

South West Rocks

Surf Life Saving Club

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Annual Reports

2015/2016 Season



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SWRSLSC Committee Members – 2015/2016 Season

President – Rod McDonagh – 13 of 15 meetings attended

Vice-President – Anne Pearce – 15 of 15 meetings attended

Director of Administration – Brienna Elford – 11 of 15 meetings attended

Director of Finance – Rob McDermid – 4 of 4 meetings attended

Registrar – Chris Ward – 14 of 15 meetings attended

Director of Lifesaving – Andrew Busch – 13 of 15 meetings attended

Junior Activities Coordinator – Shannon Askew – 8 of 11 meetings attended

IRB Captain – Andrew Trappel – 8 of 10 meetings attended

Director of Competition – Amanda Busch – 7 of 9 meetings attended

Patrol Officer – Jason Rushworth – 3 of 10 meetings attended

Chief Training Officer – Vacant

Junior Activities Superintendent – Elissa Schubert – 7 of 10 meetings attended

Surf Boat Captain – Mark Notley – 8 of 10 meetings attended

Board and Ski Captain – Mick Healey 5 of 10 meetings attended

Director of Marketing – Rory Dewhurst – 7 of 10 meetings attended

Committee Member/Gear Steward – Sid Jeffery – 9 of 10 meetings attended

Committee Member – Jenni Ryan – 6 of 9 meetings attended

SWRSLSC Annual General Meeting Agenda

Sunday 10th July 2016, 3.00pm

Members are advised the meeting requires a quorum of 20 FINANCIAL members. Members eligible to vote at the meeting are as follows: Active, Active Reserve, Long Service Award, Non Resident Active, Life Member and Non Award Outgoing Executive/Management Committee.

1. Opening of meeting
2. Minutes Silence
3. Apologies
4. Welcome from the President
5. Confirmation and Adoption of Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting
6. Business arising from the minutes
7. Correspondence relevant only to the meeting
8. Presentation and adoption of the Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2015/2016
 - Invite attendees from the meeting to speak on the Annual Report and Financial Statements
 - Move the adoption of the Annual Report Financial Statements and Balance Sheet
9. Election of Officers for the Season 2016/2017 (Public Officer, then Officers of the Club)
10. Appointment of Auditor
11. Urgent general business
12. Close of meeting

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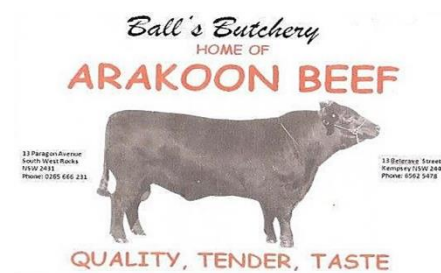
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The Season That Was.....



President Report – 2015/2016 Season



It gives me great pleasure to present this report on the South West Rocks 2015/2016 season. The 2015/2016 season has been a highly successful season for our Club in all operational aspects of Surf Life Saving. Our AGM saw some fresh faces on the committee this season, bringing great ideas and enthusiasm to their roles. There have been some notable achievements in the competition arena, and we have strived to build stronger relationships within the community and provide facilities and pathways for our members.

Membership remained constant allowing our patrols to operate efficiently with the guidance of our Director of Lifesaving, Andrew Busch, and Patrol Officer, Jason Rushworth, who both did a fantastic job ensuring our patrolling duties were fulfilled. It would be remiss not to mention our Call Out Teams, Jet Ski Operators and Duty Officers who responded to out of hours emergency situations such as a night operations rescue of passengers from a stricken vessel within Trial Bay. Our IRB Captain 'Traps' made sure all craft were in good condition and always ready to go. Unfortunately, one fatality was recorded on the 24th February after a fishing boat overturned on the Macleay River Bar. There were several active patrolling members who have displayed great dedication and achieved 100% patrols. Next season we enter into a new Life Saving Agreement and in consultation with key people we have identified trends of the past few seasons to enhance our operational capability and hopefully reduce some workload on members. Our patrols remain professional and vigilant and all should be congratulated for the past season

The Stramit Country Championships were once again back in South West Rocks, with over 150 officials and 1600 competitors travelling for the event, which was combined into two days for the first time. SWRSLSC had 68 competitors which resulted in South West Rocks being placed 13th in the overall point score, bagging 13 medals. It was once again an impressive effort from all involved in organising of the Championships. As I have previously indicated this is a great event for the entire SWR community and we could not conduct it without the community support. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Kempsey Shire Council, SWR Chamber of Commerce, SWR Rotary and the Rural Fire Service and SES for their assistance over many years. Obviously the man power put in by our members is to be commended. It is wonderful to witness the comradery this and other events bring to our Club.

SWRSLSC also held the first Junior Branch Carnival of the season in dreadful conditions which saw the carnival being called off. Another successful 'Bay to Boulders' Ocean Swim was held in March. We also provided water safety for the annual Trial Bay Triathlon and our local and visiting schools.

It was a very successful year for our 160's Boaties – Troy Gaddes, Paul Owens, Andrew Packwood, Mark Notley and Chris Ward. This crew placed third overall in the Mid Coast Boat Series and bagged a bronze medal at the Stramit Country Championships. They went on to compete at the

State Championships and Aussies where they made both finals with a fourth at the Aussies. Our most pleasing results for some time.

Our Nippers had a very successful season through carnivals and Sunday morning Nipper activities. A big thank-you goes to all our Age Managers and those who assist with the beach set-up and water safety each week. The Juniors are a vital component of our future sustainability, notwithstanding the life skills it teaches the youngsters. Congratulations to Harry Askew for winning his second State medal in as many years. Through the leadership of Shannon Askew and Elissa Schubert, it is evident by the participation numbers and results at carnivals that we are producing quality future lifesavers. The Executive and Management Committee have been very supportive of promoting development programs and providing assistance for the Juniors to have good equipment and support to attend Carnivals.

Unfortunately, our award numbers were down this season due to not filling the Chief Training Officer role on the committee. Filling this vital position on the committee is something that is being addressed in preparation for next season. The education realm is a constantly changing world and once again our future sustainability to train and educate our members is paramount. There were some awards gained and members attended other Clubs in some cases to undertake awards. The proficiencies for this season were rolled out in a new format which was well received and more streamlined for all involved. The administration process behind the new system did create some issues which were out of our control and are being addressed by the Mid North Coast Branch. My thanks and congratulations to those who gained awards and to those who assisted with training and assessing, well done. Thanks also to Chris Ward in the Registrar role who waded through various issues.

The bar and bistro operations have seen another profitable year, with the purchase of much needed commercial equipment in the kitchen and some new furniture, to name a few. We are basically self-sufficient; all profits go into purchasing and maintenance of equipment on the beach as well as education and training. This aspect of our Club is a mammoth task and takes a lot of time and effort from the Executive and staff to keep the business viable and relevant to our needs. Having the ability to raise income is an enviable position for our members and puts us at the forefront of this type of hospitality function in comparison to most Clubs state-wide. However, we still need to be innovative and conduct "traditional" fundraising, seek grants and rely on the efforts of our members to keep the Club successful. Our venue has a good reputation and this is testament to the efforts of the bar and kitchen staff led by Mick Judd and Louise Clarke. Whilst a lot of effort is required to run the business side of the Club our focus remains on our core duties, such as patrols, Juniors, education, training and surf sports. In accordance with SLSNSW policy we are negotiating a new lease for our premises which will require careful consideration of our options.

Our grass roots fundraising was once again a year round activity with members from all facets of the club assisting with chocolate wheels, BBQ's and raffles. Our 'Old Farts Committee' (OFCs) are

an institution at SWRSLSC. They are a group of retired members 'guided' by Tony Hayes OAM, who complete maintenance and odd jobs around the club, as well as run the weekly BBQ's on Sunday mornings for our Nippers. Without their tireless work the club would not function as well as it does.

30-year Long Service Awards were presented to Anne Pearce and Mick Adams and congratulations to Brienna Elford and Ray McDonagh winning the SLSMNC Branch awards for Administrator of the Year and Official of the Year respectively.

We lost one of our Life Members, Garry Gillies during the season. Garry was a fierce competitor throughout the surf lifesaving movement as well as other disciplines, who loved the South West Rocks Surf Club. He is sadly missed.

Our Marketing Director Rory Dewhurst has done an admirable job coordinating sponsorship and other aspects, well done Rory. A huge thank-you goes to all our local sponsors and supporters: The Heritage Guest House, Hotel Kempsey, Hotondo Homes, BKM Contracting, Horseshoe Bay Caravan Park, Elders Real Estate, Ball's Butchery, Pick of the Crop, SWR Marine and Auto Centre, Montego Sands Resort and South West Rocks Tourist Park. The amount of financial and in-kind support afforded to South West Rocks SLSC by the wider community and other organisations/businesses is greatly appreciated. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the assistance of Surf Life Saving NSW and their associated sponsors and supporters. The NSW Government, SLS Mid North Coast and Kempsey Shire Council who have all been very supportive with a number of issues and I am pleased that we have a good working relationship. Also SWR Rotary and SWR Chamber of Commerce and Newcastle Permanent Building Society.

These organisations have allowed us to provide our service to the public in all aspects such as patrols, community education, response to out of hours incidents and fostering our youth, and enabled us to do this with modern, reliable equipment.

My thanks to all members and a hard working Management Committee and particularly the Executive who have had to deal with some tricky situations and Vice President Anne for her support during the year.

I look forward to a progressive 2016/2017 Season.

Yours in Surf Lifesaving,

Rod McDonagh

President

Vice-President Report – 2015/2016 Season



It's hard to believe that it's been 10 years since the idea was floated that the local RSL Sub Branch and SWR Surf Club put their combined forces together to provide not only ourselves, but the greater community the wonderful gym we have today.

Both Clubs have been extremely pleased with the results we have achieved! The Vets have been a keen and willing partner with everything 'gym'.

Whether it be using the gym for their ongoing fitness, or helping with maintaining the equipment. Even helping mop up after we get water logged, and the continual running repairs.

They are in the process of acquiring yet another grant for more machines, that will again improve things for all of us.

From a surf club point of view, we are proud and grateful for how this venture has succeeded and are sure it can only get bigger and better?

Anne Pearce

Vice-President

Director of Administration Report – 2015/2016 Season



It is with great pleasure that I present to you my annual report for my first year as the Director of Administration. As always we have had a very eventful year both on the beach and in the club house with many triumphs along the way.

From an administrative perspective it was a very busy season. Unfortunately, we were unable to fill the role of Director of Finance for the entire season which left a huge gap on our Executive Committee. The implementation of a paid book keeper last season has proven to be a vital move that ensures all outgoing expenses are paid on time.

One of my main aims this season was to improve internal communication between the committee and members. This was achieved through collating all Club administration documents from previous committee members into files onto the club laptop to ensure ease of access for all committee members, as well as ensuring minutes, reports and appropriate information being emailed promptly for club distribution to ensure all members are kept informed on current club information.

Throughout the season we were once again able to showcase why South West Rocks SLSC is one of the most well respected clubs in our branch. The return of the NSW Stramit Country Championships was a fantastic event for the South West Rocks community. It was once again an impressive effort from all involved in organising the event – with special recognition to Bob Ryan and Mick Adams for their tireless efforts in executing such a fantastic carnival, which has received nothing but positive responses. The Bay to Boulders Ocean Swim had another successful year, with many thanks to Anne Pearce and Mick Adams for their organisation of this event.

Congratulations to our 'skipper' Rod for being inducted as the Mid North Coast Branch's newest Life Member at last year's SLSMNC Awards of Excellence. This is a very prestigious honour and one that is very much deserved.

I would like to say a huge thank-you to Haysie and the OFCs who are a huge part of the overall operation of the club as they continually work each week on the maintenance, overall improvement of the club as well as the Friday Night Raffles and Sunday morning Nippers BBQ. The amount of work they complete is to be admired and without their efforts our club would not be as functional as it is.

There has been huge endeavour from many members this season with acknowledgement of efforts to be commended to all committee members, patrolling members, age managers and the SWRSLSC community as a whole.

Yours in Surf Lifesaving,

Brienna Elford

Director of Administration

Director of Lifesaving Report – 2015/2016 Season



Firstly, I would like to thank Jason Rushworth and Amanda Busch for all the help they have done behind the scenes to help me this season, I really do appreciate it. Thanks.

With patrol members dropping again this season we have struggled to fill all 8 patrolling teams, a few members have been a member of two patrolling teams just to have our beaches opened. I believe strongly that something needs to be done to encourage members to keep patrolling and to bring new members into the club.

A massive congratulations to every patrol member and especially to those who volunteered as a patrol captain, your 100% commitment to your duties is what keeps our beaches safe year after year.

Unfortunately, SWRSLSC had one breach this season. This occurred at the start of the season and in great spirits of SWRSLSC we learnt from that mistake and had no more breaches for the season.

I would also like to thank the patrolling members for their efforts and their professional behaviour while keeping our beaches safe. Once again this season it was good to see patrols taking the initiative to do a roaming patrol to the gaol, front creek, horseshoe and main beach to keep the unpatrolled areas safe.

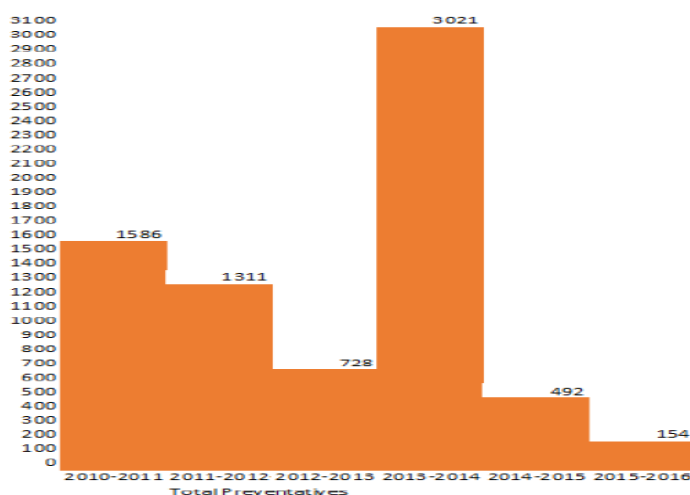
I would like to commend Patrol 3 as they are the smallest patrol team but manage to be at every rostered patrol. Patrol 3 was awarded 'Patrol of the Year' at the SWRSLSC Presentation Night. Well Done!!

This season was the last season on the current Surf Life Saving Service Agreement. I have been working closely with Rod and Ryan Rosembaum (SLS Mid North Coast Director of Lifesaving). The new agreement that will determine the patrolling hours from 2016 to 2019. Below is the new Surf Lifesaving Service Agreement for SWRSLSC.

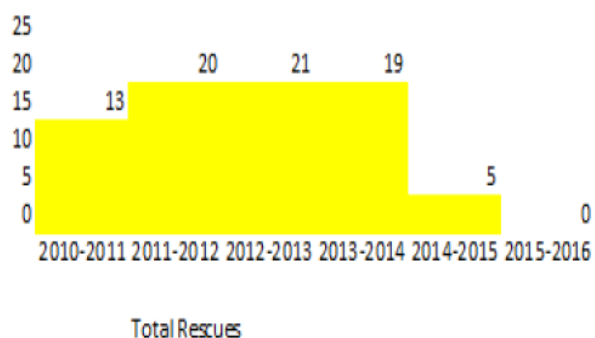
Patrol Times: 2016/2017		
Date	Saturdays	Sundays + Public Holidays
24/09/2016 to 09/10/2016	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm
15/10/2016 to 11/12/2016	9am to 3pm	9am to 3pm
17/12/2016 to 29/01/2017	9am to 5pm	9am to 5pm
04/02/2017 to 02/04/2017	10am to 4pm	9am to 4pm
08/04/2017 to 25/04/2017	10am to 4pm	9am to 4pm

Patrol Times: 2017/2018		
Date	Saturdays	Sundays + Public Holidays
23/09/2017 to 08/10/2017	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm
14/10/2017 to 10/12/2017	9am to 3pm	9am to 3pm
16/12/2017 to 28/01/2018	9am to 5pm	9am to 5pm
03/02/2018 to 08/04/2018	10am to 4pm	9am to 4pm
14/04/2018 to 29/04/2018	10am to 4pm	9am to 4pm

Patrol Times: 2018/2019		
Date	Saturdays	Sundays + Public Holidays
29/09/2018 to 14/10/2018	9am to 4pm	9am to 4pm
20/10/2018 to 16/12/2018	9am to 3pm	9am to 3pm
22/12/2018 to 28/01/2019	9am to 5pm	9am to 5pm
02/02/2019 to 07/04/2019	10am to 4pm	9am to 4pm
13/04/2019 to 28/04/2019	10am to 4pm	9am to 4pm



From the graph on the left you can see that the total preventatives have been reduced by 338 for this season compared to last season. I would like to believe that it is to do with people becoming more aware of surf awareness and swimming between the flags.



While this season we have not had any major rescues, we have had members perform rescues outside our patrolling hours and therefore they have not been recorded. Thank-you to the members who aided in those rescues.

For the upcoming season I would like to see an education trainer come aboard. We are in desperate need of more active patrolling members. Also members need to be able to extend their knowledge of surf awareness at their own club as we all have busy lives and are unable to travel to other venues. We must remember that surf lifesaving is a voluntary service and we need to make education more convenient for members to access. I know there is a willing group of kids wanting to do their SRC and extend on their Bronze Medallion.

SWRSLSC has been asked to assist in many events throughout the season like the Trial Bay Triathlon, Bay to Boulders Ocean Swim, providing water safety for different schools visiting the area and first aid for the NSW Stramit Country Championships. Our members have never let us down and always supported SWRSLSC in these community events.

I need to thank this seasons Emergency Call Out Team, especially Heath Askew and Chris Ward, who assisted in a major accident on the Macleay River bar. I greatly appreciate the commitment the call out team put in. Money has been donated to the club and has been allocated to upgrading equipment used by the call out team.

Having the role of Director of Lifesaving is not an easy one and plays a large role in the running of the SWRSLSC. I rely on fellow committee members for their commitment and hard work. The IRB Captain, Andrew Trappel, goes above and beyond his duties ensuring the IRBs are always maintained to a high standard and refuelled ready for a call out.

Once again thank-you to all the members for their continual support in keeping our beaches safe and promoting surf awareness. I would like to wish the club all the best for the upcoming season.

Andrew Busch

Director of Surf Lifesaving

Registrar Report – 2015/2016 Season



Membership

The 2015-2016 season was again a very busy one. As of 30th May 2016 there were 273 members of South West Rocks Surf Life Saving Club. The break up of members is 56 associate members, 103 Junior Activity members (5-13 years), 72 active members (18 years and over), 10 active members (15-18), 13 cadet members (13-15 years).

This year saw two members get their 30-year Long Service Award and six members received their 5-year Patrol Service Award.

Awards

Training was down this year as the position of Chief Training Officer was not filled. The breakdown is as follows:

Bronze Medallion: 2

Advance Resuscitation Techniques: 3

Apply advanced Resuscitation Techniques: 1

First Aid: 1

Silver Medallion: 1

Proficiencies

During the season the Club held two proficiencies, with further proficiency days held at Hat Head & Crescent Head. This past season saw an increase in the number of proficiencies conducted by the members of the Club. These proficiency days help to keep South West Rocks members up to date with the latest changes that have occurred with their awards.

JAC's

The juniors were under the leadership of Shannon Askew & Elissa Schubert who along with the various age managers helped the members to gain their Surf Awareness awards. A total of 103 awards were gained by the junior members. This is a great effort by the junior members of our club.

Transfers

During the season there were six full transfers out of our Club and three members transferred their competitive rights to other clubs.

Many thanks to members of the committee for their support during the season and I hope to see everyone on the beach again during the coming season.

Chris Ward

Registrar

Patrol Officer Report – 2015/2016 Season



The 2015/2016 season started off a little rocky with a breach being issued for our first patrol due to no one being available to fill positions to patrol our beaches. In true South West Rocks Surf Club style, we bounced back with a nice solid patrol season from there on in. I would like to thank our volunteers who give up their weekends to provide safety on our beaches for our local community and visitors who come and visit and stay in our fantastic town.

I would also like to thank ever for all the support that I have received from several of our patrolling members who have helped out this season when we have been short on patrols, have given up a couple of evenings to gain extra awards to fill places on patrols that were needed. Thanks to you the club has seen off more possible breaches.

Again thank you for all your effort and commitment throughout the 2015/2016 season and hope to see you all next year.

Kind Regards,

Jason Rushworth

Patrol Officer

Junior Activities Superintendent Report - 2015/2016 Season



It has been another busy Nippers season. Our two sign on days were a huge success, with many new and old registrations and uniforms being purchased.

Our Sunday morning Nippers saw lots of our new under 6's enjoy their first year on the beach, learning new games and becoming aware of the surf and its surroundings.

Our returning groups refined their skills and many Nippers took on the swim and board for the first time.

Unfortunately, our own South West Rocks Junior Branch Carnival had to be cancelled throughout the day, though not before we did fit in most of our water events.

At all of the other Branch carnivals it was pleasing to see so many competitors turn up with lots of individual and teams gaining places and it was great to see three of our South West Rocks juniors selected in the Inter-branch team this year, Finn Askew, Tayla Maybon and Rhys Owens.

NSW Stramit Country Championships was back at our own beach this year with again an overwhelming amount of entries from our nippers, for many it was their first Country Championships and first year of competition.

We had very pleasing results at Country which is such a great achievement with medals going to Finn Askew, Tayla Maybon, Levi Langham, Cooper Schubert, Harry Askew and Cleo Schubert.

The SLS NSW Championships at Umina saw four families travel and compete again with lots of hard work and pleasing results with Harry Askew coming away with a Bronze state medal in the under 10's swim while others gained their own personal best placings.

It has to be made mention that at all of these carnivals we have had continued support and dedication from Shannon and Heath Askew who spent many hours setting up our beach for preparation of nippers each Sunday and being so organised with our carnival entries and officiating at these events.

We thank our many volunteers and parents who are our age managers, water safety and IRB drivers.

Overall a very pleasing season.

Elissa Schubert

Junior Activities Superintendent

IRB Captain Report – 2015/2016 Season



A great year was had by all our IRB Drivers and crew.

As with any organisation it is how we work with the team we have and the other sections of the club that will help us grow in strength.

I have tried to work hard all year to ensure that the equipment is in excellent working order for patrolling requirements and is ready when needed for emergency call out situations.

This year we were lucky enough to secure a grant to purchase a new IRB motor, this will give our club three good Mercury motors as our Yamaha motor had seen better days.

Big thanks must go to Rod and for securing the grants.

We have had major servicing procedures on our IRBs over the off season and that will now give us three good operational IRBs.

Special thanks must go to all the helpers that turn up to help over the year to drive the IRBs especially on Nipper days and special events. It certainly made everyone's job a lot easier.

With 17 drivers and 29 crew in the club and courses recently completed, hopefully our IRB section will grow and look into racing.

We were fortunate enough to have an operational ATV for the season, so hopefully before the start of the upcoming season we have a quick refresh on the ATV so we can keep it for years to come.

As IRB Captain, it has been an absolute privilege and a look forward to an even stronger season to come.

Andrew Trappel

IRB Captain SWRSLSC



Director of Marketing Report – 2015/2016 Season



Surf Life Saving is a community cause and it is sometimes easy to forget that Surf Lifesavers volunteer their time to patrol our beaches. This time is given freely and willingly at no cost to the public. However, lifesaving equipment, training, community education programs and the provision of support services costs money and this is where our sponsors and donors help is invaluable.

As such I would like to give a big thank you to all of our returning sponsors for the 2015/2016 season who have provided this invaluable money for the above equipment and services and have directly helped to protect the public on our beaches.

This season our sponsors have been: Bob and Trish Ryan from the **Heritage Guest House**, Andrew and Amanda Busch from **Hotondo Homes**, Pete and Deb Gavrilis from **Hotel Kempsey**, Brad and Sarah Martin from **Macleay Valley Trailers**, Barry and Kate Muir at **BKM Contracting**, Heath and Shannon Askew at **Elders** and Darrin and Vicki Burton, from **Horseshoe Bay Caravan Park**, one of the **Macleay Valley Coastal Holiday Parks** group.

Our supporters bring their skills and business services to the Surf Club and I would like to acknowledge them here: Mick and Lenita Leddy at **SWR Marine and Auto** provide in kind donation maintenance and servicing of our vehicles and trailers, Jody Smith of **Jaspa Photography** has taken reams of excellent pictures at carnivals, beach events and official functions, **Nestle** kindly donated a new rescue board, **South West Rocks Country Club** a new Nippers' tent and **Tooheys'** donated \$500 for a Senior's tent as well as the new TV in the bar area. **Debortoli** provide wine for events whilst **Balls Butchery** and **Pick of the Crop** provide meat trays and fruit and vegetable hampers respectively via matched contributions. Prizes are what allow our raffles and chocolate wheels to go ahead and so thank you to Troy and Taryn De Luca from the **Seabreeze Beach Hotel**, David Prestwich and Kerrie Riddington from **Chillati** and **Debortoli** for your kind donations.

The NSW Stramit Country Championships were also a great success and many thanks go to **JR Richards and Sons** for providing free of charge waste and recycling services for the event and also to the **Macleay Valley Mower Centre** for supplying a John Deere tractor for towing equipment boats around the beach all weekend.

Over the school holidays Bob Ryan once again did a fantastic job of organising and running countless 'chocolate wheels' and 'hundred clubs' at the surf club as well as breakfast and evening BBQs at the SWR Tourist Park, these events wouldn't be possible without the support of our members and once again a special mention has to be made for them, they include the 'Boaties', Sid Jeffrey, Mick Adams, Pete Walker and 'The Old Farts' with the Nipper parents stepping up to the challenge magnificently.

Haysey's weekly Friday night raffle is now in it's 6th year, his regular helpers are Pete Walker, Meryl Smithett and Vic Henderson as well as a number of other members who fill in when needed. His Sunday BBQs, timed for when the hungry Nippers come back for a big feed have also been going on for years with big thanks going out again to Pete Walker, Gary Scott, Meryl Smithett, Baz Kerr and Barry Skene. The Surf Club would like to acknowledge and thank **Balls Butchery** as well as Michelle and Chris from **Pick of the Crop** for their generous support of the Friday Night Raffle.

The Surf Club's social media presence has also continued to grow with 755 'Likes' increasing community engagement like never before, regular updates from Brienna Elford, Samantha Henshaw and Shannon Askew have helped keep club members informed of goings on about the club, with the #countrychamps16 competitors profiles of our strong Nippers section helping to take excitement to new levels prior to the contest!

A monthly newsletter went out via Facebook and email to all of our members for the majority of the season and I commend Amanda Busch for doing such a fantastic job in pulling together reports from different aspects of the club. In what can only be described as an incredibly time consuming and sometimes frustrating effort!

Changes to the club to help market our sponsors more effectively this season have included the introduction of a Sponsors and a Supporters board over the equipment stores on the highly visible beach aspect of the club house, the TV loop in the bar area has proved to be an effective way to reach our members and show pictures of competitors past and present whilst also acknowledging our sponsors.

Plans for the coming season are to change the surf club's website, whilst also making better use of the space inside the entrance and around the front aspect of the surf club to increase awareness amongst patrons and visitors to our beaches of who our supporters and sponsors are.

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Newcastle Permanent

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Arakoon National Parks and Wildlife Service

Balls Butchery

Debortoli Wines

Gellati

Kempsey Shire Council

Montego Sands Resort

Rainbow Reach Oysters

Seabreeze Beach Hotel

SWR Chamber of Commerce

SWR Country Club

SWR Rotary

Tooheys

Wrights Accountants Kempsey

On a personal note I would like to thank Brie Elford, Bobby Ryan, Tony Hayes, Shannon Askew, Amanda Busch and Rod McDonagh for the invaluable support to myself throughout this season, as well as everyone else who helps to make this surf club such a great community organisation.

Yours in Surf Life Saving,

Rory Dewhurst

Marketing Director

Boat Captain Report – 2015/2016 Season



The 2015/2016 season kicked off in October with the North Cost Boat Series, held over nine rounds with some double-headers involving overnight stays. Two SWR crews contested the series in the 160s Men's and Reserve categories. The Reserve crew finished the series with an overall 5th placing and the 160s crew placed 3rd. This was a very creditable result, as both crews were new combinations, and the Reserves had some first season rowers.

The NSW Stamit Country Championships were next on the calendar, held on our home beach in February. Both crews were keen for a good showing and both did well to make their finals. The 160s finished 3rd and the Reserves an unlucky 4th after their horror draw next to the boulders.

The SLS NSW Championships were held in February on the Central Coast, with just the 160s competing. After rowing excellently in the heats and easily making the final, the crew went into the turn second, but had a horror of a turn and could not make up the lost ground for a 4th placing.

This just left the Australian Titles, held on the Sunshine Coast in April. Again, it was just the 160s flying the flag, having put in a big two months of training after the disappointment at the State Championships. To get through the heats and make a semi-final would have been a good result, but the crew went one step further and made the final. After a fantastic start the crew were actually in the lead on the way out, and after rowing their guts out, finished 4th in a red hot final – a great row to top off a great season.

On behalf of the boat crews, I would like to thank all the sponsors and members who have helped and supported us so generously throughout the year. Thanks to Bob, Trish and Pete for their efforts at the fund-raising BBQs and chocolate wheels – your tremendous support helped purchase the new set of oars that contributed to our great results this season. And a very big thankyou to the sweeps – Gaddo, Dave and Tony – for giving up such a lot of their time, and without whom there would be no rowing.

Mark Notley

Boat Captain

Board & Ski Captain – 2015/2016 Season



The season started off with a clean out and reorganisation of the Nippers board room, disposal of the old boards and minor repairs to rescue boards.

During the season we have had two foam rescue boards condemned and a fibreglass rescue board donated by Nestles last season integrated back into our board rack and put to good use.

A big thank-you to all Nippers and club members who have taken care of the boards over the season especially during NSW Stramit Country Championships. Overall the rescue and Nipper boards have been looked after well by everyone.

Yours in Lifesaving,

Michael Healey

Board and Ski Captain

Facility Manager Report – 2015/2016 Season



The 2015/2016 season has seen the bar and bistro continue to perform well.

The bistro purchased a new combi oven and new bar stools.

Our functions keep growing, especially in the area of daily conferences for the public and private sector. We have maintained an average of one small function per week and over 30 major functions held this last year. Louise's catering of these events have been faultless and we are seeing a lot of repeat business.

Trading over the Christmas holiday was exceptional with the bar and bistro operating more days than the usual four, with some nights turning over 150-200 meals – which is an amazing feat considering the size of the kitchen. We also kept our wait times down to less than 30 minutes for the majority of meals. After reviewing our Christmas operating days from last year we decided to operate seven days for the first two weeks and then six days for the remaining four weeks, which gave our key staff a much needed break.

A huge thank-you must go to Haysie and the 'Old Farts' who continually go above and beyond when we ask for help with upgrades or maintenance around the club. The OFC's are always willing to give a hand no matter how big or how small the job – such as replacing the floor in the coolroom, installing the shelves on the stage and picking up our soft drink orders.

I would like to thank all our wonderful staff, committee and members for their continued support and are excited for the coming season.

Michael Judd

Facility Manager

Appendix 1 – Minutes 2015 AGM

SOUTH WEST ROCKS SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST 2015 6:30PM

MEETING VENUE – SWR SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

ATTENDANCE – Andrew Busch, Amanda Busch, Anne Pearce, Kerry Fisher, Shannon Askew, Michael Healey, Cassie Halverson, Rory Dewhurst, Max Ingram, Rob McDermid, Mick Adams, Steve Divall, Tony Hayes, Bruce Caldwell, Helen Heagney, Taryn DeLuca, Ron Royle, John Molony, Ross O’Neil, Andrew Packwood, Dave Pearson, Brienna Elford, Troy Gaddes, Rod McDonagh, Judy Brown

APOLOGIES – Jenni Ryan, Elissa Schubert, Sid Jeffery, Heath Askew, Jason Rushworth

Moved – Andrew Packwood

Seconded – Mick Ryan

MINUTES KEPT BY- Cassie Halverson

1. MEETING DECLARED OPENED

- By Rod McDonagh at 6.42pm
- Special welcome to Judy Brown from Wrights Accountants
- Minutes from previous Annual General Meeting adopted

Moved – Troy Gaddes

Seconded – Andrew Busch

2. FINANCIAL REPORT & AUDIT

- Loss of \$100,000.00 due to lease renewal not being finalised
- Wages have increased by \$45,000.00
- Liabilities increased by \$9,000.00
- Bistro profit has increased by \$25,000.00
- Lease expired in February 2015, it cannot currently be renewed
- SLSNSW are happy with us to deal directly with Crown Lands and we currently have a Month to Month tenancy with Crown lands from 21st May 2015

Moved – Anne Pearce

Seconded – Tony Hayes

3. COMMITTEE MEMBERS ANNUAL REPORTS

President – Rod McDonagh

- Rod spoke on his report
- Congratulations on no patrol breaches this season.
- Thank-you to Kerry Fisher and Samantha Henshaw for Education this season.
- Thank-you to Shannon Askew, Janelle Cook, parents and age managers for all their efforts with the juniors.
- Congratulations to the boaties for their great results at Mollymook
- Bay to Boulders Ocean Swim – thank-you to Anne Pearce, Mick Adams and Bob Ryan
- Trial Bay Triathlon – thank-you to all members that volunteered for water safety as well as congratulations to those who competed.
- Loaves and Fishes – another great year with attendance up
- NSW IRB Championships – thank-you to all those who volunteered
- NSW Stramit Country Championships will return to SWR in 2015/2016 for two years
- Administration – a lot of time and effort, staff wages are to be taken into consideration, we have spent money on much needed commercial equipment for the kitchen.
- Life Saving Equipment – need to look at the upkeep of the IRBs/equipment over the next few years.
- Thank-you to the SWR community for their continued support this season.
- Thank-you to the Kempsey Shire Council and the SWR Chamber of Commerce
- Thank-you to the SWRSLSC Management Committee
- Congratulations to Bruce Caldwell for 38 years' service on the SWRSLSC Committee as club Registrar

Moved – Tony Hayes

Seconded by – Andrew Busch

Director of Lifesaving – Andrew Busch

- Andrew spoke on his report

Moved – Dave Pearson

Seconded – Andrew Packwood

Registrar – Bruce Caldwell

- Bruce spoke on his report

Moved – Tony Hayes

Seconded – Andrew Busch

Junior Activities Coordinator – Shannon Askew

- Shannon spoke on her report
- Really great attendance at all carnivals of all ages
- Thank-you to Mick Adams, age managers and parents for their assistance on Sunday mornings
- Thank-you to Haysie and the Old Farts

Moved: Andrew Busch

Seconded: Brienna Elford

IRB Captain – Andrew Trappel

- Purchased another Mercury, now running 3 x Mercurys and look at getting more IRB and more crewies.
- ATV is a big issue in regards to the maintenance and patrols looking after it

Moved: Andrew Packwood

Seconded: Mick Healey

Director of Marketing – Brienna Elford

- Thank-you to all sponsors – Hotondo Homes, Pete and Deb Gavrilis, Mick and Lenita Leddy, Elders for Country Championship shirts.
- Chocolate Wheels and BBQ's at the SWR Tourist Park raised over \$6000
- Facebook has been a great tool for communication with members
- Presentation night was a success
- Loaves and Fishes donated \$2000

Moved: Andrew Packwood

Seconded: Anne Pearce

Facility Manager – Michael Judd

- Very busy year, Louise has been outstanding and turned the kitchen around
- We have purchased two new freezers and new furniture
- POS is finally working after over 12 months of consistent problems
- Huge expense was the security system
- Thank-you to Haysie and the Old Farts for their hard work

Moved: Dave Pearson

Seconded: Andrew Packwood

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015/2016 SEASON

Committee Positions

President	Rod McDonagh
Vice-President	Anne Pearce
Director of Administration	Brienna Elford
Director of Finance	VACANT

Registrar	VACANT
Director of Lifesaving	Andrew Busch
Junior Activities Coordinator	Shannon Askew
IRB Captain	Andrew Trappel
Director of Competition	Amanda Busch
Patrol Officer	Jason Rushworth
Chief Training Officer	VACANT
Junior Activities Superintendent	Elissa Schubert
Surf Boat Captain	Mark Notley
Board and Ski Captain	Mick Healey
Director of Marketing	Rory Dewhurst
Committee Member – Gear Steward	Sid Jeffery
Committee Member	Jenni Ryan

SWRLSC Patrons

Mayor of Kempsey Shire Council

South West Rocks Rotary Club

President of South West Rocks Chamber of Commerce

Luke Hartsuyker – Federal Member for Cowper

Moved – Tony Hayes

Seconded – Andrew Packwood

5. ADOPTION OF FEES FOR 2015/2016 SEASON

Active Member - \$50.00

Associate Member - \$50.00

Family of Four (4) or more - \$200.00 capped, any additional family members are inclusive

Annual Gym Membership \$220.00

Moved – Tony Hayes

Seconded – Dave Pearson

6. MEETING CLOSED

- Meeting was closed at 8.02pm.

Appendix 2 – Financial Reports