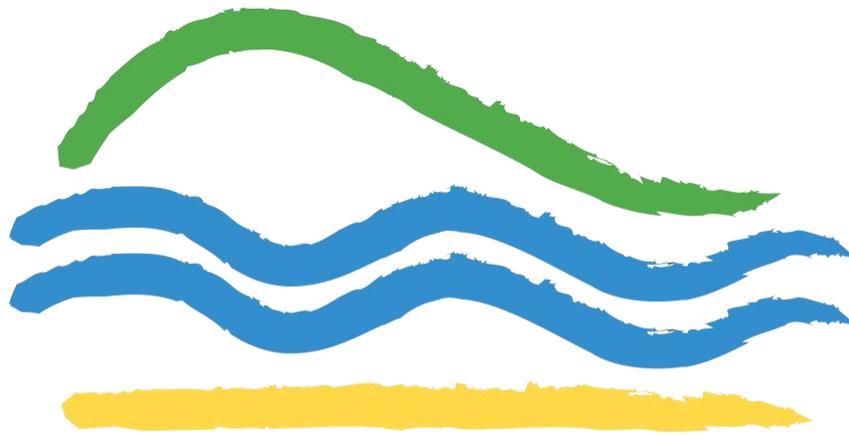


ANNUAL REPORT

2017 / 18



**LENNOX HEAD
ALSTONVILLE**
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Office Bearers: 2017/2018 Season

Patrons

The Federal Member for Richmond
The State Member for Ballina
The Mayor - Ballina Shire Council

Life Members

Tony Cole
William Onslow
Don McAteer
Larry Platt
Bryan Lyndon
Lou Wilson
Geoff Harris
Mark Laverty

President

Geoff Harris

Vice President

Lou Wilson

Secretary

John Beasley OAM

Treasurer

Brett van Zuylen

Club Captain

Richard Hughes

Chief Training Officer

Position Vacant

Surf Sports Coordinator

Chris Bond

Registrar

Michelle Mahon

Youth Activities Coordinator

Samantha Miller

Public Officer

Tim Breen

President's Report

What a year Lennox Head has had with new technology and methods coming into practice. We were chosen as one location for the trial of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), or drones, as part of the Governments Shark mitigation programme. This saw UAVS, weather permitting, patrolling the beach on a regular basis throughout our patrols. A number of our members underwent training to enable them to fly a UAV.

The year also recorded the first rescue by a UAV when two young surfers got into difficulties north of the patrol area on Seven Mile Beach.

We have had another successful year with no lives lost on our beach and I would like to thank Club Captain Richard Hughes and Vice-Captain Andrew Kneip for running the operations of the Club and to all our patrol members who assisted them and volunteered their time to keep our beaches safe and helped us fulfil our obligations to Surf Lifesaving.

I know I said this last year but unfortunately it needs repeating as we again had a reduction in patrolling members. This puts an extra burden on those members who do patrols. The primary function of the club is to patrol the beach. If we do not have a patrol on the beach there are no junior activities or surf sports. To assist in maintaining our patrol numbers I would like all junior parents and other members to consider obtaining your Bronze Medallion and joining a patrol. If you can't do your Bronze consider doing a First Aid or Spinal Management course as this will still enable you to do patrols.

All our competitors once again had a great season with everyone contributing to the best of their ability, which saw us finishing in equal 4th place with Warilla Barrack Point at the Country Titles, an improvement on last year's 5th. While all our competitors did extremely well, I would especially like to congratulate Niamh Sharpe on winning gold in the under 11 Board Race. This is the third year she has won her age group, at the Junior State Titles. Other results at the Junior State Titles were Percy Walker 1st in the under 9 flags, Maalik Moston came 2nd in the under 12's Board Race and 3rd in the Ironman, Nathan Mackenzie came 2nd in the under 15's Board Race and 3rd in the Ironman. Also Jack Breen came 2nd in Under 14's Board Race at the Aussies.

Thanks must also go to:

- our Club Coaches for those early morning starts and dedication that have resulted in the success our competitors have had this year;
- Sam Miller, our YAC Coordinator, and all the Age Managers who ensure our juniors have fun while learning new skills.

A special thanks to Mark Laverty who stood down as our Chief Training Officer last year but who has continued to assist with training and keeping our members up to date and proficient. Also thanks to Bob Harper and Michael Brown for your assistance with training. The chief Training Officers Position was vacant this year and we are looking for a replacement so if there is a member out there interested in this most important and rewarding role, please let us know. Training can be arranged if required. Thanks to all our officials and water safety personnel for your assistance at carnivals; without you we would not be able to compete.

Finally, the members of the Management Committee and Advisors thank you for your support during the year.

Geoff Harris

President



Secretary's Report

Congratulations to all members involved with the Club, the past seasons has been very successful. The success of the Junior Presentation is an indication of the growing strength within the Club. It is hopefully that junior members will continue in the Club to become patrolling members.

The Club Presentation Night this season was disappointing from my view and maybe the Club needs to look at the date, format or a change of name.

The members of the Management Committee and Advisors have been committed to their portfolios this season and in turn, this has greatly assisted me in my duties as Secretary.

Management Committee Meetings Attendance - 2016/2017 Season

	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
Geoff Harris	President	12	1
Lou Wilson	Vice President	12	1
John Beasley	Secretary	12	1
Brett Van Zuylen	Treasurer	12	1
Richard Hughes	Club Captain	10	2
Vacant	Chief Training Officer		
Chris Bond	Surf Sports Co-ordinator	8	3
Michelle Mahon	Registrar	10	1
Samantha Miller	Youth Activities Officer	10	3
Tim Breen	Public Officer	8	1

John Beasley

Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Prior to depreciation and any audit adjustments to our accounts, the club made a profit for the year of approximately \$21,000. This profit is especially pleasing, as it does not include any unspent grants. This represents a significant improvement over last financial year due mainly to the following factors:

- A 10% increase in the value of uniform sales, although the profit margin on these sales is quite low;
- A 10% increase in the hall hires and a doubling of income from the kiosk rental. The kiosk rent was unusually low last year due to the extended period of vacancy;
- A 14% lift in membership subscriptions, even though membership fees were unchanged from the previous year;
- A fourfold increase in bar sales;
- A halving of building repair costs.

These improvements were offset by the following factors:

- A small fall (6%) in sponsorships;
- A significant fall in donations.

Lois Bucket Real Estate has continued her major sponsorship of the club and this has greatly assisted our Junior Activities team with the provision of hi-vis tops and equipment. Shell Lennox Head has continued to provide all of our fuel needs and this is a significant benefit with the ongoing need for powered water safety equipment whenever members are training or participating in organized water events.

We continued to invest in our JAC members, with capitation, training camps and carnival entry fee costs of over \$20,000. The fantastic increase in carnival entries by our members accounts for most of this increase.

On the income side, membership fees were \$36,300 and BBQ sales of \$10,835 were significantly higher than the previous year. It should be noted that BBQ income and costs have been better tracked this year, explaining much of this increase. We also saw continuing generous donations via the various donation tins kindly kept on the counters of a number of local businesses. Overall, total income for the year was \$141,690.

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

The Club is continuing action to try to recover lost kiosk rent from last year due to the non-payment of the last few months of rent by the previous tenant.

Brett van Zuylen

Treasurer



Club Captain's Report

Where to start? Last season it was about the nets. This season it became about the drones. We tried something new this season on patrols by doing all day patrols on a Saturday during off peak periods. If members were upset about this I didn't hear anything. I believe it worked, as it was implemented to cut down on the amount of days members were at the club patrolling. At the start of the season we lost a patrol team so we are down to 10. There has been a gradual decline in teams for a couple of seasons now and it looks like we will lose one possibly two next season. There was one Bronze course run this season and we got three or four new bronze members from this. This is not enough to keep up with the attrition rate.

I can't thank the patrolling members at the club enough for what they do in keeping people safe at our beach from September through to April. As a club we completed 3882 hours of patrolling for the Lennox Head community. There were a few who did over 40 hours patrolling! I won't name them all but I will name Mark Crawford who did over 100 hours volunteering. A lot of this was to do with flying the drones but he did help a lot with patrols when it wasn't in the air. Thank you to Mark for your help this season and hopefully the coming seasons.

We had five official rescues for the season (four on boards, one on tube). This was mainly done by patrol 2 and 9. I was also present when Lou's training squad did a couple out-of-hour rescues as well.

I would like to thank Allan Watt who retired from patrolling this season. Allan was the patrol captain for Team 1. Allan has been with the club for over 20 years and I'm sure he will be missed.

A few things that happened during the season, I only know of two duck rollovers by members who I won't name, Serge and Bobby Harper. I saw Serge go up a wave at the Lennox Enduro with Muzza on the front. The duck seemed to keep climbing past the wave into the air where the wind then assisted with turning it upside down. I was on the jet ski next to them trying not to laugh but I did. No one was hurt. With Bobby's I know it was a bit rough on the day but cannot comment any further as I did not see it. Continuing with Bobby his patrol somehow lost one of the black and white flags and pole in the surf. Patrol Team 2 also lost the other black/white flag and pole in the surf. Both patrol teams (2 and 7) were automatically disqualified from patrol of the year. Special mention to Harry Smith (Butler) from Patrol 7 who, without assistance, removed a snake from the downstairs club room. Not bad for an under 14.

My choice for Patrol of the year went to 8. Patrol Captain and Vice-Captain being Mikayla Gray and Mark Laverty. When completing the roster for the season I finished the patrols on Anzac Day when in fact it finished the following weekend. Not only did Patrol 8 put their hand up to do an extra patrol they chose an all-day patrol on Anzac Day. This team went above and beyond volunteering for the club.

I would like to thank the following people for their assistance throughout the season; Andrew Kniepp (Vice Club Captain) for his help with entering the patrolling logs on the surf guard system, Mark Laverty for not being the Chief Training Officer and for his tireless work with proficiency dates and entering awards etc onto the computer, and Bobby Harper and Michael Brown for running IRB, SRC and Bronze Medallion courses. Without these guys, including Lavo and Larry Platt, we wouldn't have anyone on the beach patrolling. Thank you also to Jai Sheridan, who not only patrols but is in charge of the Lifeguards in our area. Having Jai helped the club get along with the lifeguards more smoothly and hassle free. I am sorry if I have missed someone.

Lastly, I would like to apologise for not being at the club for the last weekend of patrols. I was away at the Australian Titles in Western Australia. Having said that, I had hoped to introduce the Club Captains shout on the last day of patrol. Hopefully this can be introduced at the end of next season.

Thank you again to all patrolling members for the season.

Richard Hughes

Club Captain



Chief Training Officer's Report

No report for this year!

Chief Training Officer (Position vacant)



Registrar's Report

I've thoroughly enjoyed my first season as Club Registrar, and I extend heartfelt thanks to former Registrar Vanessa Mills for her patience while I learned the ropes.

It's been a bumper season for Team Lennox 2017-18 with membership totalling 577 at season end, which represents an overall increase of 107 per cent on the 2016 season. This increase was reflected most notably in our junior ranks, with membership up by 28 or 114 per cent in our nippers, with new members continuing to register with us until late in the season. Our Active Members aged 15-18 were also up by 125 per cent on last season, and we greatly appreciate the inclusion of these young people to our beach patrols. There was a slight drop in Active 18+ years patrolling members this season, and we are hoping to address this short fall in readiness for the 2018 season.

This season, we welcomed Lois Buckett as an Honorary Member in recognition of her tireless sponsorship support to our club over many years, and we know our competitors wear their competition pink rashies with pride.

Membership this season:

Category	total	male	female
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	230	143	87
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	15	11	4
Active (15-18 years)	20	12	8
Active (18 years and over)	92	62	30
Award Member	2	1	1
Reserve Active	3	2	1
Long Service	6	5	1
Past Active	1	1	0
Associate Member	200	94	106
Life Member	6	6	0
Honorary Member	1	0	1
Probationary	1	1	0
TOTAL	577	338	239

All member details are retained in a program known as Surfguard, which is a centralised and secure data base coordinated by the Surf Life Saving Association and used throughout Australia. It is important that member details are correct within Surfguard to enable administrators to contact people, and to ensure awards and patrol hours are accurately recorded. Members are encouraged to check their details are up-to-date by visiting www.lifesavingonline.com.au .

Michelle Mahon

Registrar



Youth Activities Co-ordinator's Report

Our 2017/2018 season has been another successful one, with a dedicated, knowledgeable and enthusiastic team of amazing people. Age Managers, Coaches, BBQ Coordinators, Team Manager, Uniform Coordinator, Officials, Water Safety personnel, Functions Manager and more, all getting together to make the season run so smoothly. Thank you, thank you!!!

To the entire Lennox nippers, thank you once again for your brilliant team spirit and sportsmanship. You truly do us all proud.

Country once again was so much fun!! So many new families came along to share the experience and it was so good to see our team of senior boys there again this year. The little kids just adored seeing them compete and handle for them; fantastic team spirit, let's do it again next year. Maybe the oldies need to start training now!!!

To our Junior Lifesaver of the year, Jack Breen, well done! Jack went on to be the Far North Coast Junior Lifesaver and represented the FNC in Sydney against all from the State, and I am sure you represented Lennox and our Branch well.

We had four of our nippers make it to the FNC Interbranch team; under 12 Maalik Moston, under 13 Ollie Sharpe and Lachlan Mahon, Under 14 Jack Breen, also in the Under 15 we had Nathan Mackenzie, Sam Hughes and Maisie Miller. Awesome efforts! I had the pleasure of being one of the Assistant Coaches for Interbranch and I can say our kids gave it everything with some fantastic results.

To our Under 14's moving on to the senior ranks, congratulations on receiving your SRC and good luck. We look forward to seeing you on patrol and helping out next year.

State Titles was a fantastic weekend with no rain this year!!! We had a very strong team this season which saw our largest numbers in quite some time. Nearly all the nippers that attended made finals which at State is brilliant. Our under 9 pocket rocket Percy Walker came 1st in the flags; Niamh Sharpe came home with a 1st place in the Under 11 board race (this was Niamh's 3rd gold in this event); Maalik Moston came 2nd in the board race and 3rd in the Ironman; and Jack Breen made the trek over to the

West for the Youth Australian Titles and came home with a Silver in the Board Race. It was super exciting to watch and the smile on his face was priceless. Amazing!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for their support once again this season. We have managed to give our nipper families a lot this year and what we get back from them means we are all on the right track. Awesome families, awesome nippers! I look forward to continuing that next season.

Go Lennox!!!

Sam Miller

YAC Co-ordinator



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