Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc.

Female Junior Life Saver of the Year Grace Romer from Forster SLSC, and Male Junior Life Saver of the Year Camden Ceccato from Cape Hawke SLSC with Newcastel Permanent manager Craig Fuller

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- Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast acknowledges Surf Life Saving NSW and the Surf Life Saving Foundation for conducting fundraising on behalf of the branch and its clubs.
- Thanks also to the generous support from the general public and individual donors who have provided invaluable financial support for the purchase of important rescue equipment making it possible for the training of our lifesavers.
- Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch acknowledges the support of Telstra a national partner of Surf Life Saving Australia providing support to SurfGuard and SurfCom across the SMS network.

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NOTICE

2020 Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch will be held on Monday 27 July 2020 at Black Head Surf Life Saving Club commencing at 7.30pm.

As listed in the Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Constitution the following minimum business will be dealt with at the Meeting:

1. **Attendance** of Members and Apologies.
2. **Minutes** of the last Annual General Meeting held 1 July 2019 be adopted.
3. **Affiliation** of Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch with Surf Life Saving New South Wales and Surf Life Saving Australia.
4. **Annual Report** for the 2019-2020 Season be presented for adoption by Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch.
5. **Financial Statements** for the 2019-2020 Season be presented for adoption by Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch.
6. **Election of Board** for the 2020-21 season.
    a. President
    b. Director of Administration
    c. Director of Finance
    d. Director of Life Saving
    e. Director of Surf Sports
    f. Director of Youth and Members Services
    g. Director of Education
7. **Patrons** for the 2020-21 season as listed below:
    a. Federal Member for Lynne – Dr David Gillespie MP
    b. State Member for Myall Lakes – Mr. Stephen Bromhead (Accepted 10/06/20)
    c. State Member for Port Macquarie – Ms. Leslie Williams
    d. Chairperson of Newcastle Permanent Building Society – Mr. Jeff Eather
    e. Mayor of MidCoast Council – Mr David West (Accepted 03/06/20)
8. **Advisors** for the 2020-21 season as listed below:
    a. Medical Advisor
    b. Legal Advisor
    c. Auditor

9. **Notice of Motion** consideration of any motions for which due notice has been received.

10. **Urgent General Business**

It should be noted that:

1. Nominations for all positions must be on the approved form attached to this notice.
2. Nominations can be emailed to tsummers@surflifesaving.com.au and will close 7 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
3. It should be noted that for any notice of motions to be considered they must be submitted to the Administration Officer no later than 7 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Dated 13 June 2020

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Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc.

OFFICE BEARERS 2019-2020

President:	Brian Wilcox
Deputy President:	Paul Scott
Director of Administration:	Tony Summers (Resigned November 2019 – Appointed Branch Administration Officer)
Director of Finance:	Jim Tyrpenou
Director of Lifesaving:	Nathan De Rooy
Assistant Director of Lifesaving:	Julie Wilcox
Director of Surf Sports:	Terry Aldridge
Director of Education:	Janne Moran
Director of Youth & Member Services:	Lorraine Morgan
Assistant Director of Administration:	Vacant
Assistant Director of Finance:	Vacant
Assistant Director of Surf Sports:	Vacant
Assistant Director of Life Saving:	Julie Wilcox
Assistant Director of Member Services:	Vacant
Assistant Director of Education:	Bernadette Nicholson
Support Operations Officer:	Vacant
Branch Registrar:	Vacant
OH&S Officer:	Vacant
Member Protection Officer:	Vacant
Radio Officer:	Vacant
Officials Liaison Officer:	Vacant
Registrar:	Vacant
Gear Steward:	Rob Chappell
Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Team Manager: Cathy Boag	
Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Coach:	Martin Cowper
Minute Secretary:	Vacant
Medical Advisor:	Dr James Wills
Legal Advisor:	John Vaughan
Auditor:	Collison Accounting Pty Ltd

Judiciary Committee:	Vacant
Judiciary Committee Chairperson:	Vacant
Life Membership Committee:	Vacant
Life Membership Committee Chairperson:	Vacant
Constitution Committee (Five members):	Vacant
Meritorious Awards Committee:	Vacant
Patrons 2019-2020:	
Federal Member for Lynne	Dr. David Gillespie
State Member for Myall Lakes	Mr. Stephen Bromhead
State Member for Port Macquarie	Ms. Leslie Williams
Chairman of Newcastle Permanent	Mr. Jeff Eather
Mayor of MidCoast Council	Mr. David West

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HONOUR ROLL

Season	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Superintendent	Registrar
1955-56	F Haddon	D Ferguson	J Steele	R Lyndon	A Whyte-Butler
1956-57	V Rushby	D Ferguson	J Steele	M Wilson	Vacant
1957-58	C Haigh	D Ferguson	J Steele	M Wilson	A Whyte-Butler
1958-59	C Haigh	D Ferguson	C Pryor	A Whyte-Butler	M Milon
1959-60	C Haigh	S Stewart	C Pryor	M Milon	A Rose
1960-61	A White-Butler	S Stewart	C Pryor	D Ferguson	R Dowling
1961-62	R Plummer	S Stewart	C Pryor	D Ferguson	R Dowling
1962-63	C Haigh	S Stewart	C Pryor	D Ferguson	R Dowling
1963-64	C Haigh	S Stewart	C Pryor	D Ferguson	R Dowling
1965-66	R Wile	B Parsons	R Eustace	D Ferguson	R Dowling
1966-67	R Wile	B Parsons	R Eustace	D Ferguson	J Edstein
1967-68	R Wile	B Parsons	R Eustace	D Ferguson	R Dawson
1968-69	C Haigh	R Eustace	J Pryor	F Catt	B Parsons
1969-70	D Ferguson	R Eustace	P Manusu	F Catt	J Owen
1970-71	D Ferguson	R Crisp	P Manusu	F Catt	B Mobbs
1971-72	D Ferguson	J Staples	P Manusu	F Catt	B Mobbs
1973-74	D Ferguson	J Staples	G Doig	F Catt	B Mobbs
1974-75	D Ferguson	J Staples	G Doig	F Catt	B Mobbs
1975-76	F Catt	J Staples	G Doig	S Stewart	B Mobbs
1976-77	F Catt	J Staples	G Doig	D Ferguson	B Mobbs
1977-78	F Catt	J Staples	G Doig	D Ferguson	B Mobbs
1978-79	F Catt	J Staples	J Staples	D Ferguson	L Paff
1979-80	F Catt	J Staples	J Staples	D Ferguson	L Paff
1980-81	F Catt	J Staples	J Staples	D Ferguson	L Paff
1981-82	J Edstein	J Staples	J Staples	D Ferguson	L Paff
1982-83	J Edstein	J Staples	J Staples	D Ferguson	L Paff
1983-84	J Edstein	J Staples	J Staples	D Ferguson	L Paff
1984-85	J Edstein	J Staples	J Staples	D Ferguson	L Paff
1985-86	J Edstein	J Staples	J Staples	D Ferguson	L Paff
1986-87	J Edstein	J Staples	J Staples	W Eady	L Paff
1987-88	J Edstein	J Staples	J Staples	W Eady	B Wylie
1988-89	J Edstein	J Staples	J Staples	W Eady	J Staples
1989-90	P Squire	J Staples	J Staples	R Duggan	W Eady
1990-91	P Squire	T Summers	J Staples	R Duggan	W Eady
1991-92	P Squire	T Summers	J Staples	R Duggan	W Eady
1992-93	P Squire	E Godwin	J Staples	R Duggan	W Eady
1993-94	P Squire	E Godwin	J Staples	D Nixon	W Eady
1994-95	R Duggan	E Godwin	E Godwin	D Nixon	W Eady
1995-96	F Atkins	E Godwin	E Godwin	D Nixon	W Eady
1996-97	C Hunter	E Godwin	E Godwin/P Kellahear	W Whiteman	W Eady
1997-98	C Hunter	E Godwin	P Musgrove	W Whiteman	P Whitaker
1998-99	E Godwin	E Godwin/J Spicer	T Summers	Vacant	P Whitaker
1999-2000	E Godwin	J Spicer	T Summers	Vacant	P Whitaker

Season	President	Director of Administration	Director of Finance & Marketing	Director of Lifesaving	Director of Competition	Director of Youth Membership & Development
2000-01	E Godwin	J Spicer	T Summers	P Spicer	D Ellis	C Higgins
2001-02	E Godwin	J Spicer	T Summers	P Spicer	D Ellis	C Higgins
2002-03	E Godwin	J Spicer	T Summers/S Miller	P Spicer	D Ellis	C Higgins
2003-04	E Godwin	H Rickard	S Miller	P Spicer	W Whiteman	C Higgins
2004-05	E Godwin	D Gosper	S Miller	P Spicer	W Whiteman	C Higgins
2005-06	J Spicer	D Gosper	S Miller	P Spicer	W Whiteman	G Irving
2006-07	J Spicer	J Tyrpenou	S Miller	J Bonner	T Aldridge	C Taylor

Season	President	Director of Administration	Director of Finance & Marketing	Director of Lifesaving	Director of Member Services	Director of Surf Sports	Director of Support Operations
2007-08	J Spicer/P Spicer	J Tyrpenou	S Miller	J Bonner/J Wilcox	W Wysocki	T Aldridge	Mark Fisher
2008-09	P Spicer	J Tyrpenou	S Wilson	J Wilcox		T Aldridge	Mark Fisher

Season	President	Deputy President	Director of Administration	Director of Finance	Director of Life Saving	Director of Surf Sports	Director of Education	Director of Member Services
2009-10	P Spicer	J Tyrpenou	T Summers	I Lewis	J Wilcox	T Aldridge	S Small	Vacant
2010-11	P Spicer	Vacant	J Tyrpenou	B Willing	J Wilcox	T Aldridge	S Small	Vacant
2011-12	P Spicer/B Wilcox	A Jones	A Davis	R Futterleib	J Wilcox	T Aldridge	S Small	W Bryan
2012-13	B Wilcox	A Jones	A Davis	J Tyrpenou	J Wilcox	T Aldridge	S Small	L Morgan
2013-14	B Wilcox	Vacant	A Davis	J Tyrpenou	J Wilcox	T Aldridge	S Small	L Morgan
2014-15	B Wilcox	Vacant	A Davis	J Tyrpenou	J Wilcox	T Aldridge	S Small	L Morgan
2015-16	B Wilcox	P Scott	A Davis	J Tyrpenou	N De Rooy	T Aldridge	Vacant	L Morgan
2016-76	B Wilcox	P Scott	Vacant	J Tyrpenou	N De Rooy	T Aldridge	J Moran	L Morgan
2017-18	B Wilcox	P Scott	J Wilcox	J Tyrpenou	N De Rooy	T Aldridge	J Moran	L Morgan
2018-19	B Wilcox	P Scott	T Summers	J Tyrpenou	N De Rooy	T Aldridge	J Moran	L Morgan
2019-20	B Wilcox	P Scott	T Summers	J Tyrpenou	N De Rooy	T Aldridge	J Moran	L Morgan

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LIFE MEMBERS

Terry Aldridge (26/5/07)	**Colin Haigh***
Fred Atkins (26/05/01)	**Clive Higgins** (9/7/05)
Frank Catt	**Michael Keegan** (27/05/00)
Rodney Chapman (26/05/01)	**A Lunnon***
Graeme Doig (25/05/02)	**Ralph Plummer***
Roger Duggan (30/05/98)	**Victor Rashby***
Bill Eady* OAM	**Judy Spicer** (18/06/11)
John Edstein OAM (15/06/89)	**Phil Spicer** (18/06/11)
Ivor Elliott (04/06/94)	**Peter Squire** (27/05/00)
Ian Everingham (25/05/02)	**John Staples**
Doug Ferguson* OAM	**Tony Summers** (27/05/00)
Mark Fisher (22/05/04)	**Jim Tyrpenou** (4/06/2016)
Malcom Flew (23/05/09)	**Phillip Whitaker** (27/05/00)
Eddie Godwin (26/05/01)	**A Whyte-Butler***
(* Denotes deceased)	

Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc.

President Report – 2019/20

Congratulations to all members of Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast for a successful 2019-20 season with no lives lost between the flags.

Our patrolling members, Support Operations group and club call-out teams have once again shown the dedication needed and the high standards required to prevent incidents arising and save lives through patrolling our beaches and our urgent response to 13SURF call out emergencies.

Our members performed:

- 34 Rescues
- 20 Emergency Call outs(13SURF)
- 1353 Preventative actions
- 67 First Aid
- 1766 Total Members
- 14774 patrol hours

Total attendance on our beaches was estimated at 85,603.

Clubs should be commended on the professionalism they have shown in running the diverse business that surf lifesaving has become, never forgetting that the member on the beach providing a safe swimming area between the red and yellow flags is our most important asset and fulfilling our primary role of saving lives.

Our clubs this season have been involved in rescue operations during the September bushfires along with clubs like Crowdy and Taree Old Bar who were directly threatened by fire from every direction.

Patrols were very difficult due to excessive smoke and in some cases patrols were shut due to risk to the patrolling members.

Our whole coastal area was under threat and our members were called into action by the local Emergency Operations Centre to put into place a plan to evacuate Taree, Wingham, Tinonee, Coomba Park and surrounds via the rivers and lakes if needed.

This is the first time we have been called upon to attend a major disaster and extend our capabilities from just patrolling the beaches to working within the emergency management framework.

This was a great test of our local knowledge and experience, and I know that we performed exceedingly well and have all benefitted from the experience

All clubs had call out teams, food, fuel and equipment ready in three different locations to be ready if needed as all roads were shut including the Pacific highway.

Clubs were being backed up by local fishing boats, cruise boats, oyster fisherman, Marine Rescue and Waterways boats.

Members of Crowdy, Taree Old Bar and Black Head spent the night with all their gear and equipment at Manning River Rowing club ready for activation to Tinonee or Wingham, with fire raging all around the Black Head, Crowdy and Old Bar areas where their homes were located.

It was a great sacrifice for all members involved to give up essentially two days and a night away from their families and homes to help the community and I cannot say thankyou enough to these people for their trust, dedication and efforts at this time.

The season eventually settled for a while allowing clubs to run nippers, carnivals, compete at country and state carnivals but for the first time no National Championships due to the COVID 19 virus.

Our branch carnival was also cancelled due to adverse conditions and then COVID 19.

Our Interbranch Team did us proud by jumping a couple of places up the ladder this season and many thanks to the Team coaches, Managers and competitors for a great weekend away in the Illawarra.

Our members have attended all major carnivals as competitors, officials and water safety personnel. It is important that we recognise that our members officiate and compete at the highest levels of Surf Sports. We have many Level 2 and 3 officials at major carnivals who are extremely highly regarded as are our competitors.

Education is a strong focus within the branch with 2654 awards being gained by members throughout the season. The continued dedication of clubs to up-skill their members is the key to providing professional patrolling of our beaches and ultimately the safety of our visitors to the beach and surrounding environment. Our Facilitators, Assessors and Trainers have worked tirelessly to train and qualify our members.

Two of our clubs ran a pilot program for Bronze and SRC this season which was so successful that it has been brought in as the new system of training next season.

Thankyou to Janne Moran of Pacific Palms and Jim Wills from Forster for their dedication to making this work by ironing out the bugs before it is introduced to everyone else.

Our branch also partnered with for the first time with the Department of Primary Industries UAV Program this season at Forster Beach, detecting and photographing sharks in the Forster Beach area, 7 days a week during the school holidays and weekends and public holidays outside of these times.

It was very successful with numerous sightings of Great White, Grey Nurse and Bull sharks, and helped the patrol at Forster on many occasions by relaying information on sharks near to the patrol area and swimmers.

A huge thankyou to Gavin Williams our Chief Pilot, Lindsay Ellis our newest member to SLS and our technical expert on the UAV, and Julie Wilcox looking overseeing the program.

All of these individuals performed an extreme number of hours actually flying the UAV and mentored other pilots throughout the season.

We also welcomed a new role in our branch in the form of a paid administration officer through funding provided by the NSW Government, from the SLSNSW Enhanced Funding Agreement.

This role was to help not only the branch administration but also clubs when they need help with their administration.

Our then Director of Administration Tony Summers was chosen to fill this role which he has done in his usual dedicated, friendly and professional manner, and I wish to thank him for all the many things he has achieved for branch and clubs in his new role.

Unfortunately this season was cut short due to the COVID 19 virus and ensuing lock down of all people in Australia. This meant patrols finished up at the end of March, surf clubs were closed and locked up completely, and many events including awards nights and carnivals had to be abandoned due to the public heath social distancing measures instituted by the Australian Government for 8 weeks.

We are still waiting to see what will happen for the coming season.

Most of our clubs have benefited from the NSW Government Surf Club Capital Facility Program, the Community Building Partnership Grants and the gear and equipment grants offered by the NSW Government.

We have to thank the NSW Government for your support and our state MP's Steven Bromhead and Leslie Williams for their support of our clubs and surf lifesaving throughout this season.

Thank you also to our Federal MP Dr David Gillespie, for his support of the Australian Government initiatives with Surf Lifesaving and supporting local clubs.

Thank you once again to our major sponsor Newcastle Permanent Building Society for your ongoing support of our Branch, which allows us to support the clubs and members in their many endeavours.

I would like to thank our Branch Executives; Paul Scott (Deputy President) Tony Summers (Dir. Admin and now LNC Admin Officer), Jim Tyrpenou (Dir. Finance), Nathan De Rooy (Dir. Lifesaving), Terry Aldridge (Dir. Surf Sports), Lorraine Morgan (Dir. Youth and Member Services), Janne Moran (Dir. Education) for the leadership they have provided in each of their areas of responsibility.

The success of our activities can be attributed to their commitment and dedication to surf lifesaving.

To the staff and Executive of SLSNSW and SLSA, thank you for your dedication and supporting our clubs and members.

We now more than ever, with volunteering fast disappearing in our communities, need to make sure that we recognise the contribution our members make to our wonderful organisation at all levels, if we wish to retain them for many years to come.

Our members are looking not only to volunteer their time to patrol, but also to be part of a vibrant social atmosphere to enhance their busy lives. Clubs need to be fun, enjoyable places to be a member.

I would like to extend to all clubs and their members my appreciation for your efforts during the season, in keeping surf lifesaving strong and relevant to our communities.

We are looking forward to helping our clubs and members meet their goals in 2020/21.

Brian Wilcox
President

Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc.

Director of Life Saving Report – 2019/20

The 2019/20 season has certainly been like no other. The season started off fantastically with all members eagerly returning to patrols and undertaking annual skill maintenance sessions. Within months, we witnessed first hand what Mother Nature can hand out from fires to drought to now a global pandemic. Another year has passed where we haven't lost any lives between our flags, however thoughts and prayers do go out to those families that have lost a loved one along the coastline in New South Wales. The reoccurring statistic, again demonstrates to the Barrington Coast our members commitment to keeping all visitors to the patrolled beaches safe. I know I said this last year, but without the membership we have in our clubs - the above statistic would be different. Congratulations to all this past season.

During the season, as previously mentioned, our branch has had to endure multiple natural events. Of which we witnessed for roughly half our season, the Barrington Coast became the forefront of one of the worst bushfire seasons on record. Over this time the Emergency Response System was activated which saw the branch support operations teams (RWC and Duty Officers) along with all club call out teams being placed on permanent standby for a period of time. During this time period our responding members were under the direction of Brian Wilcox (Branch Duty Officer and President) who was stationed in the Emergency Operator Centre, working alongside all agencies involved during the bushfire crisis. Due to Brian's hard work and decision making, our branch set the standard for what was to come down in the southern half of the state a few weeks later. Overall we saw, between club call out team members, other clubbies and support operations members, nearly 70 people volunteering to go in by water to evacuate townships if the order were given. I would like to take this time to extend a sincere thanks to all those people that assisted, were displaced by the fires and road closures, to commit to helping those in need in the Manning Great Lakes. Along with our nearly 70 strong volunteer workforce, I'd like to publicly thank those lifesavers that don on their SES or RFS uniform to defend our communities. You all did an amazing job and we are all lucky to have you in the community.

Shortly after the fires we went into a drought, which impacted our operations at club level. Thank you to Mid Coast Council who agreed to give exemptions to all clubs to ensure they had permission and time to thoroughly wash down watercraft engines for our IRBs and Jetskis. This exemption ensured that our engines did not break down when they were needed.

As the season came into the last 2 months, we saw an early shut down of all club based operations state-wide due to COVID-19. This shutdown halted all training and assessing and the cessation of beach patrols, resulting in the season being cut short. Our RWC operators and Duty Offices however held down the fort for the remainder of the season. Thank you to all clubs that responded to the rapid change in state policy and procedures over this pandemic. That thank you is also extended to the membership for their cooperation and understanding of the rapid change over this time.

The 2019/20 season saw our members contribute to over 11 000hours of patrols. The statistical breakdown below has reduced when compared to 2018/19 data; however, with COVID-19 and the Fire situations, this was expected.

Rescues:

34 - down from 60 in 2018/19

Preventative Actions:

1,353 - down from 1837 in 2018/19

First Aid:

67 - down from 81 in 2018/19

Emergency Response Activations (13 SURF)

20 - down from 26 in 2018/19

Attendance:

85 603 - down from 120,703 in 2018/19

Statistics from September 1st 2019 to June 1 2020

Gear Inspections

At the start of the season, all clubs and support operations undergo gear inspections to ensure equipment is up to standard for the season ahead. This process is part of a list of annual compliance steps that must be completed prior to the season that is designed to ensure the lifesaving equipment our lifesavers are using meets work, health and safety guidelines and standards. It also acts as a quality assurance program to ensure the workplace and equipment are safe. Like previous years, all clubs and the support operations assets all passed with flying colours. I'd like to thank those that helped out at club level and the members in executive positions in each of our clubs that work tirelessly to ensure the equipment is operable for all to use. I'd also like to thank Julie and Brian Wilcox and Wayne Barry who all assisted with the inspection process.

Patrol improvement Program

After a Standard Operating Procedure change at the start of the season, saw the patrol inspection program rebranded as the Patrol Improvement Program (PIP). Along with the name change, the focus shifted from a point system to a yes/no system to ensure better transparency for clubs and patrol captains. The program also saw a reduced number of "inspections" from 4 down to 2. During the season all clubs performed extremely well, however, only 1 formal round was completed due to the various events happening during the season.

Support Operations

The 2019/20 season saw a strong Support Operations team of 25 operators undertake 4 hour shifts on weekends and public holidays. These members volunteer to undertake additional patrols in the position of Rescue Water Craft (Jetski) Operator and/or Duty Officers (Incident Commanders). This season also saw our branch continue to undertake our biannual RWC course, with 4 new operators joining the ranks and 2 members undertaking their RWC Trainers award. Sadly due to COVID-19 and a SLSNSW directive on education, these members are yet to complete their assessment. The branch is working hard with these members to keep training and skills up to speed ready for the directive to be lifted, allowing the assessment to proceed. At this stage, this information is not yet known. Once these members are passed, the team will increase to 33 members listed in SurfGuard.

In the first half of the season the branch received a new RWC and Duty Officer command vehicle. These assets are supplied by SLSNSW under the Support Operations enhanced funding package through the NSW Government. These items have been used to respond to

various incidents throughout the season and will continue to do so, until such time as SLSNSW recall the assets for replacement under the contracts the branch has signed.

A heartfelt thank you is passed onto each support operations member for their dedication and commitment to our branch and surf life saving.

Finally, I'd like to thank Newcastle Permanent for their ongoing and continued support of Surf Life Saving from the Central Coast to the Queensland border. Without their support of our branch in particular, our membership would have less opportunities given to them. I'd also like to thank them for their understanding surrounding the cancellation or postponement of particular branch activities due to weather and COVID-19.

On behalf of the Lower North Coast Branch Lifesaving team, I'd like to thank you all again for your efforts and we look forward to seeing you all next season after a well earned break.

Nathan de Rooy
Director of Lifesaving

Julie Wilcox
Assistant Director of Lifesaving

Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc.

Director of Education Report – 2019/20

If this season had a theme it wpould be ‘change, adapt, be flexible and carry on doing what you already do well’.

LNC had another season of training and education done with integrity and trust. I truly believe we have built a good foundation of TAF’s who share the load and allow for our base SLS courses, SRC, BM, IRBC and ARTC to be delivered and assessed at clubs. Despite our early shutdown we managed to finalise all awards before SLSNSW suspended processing. A great gain and reward for our candidates who had put in the effort and our TAFs who pulled it all together.

Our Preseason meeting hosted by Cape Hawke was once again well attended, we heard about the volley of changes lobbed at us but we coped; jumping into this new virtual world and set ourselves up for the introduction of changes yet to come.

We completed a large number of awards across all 6 clubs, a big effort for such a small branch and the challenges of fire, drought, rain and COVID-19, all that was set to test us.

The Branch held its usual set of courses IRB D -2, SMBM - 5, SMAR – 15 thank you to Palms for hosting this annual event and Stuart Small for Facilitating and the big one First Aid AID -78 awards delivered across 6 courses by our CERT IV endorsed facilitators Jim, Dave, and Janne.

Club achievements

All clubs had newly endorsed delegates for skills maintenance and 2- newly Endorsed Training Officers for BM and ARTC.

- Black Head: -ARTC – 7,BM-3, SRC -3
- Cape Hawke: -ARTC- 4 BM-11, SRC -12
- Crowdy Head: - BM-8, IRBC-12, Resuscitation AID-8, SRC-11
- Forster: - BM-8, IRBC-12, Resuscitation AID-8, SRC-11
- Pacific Palms – BM-9, IRBC-3, Resuscitation AID -11,SRC-17
- Taree Old Bar: - BM-9, SRC-4

We ran two BM and SRC pilot programs; Forster; Jim Wills and Pacific Palms, Jerrad Allen; Kel McCredie and Janne Moran; as part SLSA roll out of the new BM and SRC for the 2020-21 season. Thankyou to both clubs for your involvement and critique on how it meets the needs of this next generation of surf lifesavers.

I thank all TAFs, content experts, lifesavers and members for your patience as I grappled with the changes that came thick and fast at times, I got things wrong, fixed my mistakes , learned a bit more and represented us at State level ; expressing our needs as a regional branch with small numbers of members who are frequently members of multiple agencies including most poignantly this season the RFS.

Look forward to seeing our TAFs and anyone interested in join us , at the annual Pre Season meeting where CHANGE again will be on the agenda.

Janne Moran
Director of Education

Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc.

Director of Youth and Member Services – 2019/20

At the beginning of the season, no way we would of thought what was about to happen. Severe drought restrictions, devastating bushfires, flooding and then a pandemic virus, just unbelievable.

In our Surf Lifesaving Regional areas many of our cubbies wear many hats and also within their own communities, as volunteer fire fighters. Many SLS members from our branch were out fighting fires during that harrowing time. At one stage, the fires were threatening more areas along the Wallamba River, with several clubs providing IRB teams to be on standby, ready to evacuate people who lived along the river to safety. We also had many members ready to be called out if required as well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Forster Private Hospital who quickly donated First Aid supplies and were ready to organise medical staff support if we needed assistance during this intense time . Also to our wonderful cubbies who were out fighting fires for days on end and to everyone who were ready to go out and support the emergency strategies. You are all amazing people, and a credit to your community.

It wasn't long after the fires came rain and flooding in some areas .. then the pandemic virus COVID19 and with this the abrupt closure to our patrolling season. Many of our annual carnivals and events were cancelled or postponed.

I can only hope that the outcomes are positive in the near future and we can go back to our lives prior to the COVID 19 outbreak and able to start our patrolling season as well.

On a lighter note … This seasons Junior Lifesaver of the Year Nominees were:

- Sam Bevis Pacific Palms Surf Club
- Zoe Allen Pacific Palms Surf Club
- Grace Romer Forster Surf Club
- Camden Ceccato Cape Hawke Surf Club
- Brooke Hosgood Crowdy Head Surf Club

The interviews were held at the Black Head and Cape Hawke Surf Clubs and thanks to both these clubs for their assistance. Also to both Craig Fuller from the Newcastle Permanent and Paul Scott who assisted with the interviews this season.

With the Branch Carnival being postponed due to high seas, the presentation was held at the Cape Hawke Surf Club with many members attending.The female winner this year was Grace Romer from the Forster Surf Club and Camden Ceccato from the Cape Hawke Surf Club.

Sadly due to the COVID19 restrictions and Isolations requirements the Junior Lifesaver of the Year Development Camp was postponed. The interviews for the NSW Junior Lifesaver of the Year was done via teleconference with the winners being Chloe Carr from Bungan Beach SLSC and Kale Puata from North Avocca SLSC .Congratulations to them both from the Lower North Coast Branch.

The Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop (15 to 17years) This year the following juniors were selected by SLSNSW to attend. Sadly this camp also postponed due to the COVID19 restrictions.

- Amber Kellerher Taree Old Bar SLSC

- Charlise Everett Pacific Palms SLSC
- Nelson Jackson Black Head SLSC
- Olivia Williams Forster SLSC

Hopefully both development camps in some way will go happen in the near future. We are all so proud of all of our juniors, when they attend the Development Camps, we hope they enjoy themselves, have lots of fun and make more friendships with the other junior surf lifesavers their own age from other Branches.

In January, several Lower North Coast Juniors attended The Junior Newcastle Permanent Mid North Coast and Lower North Coast Combined Development Camp (14 years to 17 years) in January . Staying at the Dee Why Surf Club ,visiting several surf lifesaving facilities … Bronte Surf Club for a memorial service for the WW1 Lifesaving Members Diggers, The Lifeguard Service at Maroubra Beach, Care Flight Headquarters at Westmead Hospital, also the juniors were going to so a patrol on several Northern Beaches Surf Clubs but all beaches were closed due to the waters along the North Beaches being polluted . instead having a tour of Manly Surf Club also a visit to the S30 Rescue Launch at Malabar . As the Our State Centre was part of the emergency services during the fires we weren't able to attend the centre this year.Instead Claire Bevis, Manager of Member Services, Phil Ayers, Chief Operations Officer and our Xanthia Hughes spoke about their roles at The State Centre at the Dee Why SC. There were also some social time to have a swim and surf at Dee Why with many new friendships made. Our juniors had a great time. Thank you to Hugh Long President of Dee Why SC for allowing us to stay.

- Attending the Camp were;
- Olivia Williams Forster SLSC
- Nelson Jackson Black Head SLSC
- Jasmine Axisa Black Head SLSC
- Jaymee Wisemantel Black Head SLSC
- Lachlan Turville Black Head SLSC
- Charlise Everett Black Head SLSC
- Zoe Allen Pacific Palms SLSC
- Camden Ceccato Cape Hawke SLSC

Again we thank all the parents who helped out at Nippers without them it would be impossible to run. To all our new Nippers, welcome and hoping to see you all next year.To all our JACS, Age Managers, Age Manager Assistants, Mentors, Water Safety People and all the club members across the Lower North Coast Branch thank you for all your support this season with all the Junior Development Program.

To all our clubs and their members, Please keep well and thank you for all your support this season, It will be welcoming to see you all soon, It is not all that long until the start of the 20/21 season. If all goes well ,fingers crossed

Lorraine Morgan
Director of Youth and Member Services

Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc.

Director of Surf Sports Report – 2019/20

The Branch Titles this 2019/2020 haven't been held yet due to unfavorable conditions in February then the Covid-19.

We hope to hold them in November depending on SLSNSW giving the go ahead for competition to resume.

The Interbranch team started training at the end of August under Head coach Kevin Boag & Marty Cowper at varies venues. There was an increase in the number of competitors this season and this led to some good competition for some of the team spots and the improvement in our athlete's skills was thanks to the coaches.

This showed out in the results at inter branch with a jump in our ranking place.

Team manager Cathy Boag,on behalf of the team, thanks for the fantastic job you did as manager team.

On behalf of the Branch I would like to thank all the officials & water safety for their help running carnivals in our branch also those officials & IRB, RWV operators who travel outside our branch to major carnivals.

Successful events held in Branch by clubs this season:

- Forster Weekend of Surf
- Club to Club Swim
- Pacific Palms Battle of the Boats
- Rock to Rock Swim

Congratulation to all the medal winners at Country & State Championships.

Aussies & State IRBs were cancelled due to the Covid-19.

Terry Aldridge
Director Surf Sports

Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc.

LNC Branch UAV Report – 2019/20

The 2019/20 season bought the concept of 'The Dry Lifesaver' to fruition. Our branch saw the introduction of a UAV located at Forster Main beach under the Department of Primary Industries shark mitigaton program. UAV's are not foreign to our branch as the introduction of the Westpac Lifesaver Drone program was introduced in the 2018/19 season. The Westpac program saw 12 members from Support Operations trained up in areial search and rescue by means of accessing a drone/UAV. Whereas the DPI program ustilises a UAV/Drone to spot sharks, identify the species and advise the nearest patrol asset who then makes the decision of beach evacutations or not. Data is then passed onto the DPI research team.

During the season, under the funding agreement SLSNSW has with the UAV stackholders, our branch was invited to send two members to head office to be trained up to deliver the UAV course on behalf of SLSNSW. Julie Wilcox and Gavin Williams attended the course and are eager to plan and deliver courses in the coming season.

The Westpac drone is used mainly for Search and Rescue to suppliment the current assets that are used. Additionally the asset is used for survalliance at surf sports carnivals to not only capture videos and images of the carnival for promotional use but used for watersafety purposes.

Our DPI season started late with the local bush fires and bad weather which resulted in not letting the team fly. When flying was permitted, it was a new adventure that led to some great results. The DPI shifts went for 7.5 hours over weekends and public holidays. Our pilots also were given the opportunity to be employed to cover paid shifts during the school holiday periods. Our small team excelled at the job at hand with Lindsay Ellis not only doing well over 100 volunteer hours flying but also taking on the role of data collection and reporting to state. Lindsay has been a major key to success of this program and showing the importance of taking on members of the public to help SLSNSW with the volunteer power to keep our beaches safe.

Hundreds of hours flight time was carried out and hundreds of sightings recorded and logged for the DPI researches with many species were identified, including our local greys being the stars of the show with whites, bulls, fiddler, and even a large suspected thrasher shark appearing through the season.

Our team this season flying included: -
Supervisors: Gavin Williams Nathan De Rooy and Julie Wilcox

Pilots - Lindsay Ellis, Darren Reedy, Karma Reeves, Margaret Spencer, Brendan Guiney, Dave Ellis

On behalf of the branch executive and myself I would like to say a big thank you for the effort provided by the members above. Marine Rescue Forster also deserves a big thank you for allowing our members access to their facilities which enabled the batteries to be charged between flights.

Gavin Williams
Branch UAV Coordinator

Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc.

Interbranch Championships - Team Manager Report

This year the 2019 Interbranch Championships were held at Bulli Surf Life Saving Club on the 7 & 8 of December 2019. The Lower North Coast Branch (LNC) team consisted of athletes from Black Head SLSC, Forster SLSC & Cape Hawke SLSC. The LNC team were very successful coming 9th in the overall point score for the first time in over 10 years. Success was put down to outstanding performances from the whole team, who committed themselves to an 80% attendance rate at training, which is a requirement being implemented as part of the Interbranch team selection process.

Conditions on the day proved difficult to contend with, as large powerful waves and strong rips which are not uncommon on the south coast, made for a difficult and challenging competition. Full credit must go to water coaches Marty Cowper and Kevin Boag who had expected such conditions and tried to prepare the team so that they would not be intimidated when confronted with such hazardous conditions. Unfortunately, some team members were not confident to compete on the day, and in consultation with team management decided to withdraw from some events.

Interbranch Championship guidelines, allow for the smaller Branches who are unable to fulfill the required number of competitors to draft members who were unsuccessful in being selected at their own Branch. On this basis the LNC was entitled to have seven (7) drafted competitors all of who are to be commended on their attitude and performance especially whem handeling the surf conditions, and were a major contribution to the overall point score achieved by the Branch.

This year the Teamer App was used for the first time to track the attendance of all team members with great success. Water training sessions were entered into the App requesting an acceptance or decline to each training session, this way attendance was monitored to allow for water safety and programming. However, the information from the beach team attendance was hard to process which affected training sessions which were frequently moved at late notice making it hard to track progress.

Although some team members questioned the need for the 80% minimum attendance at training sessions it was felt that this process was the only way to prepare the athletes. It is hoped that further consultation with the LNC Board on how better to implement this process would be benefical to all concerned.

The LNC Interbranch Team consisted of the following competitors:

Black Head SLSC

- U12 Harry Tancred, Water
- U13 Tayla Wait, Water
- U13 Leiana Glover, beach
- U14 Izaac BOAG, Water
- U14 Connor Anderson, Water
- U17 Jasmine Axisa, Water
- U17 Nelson Jackson, Water
- U19 Callum Boag,Water
- U19 Julian Boag, Water

Forster SLSC

- U12 Ethan Hudson, Water
- U12 Sophia Lee, Water
- U12 Dlylan Kinkade, beach
- U13 Hanna Carmichael, Water
- U13 James Williams, beach
- U14 Joel Fleming, water
- U14 Grace Romer, beach
- U15 Braydan Lee, Water
- U15 Olivia Williams, beach
- U19 Alana Williams, beach
- U19 Annaliese Romer, Beach

Cape Hake SLSC

- U12 Lizzie FitzGerald, beach
- U13 Dylan Ceccato, Water
- U17 Tyler Sweetman, Beach
- U19 Julian Fitzgerald, beach
- U19 Claire Vankampen, Water

Competitors from other Breanches were:

- Bronte Ayres
- Caprice Stokes
- Henri Carrera (who donated $200 towards his accommodation and other costs)
- Nick Green
- Emily Mathers
- Callum Sutton
- Nicole Majsak

There were some outstanding performance in the Surf Swim Events with Harrison Tancred placed 10th and Ethan Hudson placed 11th allowing the Under 12 Surf Teams coming 5th overall.

Other competitors of merit were Bronte Ayres 11th, Caprice Stokes 9th, Henri Carrera 10th and Emily Mathers 11th.

Stand out performance in the board race were Ethan Hudson 8th, Joel Fleming 10th, Izaac Boag 11th giving the Under 14 Board Team 5th place overall while Nick Green came 11th in his race.

Stand out performances in the ski were Nelson Jackson coming 10th , Nick Green coming in at 15th allowing the youth team to come 7th overall. Julian Boag 12th, Callum Sutton 10th, came 5th overall in Ski Teams Event.

In the Ironperson events, Ethan Hudson came 11th, Izaac Boag coming 12th and Joel Fleming 16th allowed the iron person team to come 8th overall. Other memorable performances were Nick Green 5th, Emily Mathers 10th.

Youth mixed board relay 3rd
Youth mixed ski relay 6th
Open mixed ski relay 7th
Youth male taplin relay 7th

Youth female taplin relay 7th

Interbranch Team Costs for 2019 as follows:

• Accomodation	$3,165.60
• Meals	$2,014.00
• Bus Charter	$3,290.00
• Uniform	$1,498.60
• Costumes	$,910.80
• Petty Cash	$606.09
Total Cost:	**$12,485.09**

Cathy Boag
Interbranch Team Manager

Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc.

Club Reports – 2019/20

Crowdy Head SLSC

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to all our members for making this a wonderful organisation. Keep up the good work.

The session started very busy for us up at Crowdy with a good number of nippers attending the beach and having fun. We then had to deal with the bush fires and drought. The fires came very close to the surf club and if it were not for some members, we would have been in trouble. A big thank you to Allan Davis, my wife Catherine for staying with me to help protect the club. Thankfully, as the fire was getting close and the helicopters were hovering above, the North Easter picked up just in time and turned the fire away with great relief to us all. We were isolated with no power for about 5 days after that with the road being blocked off with a fallen powerline.

We are very lucky to have bore water at the surf club that is clean. This helped us get through the drought without too much disruption. Again, I would like to thank the nippers team for their organisational skills making it look easy to manage. Thank you to the kids, but also the helpers as well.

We still have not had our presentation for either the nippers or the senior club yet as we are still waiting for the restrictions to be lifted.

I would like to also thank our support ops members for looking after the beach when all our patrols were stood down due to the virus. Rod and Leigh - you guys are the best!

And last, but by no means least, I would just like to thank our paroling members for all their efforts throughout the session. I am hoping next season will be better.

Adam Eady
President
Crowdy Head
Surf Life Saving Club

Taree Old Bar SLSC

Our Community –

It is remiss to talk about the season and not touch on the bushfire crisis in November 2019. Our community was directly impacted by the fires and never before has it been more apparent, that our Surf Club always was, and always will be, a community club.

We immediately opened our club, for any person wishing to take shelter, on the Friday evening of Nov 8, when various properties were evaculated. Frigtened community members , many of who had never set foot in the club house, had arrived as soon as the doors were opened. Many spent the night. On Saturday November 9, when the fires directly impacted the town, in excess of 300 people and a menagerie of animals sought shelter in our club house and surrounding areas. Our members were on hand to co-ordinate first aids and provided support, food and comfort, not to mention assisting a spinal injury on the beach. In the subsequent days, we remained opened for showers and electricity for those blacked out. Our club is not an official evacuation centre, nor did it advertise as such, however when Old Bar people needed somewhere to be- they found it. As a member of the club, it is hard not to feel immensly proud of our surf club and how it supported its community at such a difficult time.

Some of our Patrol Team Members at Club Taree

Lifesaving

Our Director of Lifesaving, Dean Donovan, was instrumental in supporting all patrol members and patrol captains through out the season.

Thanks to sponsorship from Club Taree, all patrolling members who were part of the patrol roster, had their memberships costs paid for the season.

We managed to have five patrol teams and with a slight reduction in hours in the peak patrol period, we were able to limit volunteer burn-out. Due to this, more members were able to contribute time into additional club activities such as Nippers, Education and Fundraising.

On Tuesday November 12, in excess of 10 Taree Old Bar Patrollers contributed to the support operations call out for the bushfire emergency on the Manning River. In the entire patrol season, a number of rescues, first aids and prevantative actions were conducted, but no lives were lost on our beach- a credit to our team.

Members of our 2019 Bronze Squad

Education

We were ecstatic to train our largest bronze sqaud in some time. Some of this squad have gone on to complete IRBC qualifications to add depth to our patrols. Mick Cameron also

completed his trainers qualfication and has been working towards Bronze & IRB accreditation. This will be a great new resource in our club.

Surf Sports

Unfortunatley, for the first time in a number of years, our club had no senior representation in surf sports. In juniors, we have been able to organise a few junior training sessions & have a few of our members attending branch training. Hopefully with continued development we will be able to rectify the loss of senior competitors.

Andrew Sommerville conducting a junior training day over the Christmas Holidays

Member Services

Junior Activities was our greatest success in 2019-2020, thanks to the amazing work of our JAC Kristy Franc, who coordinated our new Junior Activities Committee. Having this committee in place provided much needed structure and governance, and our nippers numbers reflected this.

Additionally a big congratulations to our Director of Finance Micheal Cameron, who was named Branch and State SLS Administrator of the Year.

TOBSLSC GOING FORWARD:

The impact of Covid 19 remains to be seen especially in terms of its effect on our ability to fundraise and generate revenue, not to mention the abrupt end of the 2019 season on our members. We as a club will need to take stock and plan how best to work through this for the upcoming season. While the 2019-2020 season will undoubtably be remembered for bushfires, droughts, floods & pandemics, the challenges of the season also gave way to a number of triumphs.

It has been a priviledge to lead a hard working executive who are doing all they can to future proof our club for our amazing volunteers and community.

Jane Lynch
President
Taree Old Bar
Surf Life Saving Club

Black Head SLSC

Black Head surfclub' s board and ski training has progressed very well over the off-season, working around the limitations over the February/March period. Marty has recently concentrated on regaining team fitness with board and Ski training beginning proper this week.

The club has taken possession of 8 Zoll AEDs to be set up at different sites in Hallidays Point. Once set up we plan to follow-up with Simple Bystander CPR with the associated groups.
The club is finishing off the renovations of the clubhouse bar in time for the Combined Annual General Meeting and Presentation Day set down for 26th July 2020.

Preparations for the rebuilding of the Public toilets at the east of the Clubhouse are underway with plans to start the project at the end of June.

Blackhead Surf Club's Saturday Surf Awareness Program continued into its 12th year with Helen and Dick Quinn acting as Directors. Another 20 disabled adults from all over the region completed a limited course.

We are appreciative of the Envirobank Container Deposit Scheme as an opportunity for a passive income stream for the Club. We remain grateful to the community for dropping off their recyclables to help finance the club.

The club had acknowledged our Very Senior Club Person Michael Bickies Bartlett, who was awarded an AOM for his service to Surf Lifesaving last year.

On a sad note a visiting beachgoer died at Diamond Beach last season, reinforcing the importance of swimming at a patrolled beach.

Bruce White
President
Black Head
Surf Life Saving Club

Forster SLSC

MISSION

To keep Forster Beach safe for the public to enjoy with a commitment to protecting and saving life.

It is crucial that we keep our mission at the top of our agenda and to that end I thank those members who contributed to attaining 2,637 Patrol Hours.

We need to attain new patrolling members and retain our existing patrolling members to ensure that we do not overburden our members by having to do too much with too few. **Find a friend and get them involved**.

We need greater involvement of parent and associate members to grow our club.

We conducted the 24th year of the Professionals Weekend of Surf apart from raising vital funds to meet our lifesaving commitment also brought tourists to our town that then provides an economic stimulus to local business.

Our Chief Instructor (Jim Wills) and his small team of trainers again provided skills to our members to provide effective patrols on Main Beach. I would like to see more of our team become trainers and eventually assessors as you gain a great deal of satisfaction passing on knowledge.

Leading Female Patrol Members		
	Name	***Hours***
1.	Amanda Williams (ID: 4742702)	67.0
2.	Ruby Jones (ID: 4679829)	39.0
3.	Olivia Williams (ID: 4742706)	36.0
4.	Janet Litwin (ID: 5709284)	35.6
5.	Karen Kelly (ID: 4461112)	35.5
6.	Hannah Beattie (ID: 3588181)	35.0
7.	Carole Brown (ID: 3588811)	35.0
8.	Catherine Quinn (ID: 3588380)	35.0
9.	Annelise Romer (ID: 4554733)	35.0
10.	Gina Tambree (ID: 4463007)	34.0

Leading Male Patrol Members		
	Name	***Hours***
1.	John Quinn (ID: 3588389)	81.3
2.	Brad Verdich (ID: 3534586)	58.0
3.	James Wills (ID: 3588942)	58.0
4.	Gavin Williams (ID: 5422842)	55.0
5.	Joseph Williams (ID: 5828843)	54.0
6.	Simon Lee (ID: 3588526)	44.0
7.	Leonard Ellis (ID: 3588486)	43.5
8.	John Thorn (ID: 5567206)	43.5
9.	Robert Chappell (ID: 3610153)	43.0
10.	Braydan Lee (ID: 4650857)	42.5

Our Nippers program was most rewarding for those involved and delivered positive outcomes to children in surf skills and confidence. Beth Lee has stepped down as Chairperson at the seasons end with Grant Fleming taking over for next season

Thankyou to all the Age Managers and water safety that help make Nippers happen each week. This year it was pleasing to see greater parent involvement especially in regards gaining of official accreditation and then using those skills at various carnivals

Building

We are now in the process of lodging a Development Application for the new Forster Surf Club with our Architects currently liaising with Consultants and developing plans.

We understand it has been a long journey that still continues as we strive to develop a club that as lifesavers we would be proud of and also meets the community's needs for generations to come.

My thanks, to the general committee and especially the executive of Forster SLSC, Bruce Higgs who handed over to Gav Williams, and especially Karen Kelly and Beth Lee who took on multiple executive positions. They all do an amazing job and your efforts and support over the season is greatly appreciated.

Lastly I thank all club members (especially my wife Cathy), sponsors including major sponsor Club Forster and supporters in the wider community for assisting us to keep Forster Surf Club on the beach and meeting the community's needs

John Quinn
President Forster
Surf Loife Saving Club

Cape Hawke SLSC

At the beginning of this season it would have been difficult to imagine the enormity of the challenges we would be presented with, from days where bushfire smoke prevented a view of the North end of One Mile Beach contributed to by the most severe drought seen in our coastal region, to the onset of the COVID-19 virus pandemic which led to the early closure of lifesaving patrols in NSW. Throughout it all our members adapted positively and maintained their excellent vigilance to ensure a safe swimming environment for the public.

Our Executive team of Administration Director Ian Reynolds, Finance Director Richard Ellery, Lifesaving Director Greg Brown, Competition Director Jeff Horn and Youth Director Brendan Guiney were instrumental in providing the sound guidance and stability that was required over these trying times. I would like to pay tribute to the work Brendan Guiney who will not be seeking re-election as Youth Director for next season. Brendan has been a steady and knowledgeable hand running our Nipper program and he has made insightful contributions to club management. Fortunately, we will still be seeing Brendan around the club in his role as Patrol Captain.

The Directors were ably supported by our Management Committee members; Boat Captain Raelene Carmichael, Board and Ski Captains John Mansour and Chris Hunter, Junior Activities Coordinator Jock Sweeney, Facility Manager Paul Scott, Registrar Kim Hamilton, IRB Captain Richard Ellery, Patrol Officer Nathan deRooy, Publicity Officer Emma Barton, Education Officer Gary Curtis and our Junior Captains Abbie Mulligan and Harry Ward. Sibella Ellery has continued her very valuable role in organising the bookings and events for the Function Room. Together their skill, dedication and teamwork have furthered the success and development of our club.

Sadly, our Bar Manager of 6 years Mark Lowry was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident in September 2019. Mark's outstanding service to the club, humour and generous spirit have been missed greatly.

A lot of work was done improving the facilities of the club, including the extension of the roof line to create a sun safe area and safety tiling on the upstairs terrace. This work was made possible by an NSW State Government Surf Club Facilities grant of $30,000 and additional club funds. Water retention tanks have also been installed with the assistance of a Commonwealth Government Volunteer Grant of $3,500 and a matching contribution by club member Brian Tierney. These works were overseen by club life member Chris Hunter who managed the works, volunteer member labour and the generous donations of time and materials by local suppliers.

The great organisational skills of our Patrol Captains ensures the core business of keeping One Mile Beach a safe place to swim and enjoy is maintained. We are fortunate to have a reliable base of dedicated lifesavers; of whom 49 achieved 100% attendance this season.

Competition was cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic; Director Jeff Horn has presented a comprehensive report on events completed. Of particular note are the Country Titles medal winning performances of Sophia Blomgren, Tyler Sweetman, Claire Van Kampen, Harrison Ward, Rob Dent, Adam Mulligan and Troy Van Kampen. Claire and Tyler were consequently chosen to represent Country NSW in the Interstate Titles which was a great achievement for

them both. At State Titles our veteran ski paddler Chris Hunter won gold, while one of our youngest competitors Piper Bowen made the final of the U11 sprint. Congratulations to all our members who make the effort to represent our club. Unfortunately, the 'Pearls' veteran ladies rowing team did not have the chance to defend their 2019 Aussie and World Titles, however as recognition of their solid fundraising efforts the club contributed to the purchase of a brand new surfboat that they were able to start getting acquainted with. A welcome addition to the club rowing fraternity this season has been the 'Rough C's' open ladies boat crew, we look forward to their evolving competitive endeavours.

Our best wishes go to Claire Van Kampen for her future now that she is leaving the club and home to commence her University studies. Claire has been an outstanding competitor through nippers and the junior ranks, as well as being a thoroughly reliable patrolling member with 6 consecutive years of 100% attendance.

We thank the many parents and carers who entrust their children to us for the development of their surf skills each Sunday morning and our fabulous group of Age Managers who give up their time to ensure our Sunday morning junior activities are successful.

Congratulations to Camden Ceccato on being recognised for his enthusiasm and diligence to lifesaving by being named Junior Male Lifesaver of the Year for Lower North Coast Branch.

Life member and past President Mal Flew has been honoured with Life Membership of Surf Lifesaving NSW in a well-deserved recognition of his long standing service to our club and as a senior official at major lifesaving carnivals over many years.

In concluding I would like to thank our sponsors Great Lakes Holiday Park, Forster Bowling Club. JR Richards, Stacks The Law Firm, Midcoast Council, the Lions Club of Forster Tuncurry, Baker's Delight and Coles for their valuable contributions which have been significant to us in achieving our goals. The generous donation of a new Beach vehicle by Great Lakes Holiday Park has been highly beneficial to our lifesaving operations.

The continued success and great spirit of our club is only made possible by the many and varied contributions that all of our members make.

Gary Curtis
President
Cape Hawke
Surf Life Saving Club

Pacific Palms SLSC

The 2019/20 season has certainly made for a different perspective on surf life saving and club operations. With a relatively normal start to the season the PPSLSC quickly began paddling through uncharted waters.

In the first instance we had to commence seriously urgent, emergency repair work to our extensive timber deck area, which came at a significant cost.

We were standing by as an emergency 'water borne evacuation team' for the Seal Rocks, Smiths Lake, Pacific Palms, Whoota and Coomba Park areas during the tragic bushfire season.

We were operating under severe water restrictions throughout the summer, struggling to properly maintain and de-service equipment exposed to salt water and sand and could no longer provide showers to our members and patrols.

Our patrol, nippers and competitive seasons were cut short due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Branch Carnival and Rock to Rock ocean swim had to be cancelled. The virus then took away our revenue streams and left us to console disgruntled customers and members and is still holding us to ransom, leaving us to manage an uncertain future and regularly changing protocols to operate under.

We learned of a serious, life threatening illness of one of our Life Members that touched and greatly concerned our entire community.

We suffered costly and extensive failures of plant and equipment, including our patrol truck, both our dish and glass washers, a fridge, our hot water system, our sewer drainage and of course our lift.

Our cousin clubs suffered flooding, seriously eroded beaches and seriously bushfire impacted communities.

At a personal level some of us lost our employment, our businesses suffered, we home schooled, we didn't holiday and we felt awkward as we greeted our mates at a distance and held off from our customary greetings and goodbyes. We went without toilet paper and rice, sugar and flour, we worried about loved ones that we could not visit and we hoped that all would be ok. We learned to Skype or Zoom and do things remotely.

Despite all this we rallied and endured. We learned and we adapted and we continue to do so. Our Rescue Call Out Team performed several life saving rescues, and we buckled down and got stuff done despite the barriers.

Our amazing membership, volunteers and sponsors from the community delivered our 22nd Battle of the Boats Carnival. Our Board of Directors continued to meet and carry out their duties. Our Venue Coordinator managed the broken dreams of brides to be. Our Trainers completed essential training and delivered an amazing "Rookie" program. Our Grants Officer has secured several small government grants that will help us into the next season.

We delivered 4x Public Access Automatic External Defibrillators and FREE training to our community in strategic locations at Elizabeth Beach, Blueys Pharmacy, Smiths Lake and Coomba Park. Our Sponsorship Officer updated our sponsorship boards and developed new relationships with local businesses. Our Water Craft Captain kept our extensive list of equipment serviceable and our Director of Surf Life Saving kept our beach patrolled and again delivered innovative plans to ease the strain on our patrols over the holiday season.

Some key people have gone above and beyond to ensure that the PPSLSC is ready to seamlessly switch back on as COVID 19 restrictions are slowly eased and for this I am eternally grateful.

Our sponsors and general membership have been understanding and supportive, as has our community at large.

In addition to our local support, SLSNSW and the LNC Branch have been incredibly supportive and have kept us well informed throughout this unusual time.

On behalf of the PPSLSC Board of Directors I would like to thank you all for your support, understanding and compliance during a difficult period and look forward to seeing you on the beach!

Dan Morgan
President
Pacific Palms Surf Life Saving Club

Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc.

Financial Statements for Year End 30 April 2020

SURF LIFE SAVING LOWER NORTH COAST BRANCH INC.
ABN: 72 715 383 514
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INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2020

	2020	*2019*
INCOME	***$***	***$***
Affiliation Fees	600.00	600.00
Branch Allocations	6,941.26	6,941.26
Capitation Fees	11,298.00	10,647.00
Donations	6,100.00	6,078.00
Grants	-	3,984.10
Insurance Refunds	1,392.73	-
Interest Received	2,727.72	3,450.97
Profit on Sale of Non-current Assets	1,363.64	-
Sponsorship	45,128.33	43,310.15
	75,551.68	75,011.48
EXPENSES		
Auditor's Remuneration	1,864.00	1,695.00
Carnival Expenses	2,758.00	2,544.69
Computer Expenses	916.55	2,141.81
Depreciation	15,747.00	13,961.00
Development Camp	515.18	3,034.32
DHL Funding	12,085.45	-
Insurance	2,971.67	3,146.23
Inter Branch Team	10,957.76	5,739.33
Jet Ski Expenses	1,054.57	4,339.53
Motor Vehicle Expenses	3,523.14	2,333.95
Officials & Meeting Expenses	3,055.71	375.53
Presentation & Award Dinners	3,758.28	6,315.09
Printing, Stationery & Postage	795.40	399.80
Rent	215.62	213.18
Repairs & Maintenance	130.64	447.25
Telephone	254.57	239.99
Training tools, Competition & Patrol Equipment	5,712.29	5,211.59
Trophies & Prizes	1,152.73	160.00
Uniforms	6,993.23	3,557.84
	74,461.79	55,856.13
NET PROFIT	1,089.89	19,155.35
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	317,303.72	298,148.37
RETAINED EARNINGS AT THE END ODF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	318,393.61	317,303.72

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2020

	Note	*2020* *$*	*2019* *$*
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	**3**	264,020.71	232,081.74
Trade and other receivables	**4**	1,955.80	17,164.91
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		265,976.51	249,246.65
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	**5**	53,497.90	69,244.90
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		53,497.90	69,244.90
TOTAL ASSETS		319,474.41	318,491.55
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	**6**	1,080.80	1,187.83
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,080.80	1,187.83
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,080.80	1,187.83
NET ASSETS		318,393.61	317,303.72
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained earnings		318,393.61	317,303.72
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		318,393.61	317,303.72

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2020

The financial statements cover Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc. as an individual entity. Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc. is a not-for-profit association incorporated in New South Wales under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 ('the Act').

The principal activity of the association for the year ended 30 April 2020 is:

Surf Life Saving

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1. Basis of preparation

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the Act.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows, AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors and AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Income tax

The association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.*

Revenue and other income

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Association and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

Interest revenue

Interest is recognised using the effective interest method.

Rendering of services

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised depending on whether the outcome of the services can be estimated reliably. If the outcome can be estimated reliably then the stage of completion of the services is used to determine the appropriate level of revenue to be recognised in the period.

If the outcome cannot be reliably estimated then revenue is recognised to the extent of expenses recognised that are recoverable.

Revenue from training services is generally recognised once the training has been delivered.

Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period, the association determines whether there is an evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where this indicator exists and regardless for goodwill, indefinite life intangible assets and intangible assets not yet available for use, the recoverable amount of the assets is estimated.

Where assets do not operate independently of other assets, the recoverable amount of the relevant cash-generating unit (CGU) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and the value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset or cash-generating unit.

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Reversal indicators are considered in subsequent periods for all assets which have suffered an impairment loss, except for goodwill.

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	Note	2020 $	2019 $
3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Cash at Bank Newcastle Cash Management		155,045.19	121,748.41
Cash at Bank Newcastle Club Cheque Ac		2,122.74	5,742.91
Newcastle Perm - term deposit 720764607		53,273.30	52,043.17
Newcastle Perm - term deposit 730800907		53,579.48	52,547.25
		264,020.71	232,081.74
4. CURRENT			
Trade Debtors		1,955.80	17,164.91
		1,955.80	17,164.91
5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT			
BUILDINGS			
Gear Shed		14,226.91	14,226.91
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(4,348.00)	(3,992.00)
		9,878.91	10,234.91
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT			
Plant & Equipment		6,711.00	15,773.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(4,752.00)	(13,380.00)
Jet Skis		46,250.73	46,250.73
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(30,004.00)	(20,979.00)
		18,205.73	27,664.73
MOTOR VEHICLES			
Motor Vehicles		48,303.26	48,303.26
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(22,890.00)	(16,958.00)
		25,413.26	31,345.26
		53,497.90	69,244.90
6. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES			
CURRENT			
Provision for GST		1,080.80	1,187.83
		1,080.80	1,187.83

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	Note	2020 $	2019 $
6. RETAINED EARNINGS			
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year		317,303.72	298,148.37
Net profit		1,089.89	19,155.35
		318,393.61	317,303.72

7. EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

No matter or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the association in future financial years.

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 2 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc. as at 30 April 2020 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
3. Gives a true and fair view of all income and expenditure with respect to fundraising appeals and the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association with respect to fundraising appeals.
4. The provision of the act, the regulations of the act, and the conditions attached to the fundraising authority have been complied with by the association. The financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013.
5. The internal controls exercised by the organisation are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the association from any of its fundraising appeals.

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

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Brian Wilcox (President)

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Jim Tyrpenou (Treasurer)

Dated 26 May 2020

SURF LIFE SAVING LOWER NORTH COAST BRANCH INC.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION, SURF LIFE SAVING LOWER NORTH COAST BRANCH INC.

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc. (the association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 April 2020, the income statement, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and management's assertion statement.

In my opinion, subject to the Limitation of Scope below, the accompanying financial report of the association for the year ended 30 April 2020 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012.

The financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30th April 2020, and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and comply with the Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulation 2013. At the date of this report there are reasonable grounds to believe that the organisation will be able to pay it's debts as and when they fall due.

Limitation of Scope

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practical for the association to maintain effective internal controls over income until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly my audit in relation to this was limited to amounts recorded. I was unable to independently verify whether cash receipts have been completely accounted for. The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on this basis.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report section of my report. I am independent of the association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of matter - basis of accounting

I draw attention to note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the association in fulfilling the Committee's financial requirements under the Associations Incorporation Act NSW and the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. My report is intended solely for the association and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the association. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION, SURF LIFE SAVING LOWER NORTH COAST BRANCH INC.

Responsibility of management and those charged with governance

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and ACNC Act. Management is responsible for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

(a) Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

(b) Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the registered entity’s internal control.

(c) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by responsible entities.

(d) Conclude on the appropriateness of the responsible entitie’s use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the registered entity’s ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor’s report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor’s report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.

(e) Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the responsible entities regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

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Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Charitable Fundraising Act 1991

In my opinion:

(i) The financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial results of the charitable and fundraising activities for the year ended 30 April 2020;

(ii) The financial statements and associated records have been kept properly during the year in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991;

(iii) Money received as a result of charitable and fundraising activities conducted during the year has been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Act; and

(iv) There are reasonable grounds to believe that Surf Lifesaving Lower North Coast Branch Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Collison Accounting Pty Ltd

Old Bar

26 May 2020

Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc.

Branch Statistics 2019-20

SUMMARY OF RESCUES AND LIFESAVING ACTIVITIES

Rescues	Branch Total	Crowdy Head	Taree Old Bar	Black Head	Forster	Cape Hawke	Pacific Palms	Support Operations
No Gear	**5**	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Tube	**12**	0	1	6	4	1	2	0
Board	**5**	0	1	1	0	0	2	0
IRB	**3**	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
RWC	**7**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	**2**	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Total	**34**	**1**	**2**	**7**	**5**	**4**	**8**	**0**

Preventative Actions	Branch Total	Crowdy Head	Taree Old Bar	Black Head	Forster	Cape Hawke	Pacific Palms	Support Operations
Beach Users Advised	**222**	57	17	45	35	54	13	0
Craft Users Advised	**56**	11	4	20	3	5	13	0
Lost Children	**2**	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Preventions	**707**	150	35	183	102	155	19	0
Searches	**4**	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Shark Alarms	**18**	1	1	0	7	0	1	0
Swimmers Advised	**315**	27	17	73	55	116	27	0
Warning Signs Erected	**29**	7	4	2	5	7	4	0
Total	**1,353**	**253**	**78**	**323**	**207**	**339**	**78**	**2**

First Aid	Branch Total	Crowdy Head	Taree Old Bar	Black Head	Forster	Cape Hawke	Pacific Palms	Support Operations
Resus	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marine Stings	**26**	0	0	6	4	6	4	0
First Aid	**33**	1	1	0	6	17	1	0
Spinal	**3**	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Other	**5**	3	0	2	1	4	2	0
Total	**67**	**3**	**1**	**8**	**11**	**30**	**7**	**0**

Total Patrol Hours	Branch Total	Crowdy Head	Taree Old Bar	Black Head	Forster	Cape Hawke	Pacific Palms	Support Operations
2019/20	**14774**	**1821.75**	**1475.93**	**2192.52**	**2637.71**	**2316.52**	**1545.48**	**1663.71**

Lifesaving Actions	Branch Total	Crowdy Head	Taree Old Bar	Black Head	Forster	Cape Hawke	Pacific Palms	Support Operations
TOTAL	**1452**	**257**	**81**	**338**	**223**	**373**	**93**	**2**

Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Inc.

Branch Championships 2019-20

Unfortunately, due to public distancing rules concerning the Covid-19 pandemic the 2019-2020 Branch Championships had to be cancelled. Accordingly, the Branch Championship Point Score will not be awarded.

THANK YOU

Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch appreciates the contribution each and every individual has made in what has been an extraordinary twelve months. There is no doubt that the events that occurred in the 2019-2020 season have severely impacted our community and will be long remembered. Your continued involvement and ongoing support, which at times was beyond expectency, is very much appreciated. We look forward to your continued support in 2020-2021.

Surf Life Saving
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