



**SURF LIFE SAVING  
LOWER NORTH COAST BRANCH Inc.  
BRANCH COUNCIL MEETING  
AGENDA**

**LOCATION: Black Head SLSC**

**DATE: Tuesday 19 October 2021 starting at 7.30pm**

**1. Chairperson opened the meeting at 7.30pm**

**2. Attendance**

- Refer attached Attendance Sheet

**3. Apologies**

- Dr Bruce White,  
**Resolution 32-2020/21**  
**Moved: Lorraine Morgan**  
**That Apologies be accepted.**

**Seconded: Jerrad Allen**  
**Carried**

**4. Proxies**

N/A

**5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**

**Resolution 33-2020/21**

**Moved: John Quinn**

**Seconded: Adam Eady**

That minutes from The Branch Council Meeting held 20 April 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**Carried**

**6. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

N/A

**7. Reports**

❖ President

Great to see everyone has had a smooth start to the season considering the Covid rules and restrictions that everyone is dealing with to get patrols on the beach.

Unfortunately, Nippers and Surf Sports are unable to start until December 2021 which gives everyone more time for planning but in turn hoping that all our members return this season.

We have negotiated a new sponsorship agreement with Newcastle Permanent for 3 years with 2 one-year options, so essentially the next 5 years are secure.

We have an extra \$10,000.00 of sponsorship per year for leveraged products provided by Newcastle Permanent for the benefit of our clubs and members.

This money will go towards items like:

- replacement of A frame beach conditions signs
- provision of marquis for use by JAC's as shade for the nippers.

- Provision of Newcastle Permanent branded pink rashies for all nippers starting next season for most clubs who have already got things in place, but they hopefully will be available this season if needed. You will still be able to honor your existing sponsors on these shirts moving forward.
- Newcastle Permanent branded Age Managers shirts for all clubs
- Newcastle Permanent branded Surf Sports Officials shirts

Other existing obligations from the previous sponsorship agreement are:

- Naming rights for the LNC Branch Awards of Excellence
- Naming rights for LNC Branch Carnival
- Naming rights for Junior Lifesaver of the Year
- Naming rights for all junior carnivals in LNC Branch
- Naming rights and media publicity of Raising and Lowering of the flags.
- Newcastle Permanent branding on all branch correspondence
- Newcastle Permanent branding on LNC Branch web page as major sponsors for 16 years.

All clubs and LNC Branch need to make sure that we cover off on our obligations under this agreement which is pretty easy to do, but we cannot put this long-standing sponsorship agreement in jeopardy due to a lack of understanding our obligations.

If you need to talk to myself about this agreement and expected obligations of your club, please let me know.

Newcastle Permanent are proud of this long-standing sponsorship and are committed to the future as major sponsors of Surf Lifesaving from Central Coast Branch to Far North Coast Branch.

The other major piece of work Tony and I have been working on is Crown Lands Leases.

I have a meeting with Senior Policy Officer for the Crown Lands Commissioner, Rob McGuinness on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October to discuss a way forward with policy and models for surf clubs on crown lands in NSW. It's quite obvious to us all that the current model of local councils being in control of leases has been dysfunctional for many years and we must move forward in a way that provides greater security of tenure on crown lands, and a model that will allow funding of regular maintenance and upgrades of facilities to occur.

Tony has been working on documentation on this which will be presented to Rob McGuinness and also Minister for Crown Lands, Melinda Pavey.

Tony has been fundamental in moving this issue forward with his knowledge and experience in legal and crown lands management, thankyou Tony.

We have recently moved all our meetings to Zoom to give clubs a greater opportunity for engagement with the branch directors, and active representation by your club directors for your members on the direction of each portfolio and the branch in general. Thank you to all branch directors for running their pre- season meetings and I know they will be catching up with you regularly to make sure your voice is heard and allow some degree of fellowship with other club directors in the same portfolio.

With the SLSNSW Directors Election being declared illegal as it was not run in accordance with the SLSNSW Constitution, this election will be rerun in November this year under much the same rules with better direction and more transparency than last time. Hopefully we will get a good result that will be run in accordance with the SLSNSW Constitution that everyone will be happy about.

We will be in for a very busy summer of patrols come December, so make sure you have plans in place especially around your rostering of patrols and maintenance of gear and equipment. Your patrols will be working hard so look after them with anything they may need, doing the most important role we have, keeping our beaches safe.

A thankyou from the club Director of Lifesaving or President on patrol is really important to our volunteers on the beach, and don't forget about some social activities where possible for members to enjoy some time together.

**Brian Wilcox**

**President**

**Resolution 34-2020/21**

**Moved: Nathan De Rooy**

**Seconded: Michael Cameron**

**That Presidents Report be accepted.**

**Carried**

❖ Administration Officer

- Recent amendments have been made to the Surf Life Saving New South Wales (SLS NSW) Constitution which requires that those Clubs and Branches which are deemed to be small or medium, need only to have their financial statements reviewed by a Chartered or Certified Practicing Accountant as may be required under the *Corporations Act 2001* and the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission Regulations.

Currently Section 29 of the current Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch (the Branch) Constitution requires that a properly qualified auditor must be appointed at each Annual General Meeting to examine the financial dealings of the Branch in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*. Therefore, to reflect the amendments made to the SLS NSW Constitution, will require that Section 29 of the Constitution be altered.

- As Section 29 is classified as a By-Law any amendments can be made by the Branch at any sanctioned Board meeting provided that due notice has been provided. Given these circumstances, it is recommended that Section 29 of the Branch Constitution be amended as follows:
  - (a) The Branch as deemed to be small to medium, shall appoint a qualified Chartered or Certified Accountant to conduct as a minimum a review of the Branch finances and produce those financial statements that meet with those that are required under the *Corporations Act 2002* and the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission, and further that the conduct of the Branch comply with those generally accepted principles, and/or any applicable code of conduct.
  - (b) The accounts of the Branch shall be examined by the Chartered or Certified Practicing Accountant to include a profit and loss and/or any other account thought to be compliant with the regulations at the conclusion of each Financial Year.
- It was resolved that Section 29 of the Surf Life Saving Lower North Coast Branch Constitution be mended and replaced with the following:
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and produce those financial statements that meet with those that are required under the *Corporations Act 2002* and the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission, and further that the conduct of the Branch comply with those generally accepted principles, and/or any applicable code of conduct.

(b) The accounts of the Branch shall be examined by the Chartered or Certified Practising Accountant to include a profit and loss and/or any other accounts thought to be compliant with the regulations at the conclusion of each Financial Year.

- Correspondence was tabled from Old Bar Surf Life Saving Club relating to the use of a private pool in Old Bar to conduct proficiencies. It was decided that a letter be sent to the Club advising that they no longer use the pool as it did not comply with specifications required by SLS NSW.
- Resolved that a letter be sent to Old Bar Surf Life Saving Club advising them to cease use of the pool as it was located on private property and did not comply with current specifications.
- A verbal report was given relating to a person sighting a shark while swimming at Elizabeth Beach. When they notified the Patrol Captain the swimmer was told that the Patrol was aware of the shark and its location. The swimmer was further advised that the shark was a regular visitor to the beach and did not require notification to the public.
- It was resolved that the Director of Surf Life Saving investigate the matter further and report to the next Board Meeting
- At this point Jane Lynch asked permission to discuss with the meeting the issue relating to the use of the pool in the Caravan Park to conduct Nipper proficiencies. The meeting was advised that Taree Old Bar Surf Life Saving Club had a long-term relationship with the current lease holder for use of the pool subject to the Club accepting that they do so at their own risk. It was on this basis that it was decided that Branch would, after seeking further advice formally notify the Club of any restrictions on the use of the pool for any activities.

#### **Resolution 35-2020/21**

**Moved: Jane Lynch**

**Seconded: Michael Cameron**

**That the Administration Officer's Report as tabled be accepted.**

**Carried**

#### ❖ Finance Reports

1. Bank Statement – Club Cheque Account
2. Bank Reconciliation Report – Club Cheque Account
3. Bank Statement – Term Deposit Account
4. Bank Reconciliation Report – Term Deposit Account
5. Bank Statement – Cash Management Account
6. Bank Reconciliation Report – Cash Management Account
7. Bank Statement – Term Deposit (2) Account
8. Bank Reconciliation Report – Term Deposit (2) Account
9. Bank Statements – Club Debit Card Account
10. Bank Reconciliation Report – Club Debit Card Account

<b>Bank Statement</b>						
<b>NPBS Club Cheque 982774207</b>						
<b>SURF LIFE SAVING LOWER NORTH COAST BRANCH INCORPORATED</b>						
<b>From 10 August 2021 to 2 October 2021</b>						
<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date imported into Xero</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Reconciled</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>10/08/2021</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>					<b>\$6,943.72</b>
20/08/2021		20/08/2021	Invoice No 0056:TFR Mathew Caves M	Yes	-\$398.80	\$6,544.92
20/08/2021		20/08/2021	Invoice No 0058:TFR Mathew Caves M	Yes	-\$475.60	\$6,069.32
20/08/2021		20/08/2021	Invoice No 0059:TFR Mathew Caves M	Yes	-\$320.75	\$5,748.57
20/08/2021		20/08/2021	BPAY: 23796TELSTRA CORPORATION	Yes	-\$50.00	\$5,698.57
26/08/2021		26/08/2021	M Caves Inv 0062:TFR Mathew Caves	Yes	-\$345.25	\$5,353.32
31/08/2021	Karera Pty Ltd	1/09/2021		Yes	-\$852.50	\$4,500.82
31/08/2021	Mathew Caves Marine S	1/09/2021		Yes	-\$290.80	\$4,210.02
31/08/2021	Coastwise Promotions	1/09/2021		Yes	-\$92.40	\$4,117.62
3/09/2021	Ink N Toner Forster	6/09/2021		Yes	-\$316.00	\$3,801.62
3/09/2021	SLS NSW	6/09/2021		Yes	-\$518.10	\$3,283.52
10/09/2021	Surf Life Saving Austral	1/10/2021		Yes	-\$145.95	\$3,137.57
21/09/2021	Nathan De Rooy	1/10/2021		Yes	-\$299.54	\$2,838.03
30/09/2021	Telstra	1/10/2021		Yes	-\$25.00	\$2,813.03
	<b>Closing Balance</b>					<b>\$2,813.03</b>

<b>Bank Reconciliation Summary</b>			
<b>NPBS Club Cheque 982774207</b>			
<b>SURF LIFE SAVING LOWER NORTH COAST BRANCH INCORPORATED</b>			
<b>As at 2 October 2021</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>2/10/2021</b>	<b>Balance in Xero</b>		<b>\$2,813.03</b>
<b>2/10/2021</b>	<b>Statement Balance</b>		<b>\$2,813.03</b>

<b>Bank Reconciliation Summary</b>			
<b>NPB Cash Mgt 982774602</b>			
<b>SURF LIFE SAVING LOWER NORTH COAST BRANCH INCORPORATED</b>			
<b>As at 2 October 2021</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>2/10/2021</b>	<b>Balance in Xero</b>		<b>\$17,989.24</b>
<b>2/10/2021</b>	<b>Statement Balance</b>		<b>\$17,989.24</b>

<b>Bank Reconciliation Summary</b>			
<b>Club Debit Card Account</b>			
<b>SURF LIFE SAVING LOWER NORTH COAST BRANCH INCORPORATED</b>			
<b>As at 2 October 2021</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2/10/2021	Balance in Xero		<b>\$881.19</b>
2/10/2021	Statement Balance		<b>\$881.19</b>

<b>Bank Reconciliation Summary</b>			
<b>Newcastle Permanent Term Deposit</b>			
<b>SURF LIFE SAVING LOWER NORTH COAST BRANCH INCORPORATED</b>			
<b>As at 2 October 2021</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2/10/2021	Balance in Xero		<b>\$254,170.79</b>
2/10/2021	Statement Balance		<b>\$254,170.79</b>

<b>Profit and Loss</b>	
<b>SURF LIFE SAVING LOWER NORTH COAST BRANCH INCORPORATED</b>	
<b>For the period 10 August 2021 to 31 October 2021</b>	
<b>Account</b>	
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Duty Officer phone	22.73
Insurance office bearers	471.00
Interest [60600]	(1.50)
Other equipment maintenance	775.00
Printing Postage & Stationery	287.27
Purchase Uniforms & Clothing	84.00
RWC repairs and maintenance	899.22
Support Operations equipment	45.45
Trophies & Prizes	145.95
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>2,729.12</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>(2,729.12)</b>

Resolved that the Financial Report as tabled above be accepted

**Resolution 36-2020/21**

**Moved: Gary Curtis**

**Seconded: Adam Eady**

**That Finance Report as tabled be accepted.**

**Carried**

Director of Life Saving

- Season started well with all clubs being able to patrol as per normal.
- Lifesaving catch up went well with all clubs attending the SLSNSW meeting.
- Branch Lifesaving meeting – half of the clubs attended.
- All Branch Lifesaving team members are going well with their areas of responsibility.
- RWC Operators received their briefing via an email with a Face 2 Face meeting being scheduled after the holidays.

- RWC Skills Maintenance is being sorted by Brendan. Information will be circulated to members shortly.
- RWC Course is scheduled for end of October, Early November. Paperwork has been sent to all Club Captains/Dols with Suz forwarding the details to CTO's. Aiming for a minimum of 5 participants. We currently have 2. Induction/Theory will more than likely occur online unless we can get a Facilitator to travel here, but unlikely under current restrictions.
- All Duty Officers and RWC Operators have received a personal @SLS NSW.org email address. This is connected to Deputy, Surfguard and an intranet where members can access SMEAC's, training dates, information etc. This is a step closer in the right direction for SLS members that undertake emergency services work.
- UAV = we have gained 2 more locations, being Black Head and Cape Hawke. This will see an increase in operations for UAV's by volunteers. Paid pilots will operate school holiday periods with volunteers conducting off-peak patrols, matching what is currently the respective clubs LSA. Lindsay and Julie continue to work closely to grow UAV's in the branch. An OPI course is being run within the next 2 weeks (I believe) with an RePL course being run in December by AUAVS. To do the paid work and to train the OPI course, one must have the RePL. Attached is the UAV structure that Julie, Lindsay and Myself believe will be most effective for the season. It will be reviewed at the conclusion of the season by Julie and Lindsay in consultation with the UAV membership. I understand some clubs may want to directly control the UAV at their club, however we need to ensure consistency of delivery against the DPI program and ensure compliance with CASA regulations.
- LNC Branch is yet to receive our Enhanced Funding agreement for the next 2 years, which includes Lifesaving Service Agreement for RWCs, Duty Officers and UAV's. Once this is received the branch lifesaving team will meet to review the documentation and add the data that SLSNSW is requesting. Once this is done, Tony, Brian and I will review the document and sign.

**Nathan De Rooy**  
**Director of Life Saving**

**Resolution 37-2020/21**

**Moved: Nathan De Rooy**

**Seconded: John Quinn**

**That the Director of Life Saving Report be accepted.**

**Carried**

❖ Director Youth and Member Services

**Commencement of Nippers**

On Thursday 30th September Claire Bevis, Manager of Member Services SLSNSW called a meeting of all Member Services Directors to discuss the commencement of NSW Nippers for the 2021/22 season. As everyone is aware, The New South Wales Government announced during the week the Roadmap for easing restrictions once New South Wales has hit the 80% vaccination target and beyond. It was decided at the meeting in relation to the Roadmap, Nippers will recommence on Sunday 5th December, this correlates with the 80% vaccination rate 1<sup>st</sup> December changes.

This means that there is to be no Nipper activity at any Lower North Coast Branch Clubs until then. Also, the commencement of Nippers will only happen if there are no changes in the COVID situation in our Local Government Area or any changes in the New South Wales State Government Roadmap pathway.

Please refer to the Junior Activity COVID Information Package and COVID Information

Packs provided on the SLSNSW website for any further information. Also, SLSNSW will be forwarding information regarding Nipper Education and Proficiency deadlines in the next few weeks.

All Lower North Coast Clubs Junior Activity Coordinators have been contacted and informed of this pathway.

### **Member Services ZOOM Meeting held on Thursday 23rd September**

Lower North Coast Club Junior Activity Coordinators for 2021/22 Season

Forster: Nova Grosvenor, Troy Brookes and Jen Lyndsay

Crowdy Head: Chantelle Mobbs

Cape Hawke: Ben Forrester

Black Head: Tania Mc Clone

Taree Old Bar: Kristy Franc

### **Junior Development Fees**

Reference: SLSNSW Website: If fees are taken. It is recommended that clubs have a clear policy on membership cancellation/refund/credit processes and under what circumstances any refunds might be applied. Capitation fees will be charged on any membership accepted this season, including those which have archived with the season.

### **Junior Activities Coordinators Course**

All new JACs and Assistant JACs to attend, Doug Hawkins from Coogee SC coordinated it via Zoom on the 28th and 29th September. With positive feedback from LNC JACs attending.

### **Changes to SLSA Policies: STATE, BRANCH and CLUB Member Protection, Child Safe and Complaints.**

#### **Resourced from Safety and Wellbeing**

#### **Online Child Safe Awareness Course:**

This is the updated Safeguarding Course, there are no changes just the name.

#### **Circular 14/21-22 Junior Development Resource Review and Release**

All JACs and Member Services Officers to inform all members involved with Nippers to complete the course.

#### **Circular 15/21-22 Age Manager Resources Review and Updates**

Both Can be Resourced from Members Area Document Library in PDF for downloading

Both Circulars have been sent to all JACs and was discussed at the meeting.

#### **Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award**

The Junior Lifesaver of the Year Under 14s will still go ahead, All JACs are aware of this Branch has set a date for the 9th December for the Interviews. Application forms will be sent out to the JACS when released.

#### **COVID Vaccinations**

Re SLSNSW Highly recommended only at this stage

Members vaccination status is private, and any intimidation or harassment regarding this is not acceptable. Please refer to SLSNSW Website for the latest information, especially for members living in high risk areas.

#### **SLSNSW Critical Incident Management Support Procedures**

This document was sent out to all clubs. Also, The Lower North Branch will provide all members with adequate counselling sessions they require who are involved in a Critical Incident Situation.

#### **SLSA Rewards and Recognition Framework and Recognition Framework**

Can be Resourced in Members Area Document Library SLSNSW website.

All Clubs executive members to familiarise with the above documents and to continue to

prioritise member recognition.

### **Working With Children Check Renewal Applications**

More working with Children Check extensions announced. Working with Children's Checks due to expire between 27th September 2021 and 26th January 2022 have been extended for three months. People who have been granted an extension will be advised by email and the system will be automatically updated. As restrictions are extended due to COVID-19 The primary concern for the Office of the Children's Guardian is the safety of the children. There are more than 80,00 clearances in NSW that are due to expire in the the next four months. This includes teachers and medical staff and volunteering people, who require a clearance and may be restricted in their capacity to go to a Service NSW centre to finalise their renewal application.

**Lorraine Morgan**

**Director Youth & Member Services**

**Resolution 38-2020/21**

**Moved: Lorraine Morgan**

**Seconded: Jerrad Allen**

**That the Director of Youth and Member Services be accepted.**

**Carried**

### ❖ Director of Surf Sports

- The Interbranch carnival is run by NSW SLS where teams from each branch in NSW are made up of 3 male and 3 female competitors in each age group from U/12 to open ages. All state branches compete against each other over one weekend in early December.
- The Lower North Coast team will be made up from any LNC competitor who has competed at State and or Aussies in the previous year. Consideration will also be given to competitors who are consistently training under the guidance of an accredited surf sports coach with a specific training plan within their own club and wishes to be considered for water and beach disciplines. Team selectors and coaches will consider past State and National performances as well as commitment to training sessions set by team coaches. All competitors must attend at least 90 percent of the training sessions planned consisting of 2 x board, 1 x Iron sessions per week as well as 2 x ski sessions for U/17 to open water competitors. In the beach team the best sprinter will be chosen followed by the flag's competitor. In the water the best Iron person will be selected followed by the best swimmer. The best placed swimmer at the Interbranch Championships will be the swimmer in the Cameron event.
- All U/12 – open competitors from Pacific Palms SLSC, in the south, to Crowdy SLSC, in the north who meet the above criteria are invited for consideration.
- The Interbranch carnival is considered an elite level of competition and all competitors must be actively training in surf sports covering all disciplines.
- All LNC Carnivals cancelled until new year. All clubs have postponed start of nippers in accordance with NSW Health order meaning that clubs will only get a few weeks in club competition before Christmas break.
- Fast 5s
  - Black Head SLSC 30th October 2021 - CANCELLED
  - Cape Hawke SLSC 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - CANCELLED
  - Black Head SLSC 8th January 2022 - STILL SCHEDULED subject to Covid-19 restrictions

- LNC Branch Championships - Postponed until 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022, subject to Covid-19 restrictions. The venue will be Crowdy Head SLSC if it fits their calendar.
- Jeff Horn & Gary Curtis have completed the theory part of their Senior (level 2) officials' course. Practical component to be done next just need some carnivals.
- Inter-branch Championships to be held after NSW State Championships.

**Terry Aldridge**

**Director of Surf Sports**

**Resolution 39-2020/21**

**Moved: Adam Eady**

**Seconded: Dominique Augey**

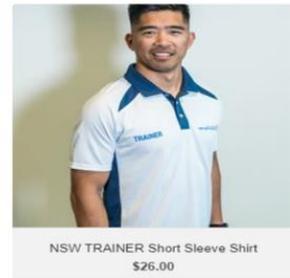
**That the Director of Surf Sports Report be accepted.**

**Carried**

❖ Director of Education

- Pre-Season PD Day had been scheduled for Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at Black Head Surf club but COVID put a stop to that.
- We conducted a Zoom meeting for TAF's that needed to be re-qualified in the upgraded HLT components on Advanced Resus and First Aid to be able to deliver both awards.
- The response from the TAFs that needed the upgrades and the feedback for the Zoom was very encouraging.
- LNC Branch now has our own Trauma Bleed and Haemostatic Wound Kit for training purposes, which I currently have at my place as we only have one unit for the 6 clubs to utilise.
- Julie and Lindsay will be running a UAV course on 9<sup>th</sup> Oct and we already have 16 participants enrolled which is so great – especially as Black Head and Cape Hawke will be the new drone sites added this season – we need all the pilots we can get. They are looking at splitting into 2 courses with 4 trainers
- I have put out an EOI for the following courses to be run at Branch Level and so far, have had a great response from most clubs.
  1. Silver Med Beach Management
  2. SMAR's
  3. Gold Medallion – of which I have already had enquiries from 4 willing participants
  4. IRB both Driver and Crew
  5. Advance Resus Tech
  6. Provide First Aid
- TAF's shirts and caps seem to be ok with most of our trainers and assessors, as last season Belrose gave us "freebies" but new trainers and assessors will be requiring shirts this season.
- I also think trainers having the NSW caps would be beneficial. I would like to order some more for people that members that are currently being mentored as trainers or missed out last year and have mentioned they require new ones.
- I believe the system is for me to order and pay for them and the branch to reimburse me.

- Based on the information above it is proposed that a motion be put forward that the SLS LNC Branch Board approve the purchase of TAF uniforms to the value of \$500.00.



Resolved that the Director of Education be approved to purchase uniforms for TAF officers to the value of \$500.00.

**Suzanne Gerrish**  
**Director of Education**  
**Resolution 40-2020/21**

**Moved: Suzanne Gerrish**

**Seconded: Nathan De Rooy**

**That the Director of Education Report be accepted.**

**Carried**

❖ General Business

- **The Deputy Director of Surf Life Saving was given authority to purchase shirts for the Branch UAV Pilots to the maximum value of \$500.00, so that adequate uniforms wear available while conducting patrols for and on behalf of SLS LNC Branch.**
- **The Director of Youth and Member Services was also given authority to purchase shirts to the maximum value of \$500.00 for Board Members for the 2021-2022 Season.**

**Resolution 41-2020/21**

**Moved: Suzanne Gerrish**

**Seconded: Lorraine Morgan**

**That the two recommendations as tabled above be accepted.**

**Carried**

❖ Club Reports:

1. Crowdy Head SLSC:

- It's been a bit of a slow start to the season with a lot of uncertainty around weather we will have different activities or not. With the decision being made that community sport will not start until December it will make it very difficult to get through the nipper's program in its present format. Hopefully a decision will be made soon on the nipper's format so the team can get organized.
- Our patrols are going well so far with six patrol teams sharing the load.
- We have recently purchased a defib and wall mount cabinet so the public can use it in an emergency, this was donated by the "tour de Harrington" group and we much appreciate it, Thank you.
- With not much else happening around the club I will conclude my report by saying a big thankyou to all the volunteers that keep our beach and community safe.

**Adam Eady**  
**President**

## **Crowdy Head SLSC**

### **2. Taree Old Bar SLSC:**

- **Patrols:**

We have 5 patrol teams and have completed one rotation of all teams.

We still have good numbers, but have lost a number of strong patrolling members & families over the break. All patrol teams will complete 12 patrols over the season, with all public holidays not rostered.

- **Training:**

We will aim to run a bronze & SRC in mid-November, with an aim to complete in late December. We will need Branch assistance to provide an assessor.

We are looking forward to continuing to upskill our patrollers in ARTC, IRBC & IRBD and welcome any of these courses to our club and members.

- **Nippers:**

We have not begun registration for our nippers. We will do this in November, ready for the season to commence on Dec 5.

As noted in additional correspondence, we are after clarification from Branch regarding two questions

- Use of Old Bar pool to conduct our nipper proficiency swims on Dec 5, as was done last year in line with Covid 19 restrictions and to expedite the beginning of the season.
- Continued use of the pool for our nippers to complete training in unfavorable beach conditions/for 6 & 7 age groups, and if this is not allowed, some reasoning for & alternate arrangements provided by Branch.

- **Building Works:**

We are near completion of Stage 1 of our building repairs & updates.

We are still awaiting the BLERF funding deed to begin Stage 2 & 2B. Due to significant increases in construction in our local area, we are also awaiting appropriately qualified trades to continue the development.

With the completion of stage 1, we are hoping to open our upstairs area for limited functions and fundraising opportunities. We are still navigating a difficult area for our first aid and patrol requirements, and will be highlighting these issues in the next building works.

- **Website**

One of our members has completely updated and revamped our website. Our sincere thanks. The site is [www.tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au](http://www.tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au)

**Jane Lynch**

**President**

**Taree Old Bar SLSC**

### **3. Black Head SLSC:**

- The club has patrolled this month with 4 incidents related to crystal pools. Further contact with Council regarding signage. The addition of a new Bronze and a new SRC squad will fill out our ranks for the 2021/2022 season.

- We have 2 Educators moving into the area, Ross Blowers & Suz Gerrish, the Branch should be aware of their skills.
- The Black Head board and ski team are working around the training restrictions to be ready to compete when the restrictions are lifted. The Board is helping as best we can to provide watercraft as needed and a new custom-made ski and board trailer.
- Recent AUV course was well attended and most enjoyable. We now have 8 trainee pilots, keen to work in with the patrols.
- The club has taken possession of another 2 AEDs to add to the 10 already in place from the previous 2 years. We are organising education sessions to make a Bystander CPR a reality.
- The public toilets will be completed in time for the school holidays.
- We are appreciative of the Envirowork Container Deposit Scheme as an opportunity for a passive income stream for the Club. As planned Surf Life Saving NSW has withdrawn from the project, meaning 100% of the recyclable funds are retained by the club. We remain grateful to the community for dropping off their recyclables to help finance the club.
- Congratulations to Forster Club for their recent success in procuring funds to rebuild the clubhouse.

**Dr Bruce White**  
**President**  
**Black Head SLSC**

#### 4. Forster SLSC:

- Patrols  
Eight effective patrols have commenced for the season. We are gearing up for very busy weekends in November and then through the Christmas Holiday period. Jim Wills has a good Bronze squad going through that will filter onto patrol
- SIPS  
Hopefully we can stay away from future lockdowns and members can enjoy Friday nights and have a nice relaxing start to the weekend.
- New Clubhouse  
DA was approved by council in late September and we were successful in a Building Better Regions Grants – now the time to ramp up the drawings and get to tender.



- Nippers  
Everyone is looking forward to the first Nippers Day on the 5th December. The Nippers team will be looking at a pathway for registrations which comply with Covid requirements in the interim.

**John Quinn**  
**President**  
**Forster SLSC**

5. Cape Hawke SLSC:

- Cape Hawke SLSC has been confirmed as the host club for the Country Championships on 28 – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and in 2023.
- The club's gear shed roof has been replaced with the support of a Surf Club Facilities grant.
- The downstairs level of the club has been repainted with the support of the Dulux Surf Club project.
- Our boat rowers have held 2 successful come and try days on the lake made possible by easing COVID regulations.
- Planning is underway for the commencement of non-critical education programs for nippers.

**Gary Curtis**  
**President**  
**Cape Hawke SLSC**

6. Pacific Palms SLSC:

- Having trouble getting the motivation around the club and community to start organising the nippers program, We have at least been given an actual start date which is the 5th December. Hopefully now knowing this we may get some enthusiasm behind the running and organising of the nipper program.
- Good luck Paul on your nomination for the SLSNSW board nomination.
- Still awaiting on the auditors financial report, we got these Friday night, just before the SGM on Sunday.
- Club opening Day and SGM have been separated due to the fact that member for Myall Hon Steve Bromhead has been recalled to state parliament for the dates in October, so the re-opening is now the 28th November and the SGM is as advertised 17th October from 1.30pm after patrols finish.
- SGM was successful the change to our clubs constitution in relation to our Life Members has changed slightly to recognise the continued support of members who may have not joined for a year to have a child, or for work reasons.
- Have had to ask Branch DoL for assistance with IRB drivers for 2 of our patrols, unfortunately these teams are no longer reliable due to work commitments.
- Our sporting event, Rock to Rock. Pat is looking at a different weekend if we are to host this event, this is hopefully to gain the members support on Easter Sunday as the last few years we have been left very thin with water safety.
- Is with a heavy heart that Battle of the Boats (BOB 2022) will not be held this year,
- On November 19th Pacific Palms SLSC are hosting the first community involved facilitated by Tomorrow Men, Mens Mental Health night, this is in conjunction with the International Men's day, and is being supported by the Palms Twilight cricket, Palms Football, Boomerang Beach Board-riders, Sandbar Golf Club and Gotcha-4-Life. This will be a zoom group Friday night, following up over the weekend with only men on

patrol, and finishing Sunday afternoon BBQ and Bar. This is all following on from some local suicide and other issues facing the community lately.

- On December 11th Club Forster are hosting OZ Addiction an Australian cover band playing the great Australian Pub Rock. Will be a great night, all the community is invited, book your table at.
- IRB Proficiency will be held on October 31st and 5th December this is both Driver and crew.
- ARTC is still being sorted as we need to utilise the branch gear for this and need to work in with Dave our Champion educator for this award.
- The works are close we are waiting on the Peter Turner on the balustrade

**Jerrad Allen**  
**President**  
**Pacific Palms SLSC**

❖ General Business

President Cape Hawke SLSC Gary Curtis sought clarification from the Branch Council on the mandatory use of IRB's for Patrols. It was acknowledged that IRBs were an integral part of patrols in the past however it has been proven on many occasions in the past that other forms of aid were more effective as first responders in drowning incidents.

The Branch Council agreed that if IRBs were no longer a mandatory requirement for Patrols especially in regional areas of New South Wales that there would be more patrols, as there would no longer be a requirement for for an IRB drive to be rostered for every patrol.

It was agreed that the Branch contact SLS NSW and seek clarification on the requirement to have a rostered IRB driver on all patrols, and if possible seek an exemption from standard operating procedures to no longer have the mandatory requirement of a rostered IRB driver but rather, have an on-call IRB driver which would then assist with rostering more patrols in regional Clubs in New South Wales.

Resolution 42-2020/21

Moved: Gary Curtis

Seconded: Adam Eady

That the recommendation to seek clarification on the necessity of IRBs and drivers to be an essential requirement for patrols and further if possible seek an exemption to assist with enabling more rostered patrols be accepted.

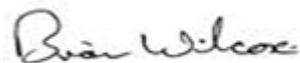
Carried

❖ Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 7 December 2021 starting at 7.30pm at Black Head Surf Life Saving Club.

❖ Close

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.34pm.



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**Brian Wilcox Chairperson**