committee

Not appointed

Ocean Swim Sub-Committee

Not appointed

Administration Committee

Not appointed

Entertainment Sub-Committee

Not appointed

Election Sub-Committee

Not appointed

Junior Activities Committee

Not appointed

Annual Report Production Team

Saskia Clarke
Kieran Gallagher
Isabel Gaven
Heather Noakes
Andrew Pearce
Sarah Warburton

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Donations and Sponsors

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. We are also grateful for the generous support of contributors who wish to remain anonymous. Finally, special thanks is due our major sponsorship partner, Macquarie Group whose steadfast commitment to our Club and its pre-eminent ocean swim event, The Big Swim, is greatly appreciated.

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NSW Government
Northern Beaches Council

Major Sponsor

Macquarie Group



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Club Sponsors and Supporters

Australian Lifeguard Services
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Dual Corp
Fresh Produce Group
Knox Grammar School
Marine Rescue NSW, Broken Bay
Marine Rescue NSW, Central Coast
Marine Rescue NSW, Cottage Point
Marine Rescue NSW, Hawkesbury
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Rural Fire Service, Ingleside
Signarama Pittwater
Surf Life Saving Australia
Surf Life Saving Foundation

Surf Life Saving NSW
Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Branch
Local Surf Clubs:
Avalon Beach SLSC
Bilgola Beach SLSC
Mona Vale SLSC
Newport Beach SLSC
North Palm Beach SLSC
Palm Beach SLSC

Member / Private Donors

Archer, John	Enestrom, Ron	Hromas, Alex	Mulligan, Jennifer	Smith, David
Archer, Martin	Enestrom, Suellen	Hughes, Paul	Nash, Janet	Stewart, Ian
Armstrong, Martin	Fraser, Peter	Leonard, Anthony	O'Brien, Paul	Stewart, Richard
Blundell, Peter	Gale, Eric	Leonard, Loretta	Pratten, Jon	Taylor, Peter
Borean, Derick	Gaven, Isabel	Lynch, Suzanne	Ramsay, Barb	Vitiello, Sonia
Bracey, David	Good, David	McRobert, Martin	Rothery, Simon	Warburton, John
Carnegie Family	Gray, Stephen	Mears, Laura	Rowlinson, James	Wright, Nick
Collier, Terry	Hackett, Andrew	Miles, Jenny	Rowntree, Andree	Zagorski, Roger
Crisp, Danny	Hansford, Richard	Milroy, Craig	Schmidt, Philip	Zagorski, Samantha
De Leeuw, Nina	Higgins, Floyd	Moore, Nicholas	Sippe, Jack	



President's Report

Andrew Pearce
President

As I reflect on my fifth and final season as President it strikes me how unique each season is. Despite the foundation for each being the same, where we work to a 12 month calendar of key dates, no season is alike from one to the next. Indeed the 2020-21 season was another unconventional 12 month period. Continuity and momentum was difficult to sustain with the disruption and inconvenience provided by COVID-19. In October even the beach was closed due to pollution which is a rare event! Despite these headwinds, I greatly admire the perseverance and courage displayed by our lifesavers and members with their ability to make the best of the situation.

At various times during the season, patrols and training courses were cancelled, the Northern Beaches were in a lockdown and the clubhouse was closed. Despite these disruptions we still managed to successfully stage the following events: The Big Swim, Sunday barbecues, Monthly Drinks, Club Championships and the Noel Greenfield Trophy swim, and an amazing Awards Night at The Royal Motor Yacht Club.

Out of necessity COVID-19 has provided the opportunity to experiment and adjust where we would typically just redo what has worked before. The Big Swim has been streamlined, we've experimented with the format of Monthly Drinks, eventually the accommodation will reopen, albeit under new arrangements.

It has been a particularly sombre year with the death of some key figures in our community. Whilst the heart aches as we farewell Rod Purvis, Bev Taylor, Gwyn Tosi, Dugald Walker and Annie Gleason, we do so as a community and it is a poignant reminder that we are all fortunate to be part of it.

Spurred on by the chance meeting with a curator, I am pleased with the progress made on the historical display in the lounge. The display will feature cabinets showcasing memorabilia, a digital screen honouring our Life Members and Distinguished Service Award recipients as well as a graphical timeline of key events from the Club's almost 85 year history.

The intention of the display is to showcase the key tenets of the Club and provide an overview of our history to members and visitors. I've been most impressed by the willingness and enthusiasm shown by our older members as they've participated in and supported this initiative.

Again, I am reminded of the high regard of the Surf Life Saving brand as evidenced by the generous financial support provided by the local, state and federal governments. In the past 12 months grants have substantially contributed towards new gym equipment, resurfacing outdoor areas, patrol uniforms, training equipment, eight new wave skis and paddles and an outboard motor. This financial assistance is most appreciated.

There are so many contributions that deserve recognition and one in particular is the competition success of Life Member Bill Phillips. Bill competed in the 75 years and over age group at the NSW Masters Lifesaving Championships winning silver in the Surf Race and gold in the Rescue Tube. Bill then went on to compete at the Australian Masters winning silver in the Surf Race. Only a handful of times in the history of Whale Beach SLSC have we achieved such success at this level of competition. It's worth noting that it wasn't so long ago that Bill was recovering from open heart surgery! Congratulations Bill and well done for inspiring us all.

Another individual worthy of being singled out for recognition and thanks, is Club Administrator Sarah Warburton. We are incredibly fortunate to have someone so competent in the role. Despite being bemused at times by lifesaving processes and working with volunteers, Sarah approaches every task with diligence and she won't stand for the status quo. Her warm and friendly personality provides the rest of us with insulation against the mundane nature of the bureaucracy that she oversees. We would indeed be lost without Sarah's conscientiousness.

As previously advised, I will be stepping down from my role as President at the August Annual General Meeting. What initially began with a stint as Vice President then transitioned into Secretary for

a two year 'apprenticeship' before assuming the role of President. I look back on my tenure with a sense of achievement and pride. Like the legacy of Presidents before me, the Club is in better shape than what we inherited and I know that others will continue this progress into the future. I am grateful to have served alongside the hardworking and thoughtful members of the Management Committee. I am impressed with their dedication and service to our purpose. I will be assuming the position of Immediate Past President which will provide an opportunity to mentor and focus on meaningful projects without the day-to-day distractions of running the Club.

It has been an honour to serve my community and I have a terrific sense of achievement to have taken our Club forward. Whale Beach SLSC has a proud history and a bright future and I am very gratified to be part of it.

Thank you to all our volunteers, members, officers, friends, patrons, Pymble Ladies' College, Knox Grammar School, Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Branch, Surf Life Saving NSW, Surf Life Saving Australia, all government bodies, our generous sponsors and donors. All these groups contribute towards making Whale Beach SLSC the amazing volunteer organisation that we all know and love. Our members, our clubhouse, beach visitors and our future are definitely 'in safe hands'.

Key Metrics



Member Participation

- *28.4** Hours Average per Patrolling Member (+11%)
- 120** Lifesaving Awards Gained (+5%)
- 441** Total Members (-1%)
- 145** Patrolling (-31%)
- 105** New (+3%)
- *4,124** Hours Patrolled this Season (-24%)



Safety Outcomes

- *108** Preventative Actions (-49%)
- *5** First Aid Treatments (-94%)
- *5** Rescues (-89%)



Financial Health of Club

- \$270,860**
- External Income (-13%)
- \$172,824**
- Expenses (-30%)

**Please keep the following in mind when viewing this data. At times during the 2020-21 season the beach was closed and/or patrols were cancelled due to COVID-19. This season, with the introduction of technology to move from paper to digital patrol logbooks, the capture of data is inconsistent across patrol teams.*



Secretary's Report

Kieran Gallagher
Honorary Secretary

More than any I have seen before, this year truly deserves the Annual Report's tagline 'Courage is Encouraged' at Whale Beach SLSC.

At a grass roots level, every patrolling member, volunteer, associate, donor, stakeholder and visitor to our beach has been tested by unconventional, unpredictable and uncertain times. We have emerged wiser and stronger for it. Thank you all for playing your part this year.

We have been asked by situations outside of our control, the seasons, weather conditions and the occasional COVID-19 outbreak, to remain stoic in the face of adversity and rely on our preparedness to handle any eventuality the wacky world chose to throw at us.

This year has tested members' commitment, and the risks around the sustainability of the Club have been considerable. I am in awe of our members for their resilience and dedication in keeping the beach and beachgoers safe, and their efforts in providing a safe place for the community.

From pressure comes diamonds. The efforts that have gone on behind the scenes to ensure that Whale Beach is truly 'in safe hands' have been a testament to the calibre of the team we are fortunate to have in the Management Committee of your Club.

Under the expert financial stewardship of our wise Treasurer Jon Pratten, we have navigated the distinct possibility of our major sources of income leaving craters on the balance sheet, a potential setback that could have taken years to recover. The Big Swim was held despite the Northern Beaches lockdown just prior, and the double whammy risk to our coffers of our tenant Moby Dick's wedding business being parked due to COVID-19 restrictions. This was no mean feat and I commend his professionalism, compassion for all stakeholders, wisdom and diligence during this time.

We are truly grateful to have had Andrew Pearce at the helm displaying a broad range of his considerable Presidential skills. He is a man who typifies the balance between his head (he is very smart in the brain), his heart (he is a passionate, humble and

dedicated servant of the community and is committed to helping others live their best lives) and his hands (he is practical and adaptable and manages available resources incredibly well). The pillars of success and goals he started building from the outset of his presidency: to build on a highly skilled and engaged membership, to commit to funding the gear and innovative ideas, to promote a more open and inclusive culture with respect for the past and a vision for the future, have truly paid dividends this year. With social events and the usage of the clubhouse as a community hub severely curtailed by COVID-19, the member engagement aspects of our mission have similarly been challenging. I also commend Andrew for his vision, his tenacity and persistence during the past decade, and for the validation of the big vision last season. He is a great leader and inspires every member of the Management Committee to extend themselves, united in a common cause.

We are blessed that the financial and operational sustainability of the Club we love continues to remain 'in safe hands'.

Total Members by Category

Category	2020 / 2021 Total Members	Male Members	Female Members	2019 Total Members	Change Versus 2019
Life Member	17	17	0	17	0
Reserve Active	19	17	2	20	-1
Active Senior (18 years and over)	73	54	19	73	0
Active Junior (15 to 18 years)	94	73	21	89	5
Cadet (13 to 15 years)	14	9	5	39	-25
Long Service Award	31	30	1	33	-2
Past Active	10	4	6	9	1
Honorary	4	2	2	5	-1
Associate	7	3	4	6	1
Probationary	140	77	63	135	5
	32	14	18	21	11
Total	441	300	141	447	-6

Charitable Purpose

The following objects of the Association are taken from the Whale Beach SLSC constitution:

- a. The study, practice and teaching of the methods of surf lifesaving as promulgated by the National Association.
- b. To minimise the loss of life from drowning by providing efficient lifesaving personnel and apparatus.
- c. To promote demonstrations, and arrange classes of instruction, and to further the best interests of surf bathing and surf lifesaving.
- d. To appoint patrols to render all possible aid to those in distress.
- e. To organise and conduct carnivals and social functions for the benefit and assistance of the Association in the attainment of the above objectives.
- f. To carry on any other activity whatsoever calculated directly or indirectly to enhance or further the interests of the Association.





Treasurer's Report

Jon Pratten
Honorary Treasurer

In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had another satisfactory year financially. This has been due mainly to the thoughtful assistance of our three levels of government, and restraint on our expenditure.

We had a net profit of \$4K after a donation to our Property Club of \$94K. Income was \$271K, with the main contributions coming from The Big Swim (\$74K), members' subscriptions (\$44K), surf club functions (\$21K), donations other than the Property Club (\$15K) and sponsorship and grants (\$106K).

External expenses were \$173K. Major expenses were The Big Swim (\$29K), repairs and maintenance (\$43K), administration (\$31K) and surf club functions (\$12K).

The Big Swim continues to be a most important contributor to our financial wellbeing, but was constrained this year due to COVID-19 regulations restricting entry numbers. Our thanks again go to our major sponsor for The Big Swim, Macquarie Group. The Macquarie Group has sponsored The Big Swim for 23 years. This year their assistance was even more important, as they agreed to contribute their sponsorship of \$37K even if The Big Swim had to be cancelled at the last minute due to COVID-19. Without this generous undertaking, we would have had to cancel the swim before committing to the unrecoverable expenditure involved.

Donations and grants are financial lifeblood to the Club. Thank you so much again to all member, friend and private donors. The importance of the key assistance we receive from our three levels of government cannot be overstated. This year we had the \$13K balance of our NSW Government Surf Facility grant for solar panels. We received COVID-19 assistance from the Australian and NSW Governments totalling \$41K. The NSW Government contributed \$5K to replacement surf skis and \$30K towards rehabilitation of our clubhouse mid-level access ways, which will be completed in time for our annual general meeting. We also had grants from the Australian and NSW Governments for surf lifesaving equipment totalling \$9K, and an untied \$8K grant from Northern Beaches Council. Australian Lifesaving Services provide us with the use of their All Terrain Vehicle at minimum cost to us.

With restrained capital expenditure for equipment and watercraft since COVID-19 struck, our depreciation was lower at \$11K. Our annual electricity costs for the year were \$2K, a reduction of \$5K since installation of our solar panels.

Club functions, although restricted for much of the year, made a contribution of \$10K to our profit, and apparel sales returned to the black with a contribution of \$3K.

We completed the year with \$15K 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, the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (as amended) and Regulations. We are covered by Surf Life Saving NSW Charitable Fundraising Number 11033.

The financial statements included in this Annual Report are a summary extract from our full Financial Report which may be found at <https://www.whalebeachslsc.com/about/annual-reports/>. Our full Financial Report includes our comprehensive compliance statements and the independent audit report from our Auditor, Morgan Veale & Co.

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. We believe The Club is able to pay its debts as and when they become due.

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 **Jon Pratten**
President **Honorary Treasurer**

Date 15 June 2021

Financial Report For the Year Ended 30 April 2021

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 April 2021	2021	2020
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	15,031	13,943
Trade and other receivables	7,859	1,868
Inventories	21,026	7,910
Total current assets	43,916	23,721
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	26,610	14,467
Total non-current assets	26,610	14,467
Total assets	70,526	38,188
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	43,024	13,010
Other liabilities	-	1,712
Total current liabilities	43,024	14,722
Total liabilities	43,024	14,722
Net assets	27,502	23,466
EQUITY		
Retained earnings	27,502	23,466
Total equity	27,502	23,466

Profit and Loss Account

For the Year Ended 30 April 2021	2021	2020
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Interest received	12	67
Member subscriptions	43,746	45,788
Apparel sales	8,289	2,389
Raffles	-	960
Miscellaneous income	143	657
Surf club functions	21,070	38,725
Training	140	64
The Big Swim income	74,201	118,782
Profits on sales of fixed assets	1,500	500
Donations and bequests (other)	15,319	19,404
Revenue from government - Cash Flow		
Boosts and JobKeeper	33,796	6,604
Revenue from government - grants	71,644	78,916
Other grants	1,000	-
Total income	270,860	312,856
LESS: EXPENSES		
Administration and management fees	2,420	7,724
Apparel purchases	5,752	6,716
Auditors remuneration	4,500	4,500
Bank charges	468	(32)
The Big Swim expenses	29,361	63,233
Carnival fees and costs	141	148
Depreciation	10,891	14,613
Donations to Property Club	94,000	66,000
Freight and cartage	18	955
Legal fees	1,291	2,015
Miscellaneous expenses	239	-
Office expenses	543	1,484
Postage and freight	616	355
Printing, photography, media	11,759	14,418
SLS branch / state fees	11,809	12,091
Repairs and maintenance	43,429	35,907
Surf club functions	11,541	39,567
Training	2,255	11,905
Trophies, prizes and tributes	2,057	4,256
Utilities	4,818	6,248
Wages and salaries	27,071	18,154
Superannuation	1,845	1,506
Total expenses	266,824	311,763
Profit before income tax	4,036	1,093



Club Captain's Report

Charlie Kellaway
Club Captain

It is not surprising to say that a completely unconventional and disruptive season has come to an end on a truly positive note. This season, notably more than others, has presented its challenges. However I am pleased to say that as a Club, Whale Beach SLSC acted in appropriate fashion to adapt and overcome the many and various obstacles that presented themselves and keep the community 'in safe hands'.

Conclusively, over 4,124 patrol hours resulted in five rescues, often complicated with ever-changing rules and outcomes presented to us in our newfound COVID-19 environment.

Some simplicity amidst the COVID-19 chaos was found when the bonnet of the education machine was popped open, revealing a well serviced, smoothly running operation thanks to Chris Darley and his loyal education team. We saw an array of courses run throughout the season ensuring no rescue or first aid rendezvous was deemed a concern for our new and old membership. Notably, IRB Captain Lindsay Kershaw made valiant efforts to upskill our IRB crews to IRB drivers in the hunt for more security across the board. Both of their efforts deserve congratulations, with Whale Beach SLSC's goal of half day patrols an ever-growing light at the end of the tunnel.

As with the 2019-20 season, future leaders of the Club came out of the woodwork in the initiative of adopting new Patrol Captains and Vice Captains to serve among the established veterans. This year they demonstrated a disciplined ability to manage their members with testing functions working against them, meaning flexibility and forethought were more important than ever. It is especially promising to see the strong presence of our younger lifesavers step up to these roles and perform courageously, paving the way for patrol stability in seasons to come.

The Knox Grammar School Surf Life Saving Program continues to develop

school students into valued members of the Club. Katie McCormick, Head of Knox Aquatics, and David Stenning, Head of Knox Lifesaving and Patrol Captain, coordinated the school sport in a newly found conjunction with Club members Richard Leonard, Ethan Ravenhall, Chris Darley, and Saskia Clarke this season. This valued relationship, which is constantly improving, puts both parties' best interests at the forefront with further initiatives to engage the pupils and parents acting to bridge school sport and Club obligations alike.

Notably, none of the above would be possible without the tireless work of a perfectionist gear team managed by Peter Myers. Thank you, Peter.

The communication of our lifesavers last season was optimised with the implementation of the Whale Beach SLSC TeamApp. We continue to see a prominent increase in member integration of the app, acting to improve our efficiency and effectiveness of club-wide messages as well as patrol communication. Moving forward, a shift away from Club and patrol forums will see this improve beyond.

With the transition into the 2021-22 season only a few months away, previous benchmarks and progressive management, puts Whale Beach SLSC in great stead. If the recent Awards Night is anything to go by, I think we are very well 'in safe hands'.

Congratulations and a massive thank you goes to all members who made a challenging season successful. I extend my sincere appreciation to Club Vice Captains Richard Leonard and Matt Stafford, and to the wider Management Committee for its tireless commitment and hard work.

It truly is one special community we have all built over the years; I am excited to see it only getting better.

Recognition of Service

Outstanding Service Award

This award acknowledges outstanding service over and above standard patrol duties.

Saskia Clarke
Andrew Pearce
Sophie Wines
Max Zagorski

Captain's Service Award

This award recognises members who achieve more than 100 hours of patrol service with the Club, excluding hours performed at other clubs or services.

Saskia Clarke
Ami Naito

Most Valued Patroller

Nominated by the Patrol Captain or from a vote within patrol, this award recognises the differentiated contribution and exemplary attitude of that patrol member over the course of the season.

Patrol 1. Charlie Murray
Patrol 2. Andrew Hackett
Patrol 3. Anthony Leonard
Patrol 4. Gus Humphrey
Patrol 5. Sam Carroll
Patrol 6. Alex Honey
Patrol 7. Brittany Smith
Patrol 8. Richard Leonard
Patrol 9. Nick Rogers

Contribution to Education

This award is presented to the trainer who made the greatest contribution to training and education.

Sophie Wines

Patrol Captain of The Year

Chosen by the Lifesaving Committee, this award is presented to a Patrol Captain who demonstrates consistent attendance, excellence in communication with patrol members, encouragement for patrol members to upskill and be involved in Club events as well as strong organisation skills and vigilance on the beach. It is also awarded for a particular action of distinction.

Jack Lamrock

Outstanding New Member
Mike Stanley-Jones

Patrol of The Year
Patrol Seven (Nuke The Whales)

Young Lifesaver of The Year
Selected by the President, this award recognises the achievements of a Junior Active member who has performed patrol and Club duties at a level beyond expectation.

Ami Naito

Lifesaver of The Year
Selected by the President, this award recognises patrol and Club duties performed at a distinguished level over and above expectation for a Senior Active member.

Dylan Rees-Ewen



Distinguished Service Award
The most prestigious annual award for a member of at least 10 years consecutive membership who has exhibited leadership and responsible voluntary service over that period.

Paul Hughes

Upside Down Duck Award
This award recognises the member who accomplished the most impressive flip of the season.

Andrew Pearce



Gear and Equipment Report

Peter Myers
Gear Officer

A huge thank you must go to the previous gear team who did so much to maintain all the equipment to the standard required for the efficient running of Whale Beach SLSC.

Each week gear and equipment are cleaned, repaired, sterilised and replaced to ensure that we can be prepared each weekend to meet our responsibilities of ensuring the safety of our beach visitors. To assist in this regard, several items of new equipment have been purchased such as a more reliable outboard motor and a six bay radio charging station.

It was a difficult year with beach closures and restrictions on the beach for both patrollers and visitors. However, it was pleasing to note that the patrol equipment continued to be well maintained and ready for any emergency.

Work will have to be done towards assembling an emergency call out set of equipment as surf clubs are being requested to do more work in this area.

Chris Hendrikson has worked tirelessly to improve the boatshed area. He has organised the

purchase of a new air compressor, built shelving, constructed a life jacket rack, removed outdated equipment and continually cleaned the boatshed environment. Thanks for your efforts Chris.

The Club took possession of eight new wave skis with thanks going to Rob Berry for his organisation and to Paul Hughes for his assistance in their delivery. Chris Darley has greatly improved our training equipment and Lindsay Kershaw has worked maintaining the IRBs with Ed Connelly once again keeping our radios functioning. Dylan Rees-Ewen has spent many hours repairing and organising the repair of the rescue boards. Thanks also to Susan Myers, our first aid officer, who regularly cleans up the first aid facilities and restocks our first aid kits.

Looking after the equipment is an ongoing task and at present the first aid room is being refurbished with a new tiled floor and upgraded storage facilities. Thanks once again to Chris Hendrikson for his work and organisation in this area.

A uniform grant has enabled us to take delivery already for the uniforms for next season.



IRB and Power Equipment Report

Lindsay Kershaw
IRB and Power
Equipment Captain

As with all other things, our training this year has been disrupted severely by the pandemic. To those who had their test cancelled last minute on them, and then went on to complete their assessment, you have both my applause and gratitude. It can be tough to track back down to the beach and revisit the basics, months after you were meant to finish. But you've done it, and as you navigate the high seas on your inflatable ducky you will be serving your community and club, making Whale Beach a safer place.

May I take this opportunity to extend my thanks and congratulations to The Big Swim team, the lifesavers who attended on the day and the other surf clubs and water safety who attended. It is truly something to see the number of volunteers come together to facilitate an ocean swim of this size.

As always, to those who wish to learn how to crew or drive, get in touch with me or your Captain, and keep an eye out for the training session that will be coming at the start of next season. Yeah, I know it can be scary, but it can also be the best time you have on the beach. So throw caution to the wind (under my watchful eye) and get in and give it a crack and prove to yourself that you can master this particularly challenging element of lifesaving.



Education and Training Report

Chris Darley
Chief Training Officer

What a wild ride we have been on these last 12 months!

Over the course of the 2020-21 season, a staggering 120 awards were gained by the amazing members of our Club. These new awards assist our patrols' abilities to prevent injuries and save lives on our beach. We also saw our relationship with Knox Grammar School strengthen even further with the continued integration of Whale Beach SLSC trainers assisting in the coaching of the school program.

With the COVID-19 cloud hanging over our heads from the beginning of the year, Surf Life Saving Australia and all its clubs had to ensure they kept up to date with the latest COVID-19 rules and regulations to make sure our beaches were kept safe.

The first major change to the norm was the introduction of the online skills maintenance to replace the majority of the physical proficiency. I was truly amazed at how well all our patrolling members quickly adjusted and completed their online components. This online section even got the praise of our very own President with Andrew Pearce claiming it had taught him things he had never learnt before!

A huge thank you must go out to Cam Powell from Warriewood SLSC and Guyren Smith from Newport SLSC for their help in running our Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) proficiencies on multiple occasions.

In a year filled with interruptions, COVID-19, lockdowns, technological changes and more lockdowns, the accomplishments of the education team have been outstanding. Despite all these interruptions and setbacks, the Whale Beach education team successfully ran; three skills maintenance sessions, a Bronze Medallion Course, a Surf Rescue Certificate Course, a First Aid Course, an Advanced Resuscitation Course, and an Advanced First Aid Course.

None of this would have been possible if it weren't for the never-ending support I received from the wonderful team of trainers and assistant trainers who make up the education team of Whale Beach SLSC. Ami Naito, Ellie Love, Floyd Higgins, Hugo Clarke, Lindsay Kershaw, Maddie Zagorski, Saskia Clarke and Sophie Wines, you guys are the unsung heroes of our Club. From taking time out of Year 12 study sessions to running proficiencies, to giving up six hours every Sunday to run training courses, you are all incredible and on behalf of the entire Whale Beach community, I thank you.

Congratulations to all members who gained awards this season and I very much look forward to seeing you all again soon down on the sand. Our beach is very much 'in safe hands'.

Knox Grammar School Surf Life Saving Program

Katie McCormick
Head of Aquatics

It certainly was a season like no other for the Knox Whale Beach SLS program. Due to the bushfires and COVID-19 pandemic, the promotion of the sport within the Senior School took a massive hit. Our numbers went from over 80 students to just over 50. While this was a more manageable number for the staff, the culture and energy that we had seen in previous years was lacking. Our parent run barbecues were unable to go ahead, and the ability of our boys to meet other members of the Club at social events was not possible due to COVID-19 restrictions.

With all of these hardships, we still had a remarkably successful season with 30 boys achieving their SRC and Bronze Medallion awards, 7 boys completing their ARTC, and a number of boys completing their IRB Crew and IRB Driver awards. Notable efforts in these awards include some of our new Year 9 members (Ben Bernard, Sam Phair, Daniel Seo, Ben Stafford and Brodie Wilkinson), many of whom struggled early in the season on the boards but now will take them out in some of the more difficult conditions.

The team was led well by Captain Nick Rogers and Vice Captain Tom Stewart, with all members involved in some sort of team building activity for the first 15 minutes of each session. Using the leadership strength of the Year 12 cohort to their advantage and trying to empower other students, meant that the two could work with the coaches in designing training programs that would gain full involvement.

Knox had a very restricted year with a number of carnivals cancelled, however with the help of the Whale Beach team and an enthusiastic group of boys, I'm confident that numbers and retention of students will grow. I would like to thank the Whale Beach leadership team for their continued support of our program and the Knox staff members who ensured the success of our students this season.

Surf Life Saving Association Awards (120)

5 Year National Patrol Service (12)

Carnegie, Charles
De Leeuw, Nina
Dijohn, Nic
Gallagher, Kieran
Kellaway, Charlie
Leonard, Richard
Rees-Ewen, Dylan
Robertson, Sydney
Stafford, Matt
Stanwell, Lochie
Stenning, David
Thomas, Will

15 Year National Patrol Service (1)

Haigh, Peter

20 Year National Patrol Service (1)

Pratten, Jon

25 Year National Patrol Service (4)

Burfitt-Williams, Robert
Cullis, Jeffrey
Hromas, Alex
Webster, Evan

25 Year Long Service (2)

Cullis, Jeffrey
Webster, Evan

30 Year Long Service (2)

Clark, Micah
Myers, Peter

35 Year National Patrol Service (1)

Myers, Peter

45 Year National Patrol Service (1)

Ryan, Danny

50 Year National Patrol Service (1)

Felder, John

50 Year Long Service (3)

Felder, John
Lamrock, Brian
Young, Paul

60 Year Long Service (4)

Elvy, Rob
Hansford, Richard
Hendrikson, Chris
Pickering, Noel

70 Year Long Service (1)

Baird, John

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (8)

Adoncello, Remo
Henriksen, Seb
Hiller, Ben
Honey, Alex
Hoskin, Luca
Roberts, Jack
Rowe, Angus
Saunders, Owen

Assessor IRB (1)

Treharne, Adam

Bronze Medallion (35)

Asher, Tristan
Black, Milla
Chamen, William
Clarke-Bruce, Brooklyn
Daunt, Amelia
Dover, Adrian
Farr, Dylan
Joergensen, Oliver
Kaan, Oliver
Kendall, Ashton
Lawson, Toby
Lillyman-Kennon, Hunter
Mason, Phoebe
McKinnon, William
Milroy, Toby
Ord, Hugh
Park, Alexander
Partridge, Maya
Pike, Max
Preketes, Philippe
Qu, Albert
Rathbone, Liam
Schmude, George
Schmude, William
Skidmore, Tynan
Smith, Tom
Thomson, James
Wagstaff, Liam
Warren, Lucy
Watson, Tara
Wheen, Freya
Wines, Angus
Wines, Nina
Xu, Winston
Yiu, Jayden

First Aid (AID) (4)

Adoncello, Remo
Leonard, Caitlin
Maybir, Noel
Treharne, Adam

IRB Crew Certificate (10)

Adoncello, Remo
Farr, Dylan
Henriksen, Seb
Humphrey, Angus
Jones, Hamish
Park, Alexander
Qu, Albert
Saunders, Owen
Stewart, Tom
Xu, Winston

Resuscitation (AID) (1)

Treharne, Adam

Silver Medallion

Aquatic Rescue (1)

Wines, Sophie

Silver Medallion

Beach Management (8)

Bracey, Henry
Jones, Hamish
Kellaway, Angus
Love, Ellie
Myers, Peter
Reid, Charlotte
Rogers, Nick
Wines, Sophie

Silver Medallion

IRB Driver (1)

Rogers, Nick

Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed) (16)

Bernard, Benjamin
Ellis, Charlotte
Ellis, Emily
Ellis, Tom
Langley, Jasper
Lawson, Madeline
McCaughy, Isabel
Phair, Sam
Ramsay, Alastair
Riley, Hugo
Seo, Daniel
Siufi, Avril
Stafford, Ben
Walsh, Michael
Warren, Campbell
Wilkinson, Brodie

UAV Operator (1)

Adoncello, Remo

UAV Pilot (1)

Adoncello, Remo





Competition Handicapper's Report

Graeme Stewart
Handicapper

Sunday 18 April Club Championships

Sunshine with a small swell and occasional sets provided good conditions for all events. A small but enthusiastic group of competitors was cheered on by plenty of supporters. The open male events showed talent at the highest level and provided friendly, fierce and very fast competition epitomised by Dylan Rees-Ewen, Floyd Higgins and James Rowlinson hitting the beach together in the ski race. Overall, it was a great day for Whale Beach SLSC.

Due to COVID-19 imposed interruptions, the Championships were held late in the season and unfortunately coincided with the National titles at which Bill Phillips represented the Club with distinction.

There were no competitors for female masters or veterans or male cadets or juniors. Female juniors competed in the open events.

Female Cadet Champions

Surf Swim	Mika Naito
Tube Race	Mika Naito
Board Race	Mika Naito
Overall Cadet Champion	Mika Naito

Female Open Champions

Surf Swim	Sophie Wines
Tube Race	Ellie Love
Board Race	Ami Naito
Beach Sprint	Ami Naito
Flags	Sophie Wines
Overall Open Champion	Ami Naito

Male Open Champions

Surf Swim	Dylan Rees-Ewen
Tube Race	Dylan Rees-Ewen
Board Race	Dylan Rees-Ewen
Ski Race	Dylan Rees-Ewen
Beach Sprint	Dylan Rees-Ewen
Flags	Floyd Higgins
Overall Open Champion	Dylan Rees-Ewen

Male Masters Champions

Surf Swim	Michael Stanley-Jones
Tube Race	Michael Stanley-Jones
Board Race	Michael Stanley-Jones
Ski Race	Michael Stanley-Jones
Overall Masters Champion	Michael Stanley-Jones

Male Veterans Champions

Surf Swim	Peter Myers
Tube Race	Peter Myers
Board Race	Peter Myers
Ski Race	Paul Young
Overall Veterans Champion	Peter Myers

Sunday 25 April

The Noel Greenfield Cup

With the beach closed the day before due to a large surf with intermittent sets of massive waves, the prospect of holding the Point-to-Point competition for the annual Noel Greenfield Cup seemed remote. But dawn broke on Anzac Day with a blue sky, the sun shining and a calm surf that had flattened overnight.

Seven Whale Beach legends fought for the Cup that honours the memory of a 1937 'Whale Beach Original': three women and four men: Jac Rees, Sophie Wines, Ami Naito, Iain Bownes, Brett Babicci, Dylan Rees-Ewen and Sydney Robertson.

By 11:00am, small waves were coming in surges making the entrance off the rocks at the Wedge and exit through the Bogey Hole tricky for all, made more difficult by the low tide. All swimmers showed great skill in negotiating this, some for the first time, with limited skin loss.

Dylan Rees-Ewen won the 2020-21 Noel Greenfield Cup.

The times they should be changing: the Peters-Gowing-Robb Cup

The inauguration of the Noel Greenfield Cup event far preceded the inclusion of women in surf lifesaving in 1980 when four Whale Beach women became the first in Australia to become qualified lifesavers: sisters Sarah and Jill Peters, Tina Gowing and Marion Robb.

In the 2021-22 season, it seemed appropriate to inaugurate a women's event for the iconic Point-to-Point challenge, named in honour of the four female 1980 'Whale Beach (and Australian) Originals'.

Sophie Wines won the inaugural 2020-21 Peters-Gowing-Robb Cup.

The Big Swim and The Little Big Swim

Annette Baggie
Race Director

This year, organising The Big Swim and The Little Big Swim was a challenging task. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, events were limited to 500 participants. We ran two separate events with 350 swimmers in The Big Swim and 400 in The Little Big Swim.

Macquarie Group again sponsored The Big Swim which started at 8:30am in reasonably good conditions. Winners were siblings Jack Wilson (33m26s) and Laura Wilson (37m12s) who are both training for the Olympics.

The Little Big Swim started at 11:00am and numbers were down due to COVID-19 restrictions and also because many of The Big Swim entrants were unable to use it as a warm up event. Wave order was changed with Wave 1 being Males and Females 10-17, Wave 2 Females 18-49, Wave 3 Females 50+, and Wave 4 Males 18+.

As well as our major sponsor Macquarie Group, we received great support from Oceanswims.com, Rob Nugan's Fresh Produce Group, Brown Bros, Pittwater Signarama, Pittwater Life and On Course Tours. We are indebted to the Rural Fire Service Ingleside and the Pittwater community Volunteer Marine Rescue particularly Broken Bay Flotilla for assisting with operations.

Many thanks go to Lucy Polkinghorne and Ian Shepherd who were our MCs for the events and to Palm Beach SLSC members Rob Cook and Gordon Lang who acted as Event Safety Officers.

Last but not least a big thank you goes to all our marvellous volunteers who helped with our normal duties and had to add COVID-19 marshalling duties this year.

Next year's date for The Big Swim and The Little Big Swim is Sunday 30 January 2022. We look forward to seeing you all there.



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Entertainment Report

Sally Gole
Social Secretary

As the Social Secretary during the year that was, I faced unique challenges for social gatherings, to say the least. Who knew what 'social distancing' was before March 2020? It was a year that was distinctly different but we still managed to hold some social events and bring our community together for some fun and celebration!

Particularly, it was so exciting that this year we were able to hold our Annual Awards Night in person, as last year we had to adapt our Awards Night to COVID-19 lockdown regulations when we had to come together online. This year, however, over 110 of our members came together for a great night of festivities. It was hosted by MC extraordinaire Kieran Gallagher, who was ably supported by our President Andrew Pearce and our Club Captain Charlie Kellaway. The evening highlighted the immense camaraderie amongst our members and the amount of volunteer hours and expertise that our members bring to the Club to keep our beach safe.

Monthly Drinks are a highlight in particular for many of our Associate members and locals of Whale Beach. Thanks to the determination of Laura Mears, our Membership Officer, and with the assistance of the Management Committee, we were able to hold Monthly Drinks again as restrictions permitted. It was so great to see everyone back on the barbecue deck.

Unfortunately for the first time in many years Neighbours' Night was not held as it fell during the Northern Beaches lockdown. We do however look forward to the next one.

In summary, I would like to recognise the adaptability and the extra effort that COVID-19 has required of our members and the Management Committee in keeping the Club running as smoothly as we could in a year that provided many challenges and was distinctly different. I am so proud of all we have achieved and the 'can do' attitude that was such a theme through the year.

Vale

Annie Gleason

Written by Andrew Pearce



It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Annie Gleason. Annie passed away on Saturday 5 June 2021.

For a number of years Annie has been employed as a coach by Knox Grammar School in the lifesaving program run in conjunction with Whale Beach SLSC. Annie's passion and talent was for training and developing Cadets (13 to 15 years). The Cadets adored Annie and could often be seen following Annie like the Pied Piper as she traipsed across Whale Beach from one activity to the next during Saturday morning training sessions.

Annie was the quintessential volunteer, generously giving her time and energy to Squash NSW, Surf Life Saving and the NSW Rural Fire Service. Annie's involvement with these organisations stretched back many years showcasing her commitment to the causes she believed in.

Annie has been involved with Manly Life Saving Club for decades where the scope of her responsibilities

was breathtaking, given that many of her roles were held concurrently. Annie was an Education Officer, Age Manager, Vice Club Captain, Radio Officer and Gear Steward. Somehow she also found the time to volunteer as a Surfcom Operator with our Branch. Annie's outstanding contributions have been recognised by Manly Life Saving Club with honours such as Life Membership and a Distinguished Service Award.

It is serendipitous that earlier this year Manly LSC created the Annie Gleason Club Spirit Award. The award seeks to recognise the characteristics in a Nipper that Annie valued most, commitment, respect, effort, teamwork, helping others and pride in the club. It's a lovely and fitting thought that, in a small way, Annie's legacy will live on through this award to remind us of her contribution to the Surf Life Saving movement.

Annie was stoic, didn't mince words and definitely didn't suffer from airs and graces. These qualities, along with her passion and commitment are what drew people's admiration. Annie was quite the institution and she will be sorely missed.

Rodney Purvis

Written by Janet Nash



We are sad to have lost distinguished long-time Whale Beach resident

Dr Rodney Purvis QC AM who died on 25 May aged 91. Rod was a Judge in the Family Court of Australia, President of the International Law Association, he served on the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and chaired various charitable foundations.

After many years with weekenders on the Peninsular, Rod and his artist wife Marian made their family home at Whale Beach in 1989. He always started his day with breakfast on his balcony watching the early morning surfers.

Rod was an Associate member of Whale Beach SLSC and he actively supported the Club as a marshal for The Big Swim. Rod was a regular attendee at the annual Neighbours' Night, previously affectionately called 'Pig Night'. He and Marian were integral to the group of Whale Beach residents and their friends who shared a love of classical music over 18 years of Whaley Music Weekends, many of these held at the Whale Beach clubhouse.

Marian has lost her adored husband after 67 years of a marriage that was filled with love and caring, wisdom, creativity, music, philosophy, adventure and travel, good company and the odd glass of wine.

Bev Taylor

Written by Peter Taylor



Bev was born in 1939 at Five Dock and after recently suffering for a few years with dementia, sadly she passed away in 2020. She was the daughter of Glad and Con Jensen who were founding members of the Whale Beach Surf Club and the family spent many years helping with Club support and development. Con was Danish and Bev inherited not only her pleasant, friendly nature from the Danes but also a great love of the sea and the surf and she became a strong swimmer and she used to swim in the Club surf races including The Big Swim.

At Burwood Girls High School Bev was an excellent student and added to her achievements several Royal Australian Life Saving Society awards: bronze medallion, intermediate star, and award of merit. So she was a qualified lifesaver and she expertly assisted in many rescues at Whale Beach. Bev attended the Sydney Teachers College and graduated as a high school biology and physical education teacher. She also had a great aptitude for music and gained a grade 8 piano qualification before enrolling as a part time BA student at the New England University, Armidale, specialising in music. After her marriage to Peter, Bev had two daughters, Kerry and Kim, and she

has four grandchildren: Hunter, Aleesha, James and Montana. Bev lived at Whale Beach for more than 50 years. She was a member of the Avalon squash club and the tennis club and she taught swimming and water safety to children in the pool. Her kindness and her own love of the sea was transferred to all of the children in her classes and many of her pupils went on to become excellent swimmers and surfboard riders.

Because many years ago Whale Beach was a long way from almost anywhere, Bev found that a car was essential for child transport and she developed a strong interest in fast motor cars such

as her little Porsche which was often seen crowded with Avalon school children as Bev helped other families.

Bev always had a friendly smile and she made many friends who recently have described her as being an angel who was always kind and considerate and a wonderful person who cared for everybody in a very genuine way. A swimmer said: 'She was such a beautiful, kind, warm and friendly person with a passion for life and I feel blessed to have known Bev and to say that I was one of those lucky kids taught to swim by the wonderful Woman of Whaley'. Bev was at home with her view of Whale Beach when she peacefully passed away.

Gwyn Tosi

Written by Sally Beachley



Gwyn and Peter Tosi came to Whale Beach in the early 1990s. She designed her dream home overlooking the beach, a mixture of Asia and Aspen, creating a perfect showplace for her art and a happy haven for family fun. Gwyn adored her children, Jacqui, Paul, and Ben, taking great interest in all aspects of their lives. The

arrival of five grandchildren was a great delight, she loved having them to stay.

Gwyn and Pete were much respected and loved members of the community and their involvement with Whale Beach SLSC was significant. Club social events and Sunday barbecues were highlights of their effort. Gwyn was a valued volunteer marshal for The Big Swim.

Art and painting were Gwyn's other

passions. She had a modern and colourful flair, her paintings were well displayed in her home and in many other homes as well.

Gwyn was fit. Most days she walked from Whale Beach to Palm Beach and back with a great group of friends enjoying the exercise, coffee, chats and lots of laughs.

Gwyn was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007. Ever hopeful of a cure, she

endured chemotherapy and radiation treatment, she was incredibly brave. She had many years of good health, painting and going for walks as long as she could. Sadly the cancer returned. With the help of her wonderful family and friends, Gwyn was able to stay at home till the end. She will be remembered as a family-loving, artistic, ethical and funny friend to many.

Dugald Walker

Written by Andrew Pearce



Sadly, member Dugald Walker of Young passed away earlier this year on 22 February aged 77 years.

The Walker family was one of the early country families to establish themselves at Whale Beach and as such have a long and proud history with the Club.

Dugald was heavily involved in running Neighbours' Night, formerly known as Pig Night. For many years he generously donated the delicious pigs that so many of us enjoyed.

Each year Dugald would present himself to pitch in with the setup and pack down of The Big Swim. Dugald's work ethic

was legendary. Rolling his sleeves up, he would take great delight in showing up us City Slickers, no item was too big or too heavy for him to carry. As soon as one task was completed he would be calling out 'what's next?' and looking for the next job. Secretly though, afterwards I think Dugald would quietly retreat home for a little lie down after exhausting himself from trying to make his point.

Dugald loved being on or in the water. The quintessential early riser, he loved taking his racing ski out for long paddles in the early mornings on Pittwater or, if conditions permitted, at Whale Beach. Sometimes, if he was feeling generous, he would allow Phil Schmidt to join him,

as long as he could keep up, but often he was happy to paddle alone. Dugald was a keen and competent swimmer, a regular in the Sunday Competition. Dugald would often be found in the late afternoons entering the water at Whale Beach clutching a solitary fin and proceed to swim lengths of the beach by himself in an attempt to wear the ocean out.

I have many fond memories of Dugald. Each summer holidays the Walkers would gather of an evening on the barbecue deck with fellow country families such as the Arnotts and Lenehans. Three generations of members would take pity on the bachelor rattling around in the clubhouse, always

making sure I had a plate of food, a cold drink and would welcome me into their fold. Many mornings I would stagger out of bed and upon gazing out the window would see Dugald, who had been up for hours, returning from a paddle tottering up the beach with his enormous surf ski precariously balanced on his shoulder.

His presence and spirited personality will be very much missed at our Club. The Club extends our condolences to Dugald's wife Jeannie, their daughters Edwina and Andree, and all the grandchildren.

Dugald, we will miss you as you totter off into the sunset and leave us in your wake.

Members

Life Member (17)

Armstrong, Martin
Baird, John
Berry, Robert
Cullis, Phil
Hendrikson, Chris
Hughes, Paul
Lewis, John
Patterson, Darcy
Phillips, Bill
Pratten, Jon
Ryan, Danny
Schmidt, Philip
Stewart, Richard
Strong, David
Timms, Colin
Webster, Bryan
Young, Paul

Reserve Active (19)

Barrell, Bryan
Bracey, David
Buckingham, Simon
Clark, Micah
Cullis, Jeffrey
Dauncey, Helen
Denning, Marshall
Fielder, John
Gellert, James
Hale, Geoffrey
Harrisson, Juliette
Hendrikson, Aaron
Lewin, John
Mullens, Joshua
Myers, Peter
Norrsgard, Vern
Smith, Harry
Stewart, Graeme
Webster, Evan

Active Senior (73)

Addis, David
Adoncello, Remo
Allen, Barney
Bownes, Iain
Bregenhøj, Jack

Bridges, Natasha
Burchett, Al
Burfitt-Williams, Robert
Carnegie, Charles
Clarke, Hugo
Clarke, Saskia
Connolly, Edward
Constable, James
Cooper, John
Cooper, Nick
Cormio, Cameron
Darley, Christopher
Darley, Stephanie
De Leeuw, Nina
Dijohn, Nic
Dodd, Rebecca
Dreyfus, Rachel
Ferreira, Georgina
Freeman, Emily
Gallagher, Kieran
Hackett, Andrew
Hackett, Juliette
Hackett, Reuben
Haigh, Peter
Harrison, Douglass
Henriksen, Rune
Higgins, Floyd
Hromas, Alex
Huang, Aofeng
Kellaway, Angus
Kellaway, Charlie
Kershaw, Lindsay
Lamrock, Jack
Leonard, Anthony
Leonard, Richard
McInerney, Grace
McInerney, Joshua
Miles, Harry
Millard, Harry
Miller Hill, Blaise
Oag, Angus
Otto, Thomas
Pearce, Andrew
Pegg, James
Puertolas, Cesar
Ravenhall, Ethan

Rees, Jacqueline
Rees-Ewen, Dylan
Reid, Charlotte
Reynolds, Nick
Riley, Eloise
Robertson, Sydney
Rothery, Sophie
Rowlinson, James
Sanderson, William
Sheridan, Amey
Smith, Brittany
Stafford, Matthew
Stanley-Jones, Mike
Stanwell, James
Stanwell, Lochie
Stenning, David
Thomas, William
Treharne, Adam
Vial, Ella
Wines, Nina
Wright, Michael
Zagorski, Max

Active Junior (94)

Asher, Tristan
Black, Milla
Bracey, Henry
Carnegie, Matthew
Carolan, Finn
Carroll, Sam
Chamen, William
Clarke-Bruce, Brooklyn
Constable, William
Cook, Kristen
Cutrone, Dom
Daunt, Amelia
Dover, Adrian
Edwards, Hannah
Ericsson, Edward
Farr, Dylan
Fowler, Jordan
Gibson, Will
Gosper, Isobel
Hackett, Barnabas
Halfpenny, Keegan
Handley, James

Hansen, Amelia
Henriksen, Seb
Hiller, Ben
Honey, Alex
Hoskin, Luca
Humphrey, Angus
Joergensen, Oliver
Johnson, Joshua
Jones, Hamish
Kaan, Oliver
Kendall, Ashton
Langley, Jasper
Lapsley, Hamish
Lawson, Harry
Lawson, Toby
Leonard, Caitlin
Liddle, Saxon
Lillyman-Kennon, Hunter
Love, Ellie
MacGregor, Flynn
Mason, Phoebe
Masters, Rhett
McCaughey, Isabel
McKinnon, William
Miller, Flynn
Milroy, Toby
Murray, Charlie
Naito, Ami
Nayer, Asha
Ooi, Nathaniel
Ord, Hugh
Park, Alexander
Parker, Bill
Partridge, Maya
Pike, Max
Preketes, Philippe
Qu, Albert
Ramsay, Alastair
Rathbone, Liam
Ravenhall, Declan
Reynolds, Camilla
Riley, Amelie
Riley, Isabella
Roberts, Jack
Robertson, Lachlan
Rogers, Nick

Rothery, Ben
Rowe, Angus
Sanderson, Robbie
Saunders, Owen
Schmude, George
Schmude, William
Shannon, Nicholas
Simmonds, James
Skidmore, Tynan
Smith, Jack
Smith, Tom
Stewart, Tom
Tafe, Cooper
Thomson, James
Wagstaff, Liam
Walker, Alice
Wallis, Sam
Walsh, Michael
Warren, Lucy
Watson, Tara
Wheen, Freya
Wines, Angus
Wines, Sophie
Xu, Winston
Yiu, Jayden
Zagorski, Madeline

Cadet (14)

Bernard, Benjamin
Ellis, Charlotte
Ellis, Emily
Ellis, Tom
Lawson, Madeline
Phair, Sam
Riley, Hugo
Schubert, Olivia
Seo, Daniel
Siufi, Avril
Stafford, Ben
Stevenson, Lochlan
Warren, Campbell
Wilkinson, Brodie

Long Service (31)

Archer, John
Babici, Brett
Beachley, Rex

Blundell, Peter
Bosson, Jim
Boyle, Lara
Collier, Terry
Crisp, Danny
Davis, Charles
Elvy, Rob
Fraser, Peter
Gardner, Stephen
Graber, Brian
Gray, Steve
Hall, Peter
Hannaford, George
Hansford, Richard
Hennessy, Ross
Jarrett, Matt
Kirby, Neil
Lamrock, Brian
Laurence, Mick
Lerpinieri, John
Lewis, Ben
Macnab, Jamie
McRobert, Martin
Pickering, Noel
Stewart, Ian
Szagmeister, Ted
Taylor, Peter
Wilcox, Allen

Award (10)

Angilley, Jeannine
Bracey, Damen
Ericsson, Georgie
Furst, Peter
Leonard, Loretta
Maybir, Noel
Naito, Cate
Riley, Anne
Zagorski, Roger
Zagorski, Samantha

Past Active (4)

Clark, Michelle
John, Ben
Lenehan, Julie
Pope, Alex

Honorary (7)

Ferguson, Kylie
Gaven, Isabel
Goldsmith, Andrew
Goldsmith, Philippa
Hughes, Monica Kim
Morgan, Simon
Sheppard, Ian

Associate (140)

Allan, Don
Anderson, Peter
Archer, Martin
Armstrong, Ursula
Arnott, Richard
Baggie, Annette
Baldey, Andrew
Balkin, David
Barter, Chris
Barter, Katrina
Benjamin, James
Beveridge, Edwina
Birks, William
Bonouvrie, Jeremy
Borean, Derick
Bowra, Nigel
Broomhead, James
Broomhead, Olivia
Campbell, Michael
Campbell, Yvonne
Carnegie, Maile
Cassar, Leslie
Chapman, Karen
Christie, Rosemary
Conort De Siufi, Carolina
Cook, Jennifer
Cook, Stephen
Coughlan, Owen
Crivelli, Michael
Crivelli, Susie
De Leeuw, Nathan
Dibbs, Kerry
Dorahy, Simon
Edie, Margaret
Ellis, Mike
Enestrom, Ron

Enestrom, Suellen
Ferguson, Ross
Figgis, Chris
Figgis, Jan
FitzGerald, Scott
Flynn, Doug
Flynn, Lynne
Forster, George
Friend, Jack
Friend, Tina
Gale, Eric
Gale, Tonia
Gay, Richard
Gepp, Michael
Gole, Libby
Gole, Sally
Good, David
Gooding, Scott
Gordon, Alistair
Gorman, Alison
Gorman, Charles
Gray, Richard
Gummerson, Andrew
Gummerson, Melinda
Hartog, Sebastien
Hauserman, Alan
Ireland, John
Jarvis, Robyn
Kusely, Lyndal
Laidlaw, Hilary
Lee, Wanhee
Lenehan, James
Lynch, Sue
Lysaght, Penny
Macdonald, Scott
Mackay, Ross
Malcolm, Hugh
Martin, Ian
Martin, Julie
Mathews, Benjamin
May, Josh
McCann, Lucinda
McCaughey, Tim
McGrath, John
McLennan, Cara
McLennan, Duncan

Mears, Laura
Miles, Jenny
Molesworth, Michael
Moore, Helen
Moore, Nicholas
Morgan, Carolyn
Mowday, Mark
Mulligan, Bill
Mulligan, Jennifer
Myers, Susan
Naito, Kazuma
Nash, Janet
Oates, Lisa
O'Brien, Naomi
O'Brien, Paul
Osborne, Barbara
Overton, Rebecca
Owens, Andy
Pozniak, Elizabeth
Pozniak, Sheldon
Pratten, Alison
Purvis, Rodney
Rains, Penny
Rains, Richard
Riley, Ian
Riley, Michael
Ristevski, Natalie
Rogers, Rachael
Rose, Sally
Rothery, Simon
Rothwell, David
Rothwell, Sarah Lucy
Schmidt, Kerrie
Sippe, Jack
Siufi, Andres
Snodgrass, Duncan
Snodgrass, Emma
Spencer, Ian
Stack, Gerald
Stack, Virginia
Stewart, Margaret
Strain, Kaye
Sullivan, Allan
Todd, Paul
Todd, Sophie
Van Damme, Josephine

Wallis, Kevin
Warburton, John
Warren, Pip
Warren, Rob
Waters, Kathleen
White, Suzi
Williams, Penelope
Wines, Andrew
Wines, Barbara
Wines, Bob
Wines, Lian
Zorica, Monique

Probationary (32)

Barter, Amelia
Barter, Benjamin
Barter, Isabella
Beveridge, Alice
Beveridge, Sam
Beveridge, Sophie
Carnegie, Nicholas
Edie, George
Fulton, Jake
Gorman, Samuel
Gorman, William
Gummerson, Nick
Lenehan, Charlie
Lenehan, Phoebe
Lenehan, Sybella
Luong, Amelie
Malcolm, Juliet
Malcolm, Sarah Jane
McCaughey, Zara
Murphy, Declan
Naito, Isamu
Naito, Mika
Parsonage, Emily
Reid, William
Sherlock, Sarah
Snodgrass, Olivia
Stack, Nicholas
Stockler, Alexander
Stockler, Nicholas
Tallis, Rebecca
Warren, Anneka
Warren, Georgia



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