



**LENNOX HEAD ALSTONVILLE**

**S.L.S.C.**

**2015-2016**

**Annual Report**

## Office Bearers: 2015/2016 Season

<i>Patrons</i>	The Federal Member for Richmond The State Member for Ballina The Mayor - Ballina Shire Council
<i>Life Members</i>	Tony Cole* Don McAteer Larry Platt Bill Onslow Bryan Lyndon Lou Wilson Geoff Harris
<i>President</i>	Geoff Harris
<i>Vice President</i>	Lou Wilson
<i>Secretary</i>	John Beasley OAM
<i>Treasurer</i>	Brett van Zuylen
<i>Club Captain</i>	Neil Kennedy
<i>Chief Training Officer</i>	Mark Laverty
<i>Surf Sports Coordinator</i>	Bryan Lyndon
<i>Registrar</i>	Vanessa Mills
<i>Youth Activities Coordinator</i>	Samantha Miller
<i>Public Officer</i>	Simon Crethar
<i>Honorary Auditor</i>	Patricia Bakker
<i>Honorary Legal Advisor</i>	Andrew Mulcahy
<i>Honorary Medical Advisors</i>	Lennox Head Medical Centre

# President's Report

The past season has been an eventful one in many ways; mainly the unprecedented shark activity of our beaches which contributed to a 30% decrease in our membership, caused the cancellation of 2 carnivals set down for Lennox Head and the majority of our nipper activities being conducted in the lake.

As a consequence of this shark activity the NSW government selected Ballina & Lennox Head as the beaches to trial new Eco friendly shark barriers. Lennox Head will have virtually an ocean pool 150m wide and 250m deep situated in front of the Surf Club. Construction is set to commence in mid July.

Also this year Ballina Shire Council, as part of The Lake Ainsworth Precinct Redevelopment, resolved to build a new Surf Club to the south of the existing club. Council have provided the club with a concept design and management plan for the new building. The club has resolved to go ahead with a new building subject to further negotiations with Council on the design and management these negotiation are continuing.

With the season now finished I would like to acknowledge the effort put in by many of our members who help to keep this club going. In particular I would like to thank the following:

- Our patrol members who, under the leadership of Neil Kennedy, volunteered their time to keep our beach safe and help us fulfil our obligations to surf lifesaving
- Our team of Age Managers under Youth Activities Coordinator Sam Miller, who despite the circumstances, ensured our nippers learned new skills, improved the skills they had, remained safe and enjoyed themselves
- All our competitors, who proudly represented Lennox Head Alstonville SLSC at all levels of sport. I would particularly like to congratulate 2 young members of our club, Niamh Sharpe And Lilly Murphy; Niamh for her outstanding effort at The NSW State Titles, winning gold in the under 9 board race and silver in the under 9 surf race and Lily for outstanding sportsmanship whilst competing in a board race at the Australian Titles where she stopped to help a fellow competitor costing her a chance to make the finals
- Our dedicated Club coaches for all the early mornings and weekends on the beach preparing our competitors
- All our Trainers and Assessors under Chief Training officer Mark Laverty, for their efforts in maintaining and improving our skills
- Our Officials and water safety personnel for your assistance at carnivals as without your efforts we would not be able to compete.



Finally I would like to thank the members of the Management Committee and advisors for their support during the year.

Geoff Harris

President

# Secretary's Report

The Club this season has had its problems, especially with the down turn in membership. However, a core of the members have always responded when I required assistance. To these members I thank you sincerely.

The Members of the Management Committee and Advisers have been committed to their portfolios this season and this in turn greatly assists me. Thank you for your efforts during the season; this has been greatly appreciated, especially in the performance of my duties as Secretary.

## Management Committee Meetings Attendance - 2015/2016 Season

	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
G.Harris	President	8	2
L. Wilson	Vice President	9	
J. Beasley	Secretary	10	
B. Van Zuylen	Treasurer	8	2
N. Kennedy	Club Captain	5	3
M. Laverty	Chief Training Officer	8	2
B. Lyndon	Surf Sports Co-ordinator	6	2
V. Mills	Registrar	7	3
S. Miller	Youth Activities Officer	9	1
S. Crethar	Public Officer	8	1

John Beasley

Secretary



# Treasurer's Report

Prior to depreciation and any audit adjustments to our accounts, the club made a loss for the year of \$9,650.

The clubhouse renovations were finally completed this financial year removing a substantial cash flow drain on the club. We still have outstanding building grant claims of approximately \$7,000, which will assist the club's financial position.

Other factors reflected in this loss are:

- A fall in membership subscriptions for the year of \$8,415 due to the significant loss of members
- A reduction in clothing sales of over \$2,000, also likely due to the reduced membership
- Some slow payment of hall hire rent. Most of this has now been caught up.

On the positive side, we saw a significant increase in club sponsorship from approximately \$2,440 last year to \$9,500 this year. This is a huge credit to our sponsorship team and of course our sponsors. This sponsorship has sustained us through this difficult membership period.

The installation of the solar power system will also provide a substantial saving to the club. This is expected to reduce our annual electricity bill from over \$13,500 to less than \$4,000. A saving this year of \$4,000 was achieved.

The cost of building repairs was substantially reduced this year, down from over \$11,000 in 2014/15 to \$2,239 this year. This is an additional benefit of the large renewal program over previous years.

Other notable expenses for the year included the purchase of new rescue equipment worth over \$19,000, a new IRB motor for \$5,000 and JAC equipment of \$4,500. Much of this was funded by several grants provided from SLSA. We continued to invest in our JAC members, with capitation, training camps and presentation costs of over \$10,000.

On the income side, membership fees were \$28,350 and we saw a huge increase in donations, raising \$19,828. Many of these increased donations came through the various donation tins kindly kept on the counters of a number of local businesses. The excellent work by our Club Secretary and Life Member John Beasley in regularly emptying and banking these is much appreciated. Overall, when the Building Grant is excluded, total income for the year was \$102,881.

Clothing sales and the JAC barbeque continued their good work and returned profits for the club to help with providing our nippers with all of the equipment that they need to enjoy the surf and compete strongly.

We can look forward to a year of membership rebuilding and begin to enjoy the benefits (and income) from our much improved club facilities.

Brett van Zuylen

Treasurer

# Club Captain's Report

Firstly, congratulations to all members for your efforts this season. It has been an exceptionally difficult year for the Club with a number of major issues affecting our smooth operation. These include:

- The shark situation
- Completion of Clubhouse renovation building works
- Concept designs for a new Clubhouse
- Lease negotiations with Ballina Shire Council, Crown Lands and SLS NSW

Our patrols for the 2015/16 season have acquitted themselves exceptionally well this year completing 3,520 hours.

The patrols carried out numerous First Aid incidents from marine stings to major injuries. Preventative actions from something as simple as an informative consultation are used to prevent or at least greatly reduce the likelihood of a situation escalating.

## ***Patrol Person of the Year***

Just to explain, the Patrol Person of the Year is right up there with Club Person of the Year. The Patrol Person of the Year award recognises the outstanding achievements of one particular active member with respect to all aspects of the season such as Patrols, Carnivals, Water Safety, Emergency Response, Equipment and Training. That is – The season's most valued Surf Lifesaver across the board. But way out in front in overall commitment, time spent and all round care factor has seen this year's Patrol Person Of the Year award go to Mark Crawford.

## ***Patrol Group of the Year***

Patrol Group of the Year goes to the Patrol Group (of which we have 12, each consisting of around 12-14 individual members) that simply does their job: day in–day out, week in-week out, all season. Just quietly providing an excellent level of service to the general public and the club alike - the season's most valued Surf Lifesaving Team:

This year's Patrol Group of the Year is Patrol No. 11 – Members are: Captain – Neil Kennedy, Vice Captain – Neil McCowan, Mark Crawford, Travis Walker, Josh Beck, Steve Lunch and Jeff Johnson.

## ***Rescue of the Year***

Whilst all rescues are worthy of mention for outstanding effort, this year's Rescue of the Year goes to Lily Murphy.



**Patrol Hours Awards**

These are a simple thank you to the top 20 active Patrolling Members whom 'top the tackle count' so to speak with respect to the number of hours logged doing Patrols, Water Safety and/or Emergency Response.

Bob Harper	105.5	hours
Mark Laverty	54.5	hours
Neil Kennedy	53.5	hours
Dave Thomas	48.5	hours
Pat Mounic	46	hours
Darren Oke	46	hours
Daniel van Zuylen	45.5	hours
Larry Platt	45.5	hours
Luke Mounic	42.5	hours
Riley Davis	42	hours
Gordon Johns	42	hours
Adam van Zuylen	42	hours
Brett van Zuylen	42	hours
Gai Coleman	41.5	hours

Neil Kennedy

Club Captain



# Chief Training Officer's Report

2015-2016 has seen our member's successfully complete 79 education awards, a significant drop on last year, across all available courses. Club activities have been disrupted by the heightened publicity of the recent spike in aquatic encounters, with a number of members, understandably, choosing to minimise their time in the ocean.



This aside it is pleasing to receive positive feedback from assessors and facilitators, reflecting a high level of commitment from candidates. The club again has produced a number of quality Lifeguards; this is the result of years of dedication to surf fitness and education by these members.

Education of members is very much a team effort; a huge thank you must go out to all involved, including club trainers, water safety personnel, branch assessors and facilitators. The club again has maintained a close working relationship with our neighbouring club of Ballina. The steady number of IRB Crew and Driver awards is a direct result of the concentrated effort of Bob Harper along with his band of assistants.

Surf Rescue Certificate 11	Gold Medallion 6
Bronze Medallion (Cert II Aquatic Rescue) 15	Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management 9
Spinal Management 2	First Aid 25
IRB Crew Certificate 6	Silver Medallion IRB Driver 5

Lennox club members continue to demonstrate their commitment to public safety and community service.

Mark Laverty

Chief Training Officer



## Awards 2015/2016

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Award Name</b>	<b>Award Number</b>	<b>Award Date</b>	<b>Trainer(s)</b>
Jack	Alder	Bronze Medallion	NS9777072	01/10/2015	Bob Harper
Trisha	Calugay	Bronze Medallion	NS9777083	01/10/2015	Bob Harper
Alissa	Gray	Bronze Medallion	NS9777094	01/10/2015	Bob Harper
Angus	Mahon	Bronze Medallion	NS9777105	01/10/2015	Bob Harper
Luke	Mounic	Bronze Medallion	NS9777116	01/10/2015	Bob Harper
Holly	Ralph	Bronze Medallion	NS9777127	01/10/2015	Bob Harper
Elizabeth	Dell	Bronze Medallion	NS10041402	19/12/2015	Laverty, Mark
Kristin	Johnston	Bronze Medallion	NS10041413	19/12/2015	Laverty, Mark
Patrick	Johnston	Bronze Medallion	NS10041424	19/12/2015	Laverty, Mark
Sam	Johnston	Bronze Medallion	NS10041435	19/12/2015	Laverty, Mark
Clare	Johns	Bronze Medallion	NS10071058	05/01/2016	Bob Harper
Sarah	Johns	Bronze Medallion	NS10071069	05/01/2016	Bob Harper
Max	McDermott	Bronze Medallion	NS10071080	05/01/2016	Bob Harper
William	Rogers	Bronze Medallion	NS10071091	05/01/2016	Bob Harper
Zoe	HUGHES	Bronze Medallion	NS10116530	14/02/2016	Bryan Lyndon
Grace	Armstrong	First Aid [AID]	NS9516556	06/06/2015	SLSFNC
Michele	Barnett	First Aid [AID]	NS9516559	06/06/2015	SLSFNC
Sarah	Barnett	First Aid [AID]	NS9516562	06/06/2015	SLSFNC
Brian	Dell	First Aid [AID]	NS9516565	06/06/2015	SLSFNC
Blake	Ghanimeh	First Aid [AID]	NS9516568	06/06/2015	SLSFNC
Dellis	Smyth	First Aid [AID]	NS9516571	06/06/2015	SLSFNC
David	Thomas	First Aid [AID]	NS9537380	02/08/2015	SLSFNC
Hayden	Thomas	First Aid [AID]	NS9537383	02/08/2015	SLSFNC
Murray	Thomas	First Aid [AID]	NS9537386	02/08/2015	SLSFNC
Mark	Crawford	First Aid [AID]	NS10041364	19/12/2015	SLSFNC
Nathan	Gray	First Aid [AID]	NS10041367	19/12/2015	SLSFNC
Neil	Kennedy	First Aid [AID]	NS10041370	19/12/2015	SLSFNC
Bryden	King	First Aid [AID]	NS10041373	19/12/2015	SLSFNC
Justine	Laverty	First Aid [AID]	NS10041376	19/12/2015	SLSFNC
Raymond	Leaver	First Aid [AID]	NS10041379	19/12/2015	SLSFNC
Stephen	Manley	First Aid [AID]	NS10041382	19/12/2015	SLSFNC
Ebony	Santamaria	First Aid [AID]	NS10041385	19/12/2015	SLSFNC
Lucy	Willesee	First Aid [AID]	NS10041388	19/12/2015	SLSFNC
Michael	Wilson	First Aid [AID]	NS10041391	19/12/2015	SLSFNC
Abby	Clarke	First Aid [AID]	NS10146484	20/02/2016	SLSFNC
Jody	Pehrson	First Aid [AID]	NS10146487	20/02/2016	SLSFNC
Harrison	Witt	First Aid [AID]	NS10146490	20/02/2016	SLSFNC
David	King	First Aid [AID]	NS10165857	30/04/2016	SLSFNC
Andrew	Kneipp	First Aid [AID]	NS10165860	30/04/2016	SLSFNC
Hannah	Sculley	First Aid [AID]	NS10165863	30/04/2016	SLSFNC

Malcolm	Mahon	IRB Crew Certificate	NS9993007	05/12/2015	Bob Harper
William	Rogers	IRB Crew Certificate	NS10103689	31/01/2016	Bob Harper
Eliza	Armstrong	IRB Crew Certificate	NS10136550	06/03/2016	Bob Harper
Timothy	Breen	IRB Crew Certificate	NS10136552	06/03/2016	Bob Harper
Darren	Butler	IRB Crew Certificate	NS10136554	06/03/2016	Bob Harper
Samantha	Corbett	IRB Crew Certificate	NS10152097	03/04/2016	Bob Harper
Eliza	Armstrong	SM Basic Beach Management	NS9785411	19/09/2015	SLSFNC
Grace	Armstrong	SM Basic Beach Management	NS9785415	19/09/2015	SLSFNC
Mark	Crawford	SM Basic Beach Management	NS9785419	19/09/2015	SLSFNC
Blake	Ghanimeh	SM Basic Beach Management	NS9785423	19/09/2015	SLSFNC
Eddie	Ghanimeh	SM Basic Beach Management	NS9785427	19/09/2015	SLSFNC
Wayne	Hawley	SM Basic Beach Management	NS9785431	19/09/2015	SLSFNC
Harrison	MURPHY	SM Basic Beach Management	NS9785435	19/09/2015	SLSFNC
Samantha	Corbett	SM Basic Beach Management	NS9953389	31/10/2015	SLSFNC
Hannah	Sculley	SM Basic Beach Management	NS9953393	31/10/2015	SLSFNC
Harrison	Murphy	Silver Medallion IRB Driver	NS9534585	03/07/2015	Bob Harper
Jai	Sheridan	Silver Medallion IRB Driver	NS10136557	06/03/2016	Bob Harper
Adam	Van Zuylen	Silver Medallion IRB Driver	NS10136560	06/03/2016	Bob Harper
Gordon	Johns	Silver Medallion IRB Driver	NS9993013	05/12/2015	Bob Harper
Justin	Bednall	Silver Medallion IRB Driver	NS9993010	05/12/2015	Bob Harper
Neil	Kennedy	Spinal Management	NS9540209	08/08/2015	SLSFNC
James	Miller	Spinal Management	NS9540211	08/08/2015	SLSFNC
Nemo	Baker	Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	NS9772210	20/09/2015	Bryan Lyndon
Abby	Butler	Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	NS9772211	20/09/2015	Bryan Lyndon
Zara	Butler	Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	NS9772212	20/09/2015	Bryan Lyndon
Emilly	Croft	Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	NS9772213	20/09/2015	Bryan Lyndon
James	Lee	Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	NS9772214	20/09/2015	Bryan Lyndon

Jessica	Mills	Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	NS9772215	20/09/2015	Bryan Lyndon
Nicholas	Mounic	Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	NS9772216	20/09/2015	Bryan Lyndon
Lily	Murphy	Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	NS9772217	20/09/2015	Bryan Lyndon
Patrick	Thornton	Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	NS9772218	20/09/2015	Bryan Lyndon
Riley	Davies	Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	NS9777128	01/10/2015	Bryan Lyndon
Hannah	Murphy	Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)	NS10098767	28/01/2016	Bryan Lyndon
Ghanimeh	Blake	Gold Medallion	NS9979527	22/11/15	SLSNSW
Armstrong	Eliza	Gold Medallion	NS10114267	22/08/15	SLSNSW
Armstrong	Grace	Gold Medallion	NS10114268	22/08/15	SLSNSW
Sculley	Hannah	Gold Medallion	NS10142855	16/10/15	SLSNSW
MURPHY	Harrison	Gold Medallion	NS10114274	22/08/15	SLSNSW
Corbett	Samantha	Gold Medallion	NS10114269	22/08/15	SLSNSW



# Registrar's Report

Due to circumstances out of our control, the 2015/2016 season has seen 20% decrease in the membership numbers for Lennox Head Alstonville SLSC. This is by no means a reflection of what we do as a Club, just an unfortunate turn of events.

Our current membership numbers across the board total 462, down from last year by showing member retention of only 79.25% from the previous season. Our Active 18years+ have remained similar in numbers and our Junior Activity Members currently represent 35% of our total membership.

## Membership Categories 2015/2016

Category	Total Members	Male Members	Female Members
Junior Activity (5-13 years)	161	99	62
Cadet (13-15 years)	19	11	8
Active (15-18 yrs)	15	7	8
Active (18yrs and over)	93	62	25
Award	2	0	2
Reserve Active	7	5	2
Long Service	6	5	1
Past Active	0	0	0
Associate	153	65	88
Life Member	5	5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>197</b>

All our member's details are kept in Surfguard, which is a centralised secure database provided by the Surf Life Saving Association and used nationally. This allows us to keep up to date information on all of our members, especially in regards to contact details, awards and patrol hours. It is important for the club to have accurate records and up to date contact details.

Members can check this information and make changes online using **Surf Life Saving Online**. This can be accessed at <https://www.lifesavingonline.com.au>

Vanessa Mills

Registrar

## Youth Activities Co-ordinator's Report

Firstly thank you for a fabulous season!! All though our numbers were down considerably due to marine life we had a successful season never the less. Having Lake Ainsworth over the road is so good!!! We are lucky that we were able to utilise it most Sundays, which is very appealing for us as a club.

A huge thank you must go out to Tim Breen our Water Safety Officer who orchestrated our water usage this season. It was his first year in this role and I would have to say he was thrown in at the deep end, with the amount of marine life around. He did an outstanding job in getting the children into the water so they didn't miss out and I am sure he had plenty of parents thanking him for that.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our dedicated and hardworking team of Age Manager's, and their helpers. We really appreciate the time you put in to our children, often at the expense of not seeing the rest of your family compete or play at Sunday nippers and carnivals. It is a volunteer position consuming many hours and you are to be congratulated on your efforts.

Speaking of Volunteer, our coaches are to be thanked for the hours they put in - three mornings a week, two at 6am, to dedicate their time and knowledge to our nippers. The kids were rewarded for their hard training, finishing a clear second in the overall point score at the Branch Title's and also winner's in the All Age Board Relay again this year.

This season saw us able to fill a team in the All Age Board Relay at State, which was very exciting. We even got plenty of air time over the PA system which we were very proud to hear. Speaking of state we brought home some medals!!!! Yes we broke the drought and Lennox came home with two, all thanks to our pocket rocket Niamh Sharpe in the Under 9 age group. Niamh finished 2nd in her surf race and 1<sup>st</sup> in the board race, it was fantastic!

Also thank you to Ian Godwin who set up each Sunday, everyone who contributed to the bbq each week, Carly Mounic and Serena Kelly for being our fabulous Uniform Co-ordinators. Michelle Mahon, Michelle Breen and Kath Murphy for organising the social events, and Ness Mills our Registrar.

A massive thank you must go to Simon Crethar, my assistant, who has worked tirelessly not just during season, but all year round. Thanks also to Laurel Moston for being our fantastic Team Manager and for keeping us all in check at our carnivals, and all our water safety, in particular Pat and Luke Mounic, Mal and Angus Mahon, Jim and Trixie Miller and Shona and Ian Godwin who were at every carnival!

It is also with sadness that we say goodbye to the Mounic, Croft and Murphy families who are leaving our nipper family after all those years. All your hard work and dedication to the Lennox nippers is greatly appreciated and will be terribly missed, but see you in the Seniors!!

Congratulation must go to Nick Mounic and Lily Murphy, our Junior Lifesavers of the year, and Maisie Miller and Jack Breen who were both selected in the Far North Coast Inter Branch Team.

To our Management Committee, thank you for all your support again this season. We have been very fortunate to have been able to host the Lennox Enduro once again, it takes a lot of work and having your support makes things a lot easier.

And lastly to our fabulous children, thank you for being excellent little nippers. Whether it's a Sunday at Lennox, or touring away at carnivals, you all display such sportsmanship, team spirit and the eagerness to learn how to become our future LifeSavers. Well done!!

Cheers

Sam Miller

(YAC)



## Sponsors for 2015/16 Season

Lennox Head Alstonville Surf Life Saving Club proudly acknowledges our sponsors:

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