

Newport SLSC - Club Awards

Tom Guthrie – Rookie of the Year

A tradition started some years ago, as requested by the wife of Tom Guthrie, is that the previous year's award winner passes the award to current year's winner.

It is awarded to a new patrolling member who holds at least a Surf Rescue Certificate and has completed up to one complete full season (i.e. less than 2 full seasons) and is between 13 and 18 years of age.

Consideration of patrol attendance, attitude, desire to learn more, completion of additional awards, participation in whole of Club activities and overall contribution to the Club in the period of their involvement.

Peter Dawson OAM – Best New Member

Is awarded to a new patrolling member who holds a Bronze Medallion and has completed up to one complete full season (i.e. less than 2 full seasons) and is at least 18 years of age.

Consideration of patrol attendance, attitude, desire to learn more, completion of additional awards, participation in whole of Club activities and overall contribution to the Club in the period of their involvement.

John Holland Snr – Committee Member of the Year

The John Holland Snr – Committee Member of the Year award (perpetual trophy) named in the memory of one of Newport's exceptional Committee Members over the years the late John Holland Snr. John expressed a wish that an award be established to recognise the significant contributions made by a member of the Club's Management Committee or any sub-committees. Also consider contributions to the Club outside their Committee portfolio.

Hans Trumm OAM – Award for Patrolling Excellence

This award was commenced in 2007 to recognise and encourage excellence in Life Saving and commitment to Patrolling. This came on the back of the Club being recognised in the Branch Most Outstanding Club awards as the winner of Most Outstanding Club in Lifesaving for a third consecutive year, a pillar of our core business.

Consideration of patrol attendance, attitude, education of fellow patrol members, additional awards obtained, formal participation as an Endorsed Trainer and/or Endorsed Assessor, as well as being a role model etc.

Paul Stevens - Junior Clubman of the Year

The Paul Stevens Junior Clubman of the Year is the most prestigious of junior awards granted by the Club each season. The criteria are like the Michael Hill Memorial Trophy, except it is awarded to a member who is 21 year of age or under.

Generally, there will be up to 4 or 5 finalists.

Clubman 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. This perpetual trophy is named after a former Club Captain who was fatally injured in an accident in the late 1950s.

This trophy is awarded annually to a member who not only fulfils his or her rostered Patrol commitments, but also participates in all other facets of the Clubs activities, such as fundraising projects, training, social functions, assisting in the maintenance of the Clubhouse, etc., - in other words an all-round outstanding member. This award is generally not awarded to a member of the Club's executive.

Generally, there will be up to 6 finalists.

Competitor of the Year

(nominations are provided by the Board of Surf Sports)

Is awarded to an Open or Masters' Competitor who has performed consistently throughout the year and has achieved outstanding results at Branch, State and National level.

Consideration will also be given to the competitor's commitment to the Club and what the competitor has returned to the sport and the Club.

Inaugural Surf Sports Team of the Year

(nominations are provided by the Board of Surf Sports)

Is awarded to a Junior, Open or Masters' Surf Sports team who has performed consistently throughout the year and has achieved outstanding results at Branch, State and National level.

Consideration will also be given to the team's commitment to the Club and what the team members have returned to the sport and the Club.

Nipper Chairman's Award

(nominations are provided by the Nipper Chairman)

Is awarded to someone graduating from the SRC group. The Nipper Chairman looks for someone with a positive attitude who has the desire to learn and shows respect towards the trainers. Consideration is also given to the SRC candidate that steps up into his or her role in water safety after graduating from SRC, as well as providing a positive and encouraging attitude towards the younger Nippers.

Tim Francis Junior Competitor of the Year

(nominations are provided by the Junior Activities Committee)

This perpetual award is named in honour of our great mate Tim Francis who tragically passed away in 2013. Tim had two strong passions with regards to surf life saving, nurturing our nippers through his significant involvement with the nipper program and driving competition at the Club.