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# THE BERNIES

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The patrolling season has finished with a flourish with two long weekends, both with some interesting patrolling conditions. I would like to thank everyone that contributed to the over 8500 hours of patrol that our members provided over the season. I would also like to put out a special thanks to our education team that keeps everyone up to date and proficient and our Patrol Captains who make sure everything is happening.

It was great to finish up the season with a full house at the end of season dinner. It was a great night with memories of the season and everyone having a catchup. Thank you to our Director of Lifesaving, Matt Edwards and his team for organising.

Elsewhere there is a detailed report on the Australian championships. I was fortunate to be able to be on the beach as a spectator for the last couple of days of Aussies and the way all our competitors performed was fantastic. Aussies is always a rollercoaster of emotions and sometimes the celebration for someone getting an unexpected 4th can be also as big as a win. I would like to congratulate all of our competitors in every race. The way our team raced and the sportmanship displayed was something that all our members should be immensely proud of.

The annual awards night is coming up, so please book your tickets and nominate your fellow members that you feel have gone above and beyond.

With the end of the patrol season on us, the IRB team is starting their season, we wish them well and will be following their racing.

I hope you all have a chance for a restful and safe off season and look forward to seeing you all on the beach again next season.

**Guyren Smith,**  
**President**







# INCLUSIVE NSW STATE CHAMPS

Congratulations to all of Newport's Inclusive NSW State Championship competitors 2025. They all did the club and themselves proud. Unfortunately, water events were called off due to the large swell, so we competed in Flags and Sprints. Well done to Oscar Scaife, who won Gold in the under 8's Sprint and Flags. In the Flags, Oscar competed with the U11s (up 3 years) and made it all the way to the final - great stuff.

Our Aussie champion, Ryan Murphy took out silver in both the flags and sprint. Our team also included Nicholas Walker and Jacob Rowe. Nicholas and Jacob competed in the finals of the open men's sprint and flags.

The team finished 6th out of the 12 clubs that competed. A very pleasing result.

While there was not a competition for it, I think the boys would have taken out the best dressed, in their Newport Kinghorn competition hats and t-shirts. Thanks to the club for providing the uniform.

We were all thinking of Jack Thomas our champion from last year. Unfortunately, he was unable to compete as he is very ill. We look forward to seeing him competing in the Newport colours next year.

Thanks to Neil Murphy our competition manager who made this all possible.

# INCLUSIVE NATIONAL TITLES

**On Saturday 5th April Newport went on to compete at the Australian Inclusive National Titles.**

Ryan Murphy won Gold in the Open Men's Sprint and Wade. Ryan also competed in the board final - coming 4th and was awarded 5th in the flag's final. Not a bad day's work for the young fella!

***Cheers,  
Ian Crutch***

## Newport SLSC achieves 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Australian Titles for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive season.

Newport SLSC is one of only four clubs to consistently finish in the top 10 over the last 12 years since the Academy began in 2013. Surrounded by Queensland clubs, we are still holding on to being the second strongest club in Australia and the strongest NSW club.

We took a team of over 80 competitors to Aussies. Our team consisted of youth, masters, lifesaving, rowing, adaptive, and open-water competitors. Without a doubt, the entire team showed true sportsmanship, talent, and friendship. A special thank you goes to all the support crew and officials who made it possible for the competitors to compete.

### Across the team events:

- Our female teams won the Board Relay across Open, U19 and U17 age groups
- Our female surf teams had podium finishes across Opens, U19 and U17 age groups and our U19 Male surf team won gold.
- The Opens and U19, Male and Female Ski Relay teams won silver.

### Notable female milestone achievements included

- Olivia Clues won 8 medals, including gold in the U19 Female Board race, and silver in the U19 Ironwoman and Ski race.
- Pipi Te Pania won 7 medals, including bronze in the U17 Ironwoman, and topped our overall score with an incredible 43 points.
- Jemma Smith won 7 medals, including gold, in the open Champion Lifesaver for the 12th year in a row.
- Lizzie Welborn won 5 medals, including gold in the open board relay.
- Sarah and Jasmine Locke each won 4 medals with exceptional contributions to the teams and Jasmine securing a stunning gold medal in the Open Ski Final.

### Notable male milestone achievements included

- Connor Maggs won 6 medals including gold in the U19 Ironman, and topped the boy's points score on 34 points
- Noah Maggs won 4 medals including bronze in the U17 Ironman
- Mitchell Trim and Charlie Verco won 3 medals each all silver, Charlie's had shades of gold in the open board race it was that close.
- Anthony Dolye also won 3 medals including a gold in the U19 surf teams.

60% of our points came from team events, with over 50 athletes contributing to the points score, showing the depth and determination of the club.





## AUSSIE TITLES - LIFESAVING

Newport's Lifesaving team finished off a strong competitive season at the Aussies, even despite the Titles having a less conventional format.

Our first day of competition was the Opens and Masters Champion Lifesaver. It was mostly spent shivering in the rain and cold wind, while extreme surf conditions kept us out of the water.

Our First Aiders were productive, with Luke Thornton and Phoebe Savage coming 5th in the Open First Aid Competition. The next day, in a very unorthodox manner, we ran our Champion Lifesaver races, or half of them at least. The swim and the sprint-in conjunction with the Opens Patrol competition in its entirety. This made for a very, very long day, getting to the beach at 7am and not leaving until close to 8pm.

I want to mention two athletes in particular. Running the champion lifesaver and patrol physical events at the same time meant considerable fatigue, especially with our patrol comp swim teams being split into heats. With this in mind, two members - Luke Thornton and Guyren Smith opted to make a noble and incredibly selfless sacrifice by not racing in their individual Champion Lifesaver swims and instead saving their energy to attack our Patrol competition swims.

This deserves recognition, and demonstrates the meaning of what the Academy is meant to be: putting the team first before the individual. I cannot thank these two men enough.



We managed to receive Champion Lifesaver results fairly quickly on Sunday, with Jemma Smith netting first and Phoebe Savage netting 3rd in Open female competition. Rebecca Capell won gold in 40-49 women. From there in the Patrol Competition, our final scenarios actually proceeded so late that the water component and IRB rescue were removed, and the last 2 teams concluded under torchlight.

Our team performed incredibly well, and we were stoked with our overall improvement in each and every category across the season. We finished 3rd overall-and a close 3rd at that. We are looking forward more than ever to next season.

It was a great season –here's to the next!

**Sam Capell**

## AUSSIE TITLES – MASTERS RESULTS



### GOLD

- 70-74 yrs Male Beach Sprint: Ted Smithies
- 70-74 yrs Male Beach Flags: Ted Smithies
- 50-54 yrs Female 2 km Beach Run: Amanda Lehman
- 40-49 yrs Fem Champion Lifesaver: Rebecca Capell

### SILVER

- 150 yrs Female Surf Teams: Amanda Lehman, Rebecca Capell, Jan Proudfoot
- 50-54 yrs Female Surf Race: Amanda Lehman
- 50-54 yrs Male Surf Race: Ashley Brown

### BRONZE

- 50-54 yrs Male Board Race: Ashley Brown
- 40-44 yrs Male Beach Flags: Tristan Conn
- 40-44 yrs Male Beach Sprint: Tristan Conn
- 55-59 yrs Male 2 Km Ocean swim: Darren Warrener

### FOURTH

- 150 yrs Male Board Relay: Ashley Brown, Darren Warrener, Laurence McCoy
- 50-54 yrs Ironman: Ashley Brown
- 50-54 yrs Female Board Rescue: Amanda Lehman, Jan Proudfoot
- 50-54 yrs Female Board Race: Amanda Lehman

### FIFTH

- 45-49 yrs Male Board Race: Laurence McCoy

### SIXTH

- 150 yrs Male Taplin: Ashley Brown, Darren Warrener, Laurence McCoy
- 130 yrs Female Board Relay: Amanda Lehman, Julia Jones-Hughes, Rebecca Capell
- 55-59 yrs Male Surf Race: Darren Warrener
- 55-59 yrs Female 2 km Beach Run: Felicity Peters

## OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

It is coming to that time of year where we would like to acknowledge members of the club that have gone above and beyond in their services to the club. If any members come to mind that you feel should be recognised for their services across multiple avenues within the club, you can email Gary Cook with your suggestions.

These awards take into consideration the nominee's patrolling hours, additional awards undertaken and support they have given across the club over the years.

Outstanding Service and Distinguished Service awards will be recognised at the **AGM on July 27th 2025.**

Please contact Gary on [g.cook2@bigpond.com](mailto:g.cook2@bigpond.com)

# WHO SHOULD BE UP FOR A BERNIE THIS SEASON?

**It's time to start thinking about which outstanding club members should be nominated for awards. We are fortunate to have a great number of people that contribute to the club in so many different ways and our awards night is one way to show our appreciation for their efforts.**

Your input into these nominations will be valued in the decisions around who will win a Bernie for the 24/25 Season.

We have provided below an outline of each award so you can start thinking about your nominations.

## **Nipper Chairman's Award**

The Nipper Chairman will be awarding someone graduating from the SRC group that assists Age Managers, or helps with water safety, and has a positive and encouraging attitude towards the younger Nippers.

## **Tom Guthrie – Rookie of the Year**

A member who is 13 - 18 years of age, holds at least SRC and completed a maximum of 2 seasons of patrol. Consideration given to patrol attendance, attitude, desire to learn and complete additional awards, and participation in the whole of club activities.

## **Peter Dawson OAM – Best New Member**

A member 18+yrs and completed a maximum of 2 seasons of patrol. Consideration given to patrol attendance, attitude, desire to learn and complete additional awards, and participation in the whole of club activities.

## **Menzies' Educator of the Year**

This award recognises and rewards a facilitator, trainer or assessor who has significantly contributed to surf life-saving education and awards.

## **John Holland Snr – Committee Member of the Year**

A member of a sub-committee (eg Building, Surf Sports, Pool to Peak, Member Welfare) who has gone above and beyond their role. Contribution to patrols and whole club activities will be taken into account.

## **Hans Trumm OAM – Award for Patrolling Excellence**

A patrol member, who presents outstanding attitude, mentoring, role modeling, and attendance.

## **Gary Cook**

### **Surf Sports Official of the Year**

An outstanding Official who has contributed at Branch, State and National level.

## **Tim Francis**

### **Junior Competitor of the Year**

An Under 14s competitor who has performed consistently throughout the year and has achieved outstanding results at Branch, State and National levels.

## **Paul Stevens –**

### **junior Club Member of the Year**

This is the most prestigious of junior awards granted by the club each season. It is awarded to a member, 21 years or younger, who has gone above and beyond in respect to patrol attendance, attitude, mentoring and education of fellow members, continuing awards and being an exceptional role model for new members.

## **Club Member of the Year – (Michael Hill Memorial Trophy)**

The Michael Hill Memorial Trophy is the most prestigious of all awards granted by the club each season. Awarded to an all around outstanding member who contributes to all facets of the Club. Consideration is given to patrol attendance, fundraising projects, training, social functions, assisting in the maintenance of the clubhouse, etc.

**CLICK HERE TO NOMINATE**





## CALLING FOR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

Do you have some great photos or videos from throughout the season. We are looking for shots from across all areas of the Club for inclusion in our display at the Presentation night and the Annual Report.

We would like to showcase the diversity that Newport offers - Nippers, Cadets, Opens, Masters, Inclusive, Swimming and social groups, boards and committees.

**Deadline for photos is 15<sup>th</sup> May - but the sooner the better!**

Please send them to [admin@newportsurfclub.com.au](mailto:admin@newportsurfclub.com.au)

Thanks in advance.

**Janet Dunn**

Director of Member Services

## SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

With our DA having now been given the green light, we are now in the process of seeking funding for the project.

We are hoping to get a committee together of 4 to 5 people who have the drive and enthusiasm to come up with some new ideas to help us fund the build. Please contact [president@newportsurfclub.com.au](mailto:president@newportsurfclub.com.au) if you would be interested in joining this committee.



## Burger Night

## Friday 9 May at the Bar

Help our IRB Racing  
Team raise some  
funds!





**Free Trial Day –  
Surfboat Rowing  
No experience  
necessary**

**The club & the Academy are looking for 15–22 year-old members who would like to trial surfboat rowing to compete next season. No experience is necessary. You will part of a 4-person crew, and we can guarantee that you will have fun and be exhilarated. So come along and join a crew or bring your friends and form a crew.**

There will be no costs involved to learn how to row, get fit in the Academy gym and participate in carnivals up and down the NSW coast. The club already has an u23 Australian and representative crew that is leading the way in surfboat competition, and we are re-building the entire surf boat division to field crews in all age divisions of Male u19 and u23, plus more Female u19 & u23 crews.

We will support you to achieve your goals and compete to the best of your ability before the season is over and so you can start training ready to compete next season.

Come to one of our trial days on Pittwater to see if you would like to have go.

**Please contact Fitzy on 0406 206 306.**

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