



LENNOX HEAD  
ALSTONVILLE  
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

# Annual Report

2018 / 19

# Office Bearers: 2018/19 Season

<b><i>President</i></b>	Geoff Harris
<b><i>Vice President</i></b>	Lou Wilson
<b><i>Secretary</i></b>	John Beasley OAM
<b><i>Treasurer</i></b>	Brett van Zuylen
<b><i>Club Captain</i></b>	Chris Bond
<b><i>Chief Training Officer</i></b>	Amanda Berry (appointed 14-01-2019)
<b><i>Surf Sports Coordinator</i></b>	Laurel Moston (resigned 25-02-2019)
<b><i>Registrar</i></b>	Michelle Mahon
<b><i>Youth Activities Coordinator</i></b>	Samantha Miller
<b><i>Public Officer</i></b>	Tim Breen

<b><i>Life Members</i></b>	Tony Cole
	William Onslow
	Don McAteer
	Larry Platt
	Bryan Lyndon
	Lou Wilson
	Geoff Harris
	Mark Laverty

<b><i>Patrons</i></b>	Honourable Justine Elliot MP	The Federal Member for Richmond
	Tamara Smith MP	The State Member for Ballina
	David Wright	The Mayor - Ballina Shire Council

# President's Report

Now that the season has finished I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with assisting and organising Club activities this year. I also wish to specially thank the following:

- Club Captain Chris Bond and Vice-Captain Amanda Berry for running the operations of the club and to all our patrol members who assisted them and volunteered their time to keep our beach safe and helped to fulfil our obligations to surf lifesaving
- Amanda Berry, who towards the end of the season took on the role of Chief Training Officer. This role has been vacant for a number years and she managed to train a bronze squad of 15 before the end of the season boosting our patrol numbers. Also thanks to Bob Harper and Michael Brown for their assistance in training and Mark Laverty for his work behind the scenes
- Our YAC Sam Miller and all the age managers, who again ensured our junior members learned new skills, improved the skills they had, remained safe and enjoyed themselves
- Our competitors who proudly represented the club at all levels of the sport with outstanding results at all the major carnivals
- Our team of coaches who spent countless hours on the beach in the early morning and whose dedication can be seen in the results we have achieved
- Our officials and members who helped with water safety at all the Carnivals - without you we could not compete

You will have noticed that during the season as a result of a government Grant the building was repainted.

The coming year will see some major changes to the club thanks to a Dept of Sport Lifesaving Facilities Grant of \$270,000.00. This will see the replacement of the floor in the boatshed which will also be extended to give us more storage. Upstairs will see the Patrol Room extended out to the edge of the balcony to improve visibility, repairs to the floor in the hall, along with changes to the bar area and the kitchen. The rear area under the cantilever will be enclosed to provide more storage and enable the removal of the container. This will be carried out during the winter, in fact by the time you receive this report work will have already commenced.

In closing I would like to thank my fellow members of the Management Committee for their support.

Geoff Harris  
*President*

# Secretary's Report

Since the Annual General Meeting in June 2018, the Management Committee has failed to secure a quorum, mainly due to the Surf Sports Coordinator unable to attend meetings on Monday nights and the absence of a Chief Training Officer. However, the number of Committee Members to form a quorum has not been an issue since the appointment of Amanda Berry as Chief Training Officer in January 2019. The Chief Training Officer, along with the Club Captain, is one of the most important positions within the Club, and we thank Amanda for her work. The Club hopes that the Chief Training Officer and the Club Captain continue in their respective positions in the coming seasons.

The working relations I have with the current Management Committee members are the best I have experienced since becoming Secretary in 2011, and if all the present officers nominate to return, I consider the Surf Sports Coordinator the only position needing to be filled.

My appreciation and thanks to all members of the Club who have assisted me during the season.

## Management Committee Meetings Attendance - 2016/2017 Season

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
Geoff Harris	President	9	2
Lou Wilson	Vice President	9	2
John Beasley	Secretary	11	0
Brett Van Zuylen	Treasurer	9	2
Chris Bond	Club Captain	7	3
Amanda Berry (Appointed 14-01-19)	Chief Training Officer	4	1
Laurel Moston (resigned 25-02-19)	Surf Sports Co-ordinator	0	5
Michelle Mahon	Registrar	11	0
Samantha Miller	Youth Activities Officer	9	2
Tim Breen	Public Officer	8	3

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 \$219,000. Note that this includes the \$200,000 disbursement of equity from the dissolution of the Far North Coast Rescue Helicopter. The Far North Coast helicopter rescue service responsibility was transferred to a new entity, which resulted in a settlement for all Far North Coast and some North Coast surf clubs who had previously owned the service. If this abnormal income is excluded, then the club returned a profit of approximately \$19,000.

This is a similar result to the previous financial year. Notable changes were as follows:

- A doubling of sponsorships to \$15,963, with John Holland becoming a new Gold Sponsor for the year. Lois Bucket Real Estate also continued as a Gold Sponsor. In addition, some specific sponsorships were obtained for the purchase of a surf boat for the club.
- A 43% increase in the hall hires (to \$21,900) with the income from the kiosk rental similar to last year.
- Membership subscriptions were similar to last year, with income of \$36,920 for the year.
- Clothing sales were similar to last year, with a 6% increase in sales.

These improvements were offset by the following factors:

- A 40% fall in bar sales.
- A 46% increase in electricity costs (to \$11,032) due to ongoing issues with the solar electricity system
- A 60% increase in building repair costs from the unusually low cost last year.
- \$24,197 was spent on new surf rescue equipment compared to \$15,724 in the previous year.

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. John Holland also became a Gold Sponsor this year and this was used to purchase sun safe clothing for our carnival competitors. 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 well over \$20,000. The continuing increase in carnival entries by our members accounts for most of the change from last year.

On the income side, membership fees were \$36,920 and BBQ sales of \$7,961 which were similar to the previous year. 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 (excluding the abnormal item due to the transfer of the helicopter service) was \$202,414.

Action to recover lost kiosk rent from the 2017/18 year is continuing.

Brett van Zuylen  
*Treasurer*

# Club Captain's Report

Thanks everyone for the privilege of being your Club Captain this past season. In a great combined effort from active members, we fulfilled our Lifesaving Service Agreement with SLSNSW. A combined 3987.25 hours was provided to the beach-going public in rostered Patrol Teams for the 2018/19 season. This resulted in just 3 rescues, but also a range of preventative measures which mitigated further risk to public safety. There were 43 treatments for First Aid, Minor Marine Stings and Minor Cuts/Abrasions: and 361 Preventative Actions, which includes warnings and risk management strategies to avert more serious situations for swimmers.

Congratulations to Mark Crawford, who received Patrol Person of the year, for his diligent service across over 100 hours in filling in when patrol strength was operationally low, and for his UAV/Drone surveillance operations giving advance warning of dangerous marine creatures and rips.

Also well done Jakson Gardnir who won our Rookie of the Year Award. I would like to commend Catherine McKenna also for her rookie year in giving a brilliant season of service for the club, and all the Under 14 SRC Award qualified who have added to our team strength and viability.

Patrol #4, captained by Larry Platt (and Vice Captain Gai Coleman), won Patrol Team of the year for their vigilance and commitment when initially operating on very low numbers, and their leadership shown in the use of the App to enter lifesaving stats and conditions.

My utmost admiration goes to Amanda Berry in her roles of Vice Captain and Chief Training Officer, as she and Michael Brown ensured many new Bronze qualified patrol members this season. Amanda implemented excellent initiatives such as hot chips on those long afternoons, a very motivating idea for our people. Our hope is to create 12 patrols next season instead of the current 10, which will take some load off the rostered dates for each Active Patroller for next season and the years beyond.

Renovations to our lifesaving shed and patrol room will go a long way to enabling secure and efficient storage and deployment of our advanced mechanised rescue craft and a greater amenity for our members to provide this valuable volunteer service, which is our primary duty as a Surf Life Saving Club.

Following are the details of those dedicated members performing most patrol hours, and also the Awards gained this season, which establishes our club as a very qualified lifesaving force. I look forward to assisting in the future and taking on board any recommendations, which will make our lifesaving operations even more effective.

Chris Bond  
*Club Captain*

Leading Female Patrol Members		
	Name	Hours
1.	Amanda Berry (ID: 4569936)	70.0
2.	Shona Macindoe (ID: 4243108)	52.5
3.	Danielle Van Zuylen (ID: 4542002)	48.0
4.	Lauren Thomas (ID: 3699715)	45.5
5.	Gai COLEMAN (ID: 3604735)	44.5
6.	Rhonda Bryant (ID: 4552629)	43.5
7.	Jodi Rodgers (ID: 4506478)	42.5
8.	Michele Barnett (ID: 3604921)	40.8
9.	Jess Thomas (ID: 3699716)	39.0
10.	Roslyn Brown (ID: 4786945)	37.5

Leading Male Patrol Members		
	Name	Hours
1.	Mark Crawford (ID: 4693765)	102.0
2.	Timothy Breen (ID: 3539675)	58.5
3.	Chris Bond (ID: 4306323)	57.0
4.	Brett Van Zuylen (ID: 4541999)	55.0
5.	James Miller (ID: 4665417)	50.5
6.	Lukas Van Zwieten (ID: 3603850)	50.5
7.	Joseph Churton (ID: 3592669)	50.0
8.	Robert Mills (ID: 4501844)	50.0
9.	David Thomas (ID: 3559315)	49.5
10.	Robert Harper (ID: 3604315)	49.0

Proficiencies					
Award	Total	Male	Female	Indeterminate	Unknown
<u>Advanced Resuscitation Techniques [AID]</u>	10	7	3	0	0
<u>Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate</u>	30	18	12	0	0
<u>Bronze Medallion</u>	94	64	30	0	0
<u>Facilitator Advanced Resuscitation Techniques [AID]</u>	1	1	0	0	0
<u>Facilitator First Aid [AID]</u>	1	1	0	0	0
<u>Facilitator Spinal Management</u>	1	1	0	0	0
<u>First Aid [AID]</u>	8	7	1	0	0
<u>Gold Medallion (Advanced Lifesaving)</u>	3	2	1	0	0
<u>IRB Crew Certificate</u>	35	27	8	0	0
<u>Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 10</u>	26	19	7	0	0
<u>Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 11</u>	20	13	7	0	0
<u>Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 12</u>	15	6	9	0	0
<u>Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 13</u>	16	10	6	0	0
<u>Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 14</u>	12	8	4	0	0
<u>Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation Under 9</u>	29	20	9	0	0
<u>Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 10</u>	26	19	7	0	0
<u>Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 11</u>	20	13	7	0	0

<u>Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 12</u>	15	6	9	0	0
<u>Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 13</u>	16	10	6	0	0
<u>Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 14</u>	12	8	4	0	0
<u>Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 6 - Restricted</u>	37	24	13	0	0
<u>Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 7 - Restricted</u>	36	16	20	0	0
<u>Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 8</u>	32	17	15	0	0
<u>Junior Activities Preliminary Evaluation Under 9</u>	29	20	9	0	0
<u>Rescue Water Craft Operator Certificate</u>	9	9	0	0	0
<u>Resuscitation [AID]</u>	1	1	0	0	0
<u>Silver Medallion IRB Driver</u>	25	21	4	0	0
<u>Spinal Management</u>	33	22	11	0	0
<u>SS - Technical Official Finish Judge/ Time Keeper/ Recorder</u>	4	1	3	0	0
<u>SS - Technical Official Marshall/Check-Marshall</u>	4	1	3	0	0
<u>SS - Technical Official Starter/Check-Starter</u>	4	1	3	0	0
<u>SSV Operator Induction</u>	33	28	5	0	0
<u>Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed)</u>	2	1	1	0	0
<u>TAF Pre-season Face-to-Face</u>	5	5	0	0	0
<u>TAF Pre-season Online</u>	4	4	0	0	0
<u>UAV Pilot</u>	2	2	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



# Chief Training Officer's Report

New Chief Training officer in January 2019 – Amanda Berry.

After starting the season as Vice Club captain, I decided to take on the role as Chief trainer feeling the club needed this position filled more than it needed a Vice Captain. Our club shines in various aspects and this requires us to have opportunities for ongoing education and up-skilling for our members. A very high bar had already been set by people such as Larry Platt, Mark Laverty, Bob Harper and Michael Brown, who over the years have given thousands of hours of to the training of our members. Fortunately, whilst not wearing the official hat, all these guys, plus others, continued providing the guidelines, support, effort and most of all, *time* for what is one of the key purposes of Surf Life Saving – teaching people how to save lives. I very much appreciate their commitment to the club over all these years and their patience and support for myself that they have given in the first few months of learning the ropes of Chief Trainer.

It's imperative to our organisation that there are people who are fit and skilled at retrieving patients from the surf but as we all know, it doesn't end there. To have members that possess ALL aspects of fitness, knowledge and techniques is a huge ask and I'm delighted to say that over the season, 26 such people this year were awarded their Bronze Medallion. Add to this, 16 Surf Rescue Certificates and the other essential awards achieved throughout the season is a truly rewarding effort by all.

The willingness of so many people to give up their time to be trained in these techniques, knowing they may be required at someone else's worst moment is really a genuine display of kindness. One only hopes they may never have to use skills they have so unselfishly acquired and I congratulate but even more so, I thank all our award recipients for their commitment and effort.

My thanks also to Chris Bond who continued the job of Club Captain with reduced assistance to allow me to take on Chief Training Officer. I thank the rest of the committee as well for their support of me stepping into this role.

A list of awards, completed prior to and since my introduction as Chief Training Officer, are as follows:

## **Completed courses throughout the 2018-19 season**

- Bronze Medallions: 26
- IRB drivers: 2
- IRB crewman's: 2
- Surf Rescue Certificate: 16
- Advanced Resuscitation Technique: 5
- First Aid : 11

I feel this has been an excellent result and in consultation with others. Propose the following for the new season.

## Plan for the 2019/2020 Season

- 2 x Bronze Medallion courses to run in August/September and January/February (potential for another course if we have enough expressions of interest in approx October/November)- Coordinate with registrar and JAC to ask new members and any parents signing on who might also be interested
- 2 x SRC courses to run over a single weekend each in September and January – Co-ordinate with JAC to ensure Nippers who have turned 13 have opportunity to complete course for competition requirements
- Involvement with each age group of nippers with age appropriate Surf Safety training over the nipper Sundays throughout the season. Coordinate with JAC and age managers as to activities suitable to each age group
- The Far North Coast branch will advise through the season of other events that are running and I will distribute to the club as details become available.

To close, I again thank all those who were involved in gaining and training for the awards listed above and hope to see continued enthusiasm in the new season.

Chief Training Officer

*Amanda Berry (appointed 14-01-2019)*

# Registrar's Report

It's been another lively year for Lennox Head Alstonville SLSC with membership reaching a total of 549 members at the season conclusion, which was a marginal decrease from 580 members at the end of season 2017-18. We had new members continue to join us up until late in the season, so week by week our numbers were continuously in a growth pattern.

We had 217 nippers in the water and on the beach for season 2018-19, which was just 13 less than the previous year. Associate Membership was also slightly down at 92% in comparison to season 2017-18.

The biggest percentage growth from season 2017-18 was in our cadet numbers, which represent our juniors aged 13-15. Numbers in this group were up by 126% on the previous year, and this growth is largely attributed to strong numbers in our U14 age group, with almost all of this group achieving their SRC.

While membership in the Active 15-18 years category was down by 75%, membership in our Active 18 years+ was up by 103.19 per cent, and we congratulate our newly appointment Chief Training Officer for her work in recruiting and training new applicants to achieve their Bronze and join our patrol teams.

We recognised Lois Buckett as an Honorary Member again this year in appreciation of the generous sponsorship by Lois Buckett Real Estate over many years.

Membership this season:

<b>Category</b>	<b>total</b>	<b>male</b>	<b>female</b>
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	217	127	90
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	19	13	6
Active (15-18 years)	15	5	10
Active (18 years and over)	97	70	27
Award Member	2	1	1
Reserve Active	2	2	0
Long Service	5	4	1
Associate Member	185	83	102
Life Member	5	5	0
Honorary Member	1	0	1
General	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>239</b>

Next season, we will be looking to emphasize the need for online registration renewals to create efficiencies and overcome the double handling that a paper based system creates.

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 accuracy in recording awards and patrol hours. Members are encouraged to check their details are up-to-date by visiting [www.lifesavingonline.com.au](http://www.lifesavingonline.com.au).

Michelle Mahon

*Registrar*

# Youth Activities Co-ordinator's Report

Once again the 2018-2019 nipper season was a ripper!

We had close to 220 registered nippers this season, which is a great number to have. So many new families, which is only healthy for the progression of our club. Many of these new families have stepped up and taken over roles within our junior ranks and also many of the parents gained their bronze medallion so they can also become patrolling members.

I would like to thank everyone who was involved in making the season such a success. Without individually naming you all, in case I forget someone, you all know who you are, you make my job as YAC so much easier and I am very much appreciative of all your support.

Speaking of support thank you must go to the clubs Management committee for all your support shown to the nippers this season and to our sponsors who just keep giving.

This season thanks to grants we were able to purchase new body boards, 10 foamie nipper boards, 2 brand new dolphin board rescue boards and several other fibreglass boards.

Also, our BBQ took over \$6000 which is awesome and the Scope ladies donated \$4000 from gift wrapping at Christmas time...What a fantastic effort from all involved for raising these much needed funds.

See you all next season.

Sam Miller  
*YAC Co-ordinator*



Lennox Head Alstonville Surf Life Saving Club proudly acknowledges our sponsors along with those businesses that donate their products and services that help keep our club running:

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John Holland

The Station Grocer Lennox Head

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Beaumont Tiles

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Intrapac

Laser Plumbing and Electrical

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