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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The season has been flying by with the patrol season coming towards an end. Later in the newsletter are details of the end of patrols thank you dinner to members. Please save the date in your calendar as this is always a great chance to celebrate the season and we look forward to seeing you there.

The results from the State Championships were remarkable. I had the privilege of being in an IRB for most of the final day and the impressive results reflect the outstanding performance across the board.

While the performances at the front of the field were outstanding, watching the efforts of our athletes pushing to score points and work for the team gave a great picture of the drive to do the best for the team. I would like to congratulate all members that took part in the State Championships, and thank all of those that worked behind the scenes to allow our team to compete - officials, coaches, logistics, water safety and all others.

I would ask members to be aware of security around the club as we have had a number of instances of doors being left open or unlocked. Please be aware of club security and be of the mindset that if you open or unlock a door, you should be returning to lock it before you leave the beach. Assuming that someone else will lock a door is not working and putting the club at risk.

The bar management team is continuing to offer new reasons to drop in on a Friday or Sunday night. There is now an option to order Lucky's and Pep's food delivered straight to the club so you don't need to leave when you get hungry. Stay tuned for further upgrades in the bar service.

Good luck to everyone heading to the Gold Coast for Aussies. We look forward to seeing the wrap of results and stories generated from this years championships. Be the Best. Enjoy it the most!

See you on the beach!

***Guyren Smith, President***



## NIPPERS WRAP UP

The Nipper season came to a close on Sunday 16th with a well-deserved celebration of all our Nippers with certificates, medals and awards proudly handed out to all. We enjoyed a bbq and drinks on the deck, to toast our recently graduated SRCs, our JLOTYs and the Nippers that represented Newport in carnivals.

This season has seen everyone develop their skills in readiness for the next part of their Nipper program, taking on the rain, wind, waves and on a few welcomed occasions, calm and balmy waters.

Whilst everyone will be enjoying a slower start to their Sundays, our Age Managers and supporting team are looking forward to next season.

Our sincere thanks to all that participated, volunteered and supported the Newport Nippers program.

*Adam Willis,  
Director of Youth*

## SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY 27 APRIL FROM 5PM  
AT THE CLUB**

Patrolling members and family are invited to join us for dinner and drinks at the Club to say thank you for patrolling this season.

Cost will be \$15.00 per person and include paella, dessert and drink.

We will be sending an email out soon with details on how to purchase your tickets.



**END OF SEASON PATROL DINNER**



## Kinghorn Racing Academy delivers Newport Surf Life Saving Club's 11<sup>th</sup> Open and Surf Boats State Championship Title with 591 points

Across the 4 days of racing, the club showcased spectacular individual and team performances across all the disciplines.

### Notable female achievements included:

- **Annalise Kibble** won 10 gold medals and made history by winning the open Iron, Swim, Board and Ski finals. A record never achieved by a male or female competitor in the 75-year history of the NSW State Champs.
- **Pipi Te Pania** won 8 gold medals and topped our overall point score with an incredible 87 points and 16 medals.
- **Jemma Smith** won 8 gold medals, including the Open Water, Champion Lifesaver, and Patrol Competitions events.
- **Olivia Clues** won 7 gold medals out of her impressive 14 medals.
- **Lani Waller** won 6 gold medals from her total of 10 medals
- **Lisa Derz and Sarah Lock** both won 5 gold medals
- **Sadie Maggs** won 4 gold medals
- **Charlie Barber and Sophie Clues** won 3 gold medals

### Notable male achievements included:

- **Connor Maggs** won 11 gold medals across Open and U19 age groups and topped the boys' points score with 80 points and a total of 14 medals.
- **Noah Maggs and Brayden Woodford** won 6 gold medals
- **Charlie Verco and Max Brooks** won 5 gold medals
- **Anthony Doyle and Jayke Rees** won 4 gold medals
- **Jackson Borg** won 3 gold medals, including his 3rd Open State Ironman title

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

A truly outstanding achievement by the whole team. Congratulations and wishing all of our competitors the best of luck at Aussies.



## STATE TITLES – BOATS

Newport had three female Surfboat crews competing at the other end of the beach last weekend, the u19 Nessies, u23 Stingers and Reserves Swordfish.

The u23 Stingers continue their strong season, finishing 3rd in their final.

Earlier in the day the Stingers got the Lifesaver Relay team off to a good start with a solid row in their first leg.

The team carried on to win, for our third NSW Lifesaver relay gold in three seasons.

**Photo: Life Saver Relay Team**



## STATE TITLES - LIFESAVING

The Newport Lifesaving Team had one of our best State results to date, with strong performances across all events.

In Champion Lifesaver we walked away with 4 golds (Sam Capell, Jemma Smith, Rebecca Capell and Naomie Humel); and 2 silvers (Guyren Smith and Phoebe Savage). Our Open Patrol Team took the Gold and our First Aid team won a Bronze.

Everyone put their best foot forward and showcased how hard we have trained this season across both the physical and theory components.

We are looking forward to finishing the season strong at the Australian Titles!





# STATE TITLES – MASTERS



**Congratulations to our Masters Team who took out 9<sup>th</sup> place overall with 145 points.  
Our medalists were:**

## **GOLD**

- 40-49 yrs Female Champion Lifesaver: Rebecca Capell
- 50-54 yrs Male Ironman: Ashley Brown
- 50-54 yrs Female Surf Race: Amanda (Gem) Lehman
- 50-54 yrs 2km Beach Run: Amanda (Gem) Lehman
- 130 yrs Female Taplin Relay: Julia Jones-Hughes, Rebecca Capell, Amanda Lehman
- 130 yrs Female Board Relay: Julia Jones-Hughes, Rebecca Capell, Amanda Lehman
- 50-54 yrs Female Board Rescue: Amanda (Gem) Lehman & Jan Proudfoot

## **SILVER**

- 55-59 yrs Female 2 km Run: Felicity Peters
- 50-54 yrs Female Board Race: Amanda (Gem) Lehman
- 55-59 yrs Female Board Race: Jan Proudfoot
- 55-59 yrs Female Surf Race: Jan Proudfoot
- 50-54 yrs Male Board Race: Ashley Brown
- 50-54 yrs Male Surf Race: Ashley Brown
- 40-44 yrs Female Rescue Tube Race: Julia Jones-Hughes
- 50-59 yrs Male Champion Lifesaver: Guyren Smith
- 150 yrs Surf Teams: Amanda (Gem) Lehman, Rebecca Capell, Jan Proudfoot

## **BRONZE**

- 50-54 yrs Male Board Race: Ashley Brown
- 40-44 yrs Female Surf Race: Julia Jones-Hughes
- 50-54 yrs Female Rescue Tube Race: Amanda (Gem) Lehman
- 55-59 yrs Female Ironman: Jan Proudfoot
- 150 yrs Male Board Relay: Ashley Brown, Leo Pinheiro, Laurence McCoy

## **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.





## STRIKE TEAM FOXTROT

*By Monty Pate*

On March 6th, I was deployed to Coffs Harbour as part of Strike Team 'Foxtrot,' which included 11 members from various clubs, ranging from the Illawarra Coast to Sydney, Northern Beaches, and the Central Coast.

During our deployment, we were on call from 6 am to 6 pm, ready to respond to any emergency calls in collaboration with the SES. While on standby, we spent time assessing high flood-risk areas, monitoring coastal erosion using a UAV, and conducting both on-water and land-based flood training exercises. Thankfully, Cyclone Alfred didn't cause as much damage as initially anticipated, and we were not called upon for rescues.

This deployment was an incredible learning experience, and I had the opportunity to make some great new connections. I highly encourage anyone interested in getting involved to sign up for the next flood rescue course and become part of the team the next time Surf Life Saving is called into action



# AWARDS CEREMONY

*Save the date*

*24 May 2025 @ the RMYC*



# 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\*\*](#)



**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.**



## ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Brett Davis is swimming in the Palm Beach to Shelly Beach 26m swim on 12 April. He has arranged a boat and skipper but also **needs a paddler to accompany him (board or ski)**. If you are interested (you will be paid for your time) – please contact Brett on 0402 900 799 or brettddavis55@gmail.com.



# Join the Surf Life Saving SNB Youth Program!

**Are you 15-17 years old and passionate about Surf Life Saving? Explore what's available for you in SLS and tackle real life search & rescue and first aid scenarios at this hands-on workshop.**

## FISHERMANS BEACH

Saturday 3rd May 8am - 2.30pm &  
Sunday 4th May 8.30am to 12.30pm

## What to Expect

### Pathway presentations:

- Learn what career and volunteer opportunities are available - including Surf Sports, UAV Operations, education and emergency response roles..

### Hands-On Activities

- IRB/RWC Operations
- First aid and triage training
- Search and rescue techniques

### Real World Scenarios

- Respond to mock emergencies including water rescues and mass casualty incidents.

### More!!

- BBQ lunch and snacks
- Free program merch.
- Lucky door raffle



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