



Our newest SRC's and Junior Club Captains :

Lily Russel, Emma Vuceski, Bonnie Heather (Captain), Charlotte Clarke and Morton Cook (Captain)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year and welcome to 2025! What a month! As things wrapped up for 2024, we received the fantastic news that the Development Application for our club house renovations had been approved. It has been a long and drawn-out process ending up in the Land and Environment court, so it was a fantastic way to finish the year. There have been a number of people involved over the years that need to be thanked, however a special mention goes to Rudi Valla who has worked incredibly hard over a long time to achieve this result. The plans will see our historic building retained and updated, modernising the space that we have and providing a true multi use club house, with larger and more efficient storage areas that will serve the club well into the future.

Now that we have certainty around the plans we will begin activities to raise the funds needed to make the plans a reality. Stay tuned for more details around the fundraising activities.

Following a successful hosting of SNB Branch Championships last year, Newport will once again host the Championships across two weekends in early February.

Please look out for opportunities to help-out and spend some time with your friends on the beach.

Our surf sports teams have continued to perform and are now going into the championship part of the season. We wish everyone good luck.

I would like to thank the team of volunteers (Nick Rogers, Brendan Capell, Steve Middleton and Pete Rolston) who have replaced the cabinets in the first aid room. We are fortunate to have this great team of workers - the 'Band Aid Brigade' - that work tirelessly in the background to hold our current facility together while we work towards the upgrade.

Thanks to everyone who has patrolled and volunteered over the Christmas/ New year (especially Christmas Day). It has been great to see the beach busy and so many volunteers helping across patrols and other activities.

Guyren Smith
President



A GREAT SUCCESS!

Despite the Test cricket being at a critical stage and obviously many people being away at this time of the year, the Pool to Peak was a great success. Conditions were in our favour, with a sunny warm day and a moderate ocean for the 571 swimmers who plunged into the break.

Once again, the success of the event was due to the wonderful volunteers who pitched in to help with every facet of this complex event.

A lot of long-term planning by the organising committee, went into preparing for the big day. But, without all the smiling volunteers, some who started at 5.30am, it would not be possible to get it all done in what is really half a day! Thank you to everyone that helped out on the day. It was so good to have the Kinghorn Racing competitors assisting with water safety. It truly was a whole club team event.

Thank you to our committed organising committee - Gary Cook - Life Member, Rob Barkley - Life Member, Jan Proudfoot - Life Member, Dave Garnham - original Pool to Peak founder, Chris Garnham, Allen Janssens, Guyren Smith - Club President, Bec Cappell - Deputy President. John Guthrie - Life Member & Committee Chairman.

And, where would we be without our wonderful long time Sponsors, Harris Farm Markets who provide financial support, fruit for the swimmers and food for the BBQ. It has been such a great relationship between Harris Farm Markets and Newport Surf Club. Thank you also to all of our valued Sponsors and Supporters - ColorTile, Royal Motor Yacht Club, Temperzone, LJHooker Newport, ITeam Consulting, Johnson Bros Mitre Ten and Beach Road Naturals.

The Bar was kept busy and the Merchandise team broke sales records with over \$2,500 sold. The BBQ also traded strongly.

Most importantly, all swimmers returned safely and there were only a few minor injuries. A good result for what can be a potentially hazardous event for some competitors.

So, a big pat on the back to everyone involved. Now, we start planning for the Pool to Peak on Sunday 4 January 2026!





POOL TO PEAK
NEWPORT SLSC'S OCEAN SWIMS



ADRIAN CURLEWIS MASTERS CARNIVAL



Team YTNL (Yeh The Newport Ladies).

Bec Capell, Jill Macintyre, Amanda Lehman and Jan Proudfoot



The Makos - Ashley Brown, Laurence McCoy and Gordon Layard

The Adrian Curlewis Twilight Masters Carnival at Palm Beach kicked off the 2025 surf life saving carnivals, and was a great lead-into the more serious Branch, NSW and Aussies Championships.

This was the 13th running of this event and this year, there were 136 competitors in 36 teams from 11 clubs competing, with a total of well over 8,000 years' experience!

Ages ranged from 30 to 72 with the average age of approx. 50

There were 3 divisions with 12 teams in each.

Events included Ski Relay, Taplin Plus (swim, ski, run, board), Board Relay and Surf Teams.

Some great results from our Newport Masters with YTNL second in the green division, and the Makos came 6th in the red division. The Makos were very impressive and won the board race by a mile, however, the organiser has a mystery handicap system based on gender and age, so the boys official result isn't indicative of how well they raced.

If anyone 30+ would like to get involved in Masters competition, please email the Water Masters Captain - jan.proudfoot@newportsurfclub.com.au

NEW POLO SHIRTS

You don't need to go far in Newport to see community members sporting the Newport SLSC gear and we have something for everyone in our shop.

Pop down on Sunday mornings during Nippers to explore the latest merch offerings. We have **new ocean blue polos** and if you missed the opportunity to grab pool to peak caps or t-shirts, we have a few items remaining.

Quality sunscreen, Avene is on sale (cheapest on the beaches).

Hoodies have been reduced and our ever-popular **bucket hats and caps are back in stock** due to popular demand. From dog bandanas to stubby holders, competition caps to rashies - we have you covered.

Call in to explore what's on offer or visit our online shop.

<https://newportsurfclub.com.au/shop/>



SUCCESS FOR OUR SHAW & PARTNERS IRON SERIES ATHLETES

Congratulations to Lizzie Welborn who won the eliminator round of the Shaw and Partners Iron Series last weekend in Newcastle.

It was an impressive weekend for the whole team with Conner Maggs, Jackson Borg, Analise Kibble and Jemma Smith also making it through to Round 3 to be held at North Burleigh on 1 February.

All points from the previous Rounds will be reset before Round 3 commences. The top 12 Male and Female Iron Athletes from Round 3 will progress to the final round.



NEWPORT TO HOST BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Newport SLSC is excited to be hosting the 2025 SLSSNB Branch Championships across two weekends (8th - 9th February and 15th - 16th February).

This is a great opportunity for our members to come together and showcase what Newport has to offer. For both weekends to be a success, we will be asking people to volunteer their time to help. Please watch our social media pages for requests. We will also need additional help with baking morning teas this year in the lead up to the Branch weekends. If this is more your talent, can you please contact Bec at rebecca.capell@newportsurfclub.com.au.

Sat, Feb 8th 2025 - Newport

Champion Lifesaver Championships
Patrol Competition Championships
Open Championships (Beach Events Only)
Masters Championships (Beach Events Only)
March Past Championships
Rescue & Resuscitation Championships

Sun, Feb 9th 2025 – Newport

Junior Championships (Beach Events Only)

Sat, Feb 15th 2025 – Newport

Open Championships (Water Events Only)
Masters Championships (Water Events Only)
First Aid Championships (U17's & U19's)

Sun, Feb 16th 2025 – Newport

Junior Championships (Water Events Only)
First Aid Championships (U14/15's & Opens)

Surf Boats Championships will be held at Palm Beach on Sat, Mar 1st 2025



For those competing please see the link below for all information in relation to your event.
[2025 SLSSNB Branch Championships - Surf Life Saving - Sydney Northern Beaches](#)

STINGERS SECURE A SPOT IN THE NSW TEAM

Our u23 female Surfboat crew, the 'Stingers' will be busy this February.

Ella Gale, Alani Barros, April McCarney, Zoe Ellis and sweep Michael King swept the field last Saturday at North Steyne, securing a spot in the NSW team competing at the Surfboat Interstate Championships to be held in Coffs Harbour.

On the weekend of February 7-8, they will travel to New Zealand to represent Australia in the Trans Tasman Championships, arriving home Monday night and then on Thursday the 13th they're driving to the home of the Big Banana to take on the best team across the other states. Good luck!

When too much Surfboating is never enough!



Stingers and 'Jill', named after Jill Kinghorn. Ella Gale, Alani Barros, April McCarney, Zoe Ellis



**NIPPERS IS BACK
THIS WEEKEND!**

See you Sunday 19th

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