



# Helensburgh- Stanwell Park

Surf Life Saving Club Inc.  
Season 2014-2015

## 108th Annual Report



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# Annual Report & Financial Statements

## 2014 - 15

### Members

On behalf of the Management Committee, I submit for your perusal and adoption the 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club covering activities for the year ended 30 June 2015.

Financial Statements are also included in the report and cover the 12 months ended 31 March 2015.

### Main highlights of the year:

- Patrol members achieve the Club's objective of no lives lost whilst patrols were on duty
- 16 Bronze Medallions and 19 Surf Rescue Certificates gained
- Junior Sunday pointscore revamped to include focus on surf skills and education, less focus on competition
- Combined presentation afternoon and patrol dinner into one big formal event for better recognition of excellence
- The club christened the new IRB hull the "2508"
- Continued financial support from government and the community enable the Club to update its rescue equipment
- The Club achieved its best ever result at the NSW coming 6<sup>th</sup> and at the Australian Titles we came 22<sup>nd</sup>

Ed White  
Secretary  
12 July 2015

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**To all members of Helensburgh-Stanwell Park SLSC**

This report is to highlight the achievements and conduct of Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club in its 108<sup>th</sup> season of serving the public and providing a safe environment for the public to use Stanwell Park Beach, training life savers, competing at surf carnivals and providing a breeding ground for future life savers.

The season was a year of change for the club, with grassroots initiatives transforming Nippers Pointscore, and the Annual Presentation function and the Patrol Members Dinner.

The past few seasons had seen a big drop off in the number of members attending the Patrol Dinner and the Annual Presentation function, with members attending one or the other but not both. Change was needed and there was a push from members to hold a function that celebrated the club's competition, patrolling and education achievements in one special event. The Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club Awards of Excellence Night was the result. The event even resulted in the renaming of club awards to line up with Branch, State and Australian Awards of Excellence criteria.



**A great turn out for the Inaugural HSPSLSC Awards of Excellence Night. The night combined the former Patrol Dinner night and Presentation afternoon into one event. What a Night!!!**

During the planning phase the committee hoped that 150 people would attend, thinking it would get 100, but the event sold out and then some with the final figure being 174 attendees....an awesome result, and it was a fabulous evening. Congratulations to everyone who received an award and good luck at the Illawarra Awards of Excellence and beyond. Thank you to all the club members, family members and friends who turned up to make the event what it was.

Nippers Pointscore has for a long time been Beach and Water Events, and when the weather was off Education. The Junior Committee instigated a change to have 4 sessions each week consisting of Surf Skills, Water, Beach and Education. Surf Skills aimed at getting the Nippers into the water in a non-competitive environment and having become more familiar with the surf. The addition of the weekly Education session was to have a structured approach to the Nippers gaining their various Surf

Awareness Awards instead of the ad-hoc sessions in previous years.

From all reports the nippers, parents and committee are more than happy with the new program and will be running it again next season. Congratulations to the Junior Committee for this initiative, and they were duly recognised by being awarded Initiative of the Year.

In a season that saw more than 30,000 people attend Stanwell Park Beach, the more than 130 life savers who signed onto a patrol during the season can proudly boast that they contributed to another season with "No Lives Lost" during patrolling hours on Stanwell Park Beach. Aaron Abela in his second season as Club Captain, supported by Patrol Secretary Peter McDonald managed the club's 8 patrols and active reserve members. With more than 30 members achieving 100% Patrol Attendance shows the dedication of the club's life savers.



Patrols were boosted this season by some new equipment. The long awaited for Patrol Trailer. No longer do patrol members need to hand carry the growing list of equipment down onto the beach to setup patrol. The Patrol Trailer contains Rescue Boards, Tubes, First Aid Kit, Air Bag, Defibrillator, Spinal Board, Signal Flags, and Patrol Flags. The side folds up to provide shade and there is a 3m long bench seat for patrol members to sit and observe the beach. Funds for the Patrol Trailer were donated by Tradies Helensburgh, we thank them very much for their support.



**The new patrol trailer in action. This piece of equipment has made set up and pack up a breeze for our patrol members and will no doubt feature for many seasons to come**



## President's Report

The "2508" IRB was launched during the season, named "2508" in recognition of the tremendous community support that the club has received over many years. The launch was attended by many life members, club members and representatives from the local communities, including State Member for Heathcote Lee Evans, Helensburgh Rural Fire Service Captain Aaron West, Anne-Maree Connelly from Helensburgh Public School, Lynn Bedwell from Stanwell Park Public School and Tradies Director Philip Bowering. It was good to see so many people come to witness an on-going traditional of rolling the IRB on launch day.

Kristina Ridley was recognised as the club's Life Saver of the Year for her ongoing dedication to patrolling Stanwell Park Beach. She is an active member of patrol, always at the water's edge, has a great rapport with the local community, encourages younger patrol members to patrol more actively and says that she is doing patrols just to put back into the community. Kristina also is part of the Stanwell Park Ocean Challenge Committee, and has been able to encourage other community members to engage in the organising of the event. She is never afraid to get in and have a go.

Ryan Van Zyl was awarded Junior Life Saver of the Year. Ryan is a strong contributor to every patrol he attends, and his board paddling and swimming strength are vital to a patrol. He is consistently on the water's edge actively patrolling. He is always on hand to help out with Water Safety, training Surf Rescue Certificates candidates, IRB Crewing, and all facets of club life.

The club is fortunate to have two such fine life savers patrolling Stanwell Park Beach. Of course there are many other fine members of the club who contribute to both patrols and club life, and their efforts are recognised and valued by the club and the community. The club thanks all members who signed onto a patrol this season for their contribution and dedication.



**Patrol Member of the Year Kristina Ridley (Left) and Young Lifesaver of the Year (U19) Ryan Van Zyl (Right). Cracking year from these two lifesavers. Definitely impressed on the beach and behind the scenes around the club. Congrats!**

This season is the end of the current Life Saving Agreement between the club and Surf Life Saving NSW. The agreement currently mandates that patrols are performed on Saturday and Sunday. The Saturday requirement is being challenged by not only the club, but also Surf Life Saving Illawarra and the associated clubs.

The club's position being that with Wollongong City Council Lifeguards on-duty, there is not much of a role for the club's Lifesavers, and club would prefer to put all of its efforts into successfully patrolling the beach on Sundays only. At most the club agrees that during the peak period of the summer school holidays Life Savers could provide some assistance to the Lifeguards.

The club appreciates the lifesavers that patrolled on Saturdays during the season, and also for the input they provided during negotiations with SLSNSW and SLSI. When the new Life Saving Agreement is signed for the 2015/2016 Season and beyond let's hope that the Saturday requirement is greatly reduced, if not removed all together.

Competition is a vital part of club life, it is thru competition that life savers train and hone their skills for patrol... Our club is fortunate to have two outstanding members who are driving both boat and beach competition. Thankyou to Mark "Bluey" Lea and Daniel Robberds for the contribution you are both making to the club, it is not only the training of these club members for competition, but you are building on the clubs lifesaving strength. Each of these members complete a minimum number of patrol hours and are strong contributors to the clubs patrolling activities.

The drive of the competitors and their coaches is continuing to produce unbelievable results at all levels of competition. At the Australian Championship 2 Gold Medals with the U/15 Male Beach Relay Team of Brent Manning, Adam Newey, Kyle Attard and Brock Scrivener, and the U/17 Female Beach Relay Team of Yvette Avery, Avalon Punch, Kate Lewis and Ella Saberton.

At the NSW Championships the club improved its 2014 position of 7<sup>th</sup> overall to 6<sup>th</sup> overall, in front of every NSW club south from Cronulla, an outstanding result for a relatively small team. In the boats the Open Female Boat Crew of Stephanie Barlow, Brooke Dent, Georgia Leach, Courtney Overell and Mark "Bluey" Lea picked up Gold. On the beach there was a tsunami of Gold with Keeliegh McCauley U/19 Female Beach Flags, Daniel McKellar U/19 Male Beach Sprint, U/17 Female Beach Relay, U/19 Female Beach Relay, Open Female Beach Relay, and Yvette Avery U/17 Female Beach Sprint. In the NSW Age Championship there was Gold for Adam Newey U/14 Male Beach Sprint and Brock Scrivener U/14 Male Beach Flags.

Well done to all club members who represented Helensburgh-Stanwell Park at any level of competition, keep up that "Park" spirit.



The club would not be able to patrol or compete without a dedicated team of trainers and assessors. Led by Chief Training Officer Bobo White, the "Education Team" trained 19 Surf Rescue Certificates, 16 Bronze Medallions, 8 Advance Resuscitation Techniques Certificates, 5 Silver Medallion IRB Drivers, 4 IRB Crew Persons, 15 Radio Controller Certificates, and 114 Junior Surf Awareness Awards.

The efforts of this team has left the club in terms of qualification in a better position than it started the season. Having 5 additional IRB Drivers reduces the load on the club's existing drivers, these members are vital to maintain the club's patrol strength. Along with awards training, the team ensured all patrol members completed their annual proficiency requirements, ran community education programs, assessed members of other clubs, attended training sessions to improve their own skills and attended a number of club and branch education meetings

The team put in many hours not only on the beach, but behind the scenes as there is a tremendous amount of compliance and paperwork that needs to be done to ensure that each member gains their award. Thanks to the following members for their efforts Ralph Hall, Iris Huizinga, Klaus Liss, Gary Marshall, Peter McDonald, Stephanie McGuinness, Natalie Manley, Amy-Leigh Perrin, Geoff Ryder, Peter Tuner, Russ White and Ryan Van Zyl.

Peter Turner was recognised by the club as Educator of the Year for his on-going support training club members, he also upgraded his awards including completing his Certificate IV and becoming an ARTC assessor. He oversaw the club's ARTC training program for the season, and ran a Surf Awareness program at Gulgong High School. Given that Peter lives about 40 minutes from Stanwell Park, he has put in a huge effort this season.



**IRB training being conducted under the mentorship of Geoff Ryder and Gary Marshall. The club had a number of members complete their crewies and drivers this year .**

The Stanwell Park Ocean Challenge was ran in challenging conditions this season after being cancelled the previous season due to very unfavourable conditions. The event was run by a new committee with oversight from long term organiser Andrew Perrin. The new committee comprising of club members and local community

members pulled together towards the end of 2014. They approached the event with enthusiasm and professionalism, and shone some new light on the event with the aim of making the swim a community and social event. Unfortunately the weather conspired against the committee and put a dampener on the planned post swim activities.



**An IRB takes out one of the turning bouys for this seasons ocean swim. The race was held in testing conditions with the safety of all swimmers paramount under the watchful eye of our dedicated water safety**

The challenging sea conditions required the club to beef up its water safety, which included all 3 IRB's, many rescue boards, tube swimmers on the shore, and the support of Surf Life Saving Illawarra Jet Ski's. Fortunately all swimmers made it back to Stanwell Park, but it was a tough swim with an inconsistent swell making it difficult for swimmers to maintain a good rhythm. It didn't upset the elite athletes who powered thru the swell finishing in just over 30 minutes, but the achievements of the day were left to the final swimmers to complete the course including Georgene Mckenzie-Hick aged 80 and a bit.

Well done to the swimmers, and the new organising committee for your efforts. Thanks to Andrew Perrin who is still trying to retire from the committee for your continued support of the event.

The Annual Life Savers Appeals Day saw the "2508" community stick its collective hand in its pocket and donate \$3,690. This was a good effort given the low turnout from club members with only 34 members assisting with the collection. Thanks to everyone who assisted, including those who doubled up and did the Friday Night and Saturday Morning.

There are many ways you could look at this, on the positive side it works out that each member collected \$100....so if we extend that to say adding every competitor this season the potential would be \$8,500 or every member that signed onto a patrol the potential would be \$13,400...that would be an achievement. On the negative side the club is just one of many organisations putting its hand out for a donation from the "2508" community, and the club is grateful for the support it currently receives and has received over the years.



# President's Report

The club continued hosting Friday Night Drinks, starting later in the season and finishing up early than in previous years. When the weather was great it was well attended by members and locals, but when the weather was unfavourable it was tough going. Thanks to those members of each of the club groups who supported Friday Night Drinks, any funds raised from the sale of food going to The Seagulls, The Sea Eels, The Boaties and The Beachies. The plan is to continue into next season, but we will review frequency and timing to ensure that the club is getting the most out of the initiative.

Clubs do not function without hard working members, and this season the club recognised Carl Williams as Club Member of the Year. Carl does not seem to stop, he is an active patrol member with 100% patrol attendance and Patrol Captain, he is the Nippers Age Manger Co-ordinator, he ran the Nippers Skills Sessions, he is a carnival official at Branch and State Level, he is the Junior Beach Team Coach, and he is the IRB Captain. Carl also helped out making sure the bar was stocked, and is currently working with council on plans to extend the surf club as well as a storage solution for the club's surf boats. The club appreciates Carl's can do attitude and thanks him for his contribution during the season.

As you read through this report, you will gain an insight into how well the club is going at all levels and in all areas. There is one area that the club is not doing particularly well at, and that is fund raising, we have moments of success but it does not seem to continue. The club is in need of a major sponsor with a long term commitment to the club.

The club has a tremendous presence on the beach for patrols and nippers, and on the beach and in the water at carnivals. There is a huge opportunity for a major sponsor to come on board and have visibility not only at Stanwell Park Beach, but in the community and up and down the coast. If you have the contacts or know of a business or organisation looking to provide support to a worthy organisation then please put them in touch with the club executive.



**This season saw the nippers introduce a new format for Sunday pointscore. The initiative is more focused on the development of surf skills and education. Immediately there has been a noticeable improvement in the confidence of some jnr members which will no doubt pay dividends for the clubs future patrolling stocks**

I want to acknowledge them, the unsung heroes of the club. These are the people that clean the surf club – The Cleaning Fairies, refuel the IRB's and ATV, charge and maintain the radios, clean and stock the First Aid Room, pick up the bar supplies, transport equipment to training and carnivals, train club members, bank the bar takings, wash the patrol hats, tally the pointscores, balance the books, cook breakfast on Sunday morning, prepare the meals for Friday Night Drinks, submit paperwork for member awards, update surfguard with member details and patrol hours, attend meetings, collect the mail, stand on the beach pick places at carnivals, take motors for servicing, organise Breakfast on the Beach, organise the Stanwell Scramble, put videos together for the Nipper Presentation, do random Facebook updates, book accommodation, Age Manage the Nippers, bake cupcakes, and most of all stand on the beach and protect the public.

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**& MAJOR SPONSOR ???**

Without going on for too much longer, I want to thank the club's committee for keeping the club running during the season, you all put in many, many hours behind the scenes to make things happen. Your support and enthusiasm for the club is much appreciated, and then there are those other people who just do things around the club.



## Vale George Jardine

Life Member George Jardine was the youngest of four brothers who played an outstanding part in various Club activities, both in administration and surfing. The boys father William was also a Club member, joining shortly after the Club was formed in 1908. George's five sisters were also involved in Club activities

George and brother Cecil were outstanding swimmers. George was a strong belt swimmer, winning titles at Branch level in both Junior and Senior events and won the Senior Belt Championship at the Illawarra Branch titles in 1947 season. He was Vice Club Captain for five seasons in the late 1940s, and was Awarded Life Membership in 1993. In December 2006 he was honoured to christen one of the Club's surfboats "George Jardine"

George was also a notable first grade rugby league player and was a member of the 1949 St George Dragons team which beat South Sydney 19-12.

He passed away on 29 May 2015 at 88 years of age.

## Vale Keith Chapman

Life Member Keith Chapman was prominent in board, ski and boat events, Vice Captain for five years in the late 1950s, Deputy President for two years in the mid-1960s. Keith also filled the role of Social Committee and was involved in many fund raising ventures. Awarded Life Membership 1969.

In the latter years of his life Keith lost his sight, but still continued to attend Annual General Meetings and Club functions with the assistance of his good friend and long time Club member George Wardman who "chauffeured" him from his home at Mortdale to Stanwell Park on these occasions.

Keith passed away on 4 February 2015 at the age of 88 years.



## Vale Mick Dignam

Whilst not a life member Mick Dignam also passed away this season aged 84 years old.

Mick Dignam joined in 1945, gained his Bronze in 1948 and at the age of 19 became Chief Instructor in 1951/52. The following season Mick was elected Vice Club Captain and took over as Club Captain during the year when the Captain resigned.

He continued as Club Captain for another two seasons before being transferred to other parts of NSW as a Police Officer. Mick passed away on 9 August 2014 at the age of 84 years.



### George in Rugby League

George first played with Helensburgh in a second grade competition in 1944, after having played first grade rugby union with Sydney Western Suburbs. He played locally with Northern Suburbs as a centre threequarter in 1946, the year the "Bulldogs" were admitted to the Illawarra First Grade. George represented Country Firsts in 1947, and was signed by the Saint George Club during the latter part of that year.

He was lock forward for the St George first grade grand final team in 1949 when the Dragons beat minor premier South Sydney by 19 to 12. He remained with the Saints until midway through the 1952 season, after playing 75 first grade games and established himself as one of our State's top lock forwards. Back with Northern Suburbs in 1952, George was one of the stars of the "Bulldogs" initial premiership win that year.

Source: Extract from local Illawarra Local Rugby League Team Guide in "Cols Classics"

And a little known fact that our George debuted the same weekend as another Rugby League Legend

### "R.L. MEN IN CITY DEBUTS"

*"Helensburgh lock-forward, George Jardine, and Central Newcastle full-back, Clive Churchill, will make their debuts in Sydney grade football on Saturday.*

*Jardine will appear with St. George and Churchill with South Sydney"*

Source: The Sydney Morning Herald, Wednesday 13 August 1947



## New Nipper Format

This season the Juniors introduced a new format to the nippers program from previous years, which will better prepare our youngsters as future life savers.

The new format, now split into 4 equal sections, still consisted of the staple Beach and Water events, but now saw a renewed Education program, plus a fun filled Skills section too.

Natalie Manley invested a lot of time in each Age Group with their very own tailor made program, designed to educate the kids in such a way that by the time these kids get to Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) age, they will be testing the trainers and assessors themselves.

The fourth station was all about making it fun for the kids, kids love to play in the water, so that's what this "Skills" section was about. It was designed purely to give all kids a boost of confidence when coming to the beach and swimming in the surf.



**Education featured big in the revamped nipper format. No longer do we wait for inclement weather to focus on education awards with each Sunday seeing the nippers learning basic first aid**

We introduced the kids to the Patrol Captains and his/her team, showed them how the beach was set up and why it was set up where it was, what equipment was needed for patrol and why it was placed where it was. The kids got to handle the rescue tubes, climb over the IRB and rescue boards and sit under the shade shelter.

Not all kids are comfortable with entering the surf, just getting over the fear of getting knocked over by the crashing waves on the shore dump holds a lot kids back. So, the idea was to get the kids used to playing in the surf, learning to read when the waves came in and broke on the shore line. That as long as you kept a watch on the incoming waves, you would always get a chance to get through this shore dump to have a swim.

When the conditions were good, we had the younger kids sitting and laying down on the shore line, letting the waves rush up and over them, bowling them over etc.

Then we did little races in and out of the shore dump while watching the waves come and go. We practiced many wades in varying depths from ankles to above knees, then even trying some porpoising.



**Ben Andrews giving some final instructions and tuition to his young chargers on how to successfully negotiate the notorious stany shore dump. The shore dump featured big this season making it doubly impressive to see the juniors attack it with greater confidence**

The older age groups enjoyed how we attacked the shore dump and swam out 10-15 metres, then 20 metres and further, dived down grabbed sand and resurfaced. Once we were all calm in the water, treading water or floating, we then returned to shore.

As simple as this all sounds, the continued repetition every week soon showed a lot of kids coming out of their shell, and then attempting to do the swim and/or board races in the water area. So much so, that more and more water safety was needed each week.

This skills section has provided so much confidence to all the kids, that over the season, the kids couldn't wait to be playing in the water. This could not have been possible without the water safety provided by the patrols on duty that morning. And it was the young SRC and BM holders who were only too happy to help out, something which the Junior committee is looking to utilise again next season.



**Our fearless water safety that make Sunday nippers all possible. Thanks to those who consistently throw their hand up to help out. Always wanting more helpers in the water. We encourage our nipper parents to get their bronze and help out**





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Digging deep: Coach Daniel Robberds on Stanwell Park Beach with some of the young surf lifesavers he is training.

Picture: GREG TOTMAN

# Beach teaches life skills

BREE FULLER

SINK your toes into the sand at Stanwell Park Beach of a weekend, and be prepared to discover a melting pot of Aussie beach culture.

There are the families hitting cricket balls and sari-clad women dipping their toes in the surf, while the next generation of beach champions sprint along the shore.

At the heart of the northern Illawarra community is the Helensburgh Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club, which has patrolled the beach since 1908.

During that time members have strived to teach beach safety and saved countless lives, more recently training a number of champion beach athletes.

Guiding them is Daniel Robberds, 27, who began coaching the club's beach teams when injuries forced him out of competition two years ago.

"We've always had a few strong



competitors but it has built up over the last three years," Mr Robberds said.

The club secured its reputation for producing top beach sprinters when it bagged a swag of medals at the 2013 state titles, followed by four golds and three silvers at the 2014 Australian Championships.

Despite the accolades, Mr Robberds said it was the junior club members who encouraged him to stay involved in the club after 22 years.

"The kids that I coach just love being a part of it and when I see them enjoying it and feeling proud of themselves, it's worth it," he said.

Helensburgh-Stanwell Park's 200-odd juniors are an important focus for the club, which recently

overhauled its nippers program.

"We're focusing now on getting more kids in the water and teaching them skills, like running and diving into the water so they get more surf awareness," club president Steven McDonald said.

Mr McDonald, who joined the club 35 years ago as an eight-year-old, said surf lifesaving gave young people in particular the opportunity to learn life skills.

"To offer the community the service and protection on the beach is one thing, but it also educates these kids how to deal with people and relate to people," he said.

Stanwell Park Beach is often the first stopover for tourists visiting the Illawarra's north, but it has a reputation for volatile and unpredictable conditions.

In 2011, club members were among a number of people who sprang into action after a freak sandbar collapse on a January afternoon placed the lives of more than 20 people at risk.

Sadly, one swimmer died.

Mr McDonald also praised the efforts of members who saved two people's lives in an after-hours rescue in January 2014.

He said the beach's location and difficult conditions meant it was always guarded with vigilance.

"It's always a challenge patrolling Stanwell Park Beach because you never know what you're going to get from one day to the next," the former Illawarra lifesaver of the year said.

The club has about 100 active patrolling members and about 400 in total.

In 2014 it christened a new IRB "2508" – the area postcode – in recognition of the community's support.

"All these years the community have stuck their hands in their pockets and handed some money over to support us, so we thought we'd recognise their contribution," Mr McDonald said.



## Inaugural HSP Awards of Excellence

On Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015, the club took a change in direction that may well go down as a pivotal point in our history.

The decision to combine the patrol dinner and the presentation afternoon was not taken lightly. Both of the incumbent events had been part of the social calendar for the club for decades and as such were held in high regard particularly by those who had been in the club for some time. Over time though these 2 events began to lose their lustre.

It appeared to the committee and to some influential younger members that if things were left to their own devices and the club continued with these events unchanged, then they both would die a slow death leaving many of our talented members going unrecognised. The question was how could we bring about a bit of prestige to club awards and recognition of members whilst still maintaining a sense of tradition and respect for 107 years of history?

It all started at the end of last seasons presentation afternoon. A group of members were sitting around wondering how we could bring back the spark when a suggestion was floated proposing to combine the 2 events. Make it into a big showcase of our club to the Helensburgh and Stanwell Park community at large. The idea gained traction with the newly minted club committee of 2014/15 and the result was the HSPSLSC Awards of Excellence held on that fateful evening at Helensburgh Tradies.



Our newly minted Bronze Medallion holders posing for a photo at the HSP Awards of Excellence evening

A target of 150 in attendance was set thinking that 100 would be fantastic and something to build on in seasons going forward. Ticket sales were slow but steady in the early weeks of advertising as word spread through out the club. All expectations were blown out of the water in the final week of sales with sales doubling in a small number of days. The tally of 175+ attendees on the night set the scene for a great night indeed!

On the night we started with an opportunity for members and attendees to mingle and catch up, have a few laughs, and to big spinning those tall stories from the season just gone. 10 major awards were presented and were selected to mirror the Branch, State, and Australian Awards of Excellence evenings as well as the awarding of the winner



of the prestigious patrol competition. Recognition of our members was also given to those who had gained lifesaving qualifications and 100% patrol attendance during the season. The link between new beginnings and the clubs illustrious history was sealed with Life Members called upon to present the major awards of the night.

t the conclusion of the awards the night proceeded to dancing and a continuation of those fabled tall stories culminating in some rather interesting photos on the night. Thanks to our event photographer Nic Curkoski for being on the spot as it all unfolded. The atmosphere of the night was captured by all smiles and laughter with plenty of compliments flowing to the organisers of "what a great night" it was and "should've done this earlier".

The ultimate vote of gratitude was overheard when a Life Member remarked that it was even better than the 100 year night held at Novotel North Beach 7 years ago. It may be a bit of a stretch to claim that accolade but the buzz that surrounded the 100 year celebrations seemed to be recaptured on this night of nights, a buzz that the committee hopes will be contagious for seasons to come and Helensburgh Stanwell Park can continue its march forward as the best surf club on the coast!

A big thank you must go those early pioneers of the event who helped to shape the event's format and buzz. Daniel Robberds, Stephanie McGuinness, Courtney Overell, Brooke Dent and Laura Humphries played a major part in the initial conceptual meetings. Support from Ed White and Steve McDonald was given to kick things along with booking the function room at Tradies and ensuring food and drink was sufficient for the night. Thanks also to Laura Shorter, Sue Bell, Harley Dreghorn, Pete McDonald along with those mentioned above in helping to set up the tradies function room on the day to give it that "Life savery feel".

The biggest thank you is reserved for you, the members of Helensburgh Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club. Without your attendance on the night and support received throughout the season our committee wouldn't have the courage to try new things. Together we have one of the most innovative Surf Life Saving clubs in Australia.

**Thank You!**



## 2014/15 HSPSLSC Awards of Excellence



*Patrol Member of the year*  
**Kristina Ridley**



*Young Lifesaver of the year*  
**Ryan Van Zyl**



*Club Member of the year*  
**Carl Williams**



*Initiative of the year*  
**Junior Activities Committee**



*Educator of the year*  
**Peter Turner**



*Official of the year*  
**Jeff Lucke**



*Athlete of the year*  
**Siobhan Dibley**



*Young Athlete of the year*  
**Yvette Avery**



*Team of the year*  
**BMX Bandits - Georgia Leach,  
Stephanie Barlow, Courtney Overall,  
Brooke Dent, Mark Lea (Sweep)**



Things got a little crazy when the lights went down!  
Throwing shapes and cutting mean rug on the D floor



*Coach of the year*  
**Daniel Robberds & Mark "Bluey" Lea**



Life members of HSPSLSC get together for a quick photo at the HSP Awards of Excellence. 12 LMs were present on the night



## “The 2508” IRB Launch

On Sunday, 14 December 2014 the club launched a new IRB and a Patrol Equipment Trailer. In attendance were 9 Life Members, representatives from local community groups including the Lee Evans MP Member for Heathcote, Aaron West from Helensburgh Rural Fire Service, Lynn Bedwell from Stanwell Park Public School, Anne Maree Connelly from Helensburgh Public School, and Phil Bowering Director of Tradies.

The IRB was named “2508” in recognition of the on-going support the Helensburgh, Stanwell Tops, Otford and Stanwell Park communities that make up the 2508 postcode.

Over the years the club has asked the community to stick its collective hand in its pocket for raffles, collection days, 100 clubs, buying a beer at the club bar, buying a sausage sandwich, or just making a donation to the club.

It is this ongoing support that has enabled the club to successfully patrol Stanwell Park Beach over the past 106 seasons, it has enabled the club to train and support 100’s of Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificates so that there are adequate patrolling members on the beach, purchase vital surf lifesaving equipment from whistles to patrol flags, Band-Aids to resuscitation mannequins, none of this is free and needs to be funded in some way to ensure the club can carry out its charter on Stanwell Park Beach.

Not only lifesaving is supported by the community, but our competition teams and nippers are funded thru the generous support of the community and businesses in the 2508 area.

Based on this the club elected to name the IRB “2508”.

So it was fitting on the day to have representatives from some of the key organisations in the 2508 area.

- 2 great school who supply the club with nippers every year
- The RFS who provide tremendous support to the community in times of crisis and provide the comfort that they are there waiting to spring into action
- Helensburgh Tradies (formerly the Helensburgh Workmen’s Club) who are entrenched in the club’s history, given the meeting to form a surf club was held at the Helensburgh Workmen’s Club and they have been an outstanding supporter of the club over the past 106 seasons
- Members of Parliament who over the years have enabled successive governments to contribute to surf life saving

Lee Evans MP spoke on behalf of the community, with his main theme the contribution that Surf Life Saving makes to the community with 14 surf clubs in his electorate and approximately 30,000 people involve directly or indirectly with surf clubs.

The traditional christening with a fine bottle of champagne was completed, and the launch crew

consisting of driver Barry McGuinness and crew person Ryan Van Zyl proceeded to the water’s edge to launch the new “2508” IRB. Those who attended the launch will attest that it was a tricky surf and a hazardous edge, and after a couple of failed attempts Barry and Ryan managed to get into the IRB and roll it on the edge.

While the IRB was taken down onto the beach, a new piece of life saving equipment was introduced. This piece of equipment was designed to reduce the early morning pain and late afternoon pain of getting equipment to and from the beach.

In the old days, it used to be just a reel and the patrol flags, and over the years more and more vital lifesaving equipment is being taken onto the beach. Today lifesavers have at their disposal on the beach Patrol Flags, Board Riders Flags, Signal Flags, a shark Flag, whistles, rescue tubes, rescue boards, sun screen, a defibrillator, spinal board, airbag oxygen resuscitator, binoculars, ATV and IRB. Enough to break the back of any rookie patrol member.

The Patrol Equipment Trailer was designed to store all of the essential items used on patrol and transport them to the beach. It will carry 3 rescue boards as well as all the other items listed above, and serve as a patrol shelter for our patrol members. The design and features, went thru many iterations with good input from patrol members. The final design was constructed to our requirements by Dingwall Trailers in Wollongong.

At the time of the launch there was no sponsor for the trailer, with a large blank space left for a prospective donor or sponsor. Not long after the launch Tradies advised that they would contribute the full cost of manufacturing the trailer as well as the signwriting. A big thanks to Tradies for their \$6,500 contribution to the trailer. The Tradies logo now features prominently on the back of the trailer.

The trailer went into service in January 2015 after the signwriting was completed, it has proved to be a hit with patrol members making their life easy getting gear onto the beach and providing good shelter and a comfortable place to sit. For the public it makes the patrol more identifiable on the beach. The trailer is a tremendous patrolling asset for the club.



Ryan Van Zyl and Barry McGuinness looking confident prior to the IRB Christening. The Pair had the honour of taking the duck out for its first spin



First and foremost, thank you everyone that patrolled over the 2014-15 season. Your continuous outstanding contributions to keep our beach safe over the season and your outstanding efforts of making the public's safety a priority at our beach was especially reflected by having no fatalities again this season. Thank you also to those that went the extra mile by helping out with Friday night drinks and fundraisers such as our Annual Door Knock and Ocean Challenge. These events are key to our clubs financial success as well as being good for the clubs image as an integral part of the community.

Patrolling members as a whole; your commitment to turn up to Saturday patrols and public holidays is great to see and I would like to thank you all for the additional time you gave to protect our beach this season. Your hard work and dedication on the beach is essential for the club to function as well as it does.

Surf Life Saving is not a job, not an obligation nor a requirement for us. But as patrol members we devote our time voluntarily and pledge to keep our beach safe while it's under our watch. From this we do not take a paycheck but what we do gain is companionship, experience and fulfillment. It takes a particular sort of person to volunteer their time from their own personal pursuits to be there for others if they're in need of assistance, especially on a public holiday.



X marks the spot, Josh Lea looking for buried treasure on a slow afternoon on patrol

This year's Ocean Swim was a success with no major incidents and all swimmers happy. Although a smaller turnout than previous years it went ahead in drizzly and choppy conditions, testing swimmers' abilities to the limit and keeping us on our toes.

Both Stanwell Park and Coalcliff Surf Lifesaver's performance of Water Safety were second to none and how we all presented ourselves to the public was held at a high regard. Thank you again to everyone involved that made this day run so smoothly and thank you especially to Tradies Helensburgh for supplying the manpower to

run the sausage sizzle so our Lifesavers could do their job in the water.

Saturday Patrols have been a hot topic for the last few seasons now with SLS NSW increasing our Saturday patrols. Hopefully with the introduction of a new SLS contract we will see Saturday patrols cut back to only the peak times of the season when our assistance may be required.

This season we had the introduction of two new members to our patrolling equipment family. Those were the new IRB and patrol trailer. Although the christening of the IRB didn't exactly go to plan with the IRB being flipped as soon as it left the beach (Thanks for trying Barry and Ryan) it didn't stray from the fact that it has been in use by the patrols for almost every patrol since it's introduction to the club, as has the patrol trailer with its well thought out design by Steve McDonald the ease of use of our new patrol trailer is invaluable.



Righto, everyone pile in! Patrol 6 getting together for a group photo. Patrol 6 is captained by Iris Huizinga and Vice Captain Toby Lea

The patrol trailer has made setting up and packing up the patrol a five-minute job inclusive of closing it up, hooking it up and towing it up to the club. This has made life a little easier for our patrols so thank you to everyone that was involved in it's design and manufacture

Patrol 1 took out the Patrol of The Year this season. With guidance from Barry McGuiness as their Patrol Captain and Steph as his Vice they carried out their patrolling duties with a high standard and have been recognized for it. Congratulations for your efforts, it's well deserved.

As many of you may know this has been my final season as acting Club Captain. It has been an awesome experience and I hope that my time in the position has been for the better. Thank you everyone for being so helpful and cooperative and I hope to see you all down on the beach next season.

**Aaron Abela**  
**Club Captain**



## Lifesaving and Patrols

### Ryan Van Zyl - Young Lifesaver of the Year

Ryan Van Zyl received our Young Lifesaver of the year award this season. Ryan has proved himself to be a valuable patrol member. He gained his Bronze Medallion through the 2013/14 season and since then has become a proficient IRB crew member and is currently in training for his IRB Driver's certificate.

Ryan assisted in the training of 19 SRCs in both book and water work, has made himself available to sub on patrols and provide water safety for nippers on several different occasions. He has also tried his hand at surfboat rowing and also an active member of our Sea Eels Winter Swimming Club.

Ryan has been described as an active and alert patrol member that is always punctual, well presented and stays until all patrol gear is packed away. He is a very confident board paddler and always encourages the younger members of the patrol to get in and participate in patrol activities. Ryan has made a significant contribution to many aspects of our club. Congratulations Ryan, this was very well deserved.



Ryan Van Zyl - Young Lifesaver of the Year (U19)

### Kristina Ridley - Patrol Member of the Year

Patrol Member of The Year Kristina Ridley joined Stanwell Park SLSC in late 2009 gaining her Bronze Medallion. Since then she has been a face you'll often see helping around the club. I completed my Advanced Resuscitation qualification with Kristina and she is such an easygoing person that is always enthusiastic and good for lightening mood with a bit of good humor.

Her commitment to the club and its patrols as well as being an awesome role model for younger and older patrol members alike is something that each of us should try to duplicate in how we handle ourselves around our surf tasks. Kristina is a highly valued member of the club and we are very grateful for her contribution to it.



Kristina Ridley - 2014-15 Patrol Member of the Yr

### Surf Patrols return to Stanwell Park Beach on Sunday, 21 September 2014.

Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club will be putting 8 patrols on the beach this season.

Club Captain Aaron Abela has been busy preparing the club's patrols and essential surf life saving equipment.

This season the club will be launching 2 new significant pieces of life saving equipment. There is a new IRB (Inflatable Rescue Boat) to named "2508" in recognition of the 2508 communities support of the club over many, many years, and a Patrol Equipment Trailer that will serve as a patrol shelter, equipment store and command post on the beach. The Patrol Equipment Trailer will make the club's patrol members life easy in terms of getting equipment on the beach and will be a highly visible presence on the beach.

Club members are encouraged to renew their membership before 30 September 2014 take advantage of reduced membership fees.

Source: <http://www.stanwellparksurfclub.com/web/club-news/397-patrol-7-raises-the-flags-for-season-2013-2014>





## Members who achieved 100% Patrol Attendance

Ben	Andrews	Brent	Manning
Emily	Andrews	Courtney	Manning
Erin	Blackwell	Peter	McDonald
Brooke	Burke	Steve	McDonald
Jayden	Curskoski	Barry	McGuinness
Ash	Doran	Emilie	McGuinness
Blake	Drysdale	Stephanie	McGuinness
Chloe	Gale	Taneesha	Nye
Ralph	Hall	Kristina	Ridley
Rod	Hampson	Karla	Robertson
Iris	Huizinga	Stephen	Scullion
Laura	Humphries	James	Webb
Haley	Lea	Matt	Webber
Katie	Lea	Karl	Weber
Stacie	Lea	Eddie	White
Alexandra	Liss	Carl	Williams
Nick	Lowe		

### Thank You!!!

Ed White has been a massive help to me over the course of the last seasons of my Captainship and he has been there to answer any questions I had and to bounce ideas off when I had no idea what I was doing.

Pete & Sandra McDonald have been an asset to the club over the season. Without them looking after our patrol logs, putting all the info into SurfGuard and looking after the roster the whole patrol system would have collapsed, so thank you Pete and Sandra you two are an awesome team and your work is greatly appreciated by all of us.

Mike Malherbe & Iris Huizinga as Radio Officer and First Aid officer have taken extra time beyond patrol duties to take on these roles and do the extra checks and services on our equipment and supplies to keep our essential good to go 24/7.

Gary Marshall and Carl Williams as IRB Captain and Rescue Craft Maintenance Officer play a crucial part in keeping our rescue vehicles up and running and being able to gather helping hands when need be.

Mark Thompson for doing the patrol audits, keeping us all up to date with the regulations and giving feedback on what we're doing right/wrong and how we can improve and having our patrol perform in a decorous manner.



**Patrol No.1 Captained by Barry McGuinness were this seasons patrol competition winners. This patrol has been solid all season culminating in their win in the patrol competition. Thanks to all patrol members for their efforts through the season.**

**Thanks to Mark Thompson for running the patrol competition this season. Not an easy an easy task to split such a dedicated and professional patrol membership such as ours at HSP**

Donations received for the purchase of lifesaving equipment and patrol operations:

- ✓ Annual Collection Day: \$3,690 from local residents expended on patrol operations and equipment replacement.
- ✓ Surf Life Saving NSW: \$7,973 Share proceeds from State Wide raffles and Guardians of the Surf fund raising programs
- ✓ Tradies Helensburgh: \$6,500 for the purchase of a patrol trailer
- ✓ Aus Govt Beach Safety Equipment Fund: \$5,000. First of four year program
- ✓ Wollongong City Council: \$2588.15 Patrol Subsidy
- ✓ SLS Australia: \$859 Patrol Uniform subsidy
- ✓ Members donations: total \$610
- ✓ Kellco Services Pty Ltd (Ron Kissell): \$500



**Unexpected visitor landed over night on Sunday morning. Word on has it the out of depth skipper was trying to find coalcliff jetty!**



## Education and Training

Helensburgh – Stanwell Park Surf Club is very fortunate to have so many members who assist with the training and assessing of our members especially our patrolling members.

The team consists of Bobo White (Chief Trainer), Ralph Hall, Iris Huizinga, Klaus Liss, Natalie Manley, Gary Marshall, Peter McDonald, Stephanie McGuinness, Amy-Leigh Perrin, Geoff Ryder, Peter Turner, Russ White and Ryan Van Zyl.

This season our Trainers & Assessors needed to upgrade their awards to maintain their qualifications and accreditation. Surf Life Saving directed that all Trainers & Assessors who train or assess Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) needed to upgrade their First Aid qualification. At one stage there was a requirement to have a proficient Spinal Management award. The Branch tried to ensure the pain was limited but it still required a big commitment from our education team with sessions at Surf House and Coalcliff Surf Club. Our members showed their normal enthusiasm and professionalism.

### Awards

The Education team had to commit to many weeks for Bronze Medallion (BM) and Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) training. This required the team to be at the beach every Sunday morning at 7:45am from the long weekend in October to mid-December (11 -13 weeks). The training for BM and SRC occurred on Sunday mornings before the Nippers started. Bobo White and his team had Bronze training while Peter McDonald and his team did SRC training. The Junior Club awards and Radio Operator awards were successfully trained under Natalie Manley's guidance as part of the Juniors' new program.

The IRB trainers tried a different strategy this season to try to improve the number of members to get IRB awards. They organised the theory and IRB basics knowledge (maintenance / boat care / boat knowledge) to be done early with a greater emphasis on getting the boat hours up while on patrol.



**Stephanie McGuinness leading an information session for some newly arrived Australians. A number of helpers were on hand to perform this essential task in educating those who may not have grown up around surf.**

There was some success this season but it is still hard to get younger members there on Sunday mornings after a Saturday night outing. Geoff and Gary ensured there was someone there every Sunday morning to train IRB Drivers & Crew person awards.

An important factor for the Club was that there was no person who started training for an award that didn't complete the course.

The Education team trained successfully the following awards:

- 67 Senior awards
- Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) – 19 awards
- Bronze Medallion – 16 awards
- Advance Resuscitation Technique Certificate (ARTC) – 8 awards
- IRB Silver Medallion Drivers – 5 awards
- IRB Crewperson – 4 awards
- Radio Certificates – 15 awards
- Plus 114 Junior surf awareness awards

### Proficiencies

The proficiencies of patrolling members were completed while performing their patrols continuing on from the success of last season. Similar to last season the Assessors had to wait for safe surf conditions before they could assess the water elements of the proficiencies (eg. run-swim-run, rescue, IRB launch). As usual the dry elements assessments (eg. resuscitation, questions, signals) there was no problems and were completed early in the season. Some of the proficiencies weren't completed until mid to late December. I would like to thank all the patrolling members for their understanding and assistance with the proficiencies.

A major problem this season was that some assessments were held up being processed on SurfGuard because one or two of the people of the proficiency candidates weren't financial. This meant that the whole group (eg. 15 members) in the assessment could not be processed as proficient.

There were 4 assessing teams that looked after the patrols for Bronze Medallion (BM), Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) & Advance Resuscitation Technique Certificate (ARTC) proficiencies.

**Patrols 1 & 2** – Stephanie McGuinness

**Patrols 3 & 4** – Bobo White, Geoff Ryder & Amy-Leigh

**Patrols 5 & 6** – Peter McDonald & Iris Huizinga

**Patrols 7 & 8** – Peter Turner & Ralph Hall.

Geoff Ryder (Patrols 1 - 4) & Gary Marshall (Patrols 5 - 8) split the 8 patrols to assess the IRB Silver Medallion Drivers & Crew persons.





Overall the system worked well with the following proficiencies being completed:-

- SRC – 13 members
- BM – 97 members
- ARTC – 24 members
- IRB Crew – 27 members
- SM IRB Drivers – 18 members

### Education Team Highlights

- The Club had three education meetings during the season. These meetings are very important as some of our Assessors & Trainers can't attend the Branch's Education meetings because of family, work or other important commitments. All our Assessors and Trainers had to upgrade their qualifications because of a directive driven by professional training facilities (ie groups that charge for providing training and assessments).

Personally I believe that the association is being driven by money and not purely to provide surf life saving skills and knowledge. All the Trainers and Assessors that were required to upgrade their awards attended special training at Surf House and Coalcliff which was provided by the Branch & Dave Winner. Our Club is truly lucky that our Education team is so dedicated.

- Junior Education – Natalie Manley showed great enthusiasm and dedication with the training and assessing of all the Junior awards, an improvement on recent seasons. This is a major task and a big thank you goes to Natalie and her helpers. Natalie tried to assist with the Surf Rescue Certificate training but in the long run most of the members wanted to be trained by Peter McDonald. In addition Natalie trained the Juniors for Radio Operator awards.
- Thanks to Geoff and Gary's efforts the Club has five new IRB Drivers and four new crewpersons.

- The Club's ATRC training this year was driven by Peter Turner and required 4 mid-week training sessions at the club house for 2-3 hours per session. Thank you to Peter McDonald, Klaus Liss, and Bobo White who assisted Peter. Their efforts meant the Club has eight new ARTC members.
- Surf Life Saving asked the Club / Education Team to organise training / surf awareness for newly arrived Australians who were attending the Conference Centre at Stanwell Tops. Stephanie volunteered to be the coordinator of an education day at Stanwell Park and with help from Iris Huizinga, Peter McDonald, Russell White plus Barry McGuinness water group the day was a huge success. Well done everyone, a truly great job and the Club was very proud of your efforts and dedication.
- Both Iris Huizinga and Peter Turner obtained the Cert IV in training and assessing this season. They have completed the mentoring and training to become facilitators and are waiting for accreditation to come through from SLSA.
- The Education Team again fulfilled their aim to improve the patrol members' lifesaving skills and ensure each patrol satisfies the Association's patrol requirements
- Thanks to Peter McDonald and Bobo White for the ongoing mentoring of our education team members to maintain our Club's excellent training and assessing standards and quality.

Once again I would like to thank the Club executive and the whole education team.

### Bobo White

#### Chief Training Officer

AWARDS	2012 – 13	2013 – 14	2014 – 15
SRC	16	16	19
BM	23	17	16
ARTC	10	10	8
IRB Crewperson	15	3	4
Silver Medallion IRB Drivers	10	10	5
Silver Medallion Beach Management	3	3	-
Radio Operators	-	-	15

Proficiencies	2012 – 13	2013 – 14	2014 – 15
SRC	14	11	13
BM	91	84	97
ARTC	23	26	24
IRB Crewperson	19	18	27
Silver Medallion IRB Drivers	13	10	18

### Donations for Education

- ✓ Annual Collection Day: \$3,690 from local residents expended on patrol operations and equipment replacement.
- ✓ Surf Life Saving NSW: \$7,973 Share proceeds from State Wide raffles and Guardians of the Surf fund raising programs
- ✓ Anzac Day Two-up: \$898.35
- ✓ Stanwell Park Public School: \$100



## SLSNSW Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop 2014/15

In April this year Chloe Bell represented the club and branch at the SLSNSW Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop. The 4 day program is geared towards creating greater awareness of opportunities and individual abilities in 15-17 year old members and gives Branches the opportunity to recognise and develop young members who show leadership potential.

During program Chloe participated in a number of leadership development sessions and challenges as well as hearing from a number of guest speakers about the diverse range of opportunities within surf lifesaving.

Chloe and the group toured SLSNSW headquarters and participated in a Q and A session with the managers of each department in SLSNSW where they grilled them on all the “why is it like this” and “how do get involved with” questions we are all dying to ask. Other sessions included working as a team to build boats out of cardboard that could actually be rowed across water and sessions with guest speakers Andy Cross SLSNSW lifesaver of the year and the Westpac rescue helicopter crew.

The most challenging sessions by far was the club challenge which involved each participant taking on roles such as club president, captain, education officer, ect. for one of 5 theoretical clubs within a branch. The club challenge involved negotiating with other clubs to get resources and funding as well as developing strategies and a vision for what they wished their club to be.

The club challenge really pushed Chloe and the other positions to develop skills that will make them fantastic leaders in the future and gave them a great understanding of what goes into managing a surf club. Over the program Chloe has not only grown and developed into a young leader but has made a great network of friends from across the state.

Club member Stephanie McGuinness was also involved in the SLSNSW Leadership development programs as Program Coordinator for the Junior Lifesaver of the year

program. This program is run over the same week as the Youth Opportunity Makers workshop and is targeted at developing leadership skills in U14 members from across the state.

Earlier this year I participated in the youth opportunity making (YOM) workshop. It was great to meet all different sorts of personalities from around all of the Branches in NSW. This camp was held at Narrabeen sports Centre, Northern Sydney. It was held for 3 nights,4days, We learnt many new skills for life and for surf club.

During the camp we had one major activity which once we did it we had to present it in front of the JLOTY'S (junior lifesavers of the years). This task was to create our own functioning surf club by going off a list given to us. We were in 5 groups and were allowed to exchange/borrow equipment to make our clubs more sustainable, This was a very challenging task and made us work as a team.

We also did an activity called the Kontikki challenge, where we had to build a raft out of cardboard, duct tape, waterproof tape and plastic, this was also a great challenge to use our initiative, again we were put into groups of 5, and my group won!

This camp was won of the best experiences of my life and I would like to thank Helensburgh Stanwell Park surf club and The Illawarra Branch for giving me this opportunity. Also a big thank you to Stephanie McGuinness for helping me and for representing the club at such a high level

### Yours in Surfing

Chloe Bell



Chloe (left) and Steph (right) at the Youth Opportunity makers Workshop

### Recollections of a Trainer

I started training Surf Life Saving Certificates now the Surf Rescue Certificate, some 25 years ago when my daughter progressed from the Nippers, something I have never regretted for a number of reasons, the main one being the young members I have met along the way.

This season was no exception with 19 young adults wanting to qualify so that they could wear the patrol uniform and perform patrols on the Stanwell Park beach. A great fun group, enthusiastic, and attentive, most loved the surf and those not so keen were encouraged to take part in the water activities and to their surprise were confident in the surf.

One of the biggest problems in the end was getting them out of the surf. Still my greatest concern is the training of these young adults having to perform a rescue using the rescue boards, they must look like aircraft carriers to

some of these candidates, but they carried this out and too some the thrill of catching a wave on return to shore was most exhilarating, or actually making it back to shore was rewarding. Their ability was proven later when a large percentage of the water safety for the Nippers comprised of this group.

Most of the success of this large group can be attributed to their Age Manager Louise Anger (Miss Louise) who encouraged them, kept them informed of what was going on, where they had to be and what was expected of them. The season culminated in a sleep over at the surf club following the Branch Championships.

I wish them all well in the future and encourage them to go on to do their Bronze Medallion. They are a credit to the club and to their parents.

Peter McDonald

Trainer



**SRC**

Emily	Andrews
Bethany	Anger
Matthew	Anger
Toby	Bartley
Zarsha	Booke
Dakota	Curkoski
Jamie	Fuller
Mackinley	James-Best
Kate	Lea
Sage	McAteer
Ryan	McGregor
Duke	Monkhouse
Karla	Roberston
Lorna	Robinson
Phoebe	Saberton
Michaela	Scutts
Shannon	Scutts
Alysha	Watson
Jazmin	Way

**BM**

Georgia	Anger
Chloe	Bell
Timothy	Burgmann
Timothy	Burke
Jayden	Curkoski
Bruce	Dixon
James	Eccelstan
Chloe	Gale
Courtney	Gallagher
Emmett	Gray
Jack	Keegan
Harrison	Lau
Alexandra	Liss
Annabelle	Scullion
Brittany	Scutts
Jack	Williams

**Radio Award**

Emily	Andrews
Bethany	Anger
Matthew	Anger
Toby	Bartley
Zarsha	Booker
Dakota	Curkoski
Mackinley	James-Best
Kate	Lea
Ryan	McGregor
Duke	Monkhouse
Karla	Robertson
Lorna	Robinson
Michaela	Scutts
Shannon	Scutts
Alysha	Watson

**IRB Crewie**

Ash	Doran
Josh	Lea
Alexandra	Liss
Steve	Scullion

**IRB Driver**

Ash	Doran
Josh	Lea
Bryce	Marshall
Zoe	Marshall
Steve	Scullion

**ARTC**

Jayden	Curkoski
Courtney	Gallagher
Natalie	Manley (updated)
Ash	Doran
Josh	Lea
Brittany	Scutts
Chloe	Gale
Alexandra	Liss

Proceeds from patrons at Anzac Day Two-up at Helensburgh Tradies was \$898.35 which was used towards the education and training of patrol members.

This was the last year with the Workers Club in charge. We look to continue with Tradies in running the 2up in the years going forward

**2014/2015 - Surf Rescue Certificate Squad**

Congratulations to the 2014/2015 Surf Rescue Certificate Squad. The club now has 19 new surf life savers all keen to get themselves onto a patrol and start their surf life saving career.

The squad started training in the September School Holidays with a couple of days of intense training and socialising including BBQ's on each day. After that they trained 1 day during the week completing the theory components of the SRC and spent Sunday's getting into the

surf for the practical components.

The squad was made up of the 19 current U/14 age group led by Age Manager Louise Anger who has been with most of these members since they first joined as U/6's.

Club trainers who assisted these new life savers were Peter McDonald, Ryan Van Zyl, Peter Turner, Ralph Hall, Bobo White (Chief Training Officer), and Natalie Manley (Seagulls Education Officer).



Emily Andrews, Bethany Anger, Matthew Anger, Toby Bartley, Zarsha Booker, Dakota Curkoski, Jamie Fuller, Mackinley James-Best, Kate Lea, Sage McAteer, Ryan McGregor, Duke Monkhouse, Karla Robertson, Lorna Robinson, Phoebe Saberton, Michaela Scutts, Shannon Scutts, Alysha Watson and Jazmin Way with U14 Age Manager Louise Anger and Trainer Pete Mc



## Junior Activities

The season began a few months earlier for our hard-working committee with many changes wanting to be made to what was a dated structure. We all had one focus and that was to provide the best opportunities for our young members to grow as lifesavers.

We wanted to develop our young nippers understanding of the surf and provide opportunities for them to develop their confidence in the surf. This led to us creating the skills and education stations, which tied in with our beach and water events.



The new nipper format saw greater interaction between our active lifesavers and our jnr members with our patrol members taking some time to pass on knowledge and teach skills each Sunday

Luckily, we were blessed with conditions this season with our nippers getting in the water most weeks. I heard positive stories of children becoming more confident in the surf through our skills area and this is a credit to Carl Williams for providing them with safe opportunities to do this. Natalie Manly was a tireless worker throughout the season, educating our nippers and their parents in a number of areas to do with surf lifesaving.



And they're off! A small group of young nippers take on the stony edge under the watchful eye of "the picture of fitness" Mitchell Baillie

Ben Andrews ran the water area smoothly once again, with our kids getting a number of swim, board and ironperson races in. Thank you also to Karen Gallagher,

Jodie Williams and John Bridges for their hard work also throughout the season.

I was blessed to have such a hard-working committee this season that supported each other in making tough decisions, with the development of our nippers at the forefront of these. Thank you guys – you made my job a lot easier. Thank you also to the countless volunteers who helped us across the season. To our water safety, officials, canteen and BBQ workers, age managers, starters and anyone else who put their hand up to a job, your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to our State Medalists Jack Bridges (Silver – U/12 Male Beach Flags) and Maddi Agnew, Abby Bailey, Sabina Rogers and Mia Corliss (Gold – U/10 Female Beach Relay). The hard work, dedication and true competitive spirit displayed by these five young nippers at the NSW Age Championships was incredible and they thoroughly deserve the rewards.

To our nippers, well done on a great season. You showed great determinations, sportsmanship and bravery each week and we are all extremely proud of you. To our U/14's, we wish you all the best as you leave us to join the senior ranks. There are many opportunities for you to stay involved in surf lifesaving so don't be afraid to ask a few questions. There will always be someone to help you out and point you in the right direction.



Lee Bailey gets them underway in a nipper board race. Lee took on the role of co-ordinating water safety which was essential for the new nipper format to be a success. Thanks Lee

I look forward to a successful 2015/2016 season and I urge all of you to get involved in some way. Whether that be on the committee, as an age manager, as water safety or as an official, it is extremely important that we all work together to ensure the best possible experience for our young nippers.

Thank you again and see you next season.

**Daniel Robberds**  
**Junior Chairperson**



A few nippers checking out the new patrol trailer. Looks like its got their tick of approval!



Matthew Anger practicing the one person drag maintaining jaw support and pulling a face for the cameras



A sneaky little photo before they hit the water



Jack Bridges (U10) and Maddi Agnew Seagull and Seagall of the year



Santa visits for the last nippers before break up for New Year.

## Life's a beach for Illawarra Juniors

A small but dedicated contingent of athletes from across the Illawarra branch made the trek to Ocean Beach-Umina for the 2015 NSW Surf Life Saving Age Championships.

Continuing their reputation as one of the powerhouse clubs of Beach Sprinting, Helensburgh-Stanwell Park claimed several medals. Jack Bridges finished second in the U12 Beach Flags, while the U10 Female Beach Relay team consisting of Madison Agnew, Abby Bailey, Mia Corliss and Sabina Rogers claimed gold in their race.

The club's U14 Female Beach team finished just outside of the medals when they came in fourth behind Collaroy in the final.

Source: <https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/news/lifes-a-beach-for-illawarra-juniors>

### Donations to the Junior Section

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| √ \$884 Junior section raffles   | √ \$40 Peter and Sandra McDonald |
| √ \$50 Mark and Katrina Thompson | √ \$30 Ms Lenore Bartlem         |

The Canteen is the junior's major source of funding outside of donations. Thanks to Deb Burke and all those mothers, fathers and kids who supported and helped out in the Canteen.



# Competition

## Beach Captain's Report

Another season done and dusted.

I couldn't be more proud of my beach team. The quality and level of competition has just gone through the roof this season and our beachies certainly stepped up to the plate. They finished this season with nine medals at the Australian Championships at North Kirra, including two GOLD medals. The first went to our U/15 Male Beach Relay which consists of local boys Brent Manning, Adam Newey and teammates Brock Scrivener and Kyle Attard.



**U19 Female Beach Relay team taking out the gold at the aussies. Top race in the final!**

Individual medalists included Keeleigh Mccauley (SILVER – U/19 Flags), Katie Mott (SILVER – U/19 Sprint), Kate Lewis (BRONZE – U/17 Flags) and Adam Newey (BRONZE – U/15 Sprint). We also achieved some other great results in the relay with our U/19 Female Beach Relay claiming SILVER and our Open Women's Beach Relay and U/19 Men's Beach Relay both claiming BRONZE.



**U15 Male Beach Relay taking opening up the clubs medal account with Gold at the Youth Aussies held a week prior to the open Carnival. A new initiative from SLSA involving the U14 as well**

At the NSW Championships, our beach team amassed 141 points over the duration of the carnival to finish at the #1 beach team in NSW, leaving with 22 medals. The team spirit and support they showed each other at every carnival was something that we've spent the last few years building. Our individual State Champions included Tim Burgmann and Yvette Avery who won their first State GOLD medals while Keeleigh Mccauley and Daniel McKellar added another State title to their collection.

We dominated in the beach relays, winning the Open Female, U/19 Female, U/17 Female and U/17 Male as well as medalling in the U/19 Male, Open Female and U/15 Male relays. Other highlights from the carnival included Helensburgh/Stanwell Park fielding four finalists in both the Open Women's Beach Sprint and Open Women's Beach Flags. Our powerhouse females brought home the silver and bronze medals in both and will look to claim the title in 2016.

Congratulations also to Daniel McKellar on being selected in the NSW team where he competed strongly against the best in the country. We also had a number of athletes selected in the Illawarra Interbranch Team which featured in all beach finals. These athletes were Brock Scrivener, Tim Burgmann, Yvette Avery, Daniel McKellar, Keeleigh Mccauley, Tom Dewey and Laura Shorter.



**Keeleigh Mccauley (L) and Kate Lewis (R) setting off metal detectors at airports. Silver for Keeleigh and Bronze for Kate. Well done girls**

As we begin to prepare for 2016, we are looking forward to new challenges that lie ahead. With the majority of the group returning and some new faces to be added, we will again be a force to be reckoned with come Aussies.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us this season and to the club for ensuring that we are able to do what we love. Bring on 2016.

Well done to my amazing team on another amazing season. I am so proud of what we have established here at Helensburgh/Stanwell Park and we are only going to achieve even greater results next season. Bring it on!!!

**Daniel Robberds**

**Beach Captain**



## Boat Section Report

Another great season for our surfboat rowers with some outstanding results and some more firsts for the club. History for the club was again made by our open womens crew by winning the Ocean Thunder series and NSW state titles. This year we had 2 crews compete for the club, our open womens crew and our u/23 womens crew.

The u/23 womens crew was made up of 2nd year rowers Sian Foster, Tara Anders, Zoe Marshall, and first year rowers Erin Blackwell and Monique Lehane. Known as the Photo Bombers the girls trained hard and laughed hard all season under the tuition of sweep Ed white and developed their skills of surf boat rowing.

The Photo Bombers also raced in carnivals at the ASRL open, Branch and the State titles, gaining much experience which will better prepare them for next year. I hope you girls continue on with rowing as you all seemed to enjoy both the hard work of training and the camaraderie, friendships and fun times as well. Well done to Ed as well getting better with each session up the back of the boat.



The Photo Bombers and the BMX Bandits pose for a quick photo on qualifying Saturday at the ASRL at Warilla after it was moved from Shellharbour due to surf conditions

The Open womens crew of Goergia Leach, Steph Barlow, Courtney Overell, Brooke Dent, Nicola Barlow and sweep Mark Lea known this year as the BMX Bandits had another phenomenal year. The girls trained hard through the cold winter months and started the season on fire winning the first 4 carnivals of the season.

Unfortunately Huey wasn't on the girls side at the Australian titles. After showing some great form in the heats where they were placed 1st 6 times and 2nd twice they were swamped in their semi-final just 1 race short of another Australian final.

I was very proud of how you girls handled this devastating blow not blaming anyone but just accepting that this is sometimes what happens and its part of the reason why we row surfboats and not still water boats.

Big thanks goes to Nicola our ever reliable reserve rower who filled in at numerous carnivals and training sessions, the girls couldn't achieved their results without you.

This year's Highlights include winning the Ocean Thunder series and the NSW Open Women Surfboat State Title. After trying for 3 years we finally did it in the Ocean

Thunder coming from behind in the point score with 1 round to go we won the final round and secured the series win.



The BMX Bandits popping through a wave at the ASRL. The girls made the final at this event and came away with a 4th

The NSW State Title was rowed in extreme weather conditions where you rowed your way through those rough seas and powered away from the other crews for a great win and the club's first ever Womens State Surfboat Title.

They entered 13 Carnivals for 7 x 1st place, 2 x 3rd place, 2 x 4th place, 2 x semi-finalist and 1 marathon for 1 x 1st

The boat section also did a number of good things out of the boat through out the year. We ran the Stanwell Scramble for a second time and know we can run it but just need to advertise it more to build the numbers up.



The Photo Bombers in action at the ASRL championships. The Girls can mix it up in the sport if they put in the hard yards!

The Nipper boatie day was also a great day for those that attended. Next year we are planning something bigger with it so stay tuned for updates. The Friday night BBQs were also well run with the "boatie burgers" always selling out.

Thanks to all the rowers, coaches, sweeps, supporters, officials, parents, and anyone else that helps make our boat section the success it is. Your help on the beach, behind the scenes, at the BBQs, with entries, patrols and everything else is much appreciated by all of us.

I am looking forward to next year. We will be looking for some more crews and hope to see some of our nipper members coming through to the boat section.

**Mark Lea**

**Boat Captain**



# Competition



**Keeleigh McCauley - Illawarra Youth Athlete of the Year (U15-U19)**



**Yvette Avery - HSP Young Athlete of the Year**



**Jeff Lucke - HSP Official of the Year**



**Jeff Lucke in action at the Australia Titles QLD. The Surfboats were held at Tugan whilst beach events were held at North Kirra. Jeff Officiated at the Youth Carnival for the Beach Events, The Masters and Open Carnival as a Check Starter/Marshall**



**HSP Team of the Year - The BMX Bandits**

**(L to R) Nicola Barlow, Steph Barlow, Courtney Overall, Mark "Bluey" Lea, Georgia Leach and Brooke Dent**

### Major Achievements for the BMX Bandits:

- 1st Rooster River Run Surf Boat Marathon
- 1st Mollymook Carnival
- 1st In 2 out of 3 rounds of the South Coast Boat Series
- 2nd overall in the south Coast Boat Series
- 1st in 2 out of 4 rounds of Ocean Thunder
- 1st Overall Series Champions of Ocean Thunder
- 1st Illawarra Branch Championships
- 2nd In the point score for the NSW team selection
- 6th in the point score for the Australian team selection
- 4th Australian Surf Rowers League Open Championships
- 1st NSW State Championships
- Top 8 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships



**Mark "Bluey" Lea (R) with Daniel Robberds - HSP Coaches of the Year (Joint Winner)**

### Donations to the Competitors Section:

- ✓ Royce Clark: \$3,640 for rental storage container, donated back
- ✓ Australian Sports Grant - \$3,000
- ✓ Garbage Gutz - \$250





The 2015 ocean swim was successfully held on Sunday 22 March with 254 participants competing the swim from Coalcliff beach to Stanwell Park against a choppy sea. Some participants had difficulty getting out through the break at Coalcliff, and swim times were a few minutes longer than previous record times.

As usual swimmers not only came from the local area, but from all over Sydney and the South Coast. The oldest swimmer to take part was 87 years of age and successfully completed the swim.

Since the inaugural swim in 2001, planning and organisation of the event has been primarily managed by the Ocean Swim Committee with upwards of 50 Club members assisting with conduct of the swim on the day.



Patrol Captain Carl Williams briefs his troops for the day on what to expect with the swim. Water safety will meet the swimmers out to sea and patrol members watch from the shore for any trouble



The Ocean Swim finish line is assembled by the work party. One of the easier jobs of the day given the surf conditions

Membership of the Ocean Swim Committee had not changed to any extent over the years with the 2014 Committee comprising Andrew Perrin (Convenor), Murray Dowling, Kevin Keane, Harley Dreghorn, and Ken Newman from Coalcliff SLSC. After 14 years, Committee members had indicated their wish to “retire” and seek new members to take over.

Club members were encouraged to become involved on the Ocean Swim Committee so as to ensure continuation of this now well-established community event that raised considerable funds for the Club. On 18 January 2015, Karl Weber, Kristina Ridley, Ralph Hall, Vivienne Moxham-Hall and Mel Whiteside joined Andrew Perrin, Harley Dreghorn, Kevin Keane and Ken Newman at the first meeting of an expanded committee. Local residents Heather Smith and Brian Smith also attended. Many new initiatives were discussed including an option of adding a shorter swim off Stanwell Park to the traditional Coalcliff to Stanwell Park swim.

With the swim only two months away, it was deemed too late to introduce all initiatives. The new committee members were however instrumental in facilitating greater media coverage and local promotion and advertising of the 2015 swim, and encouraging Stanwell Park residents to get behind the event.

The traditional breakfast and lunch BBQ was again run, this year volunteers from Tradies Helensburgh assisted with food sales with the BBQ manned by Craig Robertson and David Anger.

Water course and beach set up were overseen by Murray Dowling with assistance from IRB crews and patrol members. Water safety was to the usual high standard, and with the assistance of Coalcliff Club, the event concluded to a social afternoon with entertainment from a local musician.

Our thanks go to financial support received from two local businesses - Al's Gourmet Meats and Crawchy's Swim School.

**Andrew Perrin**

**Convener Ocean Swim Committee**



The oldest swimmer to take part is helped by Carl Williams and another "Green Cap" swimmer who offered to stay with her throughout the entire swim

### Donations to the Stanwell Park Ocean Challenge

- ✓ Ocean Swim profit: \$5,526
- ✓ Al's Gourmet Meats: \$1,200
- ✓ Crawchys Swim School: \$600



## Stanwell Park Ocean Challenge

### "Not For the Faint Hearted"

On a dreary rainy drizzling morning we arrive at the beautiful Stanwell Park. Driven 1 1/2 hour early mostly through pouring rain from Sydney. Some days you wonder WHY was it again I go swimming? When your alarm clock goes off at 6 o'clock and it's dark, wet and windy outside you really wonder. It's a Sunday morning too.. Though deep in my heart I know once I get out of that cozy warm bed and into the car and see the sun come up all will be well. Today we skip the scenic route throughout the stunning National Park and go full length on the motorway. Less view but it allows us some much needed time for coffee on arrival.

I collect my race pack at the Stanwell Surf Club while overlooking an empty beach. Two fisher men in warm clothes and raincoats are the only ones visible and some 'lost swimmers' with umbrellas. Then there's of course the ever amazing surf life saving club members who come out and about so early to make an ocean swim event like this happen. The majority of the yellow buoys, we later so desperately will search for in the ocean, are still on land. Here they look like gigantic markers. In the ocean they are just that far away dots, often hard to spot but once sighted embraces as heavenly beacons of 'lightning' guidance.

I decide to check out the ocean at our starting point. There's only one word to describe it and that is WILD!~ Compared to the gentle flowing stream behind coming down from the mountains it's description would be better 'crazy wild'. At the beach members are also busy in setting up. One girl is tenaciously raking the beach from seaweed so we have a free spot of sand as a starting space. Later when swimming my hand often touches into a floating piece of this green sticky stuff. Though it's considered a minor a nuisance to all else we will have to conquer today.

As far as you can see it's one big chop. It's even hard to spot the first orange buoy from the beach as it keeps on disappearing behind and uneven sets of wavy patterns. To my 'delight' I also spot some long strings of blue bottles on the beach. Ah well I can only think, throw that in too and it even makes for a much better mix. Being stung by blue bottles for the first time after fourteen years in Australia, twice in two weeks, I know now I can handle that too. It's just an other mental tick on the list of challenges to comply with.

When all swimmers have been transported to the starting point there is a quick debrief. It's starts with that this swim is 'not for the fainthearted' and that there are very challenging conditions out there. Anyone not feeling comfortable or sure are suggested that it's ok to pull out there's no shame in that. Also if going out there the only way out is back to Coalcliff 'as if anywhere along the way you want to get out of the race you can't as you can't swim ashore as there is no way to get on land. There's only rocks!~ The first beach is Stanwell park!~ The swim is along the Illawarra escarpment which are big cliffs towering over the ocean. The mood is set!

Though then again this swim definitely goes straight to my top 3 of most challenging swims. With number and number two still dedicated to Bilgola. They have like Stanwell park a veto on being 'lucky' with truly blessed ocean swim weather. The one of the crazy kind people talk about for many years to come!~ The swims you remember, the swims which learn you about what REAL ocean swimming is about. The swims which stretch you mentally and physically and which put more spirit in the 'spirited you'. It was one of those swims today!~ AND when safely back on land we all concluded it to be 'awesome' as we just mastered something many of us maybe would think not capable of. Though first there is swimming today and that's lots of swimming as there's no straight line, it will be up and down the waves. We are the pink capped group and are lucky to see the previous swimmers depart and can figure out a bit what they are doing.

*"At no point even in this wild ocean I feel unsafe... I have to say that i've never seen any swim where the life savers where so visible"*

They seem to drift of way towards the right. Maybe there is a current pushing them that way or maybe they just can't see where they are going. It's amazing to watch how the swim on this big roller coaster of waves. It just looks awesome!~ At times you don't see anything and then you see a bunch of coloured sprinkles again.

I mention then that I can't even see the first buoy! On which a girl comments aim for the big boat that's an ocean tanker out there, sort of in line with the first buoy. Yep that's a big ship! A few of us decide to start out of the barrier and raked area so if we will drift we end up more in line with the buoy. Then it's time to run into that wild crazy ocean and of we go. Going where? As it's just sets of waves and more sets and more... there's not much running todo as the whitewash pushes you back. The only ways is to start swimming and dive under. BUT then I remember the advice 'to not really dive' as there are all rocks beneath. Dilemma!~ Though when I see others dive under, I dive too.

Then the first part swimming is just that crazy it's up and down and up and down and up and down without seeing anything no buoy, IRB and even that bloody (excuse the language) big ship is nowhere to be seen. It's hard to understand if you've never swim in an ocean like this. As what happens is your horizon disappears and the messy waves are blocking your view. Only guidance are your fellow cappers, and just fingers crossed that they have a clue where they are going. When you finally sport the first buoy you are delighted as you know soon you will be swimming in the wide open and mostly it's a bit calmer out there. Though again not today!~ I've never swum out in such a roller coaster as normally there's a few waves and once you've managed them it gets more quiet though today it just keeps on coming.



It does not stop and with the first buoy the turning point it does not stop either. The heavy chop doesn't allow you to see much and only when a wave lifts you up do you realise you are not the only one out there, there's lots of others in front and besides you. All you can see is just some dots of red, yellow and pink soon to be mixed with the fastest races of the green caps, behind us. I'm ecstatic when I spot the first marker, meaning I'm on course.

At no point even in this wild ocean I feel unsafe, it amazes me how at peace I am within myself in this wilderness. The surf life saving crew flying by on their jet ski also helps as you know there are people out there keeping an eye on you, just in case. I have to say that I've never seen any swim where the life savers were so visible. Their orange rash vest just seem to glow in this dark weather. Maybe it's because they are brand-new, maybe it's a different orange colour than normally used but it's highly visible and few times I mistake a lifesaver on a paddle board in the distance for a buoy. Bless them, each of them for being such a long time in the wide open in this crazy weather just to keep us safe.

By the time I can spot the second buoy rain start to hurdle down and the sky turns overly grey and the visibility diminishes enormously. There's no reason to get upset about rain when swimming as you are wet already though in this wildness here today it just adds another element to be conquered and that's being able to see even less. I'm so delighted when I finally can see an orange buoy, the turning can inwards towards Stanwell Park beach, or what I think is an orange buoy. All I quickly do is make a

mental picture to where it stands in regards to the headland behind it as then I can keep that as a marker in my head. As the buoy keeps on appearing and disappearing and even does so when very close.

*"I think this is the best surf life saving cheering squad I've ever encountered on any beach after a swim."*

From here on it's getting pushed big time into towards the beach and towards the finish line. Somehow I also feel quite emotional as it's that you feel that you have stretched yourself just that little bit behind your own limitations, you lifted a tip of veil of what you thought your inner strength was capable of. It's a remarkable feeling!~

While running out lots of people many of them slsc club members yell 'well done', 'well done'. There's also many young surf life savers out and about here on the beach front today. I think this is the best surf life saving cheering squad I've ever encountered on any beach after a swim. Though then I guess every one here today finishing this race definitely deserves a big well done!

**Adapted and extracted from a blog post from Angela van Boxtel, a swimmer who took part in the race. For the full post go to:**

<http://greenwithenvyideas.blogspot.com.au/2015/03/not-for-fainthearted.html>

## Stanwell Park Ocean Challenge 2015: swimmers triumph in choppy seas

By SHANNON TONKIN  
March 22, 2015, 9 p.m.

A gloomy, drizzly start to the day failed to dampen the spirits of hundreds of eager ocean swimmers who took to the northern Illawarra coastline on Sunday morning for the Stanwell Park Ocean Challenge.

The annual 2.3-kilometre swim from Coalcliff to Stanwell Park attracted a smaller turnout than in previous years, with 265 people registering and 234 swimmers taking part.

Numbers in previous years have topped 400, event organiser Andrew Perrin said, almost half of whom register on the day.

He said unfavourable weather conditions made the going tough and tested the skill and strength of participants like no previous year's event had.

"In the history of the event I think these are the most

challenging conditions we've had," he said.

"It was very windy, choppy, making it harder for the swimmers to keep on the course and see the buoys in front of them."

While praising the swimmers' efforts, Mr Perrin reserved the biggest congratulations for event volunteers from both the Stanwell Park and Coalcliff surf lifesaving clubs, saying it was harder being above the water than in it on Sunday.

"The expertise shown by both clubs in terms of water safety was second to none," he said.

"The swimmers were definitely in good hands."

Mr Perrin said the youngest competitors were 14 years old, while the oldest was an 87-year-old.

Source: <http://www.illawarramercury.com.au/story/2961640/swimmers-triumph-in-chilly-and-choppy-seas-photos/>



# Winter Swimming

## 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

### STANWELL PARK SEA EELS WINTER SWIMMING

The Sea Eels commenced our 26<sup>th</sup> winter swimming season on Sunday 27 April 2014 with the first ever eradication of time trials for the first time and the AGM afterwards. All the previous committee were elected again with President Pete McDonald, Vice President Anne-Marie Connelly, Captain Barry McGuinness, Secretary Phil Kelly and Treasurer Terry Wood.

On 02 June, we visited our sister club the Bulli Sea Lions for our annual get-together. The Jimmy Johns Trophy was conducted in an unashamedly biased fashion. As usual, there was yet another rule that we had overlooked which ensured that Bulli retained the trophy. It now appears that only those clubs with a member of the Johns family in their team are eligible to win the shield. A wonderful lunch, starting with soups, kransky, chicken wings and a bounteous range of food and beverages ensured our members came home well fed and substantially lubricated.

### Sydney South Metropolitan Winter Swimming Championships

The South Metro Winter Swimming Association can invite one or two external clubs to their championships each year. The Cronulla Polar Bears were the host Club for this year's meet held on Sunday 20 July 2014, at the Bondi Icebergs Pool. What a beautiful sunny day at that iconic pool with relatively warm water for the Sea Eels' first invitational swim.



A lazy Sunday morning swim to clear the head for the week ahead.  
New swimmers are always welcome!

As the first regional championships at which our female club members can swim, it was a day 26 years in the making and the girls made us all proud. All attendees swam well but didn't win anything (not allowed to, as we were invitees, which is fair enough) before heading upstairs to where the secondary action happened. No lunch laid on, it was buy your own, so we huddled like Emperor Penguins As tradition dictates, we were among the last teams to leave, if only to secure an invitation for the 2015 .

### South Coast Winter Swimming Championships

The Wollongong Whales were the host Club for this year's Championships held at the Woonona Pool on Sunday 20 July 2014,. There had been some consternation at the Association in the lead-up to the Champos, most of which has yet to be resolved. The female club members were again excluded and swam with a few supporters at Coalcliff.

It was a very cool day in the pool at the South Coast Winter Swimming Championships for the Sea Eels . The weather was well and truly the opposite to what was forecast for the day, and were blessed with full sunshine and clear blue skies before a luncheon at the Fraternity Club.

Highlights of the day were Ron Massaar winning the Over 50's Sprint and the Sea Eels winning the "C-Grade" Relay. Other details should be available on the SCWSA website, but haven't been updated since 2013.



The girls huddle together for a quick poolside photo. The Sea Eels are one of the few winter swimming clubs to have accepted kids and women from its inception

### 100% Swimmers

Age Group	Swimmer	
U/14	Jacinta	Connolly
Open	Rod	Hampson
U/14	Aahlia	Marshall
Open	Dawn	Marshall
Open	Gary	Marshall
Open	Peter	McDonald
Open	Barry	McGuinness
Open	Ian	Van Zyl
Open	Karl	Weber
Open	Anne	Woodward

- Donations from winter swimming to charities
- ✓ The Sea Eels support other organisations throughout their fundraising activities each week. The Major charity which they support is CRAM House.
  - ✓ Also Donations made to Helensburgh Stanwell Park SLSC, Coalcliff SLSC and Era SLSC: \$300
  - ✓ Donations from Winter Swimming Members: \$1,238
  - ✓ Winter Swimming raffles: \$1, 591



## CRAM House Day at The Helensburgh Tradies' Club

Sunday 04 August was another high-point in the year's activities. We had about 63 guests from CRAM House this time, which stretched our resources somewhat. This year had a Country & Western Theme and it was wonderful to see the Cram House clients and staff and the Sea Eels to dress-up for the event.

The day was another success: some dancing occurred, lots of food was eaten and lots of laughter was had. We made a donation to allow Cram House for necessary patient lifting equipment. Thank you to Binner's Farm, Grima Bros., and Al's Family Meats. Extra-special acknowledgement to the management of Helensburgh Tradies' Club for their support in their first year with us and to the Sea Eels members and families who donated to help others, especially Margie Hunt who gets all the sample bags which have come to be cherished by the clients.

It was a great day particularly for the CRAM house clients and their carers who commented that it was their favourite day out.



Last season saw the sea eels venture north to the iconic Bondi Icebergs for a swim, a trip that was recently repeated this season

## Club Championship and Presentation Day

Sunday 14 September saw the conclusion of our 26<sup>th</sup> season, when the Championships and Presentation were held. Congratulations to all those award-winners as well as all the contenders. Another busy season and many thanks to all those who helped out to make it a memorable day.

At the Club Championships there were 12 contenders with 100% attendance for the most coveted award, the "Slippery Eel". In one of the hottest contests in recent times, Neil McGuinness emerged the worthy winner of the trophy for his first time.

The Stan McCabe Cup for Club Person of the Year was awarded to Anne Woodward for all the background efforts and eagerness to help. She always manages to bring a friend as well as many family members and sis an inspiration to all the Sea Eels.

## Winter Swimming Association of Australia Championship

The Sea Eels were represented by an exceptional body of men and women at the WSAA Championships at the Des

Renford Pool at Botany on Sunday 21 September. Ralph Hall and Karl Weber both made it through the heats to the finals, but didn't medal. However, Vivienne Moxham-Hall made it to the finals of the Over 25 Women's Sprint and won in a time of 33.88 seconds!! What a thrill!! Swimming for his other club, Cronulla Polar Bears, Ron Massaer won the Over 50s.

We didn't place in any of the Relays, so we made a hasty departure to the luncheon venue to secure our positions for the rest of the festivities.



Steph McGuinness taking down the times for the race just ended

## Christmas Drinks

We finished off the season with Xmas drinks at the home of El Capitano, Pirate Pete and Sister Sandy. The food was plentiful and very tasty, the company was friendly and fun and a good time was had by all, especially laughing at the mini-ponchos for the 100 per centers. Another great day to finish off a great season.

## Patrons and Supporters

The Sea Eels are grateful for donations at our annual support for CRAM House Day from Helensburgh Butchery, Binner's Farm and Grima Brothers Fresh Markets. Special thanks for all the wonderful support from the Sea Eels' families, the staff and management of the Helensburgh Tradies' Club and to the Helensburgh Hot Bread Shop for their weekly support.

Extra special thanks as ever to Marg and Peter Hunt for running and donating the weekly raffles.

## Phil Kelly

## Secretary - Stanwell Park Sea Eels



The mighty fine Fine Masters Anne Woodward and Rod Hampson strutting their stuff poolside



# Treasurers Report

This Financial Report covers the 12 month period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015. All income and expenditure in this report and the Financial Statements are expressed as net amounts exclusive of GST.

Financial activities are recorded in a single "whole-of-Club" account using MYOB accounting software. The performance of individual sections of the Club is readily identifiable and monitored by the use of cost codes in the accounting system. Profit and Loss Reports for the main Club (senior section), Junior Activities, Winter Swimming section, and the Building Fund are included with the Financial Statements.

Income from donations and sponsorship totalled \$26,679. This included sponsorship of \$6,500 from Tradies Helensburgh and \$3,690 donated by the local community on Lifesavers Appeal Day. The Australian Government provided grants of \$5,000 for beach safety equipment, and \$3,000 to assist with transport expenses for youth athletes. A Patrol Services Grant of \$2,588 was received from Wollongong City Council.

Two community fund raising events were run this year, the 2015 Ocean Swim and 2014 Stanwell Scramble with income totalling \$13,847. Income from raffles totalled \$2,506.

\$5,000 was expended on the purchase of a custom made beach patrol trailer, and \$9,944 on asset replacements including an IRB motor, two rescue boards and four rescue tubes. Two "near new" racing skis for senior competitors were also acquired. Value of Club assets at year end was assessed at \$129,523.

Overall, a surplus of \$3,379 was recorded for the year, compared with a loss of \$1,436 in the 2013-14 financial year.

## Club account (senior section)

A deficit of \$9,399 was recorded for the year, primarily brought about by transfer of \$12,443 to the Building Fund as part repayment of funds used to print the Club's History Book. \$13,633 was received from sale of 193 books and the auction of five 'limited edition' books.

Cash at year end was \$57 with payments totalling \$3,525 due from members and other debtors. Saleable stock

(history books, clothing and bar stocks) was valued at \$10,726.

## Refreshment Trading

The bar was open for trading on Sundays for winter swimming activities, and during the summer season on Sundays and Friday evenings. Net bar profit was \$9,076; 50% of this was allocated to the Building Fund and the balance retained for general Club expenses.

## Junior Section

Cash at year end was \$9,038 with a deficit of \$2,852 recorded. Clothing stock was valued at \$11,581.

Net income of \$2,680 was realised from food sales associated with Sunday Junior Activity days and Friday evening sales.

## Winter Swim section

Cash at year end was \$1,964 with a deficit of \$1,628 recorded; \$3,723 was donated during the year to Cram House Foundation. Clothing stock was valued at \$1,734.

## Building Fund

\$24,014 was added to the Building Fund during the year, bringing the fund total to \$138,440. This included bank interest of \$2,465, profit from the 2015 Ocean Swim (\$4,858) and 50% of the bar profit (\$4,248). A further \$12,443 was returned to the Building Fund, being approximately two-thirds of the temporary loan allocated to print the Club's History Book.

## **Financial Position**

At 31 March 2014, the Club was not in debt to any supplier (other than within 30 day trading terms). At the date of this report, this statement is still valid.

### **Donations to the History Book Publishing**

- ✓ Ed White: \$1,600
- ✓ Peter McDonald: \$1,000
- ✓ Terry Daintry: \$800
- ✓ Steve McDonald: \$625
- ✓ Peabody Energy Australia: \$600

### **Annual Collection Day**

The annual appeal day took place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November, with \$3,690 raised by members who "door-knocked" houses in Helensburgh, Stanwell Tops and Stanwell Park. Special thanks to all members who assisted, particularly our Junior members.

The generosity and support of local residents and shopkeepers who contributed to this appeal is acknowledged with thanks



## Donations and fund raising

Donations received and income from fund raising activities are clearly identified in the accounts.

All donated funds were expended for the purpose for which they were sought, this being primarily for lifesaving and patrol operations, rescue equipment and education and training of members, other than for the following exceptions –

- donations to the Winter Swimming section which were specifically sought for CRAM House Foundation and other community related activities,
- donations associated with the hosting of the Ocean Swim and Stanwell Scramble events which in turn increased the net return to the Club, and
- donations which were specifically sought and/or offered for competitive activities.

No member of the Club was entitled to or gained any personal benefits from any donations received.

## GST reporting

## Stanwell Scramble

The Stanwell Scramble was a fund raising initiative set up in 2011-12 by the boaties in order to help fund equipment for the boat section. The event has shown great potential but unfortunately there has been limited success so far.

2012-13 saw a small field of approx 30-40 runners stomp the sand for a small profit to the boaties. 2013-14 saw the event not held due to the commitments of key personnel within the boatie section unable to devote sufficient time to the staging of the event. In 2014-15 the Stanwell Scramble returned to the beach with a greater effort put towards promotion of the event. Again the event drew a small crowd but again the event didn't produce a loss so the potential for economies of scale are huge and a juicy profit could be made if the right formula is found.



A runner with Mt Mitchell in behind during the 2014-15 Stanwell Scramble

Quarterly Business Activity Statements were submitted to the Australian Taxation Office by the Public Officer. At 27 May 2015, the Club was not in debt to the ATO, and there were no outstanding GST reports.

## Audit of Accounts

This overview and the detailed Financial Statements were prepared by Harley Dreghorn after checking of MYOB entries against receipt books, payment vouchers, bank statements and other documentation. Following review and endorsement of the Financial Statements by the Management Committee at its meeting on 28 May 2015, the Financial Statements and all Club documentation were submitted for audit by an independent auditor as required by the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991.

The audit was undertaken by Paul Mattock from Twelve Financial Pty Ltd; the Auditor's Report is included as part of the Financial Statements printed elsewhere in this report.

## Harley Dreghorn

### Assistant Treasurer

Whilst greater emphasis was placed on promotion of the event through flyers and social media, the event struggled to convert this into actual entries. An integrated entry and payment method is needed to easily facilitate the process of entry and the ability to increase the prospects of profit from the event.

Thanks to Bluey and the boaties for their efforts in staging the event this season and don't be disheartened that the event numbers were not quite there "Build it, and they will come". Thanks to the committee for their continued support of this initiative, if we keep working together to resolve the issues the event faces over the coming seasons there is no doubt that the event will prove to be a success in future years.



### Donations to the Stanwell Scramble

- ✓ Stanwell Scramble profit: \$294
- ✓ Ray White Helensburgh: \$200
- ✓ Helensburgh Sand and Soil: \$100
- ✓ LJ Hooker Helensburgh: \$50
- ✓ Helensburgh Bottle Shop: \$10



# Member Achievements

## Life Membership

Season 2013/14 saw no nominations received prior to the 1st May 2014. No prospective member for life membership of Helensburgh Stanwell Park SLSC was therefore put forward to a vote at the AGM on the 13th July 2014.

## Illawarra Awards of Excellence

The Club Executive was proud to be able to recognise the efforts and value we place on our members by selecting the “best of the best” for consideration in the 2015 Illawarra Surf Life Saving Awards of Excellence. Results were announced at the Illawarra Awards of Excellence Dinner on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

Helensburgh-Stanwell Park SLSC took out a number of award categories continuing the clubs impressive showing each season.

## NSW Awards of Excellence

Members who have taken out their respective award categories will go on to be considered for the NSW Awards of Excellence in the near future.

NSW Awards of Excellence for season 2014/15 to be held after Annual Report goes to print. The Club had no winners in season 2013/14

## Representation at Branch, State and Australian level

- Steve McDonald: as Club President was a member of SLSI Branch Council
- Mark Thompson: competition official at Illawarra carnivals and Branch, State and Australian Championships
- Evan Griffiths: member Illawarra Branch History Committee
- Jeff Lucke: competition official IRB Championships, South Coast Boat Series, Branch, and Australian Championships.
- Bobo White: competition official South Coast Boat Series, Branch, State and Australian Championships
- Andrew Bell: competition official Illawarra carnivals, Branch and State Championships.



**Siobhan Dibley - Illawarra Athlete of the Year & HSP Athlete of the Year**



**Daniel Robberds - Illawarra Coach of the Year & HSP Coach of the Year (Joint Winner)**

Congratulations to the following members on their success at the Illawarra Awards of Excellence on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### Award Category

- Young Lifesaver of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Surf Sports Young Athlete of the Year (15-19 years)
- Surf Sports Athlete of the Year
- Surf Sports Team of the Year

### Club Member

- Ryan Van Zyl (High Commendation)
- Daniel Robberds
- Kate Lewis
- Siobhan Dibley
- HSPSLSC U17 Female Beach Relay (High Commendation)
- Ella Saberton, Kate Lewis, Avalon Punch & Yvette Avery





## Governance

The Club's affairs continue to be controlled and managed by the Management Committee. The Committee is comprised of 16 positions, however with three (3) positions not filled, the committee consisted of only 13 members this year.

The Club Executive Committee had seven of eight positions filled, with decisions taken by the Executive confirmed at subsequent Management Committee meetings.

Various sub-committees existed to deal with specific functions, reporting to the Management Committee

## Special General Meetings

A Special General Meeting was held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014 to elect the junior section committee and officers for 2015-16 season. The majority of Junior Activities Committee positions responsible for running the junior section were filled at this meeting with the other junior officer positions either filled at the SGM or to be appointed by the JAC.

## Executive Committee

Three meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the year to deal with matters that required urgent attention due to time constraints and could not be held over to the following Management Committee meeting.

The minutes of these meetings were subsequently tabled at Management Committee meetings.

## Education Committee

A new requirement from NSW SLS required the Education section to meet for at least 2 minuted meetings to discuss issues relating to awards and training.

A season kick off meeting was held at Chief Training Officer Bobo White's place to discuss the year ahead with regards to awards and proficiencies. The Education

Committee then met as required to further discuss Proficiencies and awards/training in the club.

Subsequent minutes were tabled at the clubs Management Committee meetings and submitted to Illawarra Branch

## Management Committee

Twelve Committee meetings were scheduled from July 2014 through to June 2015. On most occasions, there were enough Management Committee members present to hold the meeting as a scheduled Management Committee.

The Management Committee continues to be the avenue for all members to have input into the operations of the club.

## Junior Activities Sub-Committee

The Junior section (Seagulls) was controlled by the Junior Activities Committee which dealt with day to day matters autonomously and convening regular meetings throughout the 2014-15 season.

The upcoming season 2015-16 has a fully elected Junior activities committee pumped and ready to go for the new season. Meetings are already underway with ideas for the season ahead and refine initiatives implemented last season

## Winter Swim Group (Stanwell Park Sea Eels)

The winter swimming group was controlled by the Stanwell Park Sea Eels sub-committee and dealt with day to day matters autonomously. The Sea Eels sub-committee was elected at a meeting of Club members and fellow members of Coalcliff SLSC and other surf clubs interested in, and participating in winter swimming.

The Sea Eels continued to function as an autonomous committee on day to day matters.



# Membership Management

## Membership Fees

This year it was assessed the cost to the Club to operate as an incorporated association, and pay for insurance, building utility costs and membership levies (apportioned across 515 members) was \$38.95 per member.

The budgeted cost for 2015-16 for the Club to operate as an incorporated association, and pay for insurance, building utility costs and membership levies (apportioned across 400 members) was \$45.50 per member.

Membership fees for 2014-15 will therefore be remain at the rate of \$60.00. A reduction of \$10.00 is available for members who renew their membership before the end of September

## Collection of Membership Forms and Fees

The Registrar position for the club was filled by the junior registrars Jodie Williams and Karen Gallagher for season 2014-15. The club noted an improved level of membership related administration coordination this season by having appointed a delegated Registrar which was unfortunately missing from season 2013-14 ensuring that the club continues the upkeep of its membership databases.

Members are encouraged to renew online as this updates all surf lifesaving databases instantly ensuring that your membership is compatible with all other lifesaving online entry systems.

## Injuries to members

Two members suffered injury during season 2014-15. A patrol member was injured during the course of their duties when a patrol shelter was dislodged by wind inflicting a broken arm to the patrol member. Another member was injured during the course of their duties whilst performing water safety for the club at the Junior NSW State Titles

two members sought re-imbursement for medical expenses under the NSW Workers Compensation (Bush Fire, Emergency and Rescue Services) Act 1987

## Welfare of Members – Member Protection Policy

Similar to other organisations where people work with children, Surf Life Saving requires members to complete a “volunteer/student declaration” as part of the NSW Government’s “Working with Children Check” program.

Currently a form is only signed and recorded once for club records as well as noted in surfguard. New government legislation requires that all members over the age of 18 will be required to undergo a working with children check prior to 1st April 2016 across the surflifesaving movement.

The club will present a new policy of when this is to occur ie at registration or otherwise in the coming months in preparation for the change in the working with children check

The Club’s Child Protection Co-ordinator for 2014-15 was Ed White, Secretary.

## Competition Levy

At the end of season 2011-12, the outgoing committee looked in detail at the clubs finances and found that and a large chunk of funds was being spent on competition. This remains the case in season 2014-15

The rate of the competition levy remained at \$100 for over 19 year olds and \$30 for those U19. A more coordinated effort to send out invoices to competitors and in chasing up members has resulted in this policy being more successful than in previous seasons.

The competition levy will be continually reviewed each season as to its effectiveness and comparison made against its stated outcomes.

## Membership Statistics

Membership category	25 Seasons ago 1989-90	15 Seasons ago 1999-2000	5 Seasons ago 2009-10	2 Seasons ago 2012-13	Last Season 2013-14	This Season 2014-15
Life Members	18	20	27	26	27	25
Junior Activity Members 5-6yrs	n/a	37	169	190	201	185
Junior Activity Members 7-13yrs	116	102				
Cadet Members (13-15yrs)	23	20	16	28	20	33
Patrol Members (15-18yrs)	81	33	17	30	28	29
Patrol Members		61	68	62	55	51
Reserve Active Members	4	7	8	10	9	12
Long Service Members	Recorded with Associates	12	22	22	16	21
Past Active Members	Recorded with Associates	Recorded with Associates	Recorded with Associates	6	2	0
Award Members				7	3	3
Associate Members	120	107	94	64	63	151
<b>Totals</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>510</b>



### Communicating with members

The Park Bench was not issued this year falling well short of the targeted 10 issues to be published for season 2014-15. The drop off in frequency is due to lack of content contribution from management committee members to the frustration of publicity officer Sandra McDonald.

Thanks to Sandra for throwing her hand up to help in promoting the club through this role as publicity officer.

### History Book

196 copies have been sold as well as 5 "Limited Edition" books auctioned at the 100 year History Book Launch held April 2014

Copies are available for sale but are selling fast so make sure you get in early so you don't miss out.

### Publicity

Regular reports were provided by Beach Events Co-ordinator Daniel Robberds and Boat Captain Mark Lea to the local publications. Daniel and Mark provided competition updates for all our athletes over the course of the 2013-14 season. Information was also sent to local, Wollongong and Sydney newspapers about the Stanwell Park Ocean Challenge .

The Opportunity to utilise the Helensburgh community sign at the end of Parkes Street to our advantage was denied this season as the use of the sign was not available for community groups this season. The promotion of registration days, Lifesavers Appeal Day and Ocean Challenge was achieved through other means.

The website was maintained by Steven McDonald and used to keep members informed of Club activities, promote major events, advise results of major surf carnivals, as well as promoting the Ocean Swim and other community events.

## Club Building

### Refocus on Generating Income

The club committee has taken a breather with the club house upgrades this season instead focusing on getting the club building to generate income through function bookings. The club enlisted the voluntary services of an events manager at the beginning of this season to handle the affairs of function bookings and be the one point of contact for all club bookings.

In a fortunate turn of events Chloe Stevens was in the process of hiring the club when club president Steve McDonald mentioned that we were looking for an events manager. Chloe just happens to be an events manager in her professional life and is very familiar with private and corporate functions and the staging of such events. We are very happy to have Chloe on board with us and appreciate the hard work she has done over the season to make those functions booked are a success.

### Surfguard Email and SMS

Communications appear to work reasonably well through surfguard but must not be used at the exclusion of other communication medium.

It is envisioned by the club committee that email, SMS, website, hardcopy post, local news articles and advertisement be used together to provide the greatest chance of reaching our intended audience. Social Media also forms part of this communication strategy

The number of characters available for use by Surfguard users was reduced to less than the standard 160 characters by Telstra as it now inserts the words "Powered by Telstra" into each SMS communication.

A greater use of paper based snail mail was used as part of the clubs communication avenues. A number of bigger events were promoted this way to try and circumvent the "Junk Mail" filter of email.

### Website

Again the Website this functionality was extending this season providing a lot more value than seasons past. Under the direction of club president Steve McDonald, the website now includes a number of added features including rsvp functions for club events, published club policies, and hire information.

The website will continue to undergo organic development into the upcoming season as required.

### CRAM House Foundation

Stanwell Park Sea Eels again hosted the intellectually disabled young people from CRAM House in Wollongong to a day out at Helensburgh Workers Club during August. Supporting these young people has been on-going commitment of the Sea Eels since 1998.

### Temporary Storage and Future Building Works

The club has for some time had storage issues for our competition and patrol gear. Quality gear is seen by the committee as a means to aid in membership development and membership retention but as the club has limited funds to continually replace equipment due to condition it is imperative that we look after our gear.

The club is in the process of sorting out a temporary solution for gear and equipment off premises of the surfclub. Shipping containers will be utilised to ensure that club gear remains in adequate storage.

Plans for a more permanent storage facility are progressing through the tireless efforts of Carl Williams who is gathering quotes and has engaged council in discussions. This is going to be a long haul so patience from our membership is required.



# Competition Major Results

Below are our State and Australian medallists for season 2014/2015.

## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - INDIVIDUAL MEDALISTS

Katie Mott – SILVER U/19 Female Beach Sprint  
Keeleigh McCauley - SILVER U/19 Female Beach Flags  
Kate Lewis - BRONZE U/17 Female Beach Flags  
Adam Newey - BRONZE U/15 Male Beach Flags

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – INDIVIDUAL MEDALISTS

Yvette Avery - GOLD U/19 Female Beach Sprint,  
SILVER Open Female Beach Sprint  
Daniel McKellar - GOLD U/19 Male Beach Sprint  
Keeleigh Mccauley - GOLD U/19 Female Beach Flags  
Tim Burgmann - GOLD U/17 Male Beach Sprint  
Siobhan Dibley - SILVER Open Female Beach Flags  
BRONZE Open Female Beach Sprint  
Kate Lewis - SILVER U/17 Female Beach Flags  
BRONZE U/17 Female Beach Sprint  
Tom Demey - SILVER Open Male Beach Sprint  
Katie Mott - SILVER U/19 Female Beach Sprint  
Adam Newey - SILVER U/15 Male Beach Sprint  
Laura Humphries - BRONZE Open Female Beach Flags  
Jack Williams - BRONZE U/17 Male Beach Flags  
Brock Scrivener - BRONZE U/15 Male Beach Flags

### Thank You!

The Competitors of Helensburgh Stanwell Park would like to give a big thank you to our tireless IRB Crew who are mandated at Branch, State and Australian Championships. Our IRB Crews have gotten us out of a pickle on many occasion with the potential for competitors to be withdrawn from the starting line if IRB Requirements are not met by the club

## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - TEAM MEDALS

### GOLD

U/17 Female Beach Relay:  
Kate Lewis, Yvette Avery,  
Ella Saberton + Avalon Punch  
U/15 Male Beach Relay:  
Brock Scrivener, Adam Newey,  
Brent Manning + Kyle Attard

### SILVER

U/19 Female Beach Relay:  
Keeliegh McCauley, Yvette Avery,  
Katie Mott + Avalon Punch

### BRONZE

U/19 Male Beach Relay:  
Tim Burgmann, Daniel McKellar  
Emmett Gray + Dom Keegan

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – TEAM MEDALS

### GOLD

U/17 Female Beach Relay:  
Kate Lewis, Avalon Punch,  
Ella Saberton + Yvette Avery  
U/19 Female Beach Relay:  
Keeleigh McCauley, Avalon Punch,  
Katie Mott + Yvette Avery  
Open Female Beach Relay  
Alana Humphries, Katie Mott,  
Siobhan Dibley + Yvette Avery  
U17 Male Beach Relay:  
Jack Williams, Tim Burgmann,  
Emmett Gray + Dom Keegan  
Open Women Surfboat:  
Georgia Leach, Stephanie Barlow,  
Courtney Overell, Brooke Dent,  
Mark Lea (Sweep)

### SILVER

U15 Male Beach Relay:  
Brock Scrivener, Adam Newey,  
Brent Manning + Kyle Attard

### BRONZE

Open Female Beach Relay:  
Kate Lewis, Bernadette Dibley,  
Laura Humphries + Keeliegh McCauley  
U19 Male Beach Relay:  
Daniel McKellar, Tim Burgmann,  
Emmett Gray + Dom Keegan



## JNR BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS INDIVIDUAL MEDALISTS

### GOLD

Jack Bridges - U12 Male Beach Flags  
U12 Male Beach Sprint  
Addison Ramirez - U8 Male Beach Flags  
U8 Male Beach Sprint

### SILVER

Shannon Scutts - U14 Female Beach Sprint  
Ryan Bourke - U11 Male Beach Flags

### BRONZE

Toby Bartley - U14 Male Surf  
Matthew Anger - U14 Male Beach Flags  
U14 Male Beach Sprint  
Shannon Scutts - U14 Female Beach Flags  
Tianna Massey - U11 Female Surf  
Monica Way - U11 Female Beach Flags  
Ava Ruston - U11 Female Beach Sprint  
Bowen Willebrands - U10 Male Boys Surf  
Bella Massey - U9 Female Girls Surf

## JNR BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM MEDALS

### GOLD

U12 Beach Relay - Helensburgh Stanwell Park  
U9 Beach Relay - Helensburgh Stanwell Park  
U8 Beach Relay - Helensburgh Stanwell Park

### SILVER

March Past - Helens. Stanwell Park Blue  
U14 Beach Relay - Helens. Stanwell Park Blue  
U10 Beach Relay - Helensburgh Stanwell Park

### BRONZE

U14 Beach Relay - Helens. Stanwell Park Red  
U14 Surf Team - Helens. Stanwell Park Red

## SNR BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS INDIVIDUAL MEDALISTS

### GOLD

Tom Dewey - Open Male Beach Sprint  
Open Male Beach Flags  
Laura Shorter - Open Female Beach Sprint  
Tim Burgmann - U/17 Male Beach Sprint  
Domn Keegan - U/17 Male Beach Flags  
Brock Scrivener - U/15 Male Beach Sprint  
U/15 Male Beach Flags

### SILVER

Daniel Robberds - Open Male Beach Sprint  
Tim Burgmann - Open Male Beach Flags  
Alana Humphries - Open Female Beach Sprint  
Kate Lewis - Open Female Beach Flags  
Dom Keegan - U/17 Male Beach Sprint  
Nic Wingrove - U/15 Male Beach Sprint  
U/15 Male Beach Flags

### BRONZE

Daniel McKellar - Open Male Beach Sprint  
Daniel Robberds - Open Male Beach Flags  
Kate Lewis - Open Female Beach Sprint  
Jack Williams - U/17 Male Beach Sprint  
- U/17 Male Beach Flags  
Brent Manning - U/15 Male Beach Sprint  
U/15 Male Beach Flags



# Competition - Juniors

## Award Winners

**Seagull of the Year** – Madison Agnew

**Seagull of the Year** – Jack Bridges

**Boys Endeavour Award** – Dakota Curkoski

**Girls Endeavour Award** – Emily Andrews

**Boys Surf Encouragement** – Bowen Willebrands

**Girls Surf Encouragement** – Abby Bailey

**Boys Board Encouragement** – Ryan Andrews

**Girls Board Encouragement** – Jemma Gallagher

**Boys Beach Encouragement** – Ben Agnew

**Girls Beach Encouragement** – Jorja Williams

**Junior Ironperson Champion** – Jemma Gallagher

**Senior Ironperson Champion** – Dakota Curkoski

**U/13 Ironperson Club Champ** – Keehan Reilly

**Best Junior Boy at Carnivals** – Zane Walker

**Best Junior Girl at Carnivals** – Madison Agnew

**Best Senior Boy at Carnivals** – Jack Bridges

**Best Senior Girl at Carnivals** – Shannon Scutts

**Most Improved Carnival Competitor** – Sabin Rogers

**Award for Water at Carnivals** – Tianna Massey

**Most Consistent Snr Water at Carnivals at Carnivals** - Toby Bartley

**Water Consistency Award** – Tahlia Bailey

**Illawarra Jnr Lifesaver Nominees** – Matthew Anger, Bethany Anger,  
Dakota Curkoski & Emily Andrews

**Illawarra Branch Team Rep** – Jack Bridges

**Girls Captain - 2015/2016 Season**

**Girls Vice Captain – 2015/2016 Season**

**Boys Captain – 2015/2016 Season**

**Boys Vice Captain – 2015/2016 Season**

Jorja Williams

Tahlia Bailey

Dane Burgmann

Keehan Reilly

## Pointscore

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>Beach Point Score</b>			
U/8 Girls	Malea Ross	Maddison Bowden	Mikayla Bird
U/8 Boys	Addison Ramirez	Blake Westren	Riley Scott
U/9 Girls	Gracey Bridges	Leilani Havea	Tallara Caldwell
U/9 Boys	Zane Walker	Eamonn Gardner	Charles Walker
U/10 Girls	Madison Agnew	Mia Corliss	Abby Bailey & Sabina
Rogers			
U/10 Boys	Ryan Andrews	Sebastian Gibbs	Bowen Willebrands
U/11 Girls	Ava Rushton	Jemma Gallagher	Evie Donnelly
U/11 Boys	Ryan Burke	Billy Westren	Ryan Andrews
U/12 Girls	Taya Nye	Lauren Frawley	Macey-Lu Whiteside
U/12 Boys	Jack Bridges	Nathan Fuller	Zacharie Pedemont
U/13 Girls	Jorja Williams	Zoe Corliss	Minnie Monkhouse
U/13 Boys	Keehan Reilly	Dane Burgmann	Rahul Gurmukhani
U/14 Girls	Michaela Scutts	Phoebe Saberton	Alysha Watson
U/14 Boys	Dakota Curkoski	Matthew Anger	Toby Bartley

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>Water Point Score</b>			
U/8 Girls	Malea Ross	Maddison Bowden	Codie Weber
U/8 Boys	Ben Agnew	Riley Scott	Blake Westren
U/9 Girls	Leilani Havea	Yasmin Coyne	Tallara Caldwell & Sophie
West			
U/9 Boys	Zane Walker	Ryan Dixon	Joel Andrews
U/10 Girls	Madison Agnew	Abby Bailey	Sabina Rogers
U/10 Boys	Ryan Andrews	Jack Dixon	Bowen Willebrands
U/11 Girls	Jemma Gallagher	Brianna Robertson	Ava Rushton
U/11 Boys	Billy Westren	Ryan Andrews	Luke Overton
U/12 Girls	Taya Nye	Lauren Frawley	Chevonne Pietrzak
U/12 Boys	Kurtis Monahan	Jack Bridges	Karl Gibbs
U/13 Girls	Tahlia Bailey	Minnie Monkhouse	Ebony McGrath
U/13 Boys	Keehan Reilly	Rahul Gurmukhani	Dane Burgmann
U/14 Girls	Emily Andrews	Mackinley James-Best	Shannon Scutts
U/14 Boys	Toby Bartley	Sage McAteer	Dakota Curkoski



## Encouragement Awards

Under 6	Leila Barilla, Brydie Barnaby, Jessica Booker, Elsie Clare, Abigail DeAndrade, Stella Driver, Leilani Hamilton, Amelia Havea, Indiya Heffernan, Jessica McCullough, Indiana McDonald, Maddison McWiggan, Angelina Novotney, Zara Novotny, Mia Pender, Olivia Wes, Layne Willebrands, Tallis Wilson, Flynn Barrie, Cooper Bowden, Jack Cattley, Taj Clarverie, Corbyn Devenish, Yannick Fuhrer, Lake Haworth, Kye Kulmar, Thomas Manning, Oisin Perry, Jack Strange, Denan Townsend, Kobi Tucker, Isaac Turton, Kade Wasson.
Under 7	Mikayla Bird, Maddison Bowden, Leilani Havea, Chelsea Luck, Keira Murphy, Elena Ravelingien, Amelia Roche, Chenay Townsend, Elliahn Wasson, Codie Weber, Benjamin Agnew, Braiden Bannan, Joshua Boyle, Dylan Cooke, Oliver Driver, Aiden James, Aiden Love, Levi Luck, Noah Price, Jayden Pugh, Callan Shaw, Taj Stapleton, Kalin Stortz, Mateo Ter Meulen, Daniel Wainwright, Blake Westren, Toby White.
Under 8	Tallara Caldwell, Zoe CurtinSmith, Sarah McCullough, Roselen McLellan, Casey Rowan, Jada Rowan, Lucinda Rushton, Lara Schey, Madelyn Westherstone, Tyson Smithson, Luke Dixon, Ryan Dixon, Zac Henderson, Dylan Love, Anthony Marsh, Jem McEvoy, Charles Williams, Elliot Wilson.
Under 9	Kiara Manning, Anwen Perry, Tyra Robinson, Sunny Claverie, Jack Dixon, Sebastian Gibbs, Zachariah Webb.
Under 10	Alesha Gurmukhani, Leah Pugh, Eve Way, Ryan Andrews, Geordon Dickie, Jonathan Friedrich, Kai Noakes, Bailey Paine, Harrison Strange, Patrick Williams
Under 11	Brooke Dickie, Chevonne Pietrzak, Macey-Lu Whiteside, Cassius Fawcett, Karl Gibbs, Christopher Marsh, Lachlan McDonald, Zacharie Pedemont, Lachlan Pender, Isaac Pietrzak, Elijah Woods.
Under 13	Bethany Anger, Zarsha Booker, Karla Robertson, Lorna Robinson, Shannon Scutts, Duke Monkhouse
Under 14	Hayley Lea, Tim Burke, Hayden Shoemark, Riley Sloan.

## Age Manager Encouragement Awards

Under 8	Joshua Boyle & Brianna Taunton
Under 9	Eamonn Gardner & Zoe CurtinSmith
Under 10	Sebastian Gibbs & Kiara Manning
Under 11	Patrick Williams & Monica Way
Under 12	Lachlan McDonald & Lauren Frawley
Under 13	Rahul Gurmukhani & Aahlia Marshall
Under 14	Duke Monkhouse & Karla Robertson

## NSW AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

### **GOLD MEDALIST**

**Under 14 Male Beach Flags** – Brock Scrivener

**Under 14 Male Sprint** – Adam Newey

### **SILVER MEDALIST**

**All Age Relay** – Adam Newey, Dakota Curkoski, Dane Burgmann, Jack Bridges, Ryan Burke, Madison Agnew, Zane Walker

### **BRONZE MEDALIST**

**Under 11 Male Beach Flags** -Jack Bridges

**Under 14 Male Beach Relay** – Adam Newey, Brock Scrivener, Brent Manning, Riley Foster

### **STATE FINALIST**

**U/9 Female Beach Relay** - Madison Agnew, Abby Bailey, Sabina Rogers, Mia Corliss

**U/10 Female Surf Race** – Tianna Massey

**U/11 Male Beach Relay** – Jack Bridges, Max Walker, Ryan Burke, Billy Westren

**U/13 Male Beach Flags** – Dakota Curkoski

**U/13 Male Beach Relay** - Matthew Anger, Dakota Curkoski, Dane Burgmann, Josh Pepper

**U/13 Female Beach Sprint** – Michaela Scutts

**U/13 Female Beach Relay** - Michaela Scutts, Shannon Scutts, Phoebe Saberton, Bethany Anger



## About Helensburgh – Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc

Registered address:	Post Office Box 111, Helensburgh NSW 2508
Principal place of business:	Stanwell Park Surf Club, Beach Road, Stanwell Park NSW 2508
Principal business:	Voluntary aquatic rescue service.
Australian Business Number:	92 267 821 862

Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc (the Club) has been an incorporated association since 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1995 established under the provisions of the *Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009*, registered number Y2151644.

Through affiliation with Surf Life Saving NSW Inc, the Club is able to conduct charitable fundraising activities in NSW in accordance with the provisions of the *Charitable Fundraising Act (NSW) 1991*. Surf Life Saving NSW Inc holds Licence No 11033, valid from 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and renewed until 6 May 2019, with the Club listed on the Licence as a “branch”. No information pertaining to the renewal of this Licence had been received at the time of report printing

The Club has been registered for GST with the Australian Tax Office since 1 July 2000.

The Club has been endorsed by the Australian Tax Office to access the following tax concessions:

- Income Tax Exemption from 1 July 2000 under Sub-Division 50-B of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*
- GST concessions from 1 July 2005 under Division 176 of *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999*
- FBT Exemption from 1 July 2005 under Section 123C of the *Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986*

The Club has been endorsed since 1 July 2000 as a Deductible Gift Recipient under the provisions of Sub-Division 30-B of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

The Club is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission, with notification of registration being received on 29 January 2013.

The Stanwell Park Surf Club premises are vested in Wollongong City Council. Other than Council lifeguards whilst on duty, Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc is the sole occupier of the building with the consent of Council and accepts responsibility for its day to day management and security.

Harley Dreghorn, Public Officer 10 June 2015

### Statement by the Club Executive:

At the date of this report, the Club Executive is not aware of any matters that may have a detrimental impact on the operation of the Club, or prevent or impede the Club in fulfilling its objectives in the coming year.

Signed for and on behalf of the Club Executive

Steve McDonald  
President

Harley Dreghorn  
Public Officer

Dated 12 July 2015

### OUR OBJECTIVES

- The study and practice of the methods of surf life saving as taught by Surf Life Saving Australia
- To minimise the loss of life from drowning by providing efficient life saving apparatus
- To promote demonstrations and arrange classes of instruction and to further the best interests of surf bathing and surf life saving
- To appoint patrols to render all possible aid to those in distress
- To organise and conduct carnivals and social functions for the benefit and assistance of the Club in the attainment of the above objectives
- To exercise the power to acquire, lease or hire or in any way deal with any real or personal estate
- To act as governing body of the Junior section and to provide assistance to that section in the field of education and competition
- To act as governing body of the Club's winter swimming group
- To carry on any other activity whatsoever calculated directly or indirectly to enhance further the interests of the Club.





Patron	No appointment this year
<b>Executive Committee</b>	
President	Steve McDonald
Deputy President	Stephanie McGuinness
Secretary	Ed White
Treasurer	Ian Manley
Club Captain	Aaron Abela
Vice Club Captain	Vacant
Chief Training Officer	Bobo White
Chairperson, Junior Activities	Daniel Robberds
<b>Management Committee</b> <i>(includes officers on the Executive Committee)</i>	
Assistant Secretary	Vacant
Assistant Treasurer	Harley Dreghorn
Chief First Aid Officer	Iris Huizinga
IRB Captain	Gary Marshall
Vice IRB Captains	Carl Williams
Publicity Officer	Sandra McDonald
Convenor, Competition Committee	Vacant
Surf Boat Captain	Mark Lea
<b>Officers</b>	
Radio Officer	Mike Malherbe
Rescue Craft Maintenance Officer	Carl Williams
Patrol Secretary	Peter McDonald
Registrar	Vacant
Youth Activity Co-ordinator	Vacant
Social Secretary	Vacant
Bar Manager	Mick Dent
Historian	Evan Griffiths OAM
Webmaster	Steven McDonald
Competition Committee	Vacant
Vice Surf Boat Captain	Mick Dent
Team Manager	Daniel Robberds
Surf Sports Captain	Vacant
Beach Events Captain	Daniel Robberds
Ocean Swim Organising Committee	Andrew Perrin (Convenor), Harley Dreghorn, Murray Dowling, Kevin Keene Karl Weber, Kritina Ridley, Ralph Hall, Vivianne Moxham-Hall, Mel Whiteside (added 18/01/2015)
Convenor, Centenary History Book Committee	Committee Dissolved
Life Membership Committee	Evan Griffiths OAM (Convenor), Harley Dreghorn; Club President and Club Captain
OH&S Committee	Harley Dreghorn and Bobo White



## OFFICE BEARERS & COMMITTEES

### Junior Activities Committee

Chairperson	Daniel Robberds
Deputy Chairperson	Ben Andrews
Secretary	Karen Gallagher
Treasurer	Jodie Williams
Education Officer	Natalie Manley
Age Manager Co-ordinator	Carl Williams
Team Manager	John Bridges

### Junior Section officers

Assistant Secretary	Vacant
Registration Officer	Vacant
Assistant Registration Officer	Vacant
Age Managers	
U/6 years	Scott Boyle
U/7 years	
U/8 years	Karl Williams
U/9 years	
U/10 years	Steve Agnew
Fund Raising Committee	Vacant
Surf Coach	Vacant
Beach Coach	Carl Williams
March Past Coach	Louise Anger
R&R Coach	Vacant
Point Score Co-ordinator	Chris Reilly
Carnival Point Score Recorder	Vacant
Point Score Recorder	Vacant
Clothing Sales Co-ordinator	Vacant
Canteen Co-ordinator	Vacant
BBQ Co-ordinator	Vacant

Boys Captain	Matthew Anger	Girls Captain	Emily Andrews
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Boys Vice Captain	Dakota Curkoski	Girls Vice Captain	Jazmin Way
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### Winter Swimming Group (Stanwell Park Sea Eels)

Chairperson	Peter McDonald
Vice Chairperson	Anne-Maree Connolly
Captain	Barry McGuinness
Secretary	Phil Kelly
Treasurer	Terry Wood
Registrar	Steven McDonald
Publicity Officer	Karl Weber
SCWSA Delegates (3)	Peter McDonald, Stephanie McGuinness, Gary Marshall, Ian Van Zyl, Barry McGuinness, Terry Wood
Handicappers	Barry McGuinness, Staphanie McGuinness
Chief Timekeeper	Gary Marshall
Chief Judge	Rod Hampson
Social Secretary	Margaret Hunt, Peter Hunt



### Annual Statement for Incorporated Associations

The Annual Statement for 2013-14 financial year, as required by the *Associations Incorporations Act 1984* was submitted to the Office of Fair Trading in August 2014.

### Financial Reporting

As required by the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991, the Club is required to submit an audited financial report covering the whole of Club operations each year. A summary of the 2014-15 Financial Report is included elsewhere in this report.

### Compliance with SLS NSW requirements

The Financial Report for 2013-14 was submitted to Surf Life Saving NSW together with Application for Affiliation for 2014-15 in August 2014.

At the date of this report, the Club Executive believes that all documentation and other matters required by SLSNSW have been completed.

### Liquor Licence

On 13 September 2012, OLGR issued a new On-Premises Licence for Stanwell Park Surf Club, with Michael Dent appointed as the Manager of the Licence – Licence LIQO 660031060.

No incidents relating to the Liquor Licence were recorded during the year.

### Health and Safety

No inspection has been done so far this year.

### Environmental management

Refuelling of IRBs and the quad bike within the boat shed and paved outdoor area is the predominant environmental risk. Similar to previous years, the risk continued to be mitigated by the availability of a spill kit located in the boat shed, and briefing of IRB crews and patrol members on their duty of care when refuelling.

### Food business notification

Notification and registration of the Club as the operator of a food business (dispensing of drinks and preparation and sale of food items) was forwarded to the NSW Food Authority in October 2004 and is still current.

### Asset Register

Club officers undertook a detailed review of all assets during march 2015 which has resulted in a complete update of the Asset Register, and the club database. Lifesaving and patrol assets as well as competition assets are recorded on SurfGuard.

Values were established for all Club assets for insurance purposes, and for inclusion of asset values in the financial accounts.

A summary of the Asset Register is included at the end of this report

### Insurance

Insurance policies covering fire and burglary of Club property and equipment within the Surf Club, as well as policies for theft and damage to the IRBs and surf boats, and motor vehicle insurance for the ATV, boat trailers and board trailer were maintained. All insurance was effected through brokers Jardine Lloyd Thompson Pty Ltd who manage insurance for most other surf clubs.

Public liability insurance to an amount of \$20M was effected through a policy maintained by SLS NSW, the cost being covered in part by the membership levy contribution of \$14.77 (excl GST) per member payable to SLS NSW.

Directors and Officers Insurance was effected through a policy also maintained by SLS NSW at a cost of \$432.18 (excl GST).

Members continue to be covered for medical expenses incurred as a result of an injury whilst involved in an approved surf club activity through the NSW government scheme for volunteer workers. Members who become incapacitated and unfit for work as a result of an injury, are also re-imbursed for loss of wages for a limited period.



Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc  
ABN 92 267 921 862

## Financial Report for the 12 months ended 31 March 2015

### INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

	Note	01.04.2013 to 31.03.2014	01.04.2014 to 31.03.2015
		\$	\$
Revenue	3	222,508	159,653
Auditor's remuneration	4	(2,313)	(1,000)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(17,302)	(20,630)
Cost of sales		(48,147)	(42,805)
Other expenses		(156,182)	(91,839)
		<u>(223,944)</u>	<u>(156,274)</u>
<b>Surplus for the 12 months ended 31.03.2015</b>		<u>(1,436)</u>	<u>3,379</u>
Retained earnings at start of reporting period 01.04.2014		306,527	305,090
<b>Surplus attributable to the Association</b>		<u><b>305,091</b></u>	<u><b>308,469</b></u>



## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2015

	Note	As at 31.03.2014 \$	As at 31.03.2015 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5	128,551	156,123
Prepayments		5,986	1,124
Trade and other receivables	6	7,055	3,987
Inventories	7, 8	39,176	24,312
Total Current Assets		<u>180,768</u>	<u>185,546</u>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Financial Assets	9	0	0
Property, Plant and Equipment	10	136,488	129,523
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>136,488</u>	<u>129,523</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>317,256</u>	<u>315,069</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	11	(16,503)	(7,997)
Other Current Liabilities	12	4,338	1,397
Total Current Liabilities		<u>(12,165)</u>	<u>(6,600)</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Financial Liabilities	13		
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>(12,165)</u>	<u>(6,600)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>305,091</u>	<u>308,469</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained Earnings	14	305,091	308,469
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>305,091</u>	<u>308,469</u>



## CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

	01.04.2013 to 31.03.2014	01.04.2014 to 31.03.2015
	\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Receipts from members, donors and sales	156,430	146,016
Bank Interest	5,679	3,049
Government and Council grants	60,399	10,588
Payments to suppliers	(226,473)	(118,137)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(3,965)	41,516
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	9,270	1,000
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(38,441)	(14,944)
Proceeds from investments	0	0
Payments for investments	0	0
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(29,171)	(13,944)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Repayment of borrowings	0	0
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	0	
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held	(33,135)	27,572
Cash at beginning of reporting period	161,686	128,551
Cash at end of reporting period	128,551	156,123



## Notes to the Financial Statements

The Financial Report covers all operations and activities of Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated including sub-groups, as an individual entity.

Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated is an association incorporated in NSW under the *Associations Incorporations Act 2009*.

### 1 Basis of Preparation

The Financial Report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, and to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporations Act 2009*, and the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991* and Regulations under those Acts.

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

#### Income Tax

The Association is exempt from Income Tax under Division 51, Section 50-10 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act, 1997*.

#### Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### Property, Plant and Equipment

The Association does not own any real property.

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

### 2 Financial Instruments

#### Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

#### 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 Tax Office.

GST recoverable (\$1,397) from the Australian Tax Office for period 1 January 2015 to 31 March 2015 is included in the accounts as a Current Liability.

#### Comparative Figures

This report is for the 12 month period commencing 1 April 2014 and ending 31 March 2015, with comparative figures for the 12 months ended 31 March 2014.



# Financial Report

	01.04.2013 to 31.03.2014	01.04.2014 to 31.03.2015
	\$	\$
<b>3 Revenue</b>		
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Donations and fundraising	49,017	43,132
Membership Fees	19,221	25,456
Bank Interest	5,077	3,049
Other income	13,727	17,884
Government grants and other contributions	60,333	10,588
Sales Income	75,133	59,544
Total Revenue	<u>222,508</u>	<u>159,653</u>
<b>4 Auditor's Remuneration</b>		
Remuneration of the auditor for auditing of accounts	<u>2,313</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<b>5 Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Reconciliation of Cash		
Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows		
Current		
Cash at bank	13,982	17,083
Change float		600
Cash on deposit (Note 'B')	114,427	138,440
Total Cash	<u>128,409</u>	<u>156,123</u>
<i>Note 'B' Funds held on deposit have been raised for and are allocated for future extensions and upgrading of the Club building.</i>		
<b>6 Trade and Other Receivables</b>		
Current		
Sundry Debtors	<u>7,055</u>	<u>3,987</u>
<b>7 Inventories</b>		
Current		
At cost		
Stock on hand at end of reporting period	<u>39,176</u>	<u>24,312</u>
<b>8 Cost of Sales</b>		
Stock at beginning of reporting period	16,106	39,176
Stock purchased	71,217	27,941
Less closing stock at end of reporting period	<u>(39,176)</u>	<u>(24,312)</u>
Net cost of sales	<u>48,147</u>	<u>42,805</u>





	01.04.2013 to 31.03.2014 \$	01.04.2014 to 31.03.2015 \$
<b>9 Financial Assets</b>		
Non-current Investments	0	0
<b>10 Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
<b>Land and Buildings</b>		
The Association does not own any real estate or buildings. The building occupied by the Association at Lot 20 Stanwell Avenue, Stanwell Park and known as Stanwell Park Surf Club is vested in Wollongong City Council.		
<b>Plant and Equipment</b>		
At cost	208,861	223,805
At valuation	38,246	36,972
Accumulated depreciation	(110,624)	(131,254)
Total Plant and Equipment	136,488	129,523
<b>Movements in Carrying Amounts</b>		
Balance at beginning of reporting period	129,161	136,488
Additions	38,441	14,944
Disposals	(13,811)	(1,279)
Depreciation expense	(17,302)	(20,630)
Balance at end of reporting period	136,488	129,523
<b>11 Trade and other payables</b>		
Current Trade Creditors and Accruals (Note 'C')	(16,504)	(7,997)
	(16,504)	(7,997)
<i>Note 'C' includes membership levies of \$7,607 collected in the current financial year and payable to Surf Life Saving NSW in 2015-16 year</i>		
<b>12 Other Liabilities</b>		
Current GST refundable	4,338	1,397
Total Other Liabilities	4,338	1,397
<b>13 Financial Liabilities</b>		
Non-Current	0	0
<b>14 Retained Earnings</b>		
Retained earnings at beginning of reporting period	306,527	305,090
Net surplus attributable to the Association	(1,436)	3,379
Retained earnings at end of reporting period	305,091	308,469
<b>15 Related Party Transactions</b>		
Nil		



	01.04.2013 to 31.03.2014	01.04.2014 to 31.03.2015
	\$	\$

## 16 Cash Flow Information

### Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Surplus

Surplus / (Deficit)	(1,436)	3,379
<b>Non-Cash Flows in Surplus:</b>		
Depreciation	17,302	20,630
Net (surplus) / loss on disposal of plant and equipment	4,541	279
<b>Changes in Assets and Liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries:</b>		
(Increase) / decrease in prepayments	(1,912)	4,862
(Increase) / decrease in receivables	(3,877)	3,068
(Increase) / decrease in stock	(23,069)	14,864
Increase / (decrease) in creditors and accruals	4,486	(5,566)
Increase / (decrease) in provisions	0	0
	(3,965)	41,516

## 17 Financial Risk Management

The Association's financial instruments consist primarily of deposits with banks, including short term investments, and accounts receivable and payable.

The Association does not have any derivative instruments at 31 March 2015.

## 18 Association Details

The principal place of business of the Association is:

Stanwell Park Surf Club, Lot 20 Stanwell Avenue, Stanwell Park, NSW 2508, located at the eastern end of Beach Road, Stanwell Park.

## 19 Segment Reporting

The Association provides services to the community in regard to surf life saving for the Stanwell Park district.

## 20 Information and declarations to be furnished as required by the *Charitable Fundraising Act (NSW) 1991*

### (a) Fund raising activities

The following appeals were conducted by the Association under the authority of Charitable Fundraising Authority No 11033 held by Surf Life Saving New South Wales Inc, valid to 6 May 2019.

- Raffles
- Fund raising events, and
- Public appeals (doorknock)

Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club along with all other affiliated surf life saving clubs in NSW, is listed as a branch of the Authority holder, Surf Life Saving New South Wales Inc.



	01.04.2013 to 31.03.2014	01.04.2014 to 31.03.2015
	\$	\$

## Aggregate gross income received from all appeals:

Raffles income	4,390	2,506
Fundraising events – refer clause (c) below	2,625	13,946
Other fundraising activities	0	0
Door knock appeal / collection day	5,251	3,690
Donations	29,450	16,489
Sponsorship	7,300	6,500
Total income	<u>49,016</u>	<u>43,132</u>

## Total expenditure associated with all appeals:

Raffles expenses	(270)	(31)
Fundraising events - refer clause (c) below	(2,625)	(8,768)
Miscellaneous fundraising activities	(138)	0
Donor management	(406)	(213)
Total expenses	<u>(3,439)</u>	<u>(9,012)</u>

## Net operating surplus / (deficit)

	<u>45,577</u>	<u>34,120</u>
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**Notes:**

Proceeds from fundraising: The net surplus from fundraising activities is used to meet the objectives as detailed in the Constitution of the Association dated August 1997.

**(b) Disbursement of Donations and Fundraising Income**

Net donations and fundraising income of \$34,120 was generated during the 12 months ended 31 March 2015. Income was applied to the following operating expenses and asset renewal programs:

Administrative expenses and bank charges	1,911	1,289
Affiliation, insurance and membership levies	15,961	15,839
Club building repairs and maintenance, and utility charges	7,803	7,005
Education and membership development	9,350	10,037
Patrols and surf life saving operations	7,531	7,608
Carnivals and competition	35,875	27,937
Community donations and community expenses	2,565	4,892
Social activities and miscellaneous expenses	5,469	5,710
Cost of sales and associated expenses	49,695	43,919
Total operating expenses	<u>136,160</u>	<u>124,236</u>
Asset renewals, lifesaving, competition and other equipment	<u>38,441</u>	<u>14,944</u>
Building projects	<u>62,218</u>	<u>0</u>

## The shortfall was made up from income and other sources as follows:

Membership fees	19,221	25,456
Grants for lifesaving operations and surf sports	8,818	10,588
Government and Council grants (building projects)	51,515	0
Bank interest	5,077	3,049
Social activities	468	882
Miscellaneous and other income	4,054	3,312
Sales income (clothing, food and refreshment sales)	75,133	59,544
Carnival and competition income	9,205	13,690
Total	<u>173,491</u>	<u>116,521</u>



## (c) Income and Expenditure from fund raising events

The Association conducted two fund raising events open to the community during the year. Income (entry fees and donations) and expenditure (organisational expenses, insurance coverage etc) associated with each event is recorded below.

In other sections of this report, food sales income and cost of food sales associated with the ocean swim (identified with the mark \*) are recorded with other Food Sales Income and Cost of Food Sales expenses.

### Ocean swim - fund raising event

Stanwell Park Ocean Challenge is an annual event held in March or April each year. The 2014 event was cancelled prior to the start because of the potential risk to participants with strong sea conditions on the day. Licence fees and other organisational expenses incurred up to the time of cancellation are recorded below, and were covered by an equivalent amount of income received. The balance of income received for the 2014 event was held over for the 2015 event and has been included with 2014-15 income.

	01.04.2013 to 31.03.2014	01.04.2014 to 31.03.2015
	\$	\$
Income:		
Event entry fees	2,625	11,572
Donations	0	1,800
*Food sales	0	1,057
Total income	<u>2,625</u>	<u>14,429</u>
Expenses:		
Licences, insurance and organisational expenses	(2,625)	(8,245)
*Cost of sales, food	0	(648)
Total expenses	<u>(2,625)</u>	<u>(8,893)</u>
Net surplus / (deficit) from 2015 Stanwell Park Ocean Challenge	<u>0</u>	<u>5,536</u>

### Beach races – fund raising event

The inaugural Stanwell Scramble was held in December 2012. A similar event was not held in 2013.

Income:		
Event entry fees	0	215
Donations	0	360
Total income	<u>0</u>	<u>575</u>
Expenses:		
Insurance and organisational expenses	0	(281)
Total expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>(281)</u>
Net surplus / (deficit) from 2014 Stanwell Scramble	<u>0</u>	<u>294</u>

## 21 Information and declarations to be furnished as required by the *Charitable Fundraising Act (NSW) 1991*

Details of Appeals in which Traders were engaged

Nil



## 22 Declaration furnished under the *Charitable Fundraising Act, 1991*.

This declaration is made in accordance with Authority Conditions 7(4) and 7(5) issued by the Minister under Section 19 of the *Charitable Fundraising Act, 1991*

We, Steven McDonald, President, and Edward White, Secretary, of Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc declare that in our opinion:

- (a) the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc with respect to fundraising appeals, and
- (b) the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Club with respect to fundraising appeals, and
- (c) the provisions of the *Charitable Fundraising Act, 1991*, the Regulations under the Act and the conditions attached to the fundraising authority issued to Surf Life Saving NSW Inc have been complied with by the Club, and
- (d) the internal controls exercised by Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the Club from any of its fundraising appeals.

Steven McDonald  
President

Edward White  
Secretary

## STATEMENT MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the Management Committee, the Financial Report as set out above:

- 1 presents a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc at 31 March 2015 and its performance for the period from 1 April 2014 to that date, and
- 2 at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Committee Member

Committee Member

Dated this 28th day of May 2015



## PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT 1 APRIL 2014 to 31 MARCH 2015

	01.04.2013 to 31.03.2014	01.04.2014 to 31.03.2015
<b>INCOME</b>	\$	\$
Bank Interest	5,077.10	3,048.54
Carnivals and competition income	9,205.24	13,690.00
Donations and sponsorship	42,000.91	26,679.79
Education and training	450.00	7.09
Fundraising	7,015.55	16,452.17
Lifesaving and patrols	66.00	233.00
Membership fees	19,221.00	25,456.00
Miscellaneous income	3,537.90	3,071.67
Government grants	60,332.86	10,588.15
Sales Income	75,133.18	59,544.46
Social activities	468.18	882.27
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>222,507.92</b>	<b>159,653.14</b>
<b>COST OF SALES</b>		
Refreshment sales	22,477.88	14,109.83
Food sales	16,121.62	9,656.30
Clothing sales	9,322.66	5,766.84
Club History Book and other sales	225.00	13,272.35
<b>Total Cost of Sale Items</b>	<b>48,147.16</b>	<b>42,805.32</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>174,360.76</b>	<b>116,847.82</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Administrative expenses and bank charges	1,911.13	1,288.71
Affiliation, insurance and membership levies	15,961.22	15,838.85
Building repairs and maintenance, and utility charges	7,802.87	7,005.00
Building projects (window replacement and IRB storage)	62,218.17	0
Carnivals and competition	35,875.17	27,937.31
Community donations and contributions	2,565.33	4,892.06
Education and membership development	9,350.16	10,036.55
Fundraising expenses	3,438.40	9,012.26
Miscellaneous expenses	1,875.60	2,831.48
Patrols and lifesaving operations	7,530.46	7,607.84
Sales miscellaneous expenses	1,547.93	1,113.86
Social activities	3,593.82	2,878.47
Saleable stock written off	283.09	2,117.23
Depreciation expenses	17,302.46	20,630.45
Loss on sale or disposal of assets	4,541.12	278.91
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>175,796.93</b>	<b>113,468.98</b>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT / (LOSS)</b>	<b>(1,436.17)</b>	<b>3,378.84</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Internal transfers and contra Income	39,350.09	30,119.78
<b>Other Expenses</b>		
Internal transfers and contra Expenses	39,350.09	30,119.78
<b>NET PROFIT / (LOSS)</b>	<b>(1,436.17)</b>	<b>3,378.84</b>



## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HELENSBURGH-STANWELL PARK SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC**

### **Scope**

We have audited the accompanying Financial Statements of the Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc. for the period ending 31 March 2015. The Club's Management Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporations Act 1987. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagement and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

### **Independence**

In conducting this audit, we followed applicable independent requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.



## Qualification

As is common with organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations and other fund raising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly my audit in relation to fund raising was limited to amounts recorded.

## Qualified Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report of Helensburgh-Stanwell Park Surf Life Saving Club Inc is in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), and

- (i) the Financial Statements show a true and fair view of the financial results of fund raising appeals conducted during the year;
- (ii) the accounting and associated records have been properly kept during the year in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and Regulations issued under that Act;
- (iii) monies received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year have been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the Regulations issued under that Act, and'
- (iv) at the date of this report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Auditors Signature:

Paul Mattock

Auditor's address: Twelve Financial Pty Ltd  
Suite 2, Level 1  
10-14 Boyle Street  
Sutherland NSW 2232

Dated this 29th Day of May 2015





The following reports are provided by the Management Committee for the information of members and record performance of individual sections of the Club over the 12 month period compared with the previous 12 months. These reports do not include depreciation expenses.

<b>Club (senior section) Profit and Loss</b>	<b>01.04.2013 to 31.03.2014</b>	<b>01.04.2014 to 31.03.2015</b>
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Bank Interest	91.33	180.82
Beach Safety Equipment Grant, Australian Government	0	5,000.00
Building projects, NSW Government grant	51,515.00	0
Building Fund transfers, building project and history book production	23,923.45	0
Carnivals and competition	4,368.18	8,499.07
Donations and sponsorship	35,743.13	25,132.12
Equipment, sale of surplus	9,150.00	1,000.00
Fundraising activities	2,625.45	13,946.17
Membership fees	8,926.00	14,668.00
Miscellaneous	2,982.01	1,876.02
Patrol equipment, NSW Government \$for\$ grant	6,295.00	0
Patrol Operating Grant (Wollongong City Council)	2,522.86	2,588.15
Sales income – food and refreshments	47,657.18	29,383.11
Sales income – clothing, history books and training manuals	1,296.85	14,048.93
Sports grant, Australian Government	0	3,000.00
Contra receipts	5,299.18	8,530.77
<b>Total income</b>	<b>201,945.62</b>	<b>127,853.16</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Administrative expenses and bank charges	1,329.89	1,681.87
Affiliation, insurance and membership levies	9,195.19	9,720.78
Building projects	62,218.17	0
Building utility charges, repairs and maintenance	4,791.44	4,852.53
Carnivals and competition	27,502.09	19,374.14
Cost of sales, food and refreshment trading	25,267.16	16,791.52
Cost of sales, clothing, history books and training manuals	802.55	13,700.65
Community activities	86.36	95.45
Education and membership development	5,550.54	4,856.25
Equipment, office, bar, food sales and cleaning	3,000.00	2,363.19
Equipment, competition (racing skis, boat crew helmets)	22,109.09	2,290.91
Equipment, lifesaving and patrols (patrol trailer, IRB motor, boards)	11,763.64	10,289.72
Fund raising expenses	2,803.47	8,980.76
Miscellaneous expenses	941.61	1,517.07
Patrols and lifesaving operations	7,530.46	7,607.84
Sales activities, miscellaneous expenses	1,363.29	1,351.76
Social activities	527.68	1,697.79
Transfer 50% Bar trading surplus to Building Account	8,775.00	4,248.00
Transfer Ocean Swim surplus to Building Account	0	4,858.00
Transfer part repayment loan history book to Building Account	0	12,443.01
Contra expenses	5,299.18	8,530.77
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>200,856.81</b>	<b>137,252.01</b>
<b>Summary:</b>		
Surplus / (deficiency)	1,088.81	(9,398.85)

<b>Building Extensions Fund</b>	<b>01.04.2013 to 31.03.2014</b>	<b>01.04.2014 to 31.03.2015</b>
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Term Deposit Interest received	4,882.69	2,464.75
Ocean Swim surplus	0	4,858.00
50% Bar trading surplus	8,775.00	4,248.00
Part repayment loan for production of history book	0	12,443.01
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>13,657.69</b>	<b>24,013.76</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Club building projects, and interior storage cupboard	5,366.18	0
Loan for production of history book	18,557.27	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>23,923.45</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Summary:</b>		
Surplus / (deficiency)	(10,265.76)	24,013.76



# Financial Report

<b>Junior Section Profit and Loss</b>	<b>01.04.2013 to 31.03.2014</b>	<b>01.04.2014 to 31.03.2015</b>
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Bank Interest	90.00	180.82
Carnivals and competition	0	266.18
Carnival entry fees – member re-imburements	4,837.06	4,924.75
Donations and sponsorship	3,533.98	310.12
Equipment, sale of surplus	120.00	0
Fundraising activities	1,712.10	884.00
Membership fees	9,575.00	10,203.00
Miscellaneous income	485.53	302.91
Sales income – food sales	15,949.53	9,346.47
Sales income – clothing sales	7,920.07	5,514.59
Contra receipts	0	40.00
Total Income	<u>44,223.27</u>	<u>31,972.84</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Administrative expenses and bank charges	581.24	504.24
Affiliation, insurance and membership levies	6,176.03	5,488.07
Building utility charges, repairs and maintenance	3,011.43	2,152.47
Carnivals and competition	7,136.30	6,524.99
Community activities	86.37	62.73
Cost of sales – food sales	12,003.52	6,437.01
Cost of sales – clothing sales	7,010.91	5,206.71
Education and membership development	3,752.35	5,143.94
Equipment, Junior Activities training	1,568.18	0
Equipment, repairs and maintenance	483.64	1,150.00
Fund raising expenses	595.75	0
Miscellaneous expenses	304.79	117.01
Sales activities, miscellaneous expenses	467.73	1,757.05
Social activities	1,584.10	240.88
Contra expenses	0	40.00
Total Expenses	<u>44,762.34</u>	<u>34,825.10</u>
<b>Summary:</b>		
Surplus / (deficiency)	<u>(539.07)</u>	<u>(2,852.26)</u>

<b>Winter Swim Section Profit and Loss</b>	<b>01.04.2013 to 31.03.2014</b>	<b>01.04.2014 to 31.03.2015</b>
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Bank interest	13.08	12.22
Donations	865.00	1,237.55
Fund raising activities	2,678.00	0
Fund raising from members	2,895.16	1,622.00
Membership fees	720.00	585.00
Miscellaneous	0	1,260.00
Sales income - clothing	1,005.46	131.83
Sales income – food	1,304.09	1,119.53
Social activities	468.18	755.00
Contra income	1,352.46	0
Total Income	<u>11,301.43</u>	<u>6,723.13</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Affiliation, insurance and membership levies	590.00	630.00
Carnivals and competition	155.00	888.18
Community activities	50.00	85.45
Cost of sales – clothing	1,734.20	131.83
Cost of sales – food	937.50	537.60
CRAM House Foundation & other community donations	1,800.00	4,323.00
CRAM House residents visit	542.60	325.43
Donation to surf club	300.00	300.00
Fund raising expenses	39.18	31.50
Miscellaneous	329.21	122.28
Presentations to members	598.14	36.36
Social activities	1,482.03	939.80
Contra expenses	1,352.46	0
Total Expenses	<u>9,957.59</u>	<u>8,351.43</u>
<b>Summary:</b>		
Surplus / (deficiency)	<u>1,343.84</u>	<u>(1,628.30)</u>



Prior to 31 March 2015, Club officers undertook a complete inventory of all assets. Below is a summary of these assets. Since 31 March 2015, a base radio set and a set of four Little Anne training manikins have been added.

Assets acquired between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015 were: Patrol trailer, IRB motor, two surf rescue boards, four rescue tubes, loudhailer, beach direction signs, two pairs swim fins, two “baby” training manikins, 10 helmets for surf boat crews, two second-hand racing skis, media/promotion banner, computer, 3 second-hand 4-drawer filing cabinets, vacuum cleaner, LPG gas BBQ and cash register.

Redundant items disposed of during the year included four rescue tubes, a loudhailer, a racing Malibu board and two single skis, a folding table, three “blue” chairs, eight “green” chairs, two folding chairs, and an LPG gas BBQ. One IRB hull was sold.

<b><u>Rescue &amp; Life Saving Assets</u></b>		<b><u>Training Equipment</u></b>		<b><u>Assets in Bar/keg room</u></b>	
IRB, Archilles	3	Ambu manikin	2	Cash register	2
IRB motor, Tohatsu	4	Defibrillator “heart-start”	2	Drink fridges, single door	2
IRB motor trolley	1	Defibrillator Trainer	1	Glass washer	1
IRB trailer for beach	1	Laerdal manikins	3	Wall safe	1
IRB fuel bladder	4	“Baby” manikins	2	Exhaust fan system	1
ATV, Commander	1	CPR manikin	1	Bar fit out	various
Beach patrol trailer	1	Data projector and	1	Beer temprite system	various
Rescue boards	10				
Rescue boards ¾ size	2	<b><u>Assets in main hall</u></b>		<b><u>Assets, upper level</u></b>	
Rescue tubes	17	Televisions, 40”	1	Photocopier	1
Radios, hand held	5	DVD player	1	Camera, Nikon	1
Radio, base set (patrol)	2	CD player & amplifier	1	Media/promotional	1
Loud hailer	1	Disco lighting set	1	Desk top computer and	1
Patrol shelter, 3 sided	1	Speakers	various	Computer and monitor	2
Patrol shade shelter	1	Roving microphone	1	Office desk and chair	1
Patrol equipment box	2	External PA speakers	various	Filing cabinet, 3 drawer	1
Protective helmet,	4	Dart board/cabinet	1	Filing cabinet, 4 drawer	7
Water safety vest	6	Table tennis table	1	Storage locker, metal	1
Fuel cabinet	1	Pool table ¾ size	1	Storage locker, timber	1
Shark alarm, patrol	1	Lectern	1	Bookcases	2
Drink fridge, patrol	1	Table, folding	10	Trophy cabinet	1
Beach patrol signs	various	Table, folding	5	Trophies	various
Board storage racks	1	Table, folding	2	White boards	3
Air compressor	1	Table, bar 180cm x 60cm	4		
Hoist to lift IRB	1	Bar stools	24	<b><u>Competition Assets</u></b>	
IRB lifting frame	1	Chairs, stackable blue	95	Surf boats	3
Tool cabinet incl tools	various	Chairs, stackable green	26	Surf boat trailers	3
IRB workshop &	various	Chairs, stackable, office	15	Carbon fibre oar set	3
Patrol room fit-out	various	Chair transporter	1	Sweep oars	3
		Trophies / memorabilia	1	Ergo training machine	4
		Framed photograph Stan	1	Surf reel March Past	2
		Framed photographs misc	various	Surf Reel March Past	1
		Notice boards	3	Surf reel line and belt	1
				Racing skis	4
		<b><u>Assets in kitchen</u></b>		Training board, foam,	25
		Cash registers	1	Training board,	19
		Fridge/freezer, two door	1	Racing board, Malibu	16
		Microwave	1	Boat cans, set	1
		Kitchen fit out	various	Competition cans, misc	various
		Upright oven and	1 of each	Carnival equipt, flags, etc	various
		Vacuum cleaner	1	Two way radios	8
				Tents, various	8
				Marquees	2
				Carnival gear trailer, Jnrs	1
				Surf boat crew helmets	10
<b><u>First Aid Assets</u></b>					
Air Bag resuscitator	2				
Defibrillator, “heart	2				
Stretcher	2				
Spinal board	1				
Rescue Body board	2				
First aid boxes, various	4				
Refrigerator	1				
Splints and misc items	various				
Examination bed	1				
First Aid Room fit out	various				



# Register of Members

## Life Members *(shown in order of election)*

*Robertson	John	*Asmussen MBE	Con	King	Bill	Wood	Geoff
*Hopkins	David	*Kinnell	George	Phillips	Bryant	Dreghorn	Harley
*Kelly	Miss A	*Redshaw	Ken	Kohlhardt	Ian	Cook	Graham
*Gordon	William	*Redshaw	Cecil	King	Keith	Ryan	Mark
*Albers	Adolph	*Field	Sid	McCabe	Andrew	Wallace	Mark
*Logan	Jack	*Cannon	Tom	*Thorn	Jim	O'Grady	David
*Warren	Charles	*Russell	Bruce	Griffiths OAM	Evan	Lucke	Jeffrey
*Keogh	James	*Anger	Phil	Daintry	Terry	Dzopalic	Rick
*Gildea	Robert	Hunt	Bill	Phillips	Will	McDonald	Steven
*Mawson	William	*Clarke	Albert	Beehag	Peter	McDonald	Peter
*Harper	Fred	*Chapman	Keith	White	Robert	Burke	Don
*Harper	David	Newell	Keith	*Jardine	George		
*Williamson	Harold	Morton	Lance	Thompson	Mark		

\* Denotes deceased

## Junior Activity Members (5-13 years)

Agnew	Benjamin	Corliss	Mia	Ives	Edith Rose	Mott	Thomas
Agnew	Madison	Corliss	Zoe	James	Aiden	Noakes	Kai
Allie	Kai	Coxon	Lily	Kulmar	Kye	Novotny	Angelina
Allie	Sienna	Coyne	Freya	Lewins	Nate	Novotny	Zara
Andrews	Brock	Coyne	Yasmin	Loney	Zane	Nye	Taya
Andrews	Joel	Cracroft	Mia	Loring	Charlotte	Overton	Luke
Andrews	Ryan	Crawford	Bloem	Love	Aidan	Pedemont	Max
Andrews	Ryan	Currey	Braeden	Love	Dylan	Pedemont	Zacharie
Ansell	Abbi	Currey	Lily	Luck	Chelsea	Pender	Kynan
Ansell	Jaimie	Curtinsmith	Riley	Luck	Levi	Pender	Mia
Bailey	Abby	Curtinsmith	Zoe	Luck	William	Pietrzak	Chevonne
Bailey	Tahlia	De Andrade	Abigail	Manley	Scott	Pietrzak	Isaac
Barilla	Leila	De Andrade	Dominic	Manning	Kiara	Price	Noah
Barrie	Addison	Dixon	Jack	Manning	Thomas	Ramirez	Addison
Barrie	Flynn	Dixon	Luke	Marsh	Anthony	Ramirez	Yvette
Bevan	Dylan	Dixon	Ryan	Marsh	Christopher	Reilly	Keehan
Bevan	Phoebe	Donnelly	Evie	Marshall	Aahlia	Reynolds	Charley
Bird	Kara	Donnelly	Lucas	Masset	Chantel	Reynolds	Holly
Bird	Mikayla	Driver	Oliver	Massey	Isabella	Robertson	Brianna
Booker	Tanu	Driver	Stella	Massey	Tianna	Robinson	Tyra
Bowden	Cooper	Fardell	Taj	McCarthy	Molly	Rogers	Sabina
Bowden	Maddison	Frawley	Lauren	McCullough	Jessica	Ross	Jaeda
Bowden	Makayla	Fuller	Nathan	McCullough	Sarah	Ross	Malea
Boyle	Harrison	Gallagher	Jemma	McDonald	Indiana	Ross	Tiahna
Boyle	Joshua	Gardner	Eamonn	McDonald	Lachlan	Rossington	Connor
Bridges	Gracey	Gibbs	Karl	McDonald	Zalie	Rossington	Wyatt
Bridges	Jack	Gibbs	Sebastian	McGrath	Charley	Rowan	Casey
Burgmann	Dane	Graham	Jed	McGrath	Ebony	Rowan	Jada
Burke	Ryan	Gurmukhani	Alesha	McGregor	Chloe	Rushton	Ava
Caldwell	Tallara	Gurmukhani	Rahul	McGregor	Jarred	Rushton	Lucinda
Cattley	Jack	Hamilton	Leilani	McKinnon	Liam	Scott	Riley
Charmer	Dylan	Havea	Amelia	McIellan	Mya	Shaw	Callan
Charmer	Muireann	Havea	Leilani	McIellan	Roselene	shaw	Jay
Clare	Angus	Heffernan	Indiya	Monahan	Kurtis	Shaw	Tahleigh
Clare	Elsie	Hick	Amelia	Monkhouse	Dash	Sloan	Merryn
Claverie	Taj	Hickey	Aidan	Monkhouse	Minnie	Smit	Hobie
Cooke	Dylan	Hogan	Harry	Morris	Emma	Smit	Max



## Junior Activity Members (5-13 years)

Stapleton	Kiara	Turton	Isaac	Webb	Zachariah	Willebrands	Bowen
Stapleton	Taj	Vishanin	Gosho	Weber	Codie	Willebrands	Layne
Tanner	Charlie	Walker	Max	Weber	Darcy	Williams	Charles
Tanner	Sarah	Walker	Zane	Wells	Cameron	Williams	Jorja
Taunton	Brianna	Walkley	Arlo	Wells	Christopher	Williams	Patrick
Taunton	Kade	Waters	Cormac	West	Olivia	Wilson	Elliot
Thompson	Brodee	Waters	Laila	West	Sophie	Wilson	Tallis
Thompson	Jake	Way	Eve	Westren	Billy		
Tugnett	Jemma	Way	Monica	Westren	Blake		
Tugnett	Shaylee	Weatherstone	Madelyn	Whiteside	Macey-Lu		

## Cadet Members (13 – 15 years)

Andrews	Emily	Fuller	Jamie	Monkhouse	Duke	Saberton	Phoebe
Anger	Bethany	Gardner	Sarah	Mott	Sophie	Scutts	Michaela
Anger	Matthew	James-Best	Mackinley	Newey	Adam	Scutts	Shannon
Bartley	Toby	Lea	Hayley	Nye	Taneesha	Shoemark	Hayden
Booker	Zarsha	Lea	Kate	Pickering-Watts	Eloise	Watson	Alysha
Coffee	Alanah	Manning	Brent	Reilly	Hamilton	Way	Jazmin
Curkoski	Dakota	McAteer	Sage	Robertson	Karla	Williams	Jack
Fawcett	Bijou	McDonald	Campbell	Robinson	Lorna		
Foster	Riley	McGregor	Ryan				

## Active Members (15 – 18 years)

Anger	Georgia	Gaffney	Nathaniel	Liss	Alexandra	Scullion	Annabelle
Bell	Chloe	Gallagher	Courtney	Manning	Courtney	Scullion	Madeline
Bell	Nicola	Giardini	Kye	Marshall	Bryce	Scutts	Brittany
Burgmann	Timothy	Gray	Emmett	Marshall	Zoe	Van Zyl	Ryan
Burke	Brooke	Gulaj	Isabelle	McGuinness	Neil	Whiteside	Dane
Burke	Timothy	Keegan	Dominic	Ryman	Brandon		
Coffee	Liam	Lea	Joshua	Saberton	Ella		
Curkoski	Jayden	Lehane	Monique	Scipione	Alexandre		

## Active Members (18 years and over)

Abela	Aaron	Gilmour	Tasmin	Liss	Katharina	Robberds	Daniel
Anders	Tara	Hall	Ralph	Lowe	Nicholas	Ryman	Crystal
Andrews	Benjamin	Hampson	Rodney	Manley	Natalie	Scullion	Stephen
Baillie	Mitchell	Huizinga	Iris	Manning	Allan	Shorter	Laura
Blackwell	Erin	Humphries	Alana	Marshall	Gary	Simpson	Brett
Copas	Murray	Humphries	Laura	McGuinness	Barry	Trigg	Chris
Dewey	Thomas	Johnson	Tara	McGuinness	Emilie	Trigg	Joanne
Dixon	Bruce	Keegan	Jack	McGuinness	Stephanie	Webb	James
Doran	Ashley	Lau	Harrison	Mott	Kaitlin	Webber	Mathew
Dowling	Murray	Le Mesurier	Jonathan	Moxham-Hall	Vivienne	Weber	Karl
Drysdale	Blake	Lea	Stacie	Overton	Rachel	White	Edward
Eccleston	James	Lea	Toby	Perrin	Amy-Leigh	Williams	Carl
Foster	Sian	Leach	Georgia	Ridley	Kristina		

## Active Reserve Members

Bailey	Lee	Burke	Peter	Mercer	Allira	Ryder	Chris
Bailey	Nerida	Dent	Brooke	Overell	Courtney	Whiteside	Melinda
Bell	Susan	Malherbe	Michael	Perrin	Andrew	Wood	Terry



# Register of Members

## Long Service Members

Beaumont	Kieran	Emmett	Chris	Manley	Ian	Ryder	Geoffrey
Bell	Andrew	Hand	Gregory	McDonald	Christine	Turner	Peter
Boyle	Scott	Hendry	Roger	Mercer	Graham	Wardman	George
Clark	Edwin	Hick	Stewart	Morton	Kevin		
Connor	Steven	Lane	Shanus	Nugent	Michael		
Dixon	Sarah	Lea	Mark	Redshaw	Barry		

## Award Members

McDonald	Sandra	Mercer	Chenay	Mercer	Laura
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## Associate Members

Adams	Michael	Dent	Michael	Loring	Michelle	Scott	Matt
Agnew	Steve	Dent	Sandra	Love	Vaughan	Scrivener	Brock
Allie	Debbie	Dezius	Irene	Luck	Heidi	Scutts	Craig
Andrews	Joanne	Dezius	Michael	Manning	Marcia	Scutts	Elizabeth
Andrews	Louise	Dibley	Bernadette	Marsh	Paul	Shaw	Daniel
Andrews	Todd	Dibley	Siobhan	Marshall	Dawn	Shoemark	Rachel
Anger	David	Dodd	William	Masset	Jean-Marc	Smit	Jason
Anger	Louise	Donnelly	Patrick	McCarthy	Michael	Stapleton	Kellie
Attard	Kyle	Doran	Chris	McCauley	Keeleigh	Stevens	Chloe
Avery	Yvette	Dowling	Scott	McCullough	Scott	Taunton	Janelle
Barlow	Nicola	Dowling	Susan	McDonald	Matthew	Thompson	Katrina
Barlow	Stephanie	Dreghorn	Lorna	McGrath	Peter	Thompson	Nathan
Barrie	Andrew	Emmett	Michael	McGrath	Sheryl	Tugnett	Donna
Bell	Sarah	Fardell	Nathan	McGregor	Andrew	Turner	Ashley
Bevan	Charlie	Frawley	Peter	McKellar	Daniel	Turner	Lisa
Bird	Geoff	Fuller	Kerrie	McKinnon	Sean	Van Gemert	Renee
Booker	Rowena	Gallagher	Karen	McLellan	Robert	Van Zyl	Ian
Bowden	Chris	Gallagher	Peter	Meyers	Kate	Van Zyl	Kim
Bridges	John	Gardner	Lisa	Miller	Angela	Vishanin	Grigor
Bridges	Samantha	Gardner	Trevor	Morris	Jodie	Wallace	Bronwyn
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# Platinum & Gold Donors

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## **Australian Government**

Beach Safety Equipment Fund  
\$5,000 (1<sup>st</sup> yr of 4)

Australian Sports Grant \$3,000

## **Helensburgh & Stanwell Park area**

### **Local residents & businesses**

Donations totalling \$3,960

2014 Appeal Day

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## **TRI-CLARK BROS**

Donation \$3,640 rental for off-site storage of Surfboat



## **Tradies Helensburgh**

Donation \$6,500 towards for the purchase of a Patrol Trailer

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## **Wollongong City Council**

Donation \$2,588 for patrol operations



## **SLSNSW**

Donation \$7,973 through proceeds of state wide fundraising

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