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# ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that the 74th Annual General Meeting of the Wanda Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated is to be held on Sunday 12th July 2020 to commence at 9:00am.

74TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Due to COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings and social distancing members are invited to join the meeting either 'in person' by attending in The Founders Room at the Surf Club or remotely accessing the meeting 'online via Zoom', the web-based meeting tool.

### **AGENDA**

1 Welcome by Deputy President, Nathan Spinner

Motion: That the format and conduct of the meeting be accepted and that any challenge arising from any procedural irregularity in, or to, the conduct of the meeting be waived.

- 2 Lifesavers Prayer
- Confirmation of Attendance
- 4 Apologies
- To confirm and adopt Minutes of the 73rd Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 14th July 2019
- To receive, consider and adopt the 74th Annual Report and Financial Statement
- Notice of Motion of which due notice has been given:

  Motion: Due to Constitution requirements nominations for Life
  Membership and Distinguished Service Awards have been deferred
  due to requirement of secret ballot which will be conducted at a
  Special General Meeting date to be advised.
- 8 Announcement of 50 Year Service Awards
  - Kenneth Davidson
  - Ronald Smith
- Announcement of 25 Year Service Awards
  - Jock Campbell
  - John Georgaris
  - Aaron Scheibel
- Election of Board and Life Membership Committee 2020/21 season
- Urgent General Business

John C. De Cean, OAM

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

### **OFFICE BEARERS**

**PATRON** Ernest B.Stephens OAM

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** 

President Todd Lester (res. Mar 2020) **Deputy President** Nathan Spinner **Senior Vice President** Mark Sargeant Michael Bonnici **Club Captain** Mikaela Sutherland Lifesaving Administration John C. De Cean OAM Anne Caterson **Finance Education** Gerard Cafe

**Facilities** Col Jones (ele. Dec 2019)

**Greg Pierce** 

Michael Jay (res. Dec 2019)

**Junior Activities Group** Fiona Sutton Youth Gary McNamara **Member Services** Natalie Buckley

**SUB-COMMITTEES** 

**Surf Sports** 

LIFESAVING AND EDUCATION

Michael Bonnici **Club Captain** Mikaela Sutherland **Director of Lifesaving** 

**Deputy Director** 

of Lifesaving Stephen Trembath

**Director of Education** Gerard Cafe

**Deputy Director** 

of Education Matt Waugh Mark Lloyd **IRB Captain Gear Steward** Matt Blackshaw (res. Oct 2019)

**FINANCE & COMPLIANCE** 

**Director of Finance** Anne Caterson Director of Administration John C. De Cean OAM

**Deputy Director** Brian Mayoh **JAG Treasurer** Ray Jokhan **Auxiliary Treasurer** Denise Strong Gary Bradshaw

Sean O'Donoghue

**Senior Vice President** Mark Sargeant

**SURF SPORTS** 

**Director of Surf Sports Greg Pierce** 

**Deputy Director of** 

Ian Wallace **Surf Sports Head Coach Greg Pierce** David Chapman **Boat Captain Beach Captain** Larry Leabeater **R&R Captain** Joanna Stavrou **Swim Captain** Mark Sargeant Lifesaving Events Captain Natalie Buckley

**Masters Captain** 

Mick Georgaris Tait Brannock

Team Manager Tracey Green March Past Captain Yvonne Holland

**Board Captain** Vacant Ski Captain Vacant Surf Board Riding Captain Vacant **IRB Racing Captain** Vacant

LIFE, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIP & HONOURS

Anita Prvke Frank Bailey Mick Gibbs

Col Ricketts (ele. 15/10/19)

Katie Spinner Steve Pynsent

**MEMBERS SERVICES** 

**Director of Member** 

**Services** Natalie Buckley

**Deputy Director of** 

Member Services Kaylene Walker **Child Protection Officer** Paul Oliver **Publicity Officer** Shannon Dixon Registrar John C. De Cean OAM **Social Organiser** Joanna Stavrou OH&S Graeme Waugh

**Junior Captain Emily Eaves Race Secretary** Michael Kay

**JUDICIARY** Frank Bailey

David Gittus Steve Doran Alan Kentwell Katie Spinner Colin Jones

**SUTHERLAND 2 SURF** 

Convenor Karen Byron

Mick Brannock Sue Brannock Nathan Spinner Mark Sargeant Lizzy Sargeant Tony Holland David Gittus Anne Caterson Colin Jones Sam Axiotis Nicole Lloyd

AUXILIARY COMMITTEE (see page 90)

CONSTITUTION

Director of Administration John C. De Cean OAM

Chris Fox Anita Prvke Greg Allum AM Tait Brannock

WANDA CARNIVAL

Convenor Greg Allum AM

**Grant Bowmer** Natalie Buckley Anne Caterson Shannon Dixon Tracey Green Rod Holdsworth Todd Lester **Greg Pierce** Mark Sargeant Fiona Sutton Brooke Thatcher Lisa Zammit

**FACILITIES** 

**Director of Facilities** 

Col Jones (ele. Dec 2019) Mick Jay (res. Dec 2019)

**Maintenance Manager Gym Manager** 

Mick Conroy Simon

**STRATEGIC** 

**Deputy President** Nathan Spinner

Michael Kay Trevor Elliott **Brock Douglas** Grant Sandstrom

JAG (see page 41)

**SLSS DELEGATE** Todd Lester / Nathan Spinner

**TOURING TEAM** 

**MANAGER** Tracey Green

**SPONSORSHIP** The Collective Co. (Jul 2019)

Gay Curtis (Res. Sep 2019)

I.T. ADVISOR **Denny Rowlands** 

**AUDITOR** Frank La Rosa

Chartered Accountant

**LEGAL ADVISOR** 

Thomson Geer Lawyers

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATION** 

Sharon Collier Annabelle Thomas

**CARETAKERS** 

Jaimee Winner

Steve Winner

**CLUB CHAPLAIN** Thomas Schmid

### **HONORARY MEMBERS**

### **FOUNDATION MEMBERS †**

Les Bates Sid Bates Joe Blake Lindsay Campbell Ken Dawes William Dews Snr. Ralph Fitzpatrick

Ralph Fitzpatrick
Keith Freer
Keith Garthon
Harry Gibbons
Clive Holloway
William Kelly
Keith Lord
Bruce Macklin
Ken McDonnell
John McNally

Wal Neale
Ern Newberry
Fred Osborne
Alan Richards
Fred Richards
Eric Sebire
Eric Sheppard
Joe Sheppard

William Whitehurst

Eric Suann

# FOUNDATION MEMBERS WANDA SLSC BLUEBOTTLES

Brian Abbott †
L. Barnes
Joe Brock †
John Brown
Dave Clelland Snr. ^
Noel Cox ^

John Iredale †
Max Kirk

Allan Kentwell Snr† Kevin Lonsdale† Bruce McCarthy† Geoffrey Morris

Ron Sandstrom OAM †

Rex Sargeant †
Frank Scott †
Alan Steege ^
Frank Stephens

Ernest Stephens OAM ^

### **LIFE MEMBERS**

Percy Ainsworth †
Gregory Allum AM ^
Frank Bailey •
Steve Barrett •
Peter Brady ^ †
Michael Brannock ^
Jeff Brown •
Tony Buckingham ^
John Cadet ^
Owen Coulter †
Noel Cox ^
Terry Dowers ^
Graham Dyson †
Trevor Elliott ^
David Fairfax-Jones †

Jack Folwell †
Alan Freeman †
Keith Freer †
Keith Garthon †
Harry Gibbons †

Michael Gibbs •

Max Hodson †

Rod Hurst •

Douglas Iredale •

John Iredale †
Norm Jamieson †
Keith Lord †

William Maker†
John May ^
Ken McDonnell†

Gordon McKirdy • Sean McKirdy •

Bob Moffat ^ Ross Pratt †

Anita Pryke • Colin Ricketts •

John Salmon OAM ^
Ron Sandstrom OAM †

Mark Sargeant •
Joe Sheppard †
Ron Smith •

Bill Stafford †
Ernest Stephens OAM ^

Eric Suann †
Les Townsend •
Albany Vial ^
Jamie Walker †

### LIFE MEMBERS AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

Nita Allum †
Sue Backhouse
Mary Brady †
Sue Brannock
Noelene Caesar ● †
Jean Gibbons †
Judy Hunter ●
Beryl Iredale ^
Sylvia McCarthy †
Lynette Robbins
Wendy Sandstrom ^

Ann Ainsworth ^

# LIFE MEMBERS JUNIOR ACTIVITIES GROUP

(Founded May 1988)
Donna Brown
Jeff Brown ●
John Douglas ●
Don Hudson †
Mark Howden
Robyn Lester
Dean McMahon
David Mullinger ^
Ken Smith
James Traves ●

### LIFE MEMBERS WANDA SLSC BLUEBOTTLES (1964-1988)

Bruce Breadner †
Barry Bulmer
Dave Clelland Snr ^
Kevin Lennox ●
Kevin Lonsdale †
John McAuliffe †
Bruce McCarthy †
Keith McKeachie †
Eric Topper
David Ward
Kay Ward

### **SENIOR VICE PATRONS**

The Hon Scott Morrison MHR Prime Minister of Australia Mark Speakman M.L.A Gary Bradshaw Peter Kerr AM Eleni Petinos M.L.A Carmelo Pesce – Mayor

### VICE PATRONS - SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCILLORS

Jack Boyd
Barry Collier OAM
Tom Croucher
Michael Forshaw
Kent Johns
Greg McLean OAM
Daniel Nicholls
Carmelo Pesce - Mayor
Ray Plibersek
Carol Provan
John Riad
Peter Scaysbrook

Steve Simpson – Deputy Mayor

Diedree Steinwall

Marie Simone

### **VICE PATRONS**

Harvie Allison Joyce Bickley Ron Bickley Ian Bourke Billy Butterfield Gary Calnan Alex Clarke Bernie Cohen Brian Doyle Chris Doyle Barry Holbert Calvin Holbert Phillip Holt Frank La Rosa Gordon McKirdy Col Mulhall Thomas Schmid Ric Thorburn

John Veage

<sup>• 25</sup> year member ^ 50 year member † deceased

### PATRON'S MESSAGE

Without a doubt the 2019/20 season will be remembered as one of the most disappointing seasons I have witnessed in my sixty-nine years as a member of Wanda. In saying this, I am not blaming the Club. All was going well in January and through February. On 6 March we were second to Newport in the State Championship point score and well ahead of the next clubs and looking forward to the Nationals in late April.



However, as we all know the world was turned upside down with Covid-19. The clubhouse went into lock down and our Patrols were suspended for the rest

of the season. Over Easter no member of the public or the Club were allowed in the surf. This was also controlled by the Police. Going without salt water for four days was hard, however the people of Cronulla abided by the restrictions. Needless to say, there were no Australian Titles as health and safety comes first.

At the time of writing this message I do not know of any members who have been struck down with the virus. It is hard to predict the outcome for the next six months, however I sincerely wish it clears up soon. In saying this, I hope the members and their families are in good health and we will be back to normal for the next season at Wanda.

Ernest B Stephens (Solly) OAM PATRON











### **2019-20 SPONSORS**

### **CLUB SPONSORS**

### **LIFESAVING**

Lloyds SUPA IGA Cronulla
The Holt Estate 1861
Cronulla RSL
Peter Kerr of Thomson Geer
Auxiliary Committee

### **SURF SPORTS**

Gerard Malouf & Partners
– Solicitors & Barristers

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**Tradies** 

Nine News

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Lloyds SUPA IGA Cronulla

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TL Building

The Tool Store

The Backstory Chiropractic

Ken Davidson

Hales Redden Chartered Accountants

Accountants

Jock Athletic

CJ Doyle Contracting Services

### **EVENTS**

### **CARNIVALS**

**Tradies** 

Nine News

### **2019 SUTHERLAND TO SURF**

**PAYCE** 

Brooks

Nova 96.9

Caltex Terminal Kurnell

**ANSTO** 

Veolia

Audi Sutherland

Fitness First

**HSBC** Miranda

McDonald's Sutherland Shire Restaurants

The Athlete's Foot

Dynamic Performance Physiotherapy

Enware

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Soccajoeys Sutherland Shire

Fruitezy Marketplace

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Sutherland Shire Council

**NSW Police** 

RMS Transport Management Centre

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Planning Ingenuity

The Music Bus

TL Building

The Meat Store

Dale Caterson Electrical

The Cheesecake Shop

Grill'd

Domino's Pizza Cronulla

Southside Boxing

**Highland Property Group** 

Bronxx

JAG Designs

Voodoo Dri

Kim Mason - Travel Managers

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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS**

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I feel privileged to address the Wanda members as President (Acting) and present to you Wanda's 74th Annual Report.

We have experienced yet another very successful year on and off the beach. With our season cut short I am proud to reflect that our response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and the unprecedented conditions we have experienced, was united at a time that restrictions required we maintain distance.

Again, this season we can boast 'no lives lost' which is a credit to our patrolling effectiveness. This was also recognised at the Sydney Branch Awards of Excellence with Patrol 10 being awarded 'Patrol of the Year' – I sincerely thank the Patrol members under the leadership of Patrol Captain, Jayden Wilde for this achievement. Whilst it is difficult to list all accomplishments across the year, this Award is a representation of how far Wanda has come with respect to improving our lifesaving operations, and with "Patrols being our core business" becoming part of the Wanda vernacular.

It was a season marked by devastating events, including the bushfires and COVID-19 pandemic, bringing our season to a premature end.



In our surf club life, we also saw the Branch Championships cancelled due to conditions and finally the Australian Surf Lifesaving titles cancelled. This health event has caused significant social strain and will also result in a financial strain on the club through our tenants being forced to reduce trading hours, and in some cases close their operations entirely. Finally, we have made the sad decision to cancel the traditional Tradies Sutherland 2 Surf due to public gathering restrictions. All of this will limit our ability to generate much needed funds.

Fortunately, for many years Wanda's Board, members, sponsors and supporters have sustained strong financial results. These include paying down our building debt whilst continuing to fund our core operations, and importantly working hard to maximise the use of funds for the benefit of the beach going public, the local community, Wanda member development, ongoing facility maintenance and clubhouse improvements. Because of this sustained effort Wanda is in a strong financial position to address what might very well be our most challenging financial seasons as a club. Having taken a short period of leave in March for personal reasons, Todd Lester regrettably decided to resign from his position as Wanda Surf Lifesaving Club President.

On behalf of the Board of Management, I want to thank Todd for the commitment and passion he has shown over the past year. We also wish to acknowledge that we can't wait to see Todd back in a leadership position at Wanda in the near future. Todd took some time to pen a recap of the season – see end of this report for Todd's report.

I think Todd sums up the situation well for this season, and I will add to this my congratulations to Natalie Buckley for being awarded the C.V. Forshaw Trophy. This Trophy is our most prestigious Award and is for our 'Most Consistent Member'. Nat has worked tirelessly to model the Members Services role on our Board of Management. Be it looking after patrols, supporting the carnival efforts or initiating member wellbeing, Nat has provided great service to Wanda and the members and is thoroughly deserving of this Award. Nat was also recognised as



a nominee for 'Senior Volunteer of the Year' with SLS Sydney Awards of Excellence. Congratulations to all our Sydney Branch nominees and award winners. It's a reflection of the success Wanda has experienced this season.

During the latter months of the season the Club's Board of Management has worked tirelessly to navigate a radically changed world and – with that – surf lifesaving landscape. There are leases to manage, agreements to negotiate, the members and public to keep safe and a desperate need to work out the management of expenses and where to make up the shortfall we will have in revenue this coming season.

In a year that we will not celebrate Australian Champions, I believe we have much to still celebrate in the cohesion the Club has experienced this season - from the Board of Management, lifesaving and patrols, education, administration, surf sports and junior activities we can certainly reflect with pride Wanda's 2019-20 season. We are positioned well to respond to the current economic and social shock, and I am confident we have a very capable Board and membership to innovate and seek out opportunities in what will be challenging times ahead.

I thank all supporters and sponsors for continuing to be part of our surf club life and I encourage everyone to go to pages 6-7 to support those business partners that support us.







Lastly, each year brings with it new beginnings with engagements, marriages and births – congratulations to all those who have experienced one of these milestones during the season. Each year also brings loss and for those that lost a love one – my sincere condolences.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Nathan Spinner PRESIDENT (Acting)

P.S. Having joined Wanda in 1998 I am proud to be representing the members in this capacity and along with Katie's support and our children Grace, Liesl and Nat – all participating members of Wanda – this privilege is an exclamation mark on how much the Club means to us and our commitment to see the Club succeed for many years to come.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)









### **RECAP FROM TODD LESTER**

Wow what a year! I would like to start my report by making mention to a select few that make up the Board who supported me in my role as President.

Big thanks to John De Cean, who once I got to know him and his humour always had my back when I needed him. Congratulations John on your OAM.

Mick Jay, thanks for all your hard work over the past couple of years and Colin Jones, who we welcomed into the new role as Facilities Director.

Nat Buckley, who works tirelessly in all areas of the Club - well done!

Gary McNamara, we welcomed him into a new role as Youth Director and who is always thinking of strategies to improve our retention rate - thank you.

Nathan Spinner, loved having his support throughout the year, who see's things from a different perspective which I appreciate.

Anne Caterson, wasn't until I was about to become President that I realised the knowledge and passion she has for the Club. It will be a sad day when she steps down, a massive thank you.

Michael Bonnici, the young gun, a brain well advanced for his age. Michael's job as Club Captain is an immense one and he does an amazing job - thank you.

Mikaela Sutherland, Lifesaving Director - another role that I found out involved so much work - you do a stella job working in with Michael to coordinate our patrols which is the hardest job of all.

Gerard Cafe, Director of Education - the hours you've put in to train our club members in an area we needed to improve. I believe we've achieved our aim this year. A record number in a Bronze group ever for Wanda - well done!

Fiona Sutton, JAG President – I believe has the Nippers in the best place both financially and member wise in decades. Her committee, I can't thank you all enough for the efforts you have all put in.

Greg Pierce, Surf Sports Director - If you are looking for 'Piercy' the chances are he is at Wanda, he is so thorough in his paperwork and delivery nobody can keep up - thank you.

Mark 'Sarge' Sargeant, in his new role as Senior Vice President, which I was grateful to the Club for introducing this new position on the Board. I knew I had big shoes to fill after all the great work done before me. With no experience on any committees, I was lucky to have Sarge as my wingman. Not only a club member, but a true mate I can always rely on, not only for advice but to have my back in tough times.

To the office staff, Sharon and Annabelle - thank you. I extend my gratitude throughout all members that help in some way shape or form our Club.

Our Patron, Ernest 'Solly' Stephens', the S2S Committee and volunteers, Patrol Captains and patrolling members, IRB Section, water safety, officials, Auxiliary Committee, coaches, boaties, beachies, surf sports, Life Members and Advisors - it takes everyone that is a member to keep our Club revolving and working like clockwork. I see Wanda as a home and you all as family.

I would also like to make mention of two huge highlights - my first Wanda Carnival and Senior State Titles, and boy it made me proud to be President seeing the Wanda colours flying high - well done to all our competitors and those involved in coordinating these to happen - especially, Greg Allum AM for his involvement in The Wanda Tradies One Club Surf Carnival.

Finally, I wish to take this opportunity to say I had to step down due to personal reasons outside the Club. I plan to be back as I was enjoying the role and started to find my feet. I look forward to seeing you all back to normal once these crazy times pass.

Thanks for all your support.

### **Todd Lester**

President (resigned in March 2020)

# SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In this newly created position, it was an honour to be involved with such a great Board of Directors.



This was obviously an extremely difficult season due to the coronavirus and the effects of

this on our club, our patrol members, our tenants, our income and our main fundraiser, the Tradies Sutherland 2 Surf. Fortunately, we have an excellent Finance and Compliance Committee so ably chaired by our Finance Director, Anne Caterson.



As I write this there is so much still unknown and next season will be difficult with so many uncertainties and the loss of income, but we will get there. We will have to tighten our belts and work even harder to keep achieving.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Todd Lester in the time he held as our President. I worked very closely with him during his time at the

helm. He threw himself into the role and impressed me with his attitude and passion. I am sure Todd and his family will be involved at Wanda for many, many years to come.

See you next season.

### Mark Sargeant (Sarge) SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

### **BOARD ATTENDANCE 2019/20**

Position	Name	Possible	Attendance	Apology
President	Todd Lester (res. March 2020)	9	9	0
Deputy President	Nathan Spinner	11	10	1
Senior Vice President	Mark Sargeant	11	11	0
Club Captain	Michael Bonnici	11	9	2
Director of Lifesaving	Mikaela Sutherland	11	5	6
Director of Administration	John C. De Cean OAM	11	11	0
Director of Finance	Anne Caterson	11	11	0
Director of Education	Gerard Cafe	11	11	0
Director of Surf Sports	Greg Pierce	11	11	0
Direcetor of Facilities	Michael Jay (res. Dec 2019)	5	3	2
Director of Facilities	Colin Jones (ele. Dec 2019)	6	5	1
Director of Junior Activities Group	Fiona Sutton	11	10	1
Director of Youth	Gary McNamara	11	8	3
Director of Member Services	Natalie Buckley	11	11	0

### **CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

Season 2019/20, one of the most turbulent seasons in the Club's history. Devasting bushfires and the unprecedented crisis related to the COVID-19 Pandemic placed abnormal pressures on all members. I, as well as all of the leadership team at Wanda SLSC are extremely proud of all the members, particularly in the way that we all worked together towards our common goal of achieving, yet again, NO LIVES LOST on our Beach here at Wanda.



The season began on a high after being crowned Club of the Year for Sydney Branch for the 2018/19

season. The Lifesaving and Education Committee (LSEC) were hard at work, preparing patrol rosters, education courses and updating gear for the annual gear inspection day. Thanks to all those who helped prepare Wanda for what was to be one of busiest lifesaving seasons to date.

Having an increase in membership by 10%, Wanda proudly patrolled the beach from September to March in a shortened season due to the dangers associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic. Our members committed 9456 hours to Patrols, having performed 66 rescues and 50 First Aids. As an evolving emergency service, our lifesaving operation has dramatically changed. With more extensive call out teams, our surf lifesavers were needed more than ever in responding to afterhours aquatic call outs, helping other emergency services through the challenging bushfire period and advancing our training programs and equipment to effect more professional rescues. Our members made 475 preventative actions throughout the 2019-20 season, which I am extremely proud of.

The season saw the realignment of both lifesaving and education into the uniform committee (LSEC) with monthly meetings held, to provide more information to Patrol Captains, and help delegate tasks to Deputy Directors to provide a more sustainable approach that spreads the busy workload of all office bearers

on the committee. I am pleased to say that the committee worked tirelessly for the duration of the season, introducing a number of new ideas relating to admin, operations, recognition, training and equipment. I would like to take this opportunity to specially thank my team, namely, Director of Lifesaving, Mikaela Sutherland, Director of Education, Gerard Cafe, Deputy Director of Lifesaving, Stephen Trembath, Deputy Director of Education, Matt Waugh and IRB Captain, Mark Lloyd. We worked so hard together and definitely ticked a lot of goals this season.

On the Education front, Gerard Cafe began his first year as Director of Education and did an outstanding job. Coming from a teaching background, Gerard led a number of courses himself as well as setting a number of new processes and formalities around other existing courses. Together the LSEC worked to recruit more trainers and build the Education side of the Club to ensure that we can continue to meet the demand for training for our growing membership. Thanks to all our trainers and assessors for all your hard work that you commit to teaching our members the vital skills they require on Patrol and outside of Surf Life Saving. Namely I thank, Ken Smith, Sam Axiotis, Gerard Cafe, Mikaela Sutherland, Denny Rowlands, Karen Ross, David Philpott, Brett Richardson, John Wilde and Matt Waugh for all their efforts across both training courses and proficiencies. I report that we had 165 new awards this season, slightly down from last season (primarily due to the shortened season and restrictions on training due to the COVID-19 Pandemic), however I am still extremely proud to have achieved this number, which is well above

training statistics reported on from previous seasons. I am proud to also report that Wanda is now a lot more flexible with training arrangements both with scheduling and individual arrangements. Notwithstanding the above, the job to improve the club's Education Unit is not over with more trainers still required. I do ask, if you are interested, please contact the Club, we would love to have you on board and most importantly it would teach you and provide you with a number of transferable skills that you could use outside of Surf Life Saving.

The season presented a number of concerns for member welfare relating to the location of the Patrol area being significantly north of the Clubhouse, increased patronage levels on Sydney Beaches due to the Bushfires and COVID-19 Pandemic (restricting travel) as well as the lack of IRB drivers on our Patrols. These aspects made our operation difficult, however were dealt with and managed as the challenge presented themselves. The culture and spirit around Wanda this season was truly evident in how all members acted and helped each other through both good times and more difficult times. I am extremely proud of all members in the way that we all equally contribute and simply get the job done.

The season saw a number of individuals really step up in terms of leadership, commitment and building their skill set in Lifesaving. Wanda Patrols coordinated mass rescues, spinal injuries, resuscitations, searches and prepared for emergency evacuations (if required) of the Royal National Park due to the imminent risk of Bushfire. On occasions patronage levels at Wanda Beach were in the thousands, particularly around holiday

periods in which volunteer members stepped up and responded to call out requests to help meet the demand for Lifesavers on the Beach. Again, a true display of the Wanda spirit which I am extremely proud of. I am also proud in which a number of younger members stepped up as Leaders, particularly as both Vice and Patrol Captains of their respective Patrols. A number of 'rescue of the month' nominations were submitted to Branch for consideration across the season. Congratulations to Joel Steiner, Ryan Bevitt and Patrol 12 for their truly advanced efforts in saving a life on Patrol. The persons of interest rescued definitely owe their life to the individuals mentioned above for their rescues.

Special thanks must also go to all the Patrolling members who volunteered their time to help out fellow Club, Garie SLSC with a weekend of Patrolling. The Patrols at Garie have been extremely successful and are a great way for our members to learn new skills in a new beach environment, as well as socialise and celebrate the weekend as they stayed overnight in the Royal National Park.

The season saw, yet again, a number of members partake in 'extra-curricular' Lifesaving based activities. Congratulations to Mikaela Sutherland – National Leadership College SLSA, Nathan Spinner – National Leaders Masterclass in Adelaide SLSA, Riley Porteous / Mark Lake / Brett Porteous – U/11's & U/13's Branch Development Camp SLSS and Mikaela Sutherland / Ben Sutton – Young Leaders Program SLSS. Congratulations to everyone at Wanda who has participated in these external programs which offer a number of leadership and networking-based opportunities.

I would also like to extend my thank you to all those who always volunteer their time to help raise funds for Wanda at the annual PAYCE Sutherland 2 Surf. Another great display of the Wanda spirit with many members going above and beyond for nothing in return. I extend my congratulations to Patrol Captain, Jon Dimitriou for winning the Cook Community Award for his service to Wanda SLSC over the years. Jon is an exemplary Patrolling member and his experience / contribution over the years is definitely something the Club will forever be indebted for.





















### CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Wanda again extended our 'Community Education' operations with increased talks in schools thanks to Ken Smith, Michael Kay and Graeme Waugh. We were also proud to extend our partnership with SLSNSW running numerous community education talks to culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) groups in the Surf Club. Together we educated over 400 CALD participants which aims to teach these people key beach safety messages.

I would like to acknowledge our sponsors and supporters, primarily Lloyds SUPA IGA Cronulla for their continued support of our Patrols. I also extend my thanks to the NSW Government and Sydney Airport for their generous grants which has helped the purchase of essential lifesaving equipment.

I would like to take this opportunity to specially thank all other Directors of the Club, for which, most actively Patrol on top of their officer bearer duties. Again, special thanks to Greg Pierce for the first-class Surf Sports culture that he has created and the resultant membership base / numbers that he has created. I would like to specially acknowledge Britney Pierce, a Nutri-Grain Ironwoman for not only her amazing achievements, but also her efforts to lifesaving. Britney attained 100% Patrol attendance this season whilst maintaining her busy training and competitive commitments. Britney is a great role model in all facets of the Club for younger members coming through. Thanks also to Nat Buckley who has an unparalleled commitment to Patrols as well as her Directorship. Mikaela Sutherland, Gerard Cafe, Fiona Sutton and Gary McNamara all actively Patrol, all whilst balancing the high time commitments associated with their Club officer duties. I would also like to thank all our amazing Support Operations members, inclusive of RWC Riders, Drone operators, Surf Rescue 30 Members and Duty Officers for their commitment whilst balancing Patrols and Support Operations Patrols.

Overall, the 2019/20 season was one to be proud of. A lot of new friendships made, life skills learnt and most importantly 'No Lives Lost' on our Beach. Whilst the season, again

saw a number of fatalities outside our patrolling area, we must be increasingly vigilant and continue to innovate our lifesaving emergency service to ensure we continually prevent coastal drownings. I would also like to thank the Sutherland Shire Council Ocean Safety and Lifequard Team for the service they provide in assisting our operation. We have a special partnership here in the Bate Bay area and we need to ensure that it continues moving forward into the future. I am extremely grateful to all members of Wanda SLSC, for your service, professionalism and most importantly friendship. I extend my thanks to all friends and families that have supported me to perform my duty. I do enjoy the job I do here at Wanda but wouldn't be able to do it without the amazing team that works around me and my support network.

### Michael Bonnici CLUB CAPTAIN

### LIFESAVING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The 2019/20 season at Wanda SLSC was one for the history books. It was a season full of many changes, things that challenged us, many wins worth celebrating, and in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, things that forced us to react and adjust quickly. Collectively we have all managed to do that extremely well, and I for one am very proud of our lifesaving operations for this season.



I would like to highlight some things I am exceptionally proud of, and those which has made this season

memorable. This includes reference to things such as our pre-season preparation, our Patrol leadership and teamwork on the beach, exceptional efforts by particular groups and individuals at Wanda, a welcome to our huge wave of new patrol members, and our response during the COVID-19 times.

For the purpose of increased collaboration, the Lifesaving and Education Committee (LSEC) was created this season, which saw a more streamlined alignment between our training and operational services. I would like to thank the members of this committee, which included Lifesaving Deputy - Stephen Trembath, Club Captain - Michael Bonnici, IRB Captain - Mark Lloyd, the Education team of Gerard Cafe - Director of Education and Matt Waugh - Education Deputy and our Patrol Captains. This forum is designed for new ideas and better patrol management from a wide variety of lifesaving stakeholders. I ask if you have any questions or suggestions for the future to please speak to one of these representatives who can help action it.

We had many changes we were working through in the pre-season – most notably, collaborating with Sydney Branch to come up with an action plan for our IRB section. Last season we had each of our IRB Drivers contribute well above the required amount of hours due to skill shortages. The Branch and Wanda worked together to provide two of our

twelve patrols with IRB exemptions so we had some breathing room to upskill more members. This involved significant collaboration, and I would like to thank the Sydney Branch for their assistance as we constantly try to improve our services on the beach. I am also pleased to say we managed to put through a substantial number of IRB Crew and Drivers which will greatly assist our patrols in the future.

We also continued with our new patrol roster strategy implemented in the prior season, where we align the patrol teams and rosters with the roster of the competition season. I believe this has created better engagement and enjoyment on our patrols, and I thank our members for letting us work through and tweak this process for the past couple of seasons. A big thanks to Michael Bonnici and Greg Pierce for doing the hard yards on this big administrative task - we have certainly reaped the rewards of it with a significant uptick in members attending majority of their rostered patrols. We are keen to continue improving this process for the next season.

I would like to thank our Patrol Captains for their outstanding efforts this season - our newcomers Denny Rowlands, Brad Querzoli, Natalie Buckley, Mick Conroy and Gary McNamara, as well as our returning Captains Yvonne Holland, Jon Dimitriou, Michael Bonnici, Gerard Cafe, Ben Harris, Michaela Sargeant, Elyssa Pierce, Jayden Wilde, and Ken Smith. These members readily take on the management of the beach when patrolling and are responsible for coordinating our response in the event of a rescue. The responsibility they have accepted in order to do these roles is significant, and they have been exceptional to work with this season.

We also had numerous members stepping up into senior team members, whether that be officially (in the form of a Vice Captain) or unofficially. Their efforts do not go unnoticed and we are very proud of these individuals.

Congratulations to those members who received 'Patrol Member of the Month'. This Award is based off nominations from LSEC and the wider team for members who have shown exceptional dedication and maturity in their patrols. All were well deserved and a true example of the Wanda spirit!

An additional congratulations to Jon Dimitriou, who this season received the 'Cook Community Award' for his dedication to lifesaving. Jon has maintained 100% attendance of all his rostered patrols for 20 years running. His dedication, commitment, knowledge, and overall pleasure to be around as a member of this club is something we are all grateful for. Thank you Jon for your service all these years.

Similar to last season, we had a handful of members complete an extra patrol at Garie in the Royal National Park, which was not only much appreciated by Garie SLSC and Sydney Branch, but well enjoyed by our team. A big thanks to them for helping out. Another exceptional response towards the Royal National Park was our wider IRB team, who in January were ready and on call to assist with the bushfires that plagued the east coast. I would like to thank all these members for stepping up and being ready to patrol well outside our required zone in the name of helping others.

Our relationship with the Council Lifeguards just keeps going from strength to strength. We are incredibly thankful for the team







# 8,966 3,972 Swimmers Craft On Beach TOTAL 43,308

### **PATROL ATTENDANCE**

### 100%

Gerard Cafe
Chanel Pocklington
Stephen Trembath
Marnie Vimpany
Nicole Watson
Graeme Waugh
Jayden Wilde
John Wilde

### 200%

Max Buckley Britney Pierce Elyssa Pierce

### 400%

**Denny Rowlands** 

**20 YEARS AT 100%** 

Jon Dimitriou

### LIFESAVING DIRECTOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

who are always willing to help and communicate with us to provide the best service on the beach. We had some challenges, in particular at the start of the season where safe places to set the flags were few and far between, and at times we had to try and manage huge stretches of beach with limited resources. Working together with the Council team, led by Brett Richardson, helped us through these challenging scenarios, and most definitely saved a few lives between Wanda and Greenhills.

This season we had a huge influx of members completing their Bronze Medallions, both new members to the club as well as associates like our Nipper parents. Many of us understand the commitment and effort it takes to complete the six-week Bronze Medallion Course, and I would like to extend my utmost appreciation to these individuals for stepping up to help on our patrols. Additional thanks to Gerard Cafe and Ken Smith who ran the majority of these courses.

With all the great achievements mentioned so far, it is a fact that we cannot do the work we do without the support of the community. A huge appreciation from the entire lifesaving team to our main sponsor, Lloyds SUPA IGA Cronulla, as well as support from Sydney Airport and the NSW Government, all of which has allowed us to purchase important equipment.

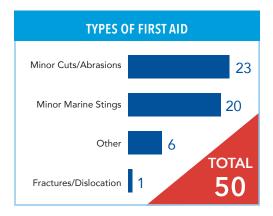
Our patrol season was unfortunately cut short due to the rapid outbreak and government response to COVID-19. Whilst we didn't have the season wrap up like we usually have, our members acted with grace and understanding as we made the difficult decision to close down the functionality of our clubhouse and assign a small number of members to our Emergency Call Out Team.

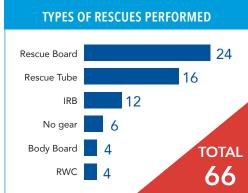
On that note, one final thing I would like to acknowledge is our emergency call out response to Potters Point, Kurnell on the 17th April 2020. News of three members of the public who had been swept off the rocks travelled quickly to our call out team, thanks to the initiative shown by our members. We were able to mobilise three IRB crews to assist the Council Lifeguards, Sydney Branch Support Ski 2, NSW Police and TOLL and Westpac Rescue Helicopters in their search, which lasted from lunchtime until dusk. I would like to highlight how, whilst we weren't officially requested at the start of the search, our proactive and professional call out team managed to be ready and offer assistance which allowed additional resources into the search and rescue. Unfortunately, while the outcome was tragic, Wanda reflects and focuses on the positives - which included an effective, timely, and selfless response by our members, which is all we can ask for in scenarios like this. They truly utilised all training that Wanda has provided over the years, and I cannot stress how important those skills were in a time such as

this one

### **PATROLS 2019/20**

PATROL	CAPTAIN	VICE CAPTAIN	IRB DRIVER	IRB CREW
1	Denny Rowlands	Emily Eaves, Chloe Rowan	Denny Rowlands	Morgan Lloyd, Taylor Richardson, Josh Tattum
2	Mikaela Sutherland	George Sarlas	John Brown, George Sarlas, Mikaela Sutherland	Ben Brown, James Hoare, Riley Porteous
3	Yvonne Holland, Brad Querzoli	Kurt Benson, Conor McGrath, Anita Pryke	Aaron Scheibel (Res.) / Vacant	Matt Pescud, Anita Pryke
4	Jon Dimitriou	Graeme Waugh	Jon Dimitriou	David Jones, Graeme Waugh
5	Michael Bonnici	Emily Caterson, Joanna Stavrou	Michael Bonnici	Ryan Bevitt, Adam New
6	Gerard Cafe	Blake Paton, Joel Paton	Gerard Cafe	Blake Paton, Joel Paton, Jack Watson
7	Ben Harris	Peter Axiotis, Clayton Beranek, Jamee Smith	Sam Axiotis, Graeme Wright	Clayton Beranek, Ben Harris, James Karagiannis
8	Natalie Buckley	Jed Buckley, Tyler Nott, Jack Porter, Kurt Stavrou	Exempt	Exempt
9	Michaela Sargeant, Elyssa Pierce	Britney Pierce	Patrick Warn	Jason Murray, Troy Stephenson
10	Jayden Wilde	Stephen Trembath, John Wilde	Stephen Trembath	Joshua Crowther, Danial Smith
11	Michael Conroy	Gary McNamara	Exempt	Exempt
12	Ken Smith	Natalie Buckley, Steve Stavrou	Adam Buckley, Mark Lloyd, Cromwell Ollivier, Brett Porteous, Ken Smith, Steve Stavrou	Karen Ross, Troy Weston





The specific members involved in the rescue are mentioned in various other sections of this Annual Report.

Whilst patrols on the beach are what are needed to fulfill our lifesaving obligations, it is our exceptional members working together that has made Wanda the best club in the Sydney Branch. I cannot wait to see how we grow from this next season. I thank each and every one of you for working with me to try and constantly improve the lifesaving section at Wanda, and I hope you continue to push forward new ideas and things YOU want to see put into action. I am nothing short of extremely proud of how we've handled season 2019/20, and I look forward to seeing everyone safe, healthy, and refreshed in season 2020/21.



**DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING** 



### **STATISTICS**

66
RESCUES COMPLETED ON PATROL

43,308
TOTAL BEACH ATTENDANCE

50 TOTAL FIRST AID

475 PREVENTIONS

5

2

**INCIDENTS REQUIRING AMBULANCE** 

LOST CHILDREN

SHARK ALARMS

0 LIVES LOST

### BEST LIFESAVERS ON PATROL 2019/20

Patrol 1 Chloe Rowan

Patrol 2 Matt Pearce

Patrol 3 Haralumboss (Harry) Stivactas

Patrol 4
Glen Watson

Patrol 5 Myfanwy (Myf) Rees

> Patrol 6 Boden Dredge

Patrol 7
Clayton Beranek and James Karagiannis

Patrol 8
Jack Porter and Chelsea Sutton

Patrol 9 Elyssa Pierce

Patrol 10 John Wilde

Patrol 11 Harry McNamara

Patrol 12 Natalie Buckley

# 2019/2020 PATROL MEMBER OF THE MONTH

During the 2019/2020 Patrol Season, Director of Lifesaving, Mikaela Sutherland selected one and sometimes two patrol members each month who deserved a bit of extra recognition for their extraordinary efforts whilst on patrol and they were rewarded with a certificate and a \$50 gift card.



### 10/19

### ROB RYBANIC & SIMON EDWARDS

Rob and Simon were awarded for their assistance with Sienna Spaul (suspected broken leg).

Incredibly efficient and proactive assistance that involved Wanda, branch representatives, the council lifeguards, and paramedics.

### 11/19

### **RILEY PORTEOUS**

Riley received his IRB Crew award and was a Facilitator and 2IC at the U13's Development Camp.

### **JOHN WILDE**

John was awarded for his consistent efforts to assist on patrols wherever he can. He has helped fill in as Patrol Captain on several occasions and has demonstrated considerable effort mentoring the new members across our teams.

### 12/19

### **HARRY STIVACTAS**

Harry received his Bronze at the start of December and contributed over 55 hours in his first month – 41 hours more than what he was rostered to do.

Harry has also contributed enormously to the club by performing several rescues, showing great leadership and initiative on patrol, getting to know many of our members, and impressing everyone with his "can-do" attitude.

### 01/20

### **CHELSEA SUTTON**

Chelsea has been an outstanding contributor on patrol. She is always willing to learn; she has taken the initiative to contribute to patrol operations – such as contacting Surfcom as the patrol representative – and her fellow members have acknowledged her work to others in the Wanda community.

Chelsea being a finalist as the Junior Lifesaver of the Year highlights this dedication even further.

### 02/20

### **DAVID JONES**

David is a committed patrolling member that always puts up his hand to help when patrols need assistance.

His success as a competitor makes him a great asset on the beach, and in addition he has stepped up to complete his IRB Crew Course, which helps out his patrol in their advanced awards significantly.

David sets a great example to his peers as an exceptional all-rounder in lifesaving.

### 03/20

### **CHLOE ROWAN**

Chloe has been a foundation member of the new and improved Patrol 1. After gaining her Silver Medallion Award last season, Chloe has stepped up into the Vice-Captain role, going above and beyond each patrol to make sure the members of the patrol are engaged and that we are "Rescue Ready" on the beach.

This season for Patrol 1 had been wild, wet and windy; not to mention cold, and with a lot of "Closed Beaches". However each shift, Chloe turns up with an infectious attitude and ready for whatever the day on patrol brings.

Congratulations and thank you to all our Patrol Members of the Month winners for the 2019/20 season.

### ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to present to you for consideration the 74th Annual Report of the Wanda Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated, and in doing so I encourage all members to take the time to read the Report, which showcases the highlights and achievements of the Club and its members for the 2019/20 season.



At the Annual General Meeting, President Mark Sargeant did not seek reelection nor did

Ben Vincent Director of Education and we welcomed Todd Lester who took over the role of Club President and also Gerard Cafe who took over the role of Director of Education. All other Officers from last season stood for re-election.

We also witnessed the new election of Officers when the Board was elected, as well as the Life Membership Committee. All other positions were appointed by the Board of Management at their first meeting.

This season has certainly been a very challenging one for the Board of Management as well as members with the bushfires in the early part of the season, followed by the Coronavirus which resulted in patrols closing

early this season and the Australian Championships also being cancelled. The Board had some very hard decisions to make with COVID-19, which saw us lock down the Club from all members until such time as we can have social gatherings again and can get our members back into training and enjoying the facilities that the Club has to offer our members.

The Club once again had a very successful PAYCE Sutherland 2 Surf event which is the biggest fundraiser for the Club. It requires all members to assist on the day to ensure that it continues to be an event that people want to participate in each season, and it is great for all members to join in from Nippers to Life Members. A big thank you to the Committee and members for your continued support.

Wanda's Tradies One Club Surf Carnival was another great success with plenty of action on the day and one of the few carnivals were Nippers and Seniors compete on the same day at the same venue. A big thank you to Life Member Greg Allum AM, who was the Carnival Organiser along with his committee who put so many hours in to ensure that it is a successful event where everyone comes along to participate and have a great day of competition.

This season also saw the introduction of the new sub committees that looked after their allocated areas and reported back through the Directors of their actions and plans for the season. Some will need to be fined tuned, but all in all the Sub Committees structure has worked well.

It is important to note that under the new sub committee format the new Finance and Compliance Committee have been looking into the future of the Club in regards to sponsorship and a finance plan for the Club. The committee were on track to set up a Futures Fund for the Club, as well as looking at all budget and finance needs for the next 5, 10 and 15 years until COVID-19 hit and have spent many hours looking at what we will look like at the other side of this. Due to members of the Committee having strong finance backgrounds they have had to make some very hard decisions for the Club and ensure that we are looking after our tenants. Special thanks must go to our Director of Finance, Anne Caterson for the many hours she has put into this role this season.

Towards the end of the season our President, Todd Lester stood down from the position due to personal reasons. I would like to thank Todd for his leadership and dedication to the position, and also record our thanks to Deputy President, Nathan Spinner



### ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

who stepped into the role until the Annual General Meeting.

I would like to record my thanks to the Members of the Board for a great season. Even though we had difficult matters to deal with at times we did it as a team and all worked together for the betterment of the Club and our members. The Executive have done an incredible job during these difficult times, meeting nearly every night to discuss the advice from the Government on the Coronavirus, to ensure that we make certain our members were safe, and that we complied with all the actions required by the Government, Surf Life Saving Australia, Surf life Saving New South Wales and Surf Life Saving Sydney. It was a task that was actioned in a very professional manner.

To our wonderful office staff Sharon Collier and Annabelle Thomas, a big thank you for your professionalism and dedication to the Officers and members of the Club. We have embarked on many new projects and changes this season and you have worked really hard, especially during these times, and I know that you will continue to embark on the many great projects we have planned when we are open again for business.

Finally, to all our members thank you for your understanding during these very difficult times we have faced over the last six months. Once we get to open the doors again I know we will come back bigger and better as a Club.

John C. De Cean, OAM DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

### FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This season as always has been a very busy one, and unfortunately ended with COVID-19, bringing with it a lot of changes which will have a significant impact on the future financial position of our Club.



In this financial year we had changes in our sponsorship management with Gay Curtis retiring

in July after many years looking after our sponsorships, and I would like to thank Gay for her hard work and dedication to our Club. In August we engaged The Collective Co to work with current sponsors and also source new sponsorships, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Kristy Paltridge and Julia Singleton for their work during the season, they certainly "hit the ground running" with new proposals and ideas.

We have maintained all our sponsors, listed on pages 6-7, and were fortunate to have new ones come on board for both the Club and Sutherland 2 Surf. As a Club we always encourage our members to support our sponsors and I would ask that we continue to do this in these difficult times wherever you can, it is an opportunity to give back to those that have supported us.

During the last twelve months we have continued to maintain our Clubhouse with ongoing maintenance and repairs, a small renovation in the office, as well as installing the Fob security system for member access. I will take this opportunity to thank the JAG for their contribution to the office renovation and the security system. The work for the upgrade of the male changerooms was completed during this financial year, made possible by the NSW Government Grant we received.

The Board is very conscious of the harsh environment that our building is exposed to, and to the continued repairs and maintenance required to keep our Clubhouse in good condition. Col Jones, our Director of Facilities has compiled an extensive Program for Maintenance Work and is working towards prioritising these works.

We were investigating and compiling budgets to redesign the downstairs area and possible additional works to the south of the Clubhouse, however these have been put on hold.

The Board continues to work within the Club's Budget, and I thank all the Directors for their assistance in this area. I would like to make special mention of the members of the Finance and Compliance Committee who have worked throughout the season to plan for the future of the Club, and in particular, have worked tirelessly during March and April to support me with our finances and advice due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Our Tenants were paying rent in line with their current leases up to the end of March 2020, however we now have Agreements in place that are in line with the Federal and State Government's Commercial Tenancy Code for COVID-19. We will continue to review and work with our valued Tenants during these difficult times.

The Sutherland 2 Surf is still our major fundraiser. 2019 was another successful year with a small increase in numbers, and I would like to thank PAYCE for their sponsorship over the last five years. At the 2019 Annual General Meeting we announced that Tradies were the new major sponsor for the Sutherland 2 Surf, and we are

looking forward to working with Tradies in this partnership over the next 3 years.

At this stage entries have not opened for the 2020 event, we are seeking clarification on the situation with outdoor events and will make decisions in line with the health and safety guidelines of the Government and authorities. It will be devastating for the Club if we are unable to hold the Sutherland 2 Surf this year without the required numbers to make it a viable event. It will not only be a financial loss to us but a great loss to the community. The Sutherland 2 Surf brings our whole club together to work as one, as well as community groups, families and friends across the Shire and the greater Sydney Area to run and walk the 11kms from Sutherland to Wanda - it is viewed as one of the iconic events of the Shire.

As we move into the new financial year, I believe we are in a good position to work through the next 12 months. The Club's sinking fund is in a strong position and that is due to the hard work of the Board of Directors over the past few years. As a Club we will need to look at alternative streams of revenue raising, such as fundraising events. The successful running of these events will require the support of all members, and the Board and Finance Committee looks forward to working with everyone to achieve our fundraising goals.

I would like to thank our Administration staff, Sharon Collier and Annabelle Thomas who do an amazing job running our office and are consistently assisting me with the Club's financial administration.

I would also like to thank Brian Mayoh, Mark Sargeant, Ray Jokhan, John De Cean OAM, Gary Bradshaw, Sean O'Donoghue, Todd Lester and Nathan Spinner, these are the members of the Finance and Compliance Committee who have worked with me during the year to secure the future of our Club.

As always, I would like to thank my family - Dale, James and Emily for their continued support at home and at work which allows me the time to volunteer at Wanda.

### Anne Caterson

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE** 







### EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This was my first season as Director of Education, so I set about establishing a training schedule that emphasised the basic Patrolling Awards.



Karen Ross and David Philpott did their usual job of training the SRC's. We were then fortunate

enough to have Brett Richardson join us as a Bronze Medallion Trainer, so he took the first Bronze group, then Ken Smith and myself covered what was probably the biggest Bronze group in the club's history with 45 members. I believe this was the result of good promotion from the Nipper Section and good organisation. In addition, we captured about 7 'walk-ins' in the group, i.e. people who just want to join up to go on patrols. This is rare at Wanda, and these walk-ins proved to be a fabulous addition to the ranks of our patrolling members with fresh enthusiasm and an eagerness to learn. Some of them have done three awards in the season; the Bronze Medallion, ART course, IRB Crew Certificate and have begun training as IRB Drivers. I hope they enjoy their time at the club and continue to bring this new spirit into the ranks of our patrols.



Matt Waugh became Deputy Director of Education this season and did a great job of looking after the Bronze Medallion proficiencies.

There were two IRB Crew courses and two ART courses which were well attended, with numbers as good or better than last season. Finally, there were two IRB Driver's courses with the second one still in progress.

While I concentrated on the basic awards, both Michael Bonnici and Mikaela Sutherland made a considerable contribution by organising and promoting some of the higher awards such as SMBM, Training Officer's Certificate and SMAR. I thank them both for their efforts, and particularly Michael who also took his first group as an ART Trainer.

Next in line for a mention are the members who completed their Training Officer's Certificate - Mikaela Sutherland, Mick Conroy and Denny Rowlands all completed this course. Denny then covered his two courses as a Probationary Trainer and is now an ART Trainer.

Another mention goes to John Wilde, who has become an IRB Trainer this season, bringing the number of IRB Trainers at the club to three.

In all of this, Annabelle in the Wanda Office was superb in looking after the enquiries and collating the names of candidates for each course. A huge thank you goes to her with her good organisational skills and thorough attention to detail.

It has been great to work with the Trainers and staff who have helped establish the standards and values represented within the club.

The role of Director of Education can be quite rewarding, to see people at the club being offered a well structured program of education, who then in turn rise to the challenge of taking on responsibilities and using their new-found skills to maintain the role of service we play in the community.

### Gerard Cafe

**DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION** 

















### WANDA SLSC EDUCATION AWARDS

### 26 SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATES (SRC)

Liam Athanassiou Ava Cahill Lily Cameron Tahli Christensen Isabella Cox Alita Crosslev Sam Green Connor Fitzgerald Tara Gentle Talia Goffet Bronte Goodman Max Harrington India Hulbert Violet Keelan Marianna Kotsis Mitchell Langley Dane Mitchell Anton Park Buster Picken Milly Pollock Alexander Romanos-Regas Ramon Saba Joel Steiner

### **61 BRONZE MEDALLION**

Greg Alderson
Evan Athanassiou
Lachlan Black
Ben Cameron
Henri Carrera
Sophie Castro
Marty Cole
Jose Cuenca
David Dixon
Dane Djapouras
Peter Duncan

Chelsea Sutton

Finn Tapfield

Jade Tattam

Thomas Foote Thomas Gentle Sohan Geronimo Amy Grice Casey Hadfield Henry Harding Joe Isaacs Zoe Jay Chris Jessop Alicia Keir Leeroy Kelly Georgia Kenning Sienna Kolesnyk Isabella Kotis Aaron Lake Mollie Lombo Cassidy Maloney Darryl Melvin Kaitlyn Middleton Brooke Mulley Nardine New Charles Nowacki Harrison Pal Tony Pal Jarrod Parmenter Kristy Parmeter Amelia Parry Riley Porteous Rebecca Potauaine Jeff Potauaine

Timothy Reece

Hennessy Simon

Tahlia Roja

Karl Seidel

Adam Smith

Gabriel Soca

**Garth Teasel** 

Hayley Spence

Michael Srougi

Haralumboss "Harry" Stivactas

Oliva Soca

Teagan Thatcher Rob Thompson David Towle Landen Walker Luke Wardle Glen Watson Nicole Watson Troy Weston Therese Yim Lo

### 10 SILVER MEDALLION BEACH MANAGEMENT (SMBM)

Isabella Conroy Michael Conroy Holly de Young Gary McNamara Tyler Nott Matthew Pearce Taylor Richardson Kurt Stavrou Marnie Vimpany Kiera Warn

### 23 IRB CREW CERTIFICATE

Ryan Bevitt
Lachlan Black
Jed Buckley
Lara Djapouras
Thomas Foote
Thomas Gentle
Sohan Geronimo
Graham Hill
Aaron Lake
Morgan Lloyd
Harry McNamara
Darryl Melvin
Adam New
Charles Nowacki
Rob Paipa

Riley Porteous
Timothy Reece
Adam Smith
Troy Stephenson
Haralumboss "Harry" Stivactas
Joshua Tattam
Jack Watson
Troy Weston

### 2 SILVER MEDALLION IRB DRIVER

Blake Paton Joel Paton

Jed Buckley

# 18 ADVANCED RESUSCITATION TECHNIQUES (AID)

Nathan Jay Pippa Jokhan Ray Jokhan Mark Llovd Morgan Lloyd Danielle McMahon Jason Murray Adam New Matt Pearce **Brett Porteous Riley Porteous** Timothy Reece Myf Rees Steve Stavrou Trov Stephenson Haralumboss "Harry" Stivactas Troy Weston

### 1 RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATE (AID)

Kate Mountain

### 3 SILVER MEDALLION AQUATIC RESCUE (SMAR)

Ryan Bevitt Cromwell Ollivier Denny Rowlands

### **1 SPINAL MANAGEMENT**

James Hoare

### 1 TRAINING OFFICER ARTC (AID)

Denny Rowlands

### 1 TRAINING OFFICER IRB

John Wilde

### 17 SSV OPERATOR INDUCTION

Kane Baratta Jed Buckley Carolyn Cavanough Damien Cavanough Stephen Coles Riley Dixon Mark Dunham Kaimana Fittock Santie Goffet Jason Murray Amelia Parry Jack Porter Karen Ross Troy Stephenson Haralumboss "Harry" Stivactas **Garth Teasel** Jack Watson

### 1 UAV (DRONE OPERATOR)

Ian Manley

# SURF SPORTS DIRECTOR & HEAD COACH'S REPORT



2019/2020 was an interesting Season to say the least and as usual there were many highs and unfortunately a few lows.

### **SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS WERE:**

- The growth of our Boat Section to 11 crews, including 3 female crews.
   Well done Chapo.
- Britney Pierce being the 1st Wanda member to qualify for the Nutri-Grain Series since Stacey Gartrell.
- The large number of Wanda Competitors that were selected for representative teams. (These are listed below).
- Another hugely successful Wanda's Tradies One Club Carnival.
- A 2nd place finish at the State Championships with a club record of 387 points.

We also had the disappointments of the George Bass Marathon being cancelled due to the bush fires, and numerous carnivals, including Branch, the Interclub and Aussies being cancelled due to the Coronavirus. After such a fantastic State Championship I know we were ready for a big assault on the Aussies but we will now have to save this up for next year.

Whilst I will not go through all of the individual results we achieved throughout the year, as these are listed throughout the Annual Report, I would like to highlight the following:

- The performances of Carla Papac -8th Open Women, and Nathan Jay
   2nd U19 Men, at the Coolangatta Gold.
- The Open Men defending their State Beach Relay title. I believe that's three in a row.
- The Wanda Weapons U23 Boat Crew's fantastic results in the Ocean Thunder Series.

- The overall performance of our 2km team collecting 84 points at the State Championships.
- Winning the Open 6 Person R&R at the State Championships.
- Our March Past team winning Bronze in the Handicap Division at the State Championships.
- The improvement in our Belt Teams (thanks to Luke Turner) highlighted by wins at State by Riley Dixon and Ella McLachlan
- Noah Steiner winning 5 Gold medals at the State Championships.

Congratulations to the following members who obtained representative honours throughout the Season:

- NSW Team Britney Pierce and Jamee Smith.
- NSW Super Series Team Clayton Beranek, Carla Papac, Taylar Puskaric and Elyssa Pierce.
- NSW Pathways Team India Hulbert and Fletcher Warn.
- Sydney Branch Team Elyssa Pierce (Captain), Dane Sutton, Ziggy Lester, Keira Vincent, India Hulbert, Fletcher Warn, Charli Cash, Zara Lammers, Sam Hulbert, Tahlia Roja, Riley Dixon, Nick Middleton, Noah Steiner, Taylar Puskaric, Rachel Sothern and Nathan Jay.
- Our Wanda Weapons Boat Crew were also selected to represent Sydney Branch but unfortunately had to withdraw due to injury.

On behalf of our competitors I would like to thank all the coaches who have helped us this season.

### Beach

Jock Campbell, Wayne Owen, Zane Campbell and Larry Leabeater.

### **Boats**

Les Townsend, Nathan Spinner, Dave Chapman, Brendan MacAlpine and Rod Holdsworth.

### March Past

Tony Holland and Brian Cowan.

### Pool Lifesaving

Blake McCrindle.

### R&R

Gordon McKirdy and John Douglas.

### Water

Nathan Smith, Charlie Brown, Mark Lake, Luke Turner, Michael Georgaris, Hayden Allum and Nathan Steiner.

We are extremely lucky to have this group of people assisting and improving our competitors.

Thanks to Tracey Green and Ian Wallace for managing our team.
Thanks also to Don Hammond, Justin Baratta, Trevor Walker, Larry Leabeater, Mark Smith, Jason Lammers, Rachel Eaves, Sue Jay, Sue Roja, Cherie Carrera, Mark Sargeant, Nat Buckley, Carol Woods, Julie-Anne Warn and Bel Falzon, who assisted in managing our competitors through the season. We also had a lot of people towing trailers and repairing boats, boards and skis which is greatly appreciated as is all the work done by Sharon and Annabelle in the office.

This year we set up a Carnival Entries Committee and Tracey Green along with Amber Hulbert, Cherie Carrera and Tracey Christensen did a great job.

I would also especially like to thank Mark Lake and Todd McLachlan for all the work they did around the Club. A huge thank you to those groups





of people without whom our athletes would not be able to compete. These include our officials, IRB Crews and all those patrolling members who keep our beach safe on those days when the carnivals are on.

Our annual Wanda Carnival continues to grow and this year we again had over 900 competitors. The success of this day is largely due to Greg Allum, AM and his organising team. We also hosted the final round of the Summer Of Surf Series. Thanks to everyone who assisted putting on these events, both of which were a great success.

To our sponsors Tradies, Ace Gutters & Durakote Roofing, Nine News, Ngaora, Southside Animal Hospital, Audi Sutherland, Gerard Malouf & Partners - Solicitors & Barristers, CJ Doyle Contracting Services, Craig Simon Plumbing, MSS Group, Feast Caterers, The Tool Store, The Backstory Chiropractic, Ken Davidson, Hales Redden Chartered Accountants, Lloyds SUPA IGA Cronulla, Jock Athletic and TCF International, we are extremely grateful for your continued support. We could not have had the structure, facilities and success that we have had this year without you.

Finally, thanks to the Surf Sports Committee, Todd Lester and the Board of Directors for all the support you have given the Competition Section. It is fantastic to have the whole club united and working together to achieve the best for Wanda.

### **Greg Pierce**

DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORTS AND HEAD COACH











### **FACILITIES DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

After a long break from the Board I was offered the position of Director of Facilities. Things have come a long way for what I see was once the Maintenance Officer position. This reflects the increase in size of the clubhouse, its usage and subsequent extensive and costly upkeep.



I have acquired a good understanding

of the maintenance issues long and short term. Subsequently I have developed a spreadsheet to help with tracking and prioritising maintenance works.

To assist the club in budgeting I have been developing a Maintenance Program which will also assist in minimising future maintenance. This would include items such as roof replacement, painting and structural steel treatment.

Thanks to the Member for Cronulla, Mark Speakman and the New South Wales Government for the Facility Grant to renovate the club's male toilets and change rooms this year. Thanks also to Todd Lester and Mark Lake for the new office fit out also completed this year.

Thanks especially to Michael Conroy for his continual maintenance work around the club and also to our Caretaker Steve Winner and his family Jaime and Reef.

Initial plans for 'Stage 3 - Building Works' for renovations of the downstairs area and extension of the southern end of the clubhouse have been prepared. With the increase in patronage these works will need to be considered sooner rather than later.

I would like to thank the support from the Board and Sutherland Shire Council for funding maintenance of the clubhouse.

Colin Jones (Col) **DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES** 

### MEMBER SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Well this has certainly been an unprecedented season for the club. For the first time in history, due to the world pandemic, we have shut the club for an extended period of time. I am confident as a club we will come through this together.



Although it has been an unexpected and tumultuous year, we still have a lot to be proud of from this

season. As a club during the year we have shown how we can pull together to achieve great things.

Wanda's Tradies One Club Surf Carnival is a prime example of all sections coming together to help. From the organising committee, nipper parents, ladies auxiliary, office staff, all competition sections, lifesaving section, directors and associate members. We even had Solly and his crew supervising the car park. The feedback from competitors, officials and other clubs was extremely positive and something we should be really proud of.

Our lifesaving and education section has gone from strength to strength with so many members upskilling, which should be credited to those sections and our trainers. Putting 61 members through their Bronze Medallion is an awesome achievement.

Very recently our emergency call-out team was called in for a search and rescue. Within a very short period of time we were able to have 3 IRB teams in the water and a base team to help co-ordinate. We assisted SLS, Police and Council Lifeguards during the search. To be able to pull together a team of members, all who held multiple awards each, was nothing

short of remarkable. Although the outcome was a terrible tragedy it was amazing to watch the skills and how the team worked so well together.

We have had a substantial jump in memberships which reflects the impact/impression we are having in the wider community.

I am sure once this terrible time of COVID-19 has passed we will all come together as a club, as we have shown we are very good at doing, and we will head back to our club and beach and appreciate more than ever our amazing Wanda family.

### Natalie Buckley (Nat)

**DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES** 













### YOUTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Our youth are the lifeblood of Wanda SLSC and the most important element for the future success of the Club.



This has been recognised by the Club in the recently updated Constitution and Regulations, with the inclusion

of specific regulations directed at youth activities and the retention of youth members in our volunteer organisation.

Being a new portfolio, the past season has been spent planning and contemplating how we move forward with these requirements and the way in which any new activities will fit in with the other sections of the Club already up and running, such as Lifesaving, Education, Surf Sports and JAG.

Our next season will see the formation of a Youth Committee, which will concentrate on the needs of our youth members. The Committee will predominantly consist of young members and will focus on youth activities and give a constructive voice to the youth at Wanda SLSC.

We will start planning for events, functions and even camps specifically designed to bring our older Nippers, youth and family members together to enjoy some fun times, build great memories and get lifesaving into the blood. We will arrange seminars to discuss Surf Life Saving education, growth and opportunity pathways. We also plan to present alternate activities to those youth members who presently are not engaged in the current offerings so that we can cater for their needs and preferences and have them involved in the fun, participation and learning.

The hope is to make Wanda SLSC a place where our youth members feel excited and proud to be surf lifesavers, feel safe, feel valued, feel welcomed and where our youth can grow into the outstanding community members that will lead our club in the future.

There are some great mentors and thinkers among our ranks, so please feel free to be part of this new initiative. If you have any suggestions or ideas, just let me know by email directoryouth@wandaslsc.com.au or at the Wanda Office clubhouse@wandaslsc.com.au.

Finally, as a new member of the Board, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their guidance and professionalism this year. Although a slow start to my role this season for various reasons, I look forward to working with our youth members in the upcoming season.

Gary McNamara
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH













### **AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

### MAJOR AWARD WINNERS 2019/2020

### **Most Consistent Member**

'C. V. Forshaw Trophy'

### **NATALIE BUCKLEY**

Trophy Donor
The Forshaw Family

### Open Lifesaver of the Year

### **HARRY STIVACTAS**

'R J Mickelson Memorial Trophy'

### Junior Lifesaver of the Year

### **BEN SUTTON**

Trophy Donor
Anita & Mitchell Pryke

### **Most Outstanding IRB Operator**

### **MARK LAKE**

Trophy Donor
Michael De Luca

### **Most Outstanding Instructor**

### **GERARD CAFE**

'Peter Brady Memorial Trophy'

### **Open Ski Champion**

### **NOAH STEINER**

'Scott Bickley Memorial Trophy'

Trophy Donor
Ron & Joy Bickley

### Swimmer of the Year

### **RILEY DIXON**

Trophy Donor Michael Kay

### **Open Board Champion**

### **EMILY EAVES**

*Trophy Donor*The Sargeant Family

### **Beach Captain's Award**

### **JESSIE PHELPS**

'Marc Leabeater Memorial Trophy'

Trophy Donor
The Leabeater Family

### **Boat Captain's Award**

### **TOM COLQUHOUN**

Trophy Donor
Trevor Elliott

### **Most Improved Junior Boat Rower**

### **HARRY McNAMARA**

Trophy Donor Mick Brannock

### **Boat Crew of the Year**

### UNDER 23 WOMEN'S CREW -

WANDA RED

**AMY GRICE** 

**SORRELL HANDFORTH** 

**STEPHANIE KENTWELL** 

**MOLLIE LOMBO** 

### **BRENDAN MacALPINE (Sweep)**

Trophy Donor
Gary & Margaret Bradshaw

### **R&R Competitor of the Year**

### **GRANT SANDSTROM**

'Natalie Windeyer and Ross Hunter Memorial Trophy'

Trophy Donor

The Hunter & Windeyer Family

### Most Consistent and Improved R&R Team

### **OPEN FEMALE 5 PERSON**

**JOANNA AXIOTIS** 

**EMILY CATERSON** 

**JAYDEN MORGAN** 

**CHLOE ROWAN** 

### **JOANNA STAVROU**

'Ron Sandstrom OAM Memorial Trophy'

Trophy Donor

Wendy Sandstrom

### **Under 15 Most Improved Male**

### **BEN SUTTON**

'Jamie Walker Memorial Trophy'

Trophy Donor

Beverly Walker

### **Under 15 Most Improved Females**

### **VIOLET KEELAN**

### **KAITLYN MIDDLETON**

'Jamie Walker Memorial Trophy'

Trophy Donor

**Beverly Walker** 

### **Under 15 Most Consistent Male**

### SAM HULBERT

Trophy Donor

Ernest 'Solly' Stephens, OAM

### **Under 15 Most Consistent Female**

### **ZARA LAMMERS**

Trophy Donor

Ernest 'Solly' Stephens, OAM

### **Under 17 Most Improved Male**

### **ZAK KEELAN**

'Bill Maker Memorial Trophy'

Trophy Donor
Brad Maker

### **Under 17 Most Improved Female**

### **ELLA McLACHLAN**

'Bill Maker Memorial Trophy'

Trophy Donor

Brad Maker

### **Under 17 Most Consistent Male**

### **NOAH STEINER**

'Don Hudson Memorial Trophy'

Trophy Donor

Lorraine Hudson

### **Under 17 Most Consistent Female**

### **JESSIE PHELPS**

'Don Hudson Memorial Trophy'

Trophy Donor

Lorraine Hudson

### **Under 19 Most Improved Male**

### AARON LAKE

Trophy Donor
William Prestage

### **Under 19 Most Improved Female**

### **HAYLEY SPENCE**

Trophy Donor

William Prestage

### **Under 19 Most Consistent Male**

### **NATHAN JAY**

Trophy Donor

Greg Allum, AM and Family

### **Under 19 Most Consistent Female**

### **CHLOE GENTLE**

Trophy Donor

Greg Allum, AM and Family



# AWARDS 30.05.20 EXCELLENCE













SLS SYDNEY BRANCH AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2019/2020

# CONGRATULATIONS WANDA - WINNERS OF 7 AWARDS

### **PATROL TEAM OF THE YEAR**

'Patrol 10'

Liam Athanassiou

**Justin Baratta** 

Karen Byron

**Josh Crowther** 

**David Dixon** 

Stephen Doran

**Max Harrington** 

Lee Kelly

**Dane Mitchell** 

**Anton Park** 

**Buster Picken** 

Alexander Romanos-Regas

**Ramon Saba** 

**Danial Smith** 

**Stephen Trembath** 

John Wilde (Patrol Captain)

### SUPPORT OPERATIONS MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Michael Bonnici

### **SURF SPORTS TONY HUGHES OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR**

Jeff "Charlie" Brown

### **COACH OF THE YEAR**

**Nathan Smith** 

### **YOUTH ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

**Noah Steiner** 

### **JD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR (13-14 YRS) FEMALE**

**Keira Vincent** 

### **MOST AWARDS PER OPERATIONAL AREA**

Wanda (Cronulla/Sutherland)





# CONGRATULATIONS

### TO ALL OUR CLUB'S NOMINEES, FINALISTS AND WINNERS

Your achievements have been outstanding and we thank you for your contribution and commitment to surf lifesaving.

### OTHER NOMINATIONS

### **WANDA SLSC JAG NOMINEES**

### JD TEAM OF THE YEAR

'U12 Boys Board Relay Team' Joe Doran Ziggy Lester Dane Sutton

### JD AGE MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Michael Georgaris

### JD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR (9-10 YRS) FEMALE

Zara Zammit-Mayer

### JD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR (9-10 YRS) MALE

Max Bowmer

### JD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR (11-12 YRS) FEMALE

Charlotte Bowmer

### JD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR (11-12 YRS) MALE

Dane Sutton

### JD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR (13-14 YRS) MALE

Fletcher Warn

### **WANDA SLSC NOMINEES**

### **SURF LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR**

Mikaela Sutherland

### YOUTH SURF LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR

Lachlan Black

### **U15 SURF LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR**

Benjamin Sutton

### PATROL CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

Natalie Buckley

### **SERVICES TEAM OF THE YEAR**

'IRB Team'

Sam Axiotis

Michael Bonnici

Adam Buckley

Gerard Cafe

Mick Conroy

Josh Crowther

Mark Lake

Todd Lester

Mark Lloyd

Jason Murray

Cromwell Ollivier

**Brett Porteous** 

**Denny Rowlands** 

Steve Stavrou

Harry Stivactas

Mikaela Sutherland

Stephen Trembath

Patrick Warn

John Wilde

Graeme Wright

### **RWC MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

Denny Rowlands

### ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

**Britney Pierce** 

### **U15 ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

Zara Lammers

### SURF SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR

'U17 Taplin and Board Relay Team' Riley Dixon

Nicholas Middleton

Noah Steiner

### **MASTERS ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

Greer Calabro

### ASSESSOR OF THE YEAR

Gerard Cafe

### TRAINER OF THE YEAR

Gerard Cafe

### **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Natalie Buckley

### YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Benjamin Sutton

### COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

OF THE YEAR

Wanda Beach Safety Community Talks

### **ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**

John C. De Cean, OAM

# THE REPORT OF THE PARTY OF THE

The 2019/20 season didn't end the way we'd planned but Wanda's volunteer surf lifesavers still had an incredible season.

From training new recruits, performing countless rescues, racking up thousands of hours on patrol, earning medals at surf sports events and everything in between, Wanda's surf lifesavers celebrated some outstanding achievements, here's a few surf rescues that deserve some recognition and a friendly reminder to consider upskilling in any way possible when training resumes next season.

See our surf rescue stats in the snapshot on page 38-39.

### SURF RESCUE DATE: 17 APRIL 2020

Wanda's Emergency Call Out Team was activated on Friday 17 April to assist with a search for two rock fishermen who were unfortunately swept off the rocks at Kurnell. A huge effort, with all parties working seamlessly together to conduct grid searches in the water and relay information to the police.

Surf Lifesavers at Wanda and Sydney branch were tasked to do the following roles:

- IRB Crew
- IRB Driver
- UAV (Drone) Operator
- RWC (Jetski) Operator
- Duty Officers
- "Wanda Base" a number of our members arrived to help stay on the radio comms at the clubhouse, organising transport in the ATV, pack down, and water supplies (which we gave to the lifeguards and police too - they were VERY grateful!). They were also able to contact some of the IRB members' families, as we were out on the water for a number of hours.

Wanda's assistance was very much appreciated, and SLS Sydney, SLSNSW and the Council Lifeguards mentioned how proud they were of the Wanda team, and how important the role was that every single person played.

These types of events are where our training helps us to save lives. Every Wanda member there, even though it was a sad situation, left feeling proud that they did absolutely all they could to help.

These members covered everything from initiating the call out, going out to help at Kurnell, and also staying at Wanda HQ to help with set up, pack up, and additional resources:

- Michael Bonnici
- John Wilde
- Denny Rowlands
- Cromwell Ollivier
- Mikaela Sutherland
- Steve Trembath
- Steve Stavrou
- Graeme Wright
- Harry Stivactas
- Natalie Buckley
- Ben Sutton
- Annabelle Thomas
- Mick Conroy







### SURF RESCUE DATE(S): 18 AND 19 JANUARY 2020

Thanks to everyone who patrolled over the weekend of 18 and 19 January. It was a busy weekend with a mass rescue of 5 people in the morning and a near resus at the Summer of Surf.

# SURF RESCUES AND RECOGNITION







### SURF RESCUE DATE: 4 JANUARY 2020

Ryan Bevitt, a new member of Wanda SLSC, in just his second season was doing busy doing some IRB training when he sighted a 20-30 year old female who was submerged under the water in a rip north of the flags.

Promptly, Ryan drove the IRB quickly, navigated the break and positioned the boat perfectly for the crew (Michael Bonnici) to pull the girl from just under the surface of the water into the IRB. After pulling the individual into the boat, Ryan quickly turned the boat around and returned to shore where the Patrol met us to take care of the patient. The patient was placed into the recovery position from which her airways and breathing were checked by the Patrol.

Shortly after, a young Patrol member pointed towards the same rip whereby another person was struggling and appeared to be drowning. Ryan and Michael quickly turned the IRB around, launched, and navigated the break to then rescue the second patient (which turned out to be the lady's partner) who had fallen off the bank on the northern side. The patient was returned to shore.

Ryan should be commended for the reactive and prompt skills to navigate the break, position the IRB perfectly for the crewman and to help assist the crewman in retrieving the patients into the boat. All his training had come into play in such a short moment and he did not panic. For an IRB driver in training with such little experience it was great to see him step up to the task.

Both patients were tourists to Australia and had little swimming ability. The female was bobbing her head up and down in the water and panicking significantly. The male was rescued before his condition deteriorated. The rescue of the female definitely prevented a drowning and they both left the scene in a stable and conscious condition.

### **SURF RESCUE DATE:** 4 SEPTEMBER 2020

Joel Steiner, aged 13, he was progressing through the SRC Course and has come up through Nippers with Wanda SLSC.

Whilst warming up for board practice at Wanda Beach with several other younger surf club members, Joel saw a man struggling in water and panicking significantly. The person had lost his hired surfboard. He was in a hole and struggling to keep his head above water. He was calling for assistance and was in a distressed state.

The surf conditions were choppy and windy and the weather was overcast with 2-3 foot waves. The surf was medium with a strong current pulling the swimmer out and north in deep water.

Joel observed this and the board presented the quickest method of getting to the patient and immediately paddled out and over to the struggling person. He then pulled him onto his fibreglass Malibu club board, calmed him down, positioned him, then proceeded to paddle and surf a wave to the beach with the rescued person.

When Joel picked him up, he was upset, had little to no energy and had swallowed a lot of water. He potentially could have drowned. Joel calmed him down and advised him not to re-enter the water.

Well done Joel, those skills learned in nippers popping over waves, punching waves and catching a wave saved the day.



# IN RECOGNITION



### THE QUEENS BIRTHDAY 2020 HONOURS LIST

Congratulations to Greg Allum AM who was honoured for the second time in the Order of Australia awards.

In 2006, Greg received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to surf life saving.

In this year's Queen's Birthday Honours, Greg was appointed a member of the Order of Australia (AM) for "significant service to surf lifesaving, to international federations, and to the community".



### 2019 OCEAN RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Wanda's Georgia Sinclair who represented Australia in the 2019 Ocean Racing World Championships held in Saint-Pierre De Quiberon, Brittany in the north west of France in September 2019. The surf lifesaver ski paddler qualified through to the Australian Ocean Racing Series which is a national ocean racing series attracting competitors across a number of disciplines including ocean skis, surf skis, stand up paddleboards, prone paddleboards and outrigger canoes.



### NATIONAL LEADERS MASTER CLASS

Wanda's Deputy President Nathan Spinner and Wanda parent Professor Ngaire Brown represented Wanda at the National Leader's Masterclass held in Adelaide in September. The National Leaders Master Class offers an exciting opportunity to further develop leadership skills to contribute to the ongoing success of surf lifesaving. Professor Ngiare Brown was the first recipient of SLSA's Multicultural and Indigenous Scholarship.





### **SERVICE AWARDS**

Congratulations to Greg Allum AM on his 50 years of service to Wanda and also to Katie Spinner for her 25 years of service with Wanda. Solly was presented with Greg's badge in his absence and Grace Spinner was presented with her mum's badge in her absence. Congratulations Greg and Katie and thank you for your continued support and contribution to Wanda and lifesaving in general.



## SLS NSW AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE FINALISTS

Wanda were finalists in 4 categories at the SLS NSW Awards of Excellence held on Saturday 31st August:

#### CLUB OF THE YEAR

Patrol Captain of the Year – Jayden Wilde Athlete of the Year – Ali Najem Surf Sports Team of the Year - Open Men's Board Rescue Team, Hayden Allum and Nathan Smith



#### 2019/20 NUTRI-GRAIN IRON SERIES

Congratulations to Britney Pierce for representing Wanda in the Nutri-Grain Ironperson Series. Britney was Wanda's first representative since Olympic Swimmer Stacey Gartrell in the 90s, a wonderful achievement.

Britney does a great job not only as an athlete but as an ambassador for the club and is a great example for all of our patrol members too.

Congratulations also to Wanda's Clayton Beranek, Taylar Puskaric, Carla Papac and Elyssa Pierce who competed for NSW Sydney City Sharks in the Super Surf Teams, a curtainraiser at the Nutri-Grain Series.



#### 2019 JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

Congratulations to Wanda's Dane Sutton who was one of 44 talented junior athletes selected to attend the 2019 NSW Junior Development Academy program in October. The three-day camp provided athletes with exposure to the state's most experienced coaches, develop skills and come together and form new friendships.



#### 2020 INTERSTATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Wanda members Jamee Smith, Britney Pierce, India Hulbert and Fletcher Warn and team manager Greg Pierce for selection to Team NSW at the 2020 Interstate Championships. NSW took out the overall pointscore.

#### IN RECOGNITION (CONTINUED)



#### NATIONAL OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well done to the Wanda competitors who raced in the National Open Water Championships in Adelaide on Australia Day.

Nick Middleton - Gold, 18 years 5km

Hayley Rowlands - Silver, 16/17 yrs 5km

Kaitlyn Middleton - 4th, 16 years 5km

Fletcher Warn - 5th and Kiera Warn - 8th in their age group 5km races.



#### 2020 TOM HARVEY AWARD

Congratulations to Wanda's Club Captain Michael Bonnici who was presented with the Tom Harvey Award for Citizenship at Parliament House by NSW Governor Margaret Beazley from the Australia Youth Trust for his volunteer work including as a Sydney surf lifesaver.



#### COOK COMMUNITY AWARD

Congratulations to Jon Dimitriou, for receiving a Cook Community Award from the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Scott Morrison, at the Cook Community Awards held at Wanda SLSC. Jon is into his 20th year of '100%' patrols at Wanda SLSC, a wonderful achievement. Jon is Patrol Captain on Patrol 4 and even had to head off to patrol after the awards ceremony.



#### U11's DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Congratulations to Wanda's 2018/2019 Junior Lifesaver of the Year Riley Porteous on a great presentation (with Sophie Burns, Elouera) to the U11's at the SLS Sydney Development Camp.



#### YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM

Well done to Ben Sutton (participant), Mikaela Sutherland and Michael Bonnici (facilitators) for representing Wanda SLSC at the Surf Life Saving Sydney Young Leaders Program, an initiative aimed at developing the leadership skills of members aged 15-17 through a serious of personal development workshops and engages members with pathways for further leadership opportunities.





#### JUNIOR LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Wanda Nippers Club Captains - Fletcher Warn and Chelsea Sutton - who were finalists in the 2020 Sydney Branch Junior Lifesaver of the Year Award. They both submitted fantastic applications and represented Wanda proudly in this award. They both were able to further develop their leadership and communication skills as well as display a great knowledge of life saving.



#### WANDA RED FINS

Under their leadership of Denny Rowlands, our Red Fins Inclusive program was expanded this year - allowing more children to access this valuable program. This season some of the children progressed to interclub competition. Cooper and Dalton Rowlands both competing at the Inclusive State Championships, both winning medals in various events. Wanda is very proud of these children who face various challenges and are loving their time at the beach.



## 2020 SUTHERLAND SHIRE AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Congratulations to our Sutherland 2 Surf Committee who were finalists in the the Community Group of the Year for the 2020 Sutherland Shire Australia Day Awards.



#### 2020 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP COLLEGE

Congratulations to our Director of Lifesaving, Mikaela Sutherland who represented Wanda SLSC at the Surf Life Saving Australia National Leadership College. Mikaela joined a group of elite leaders in our organisation who will lead us into the future. The NLC provides an exciting opportunity for members within the movement to further develop their leadership skills and continue to positively contribute to the success of SLS. This is an extremely rare opportunity for members and is highly selective.



# SNAPSHOT

**WANDA SLSC COMPETES IN** 

**2KM BEACH** 

**BEACH SPRINTS** 

**BOARD** 

**FLAGS** 

**INCLUSIVE PROGRAMS** 

**IRONPERSON** 

LIFESAVING EVENTS

**MARCH PAST** 

**POOL RESCUE** 

R&R

SKI

**SURFBOARD RIDING** 

**SURF BOAT ROWING** 

**SWIM** 

1946

Wanda SLSC

**Founded** 

558

**Seniors** 

73

Years of Service 1,269

Total Members

**Nippers** 

479

Nipper General Members

232

## ASSOCIATED SUB COMMITTEES

**Life Saving & Education** 

**Finance & Compliance** 

**Surf Sports** 

Life, Distinguished Membership & Honours

**Members Services** 

**Judiciary** 

**Sutherland 2 Surf** 

**Auxiliary** 

Constitution

**Wanda Carnival** 

**Facilities** 

Strategic

**Junior Activities Group** 

#### **MAJOR CHARITY EVENT PAYCE S2S 2019**

48	Number of years running
6236	Number of entries
300+	Number of club members and volunteers
30:24	Record time by Mizan Mihara (male) in 1999
32:44	First male across the line Kevin Batt
36:12	First female across the line Leanne Pompeani
171	Number of teams
3353	Total number of females
2883	Total number of males
1490	Number of new entrants
Cronulla	Suburb with the most amount of entrants

#### **COMPETITIONS**

#### Carnivals Attended

The Aussies [cancelled]

**NSW Surf Lifesaving** 2nd Championships

Sydney Branch [cancelled]

Wanda's Tradies 1st One Club Carnival

> Australian Pool Rescue Championships

Bate Bay 4-Way

**Beach Warrior** 

Cook Community Classic

Cronulla Short Course

Coolangatta Gold

George Bass Marathon

Interbranch Championships

Interstate Championships

Manly

Midford NSW Board Riding Championships

NAVY ASRL Open

Newport

North Cronulla XMAS Carnival

**NSW Pool Rescue** Championships

Nutri-Grain Iron Series

Ocean Thunder Series

Roosters River Run

South Coast Boat Series

Summer of Surf

Sydney Airport Centenary Runway Run

Sydney Branch Championships - JAG

Sydney Water Series

Young Guns Surf Boat

Youth Pathway Cup

Warilla Iron Classic

#### **EDUCATION AWARDS**

**SRC** 26

61 **Bronze Medallion** 

Silver Medallion Beach 10 Management

23 IRB Crew Certificate

Silver Medallion IRB Driver

Advanced Resuscitation 18 Techniques (AID)

Resuscitation Certificate (AID)

Silver Medallion Aquatic 3 Rescue (SMAR)

Spinal Management

Training Officer ARTC (AID)

Training Officer IRB

17 SSV Operator Induction

**UAV** (Drone Operator)

63 Surf Play 1

67 Surf Play 2

Surf Aware 1 73

Surf Aware 2

47 Surf Safe 1

Surf Safe 2 40

33 Surf Smart 1

Surf Smart 2 37

#### **LIFESAVING**

#### 28/9/19-22/3/20 Patrol Season\*

**247** Patrolling Members

**12** Patrols

9,456.74 Patrol hours

43.308 Beach Attendance

66 Patrol Rescues

50 First Aid

Preventative Actions 475

Incidents Requiring Ambulance

Shark Alarms

2 Lost Children

() Lives Lost

\*Short season due to COVID-19

#### **COACHES (SENIORS)**

4 BEACH

5 BOATS

2 MARCH PAST

1 POOL RESCUE

2 R&R

**7** WATER

1 SURFBOARD RIDING

#### **COMPETITORS (SENIORS)**

**191** Number of competitors

**111** Male competitors

**80** Female competitors

51 Masters competitors

#### **MEDALS**

The Aussies - N/A

NSW SLS Championships - Opens Placed 2nd with 387 points

22 Gold

19 Silver

18 Bronze

NSW SLS Championships – Masters Placed 14th with 83 points

3 Gold

5 Silver

5 Bronze

NSW SLS Championships – JAG Placed 5th with 159 points

6 Gold

11 Silver

8 Bronze



## **JAG REPORTS & AWARDS**

## JAG CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Time to reflect on another great season - the current environment we are in makes us even more appreciative of the lifestyle that we have through Wanda surf club - a place we call home, a place that we love and right now a place we miss!



Our off season was a great opportunity to prepare for the season ahead and we saw a small group of

committed nippers compete in the NSW Pool Rescue Championships and then progress on to the Australian Championships on the Gold Coast with fabulous results. Elsewhere we saw our nippers taking part in our various transition programs with great success and a huge involvement by our nipper families in Wanda's main fundraising event, The Sutherland 2 Surf and many proudly wearing their Wanda Colours in the Relay for Life. We were all very buoyed by the fact that Wanda had been named Sydney Branch club of the year over the off season - a well deserved title and one we were determined to live up to!

We had an early start to the season this year and enjoyed beautiful Spring conditions allowing all our new families and nippers transitioning to new skills to make a great start.

We continued our clinic approach to our Sunday morning nipper activities with an expansion of our beach training and education program.

We had a busy carnival season - again winning the Cook Classic. We hosted many carnivals at our home beach. First up was the Bate Bay 4-Way Carnival at Wanda - there is a huge amount of effort that goes into organising and running an event of that size and we thank the many people that stepped forward to make that a great day. Whilst the weather and surf were not kind on the day, we still ran a great event and can be proud of what we achieved as a club.

We again hosted the Wanda One Club Carnival - this time we had heatwave conditions and very calm surf, and it was a fabulous day. With a large program to run, we were off the beach (thankfully with the extreme heat) by 12pm having run a spectacular event and Wanda coming out a clear points winner. I am very proud of the Wanda One Club carnival - it is a unique event where both Junior and Senior clubs come together in a great spirit of collaboration and volunteerism. Congratulations to everyone on a very successful event!

Post Christmas saw several weeks of cyclonic weather. The Summer of Surf final round was held at Wanda in mountainous surf - a chance to watch our senior competitors pitted against the best. We then saw several postponements and finally the cancellation of the Branch Carnival, with just the State qualifying events being held - again at Wanda. This was a good final hit out just before State.

Arriving at Swansea Belmont the following weekend for the State

Championships for the 4th year in a row we were treated to absolutely perfect weather across the 3 days and very calm surf. The Wanda colours were out in force - the kids and parents looked spectacular in their Wanda apparel. Wanda led the point score across the first 2 days with some amazing team results and success in the U9s and U10s only to be run down on the Sunday. We are very proud of our final placing of 5th in the State and once again the top Bate Bay club. Thanks to all our volunteers for their contribution to a very successful State Champs and congratulations to all our nippers for your fantastic results and outstanding sportsmanship.

Across the season we had many individual achievements that need to be highlighted.

We had 5 nippers selected in the Sydney Interbranch team - Fletcher Warn, India Hulbert, Keira Vincent, Dane Sutton and Ziggy Lester. We then had Fletcher Warn and India Hulbert selected to represent NSW in the Youth Pathways Cup on the Sunshine Coast and Dane Sutton selected in the NSW Development Academy. Congratulations - these are all outstanding achievements and Wanda is very proud of you!

We must never forget that our ultimate aim is to produce lifesavers and we have seen our nippers enthusiastically taking part in their education sessions - practicing CPR, learning signals, learning how to spot rips and general beach safety. We again had several nippers attending the Sydney Branch Development Camps - they are a lot of fun, a chance to make new friends and learn more about lifesaving.





The culmination of our nipper education program is the Surf Rescue Certificate and we are proud that once again, all our U14s passed their SRC and excitedly joined our patrols. We congratulate Fletcher Warn and Chelsea Sutton on being named finalists in the Sydney Branch Junior Lifesaver of the Year. We thank our Captains - Fletcher Warn, Chelsea Sutton, Anton Park and Talia Goffet for the wonderful example and leadership they show all our younger nippers.

Our U14s had a busy season fundraising for their end of season trip. With the multiple postponements of the Branch carnival and then a cyclone threatening the trip, it was with great relief and excitement that they finally boarded the plane to the Gold Coast. They had a fabulous trip and have forged stronger friendships. There was disappointment not long after with the cancellation of The Aussies but there will be more opportunities down the track. We are sad to see our U14s leave our nipper program and we look forward to seeing

you on patrols and staying involved in the club.

Our Red Fins program was expanded this year with more children joining. It was so rewarding to watch the progress of these proud nippers as their confidence grew throughout the season. It was a very proud moment to see 2 of our Redfins - Cooper and Dalton Rowlands, being Wanda's first ever competitors in the Inclusive program at State - and didn't they have a great time winning medals in multiple events.

#### WANDA SLSC JAG OFFICE BEARERS

During the season, there were 10 General Committee Meetings.

Name	Possible Meetings	Attended	Apologies
Fiona Sutton	10	10	0
Brad Tattam	10	9	1
Louise Lakomy	10	6	4
Ray Jokhan	10	7	3
Andrew Cole	10	10	0
Tiffany Jessop	10	7	3
Lisa Zammit	10	7	3
Brooke Thatcher	10	7	3
Peta Fisher	10	6	4
Gretchen Slater	10	9	1
Grant Bowmer*	7	6	1
Nikki Teasal	10	7	3
Todd Lester	10	5	5
Tim Mayo	10	3	7
Santie Goffet	10	6	4

<sup>\*</sup>Appointed Oct 2019

#### **JAG OFFICE BEARERS**

Chairperson	Fiona Sutton
Surf Sports Manager	Brad Tattam
Member Services Manager	Louise Lakomy
Finance Manager	Ray Jokhan
Administration Manager	Andrew Cole
Administration	
Coordinator (Secretary)	Tiffany Jessop
Sponsorship Manager	Lisa Zammit
Team Manager	Brooke Thatcher
Surf Life Saving Manager	Peta Fisher
<b>Communications Manager</b>	Gretchen Slater
Water Safety Manager	Grant Bowmer
Nipper Program Manager	Brooke Thatcher
<b>General Committee</b>	Nikki Teasal Tim Mayo
	Santie Goffet

#### **ADMIN ROLES (NON COMMITTEE)**

<b>Member Protection Officer</b>	Sam Park
<b>Uniforms Coordinator</b>	Glen Spaul
Carnivals Manager	Katie Spinner
Registrar	Nikki Teasel
Recording	Andrew Cole
Gear	Brett Thatcher
Officials Coordinator	Steve Doran



#### JAG CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Congratulations to Denny Rowlands and his team of committed parent helpers as well as the Patrols, Water Safety and other volunteers who helped facilitate this program each Sunday to ensure the safety of the children. We should be so proud as a Club of this program.

We are also very proud of the number of parents that have stepped forward and achieved awards this season. We had a record number of parents complete their Bronze Medallion. This is a wonderful personal achievement and a great example to the children. We look forward to seeing you on patrols and assisting with Water Safety over the next number of years. We encourage those parents to move on through other awards and for more parents to step up next season to get your Bronze.

There were 2 very exciting additions to Wanda this season. First up the Uniform Van - affectionately named the Voodoo Van. This has already become an iconic part of Wanda! Thanks to Tammy and Glen Spaul for their effort in turning their far-fetched idea into a spectacular success. Each Sunday there were queues of people clambering to get their Wanda merchandise - be that cossies, caps, towels, hoodies, spray jackets, umbrellas, goggles, suncream - you name it they had it! The other great launch was the Board trailer which was wrapped and unveiled at

our Wanda One Carnival. Featuring our Wanda branding, sponsors logos and spectacular action shots of our nippers - it became a real talking point and will be a great portrayal of what Wanda and surf lifesaving is all about as it travels the roads to carnivals.

A huge thank you to our sponsors whose generous support allows us to update all our equipment and give our nippers the very best experience. We had a record amount of sponsor funds this season and this allowed us to completely refresh all our boards, buy more beach equipment, wrap our trailer, add to our radios, buy more lifesaving equipment and provide the very best coaching there is.

While on our coaches - how lucky are we to have the best in the business - Jock Athletic and Nathan Smith's Star Academy and their teams, as well as our club coaches. Our kids are getting the very best in skills and fitness training. We saw Wanda dominate the U9s events at State so we are going to be a force for years to come.

A big thank you to all members of the Wanda JAG committee- so much work goes on behind the scenes to swing this operation into action each Sunday and I thank you for your time and passion towards our club. To those that are stepping down, I thank you for your contribution and hope you enjoy stepping back a little. A personal thank you to Wanda's Board of Directors for their support of the nipper program and my role. To have a collaborative, one-club approach to all we do is something that makes us the envy of many other clubs and makes my job much easier.

We could not do what we do without the generous support of our volunteer army - age managers, IRB crews, water safety, coaches, officials, uniforms team, BBQ gang and weekly parent helpers. To watch over a hundred parents come together each week with the one aim of making it an enjoyable, safe experience for our kids, is something that we should all be very proud of.

Now, more than ever, we look forward to next season - a time when we can again descend on Wanda beach to share great times with our great friends. We will emerge from the isolation of COVID-19 even more thankful for the freedom and joy at the beach, for what is not just a sport but a lifestyle, and appreciative of everything that it means to be part of Wanda. I sincerely wish everyone the very best during these difficult times that we now face and look forward to seeing you all on the other side.

#### Fiona Sutton

JAG CHAIRPERSON







## **JAG SPECIAL AWARDS**

#### **NIPPER OF THE YEAR AND CHAIRPERSONS AWARDS**

#### NIPPER OF THE YEAR

Cameron Bonar & Kai Thatcher

#### **CHAIRPERSONS AWARD**

None awarded due to tie in Nipper of the Year

#### **NOMINATIONS**

Cameron Bonar Ollie Lloyd Jackson Middelton Jayden Morton Dylan Porteous Kai Thatcher Matias Soca

#### **GIRLS NIPPERETTE OF THE YEAR**

**Grace Spinner** 

#### **CHAIRPERSONS AWARD**

Jayda Zammit-Mayer

#### **NOMINATIONS**

Hollie Adams Harper Constantoulos Amelia Dann Alexandra Hyasatt Zoey Lester Waverly Martinus Sienna Spaul **Grace Spinner** Keira Vincent Jayda Zammit-Mayer

#### **CLUB PERSONS AWARDS**

**GIRLS** 

Talia Goffet

BOYS

Fletcher Warn

#### **NOMINATIONS**

Tahli Christensen

Talia Goffet

Chelsea Sutton

Jade Tattam

Liam Athanassiou

Connor Fitzgerald

Fletcher Warn

#### **U14 LIFESAVING AWARDS**

**GIRLS** 

Chelsea Sutton

**BOYS** 

Fletcher Warn

#### **GEORGE ROBBINS AWARD** - MOST IMPROVED BEACH **COMPETITOR**

Jade Tattam

#### **NOMINATIONS**

Gabriella Edwards

Liesl Spinner

Kyah Gallen

Liam Lakomy

Ryan Harris

Kyle Mason

Sienna Alderson

Jade Tattam

#### **DON HUDSON -MOST IMPROVED** WATER COMPETITOR

Sienna Mead

#### **NOMINATIONS**

Zed Lester

Reef Lewis

Sienna Mead

Matias Soca Tahli Christensen

#### **JOCK ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP**

Austin Martinus

#### **MICHELLE HOGAN ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD**

Adelaide Thompson

#### **NOMINATIONS**

**Emily Sentas** 

Myrsina Kostopoulos

Kyla Parmeter

Chloe McCormack

Isla New

Adelaide Thompson

Zoey Lester

Ara Kotsis

#### **ROD WHITEMAN ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD**

Matias Soca

#### **NOMINATIONS**

Billy John Srougi

Hayden Vella

Sebastian Sentas

Harper Evans

Will Thompson

Matias Soca

Max Harrington

Cooper Rowlands

#### **COACHES AWARD**

**BEACH** 

Kyah Gallen

WATER

Jayda Zammit-Mayer

#### **COMPETITORS OF THE** STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**GIRLS** 

Charlotte Bowmer

Max Bowmer

#### **JAG VOLUNTEER AWARDS**

#### **WATER SAFETY**

Rob Rybanic

**Brett Porteous** 

#### **OFFICIAL**

Jenni Dunk & Stan Hyasatt

#### **AGE MANAGER**

Mick Georgaris Jnr

#### **CLUB VOLUNTEER** OF THE YEAR

Glen Spaul and Damien Cavanough





## **JAG ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

#### U6

#### BOYS 100%

Hunter Banton
Cooper Waldock
Duke Goodman
Beau Green
Ethan Hassiotis
Riley Lau-Li
Nat Spinner
Harrison Taylor
Hugh Teasel
Hamish Thompson
Otis Thompson
Lucas Ting
Harrison Abbott
James Van Veen
William Hunter

#### GIRLS 100%

Fleur Lonergan
Jessica Kirrane
Isabella Leighton
Charlotte Swinson
Lucy Christensen
Emmi Costello
Summer Dagostino
Adelaide Fleming
Olivia Gordon
Madison Hennessy
April Macnamara
Amelia Perryman
Lila Smith
Chloe Zhang

#### **U7**

#### BOYS 200%

Aidan Gallen
Kye Georgaris
Jacob Harris
Cooper Melvin
Axel Slater
Braxton Logan
Lachlan McShane
Thomas Miller
Luca Ritson-Bennett
Daniel Ustjuzanin
Kobe Burns

#### 100%

Sebastian Edwards
Aiden Nagel
Lucas Abad
Kobe Bartlett
Jake Bowmer
Ryan Cohen
Oliver Duncan
Zachary Lau-Li
Patrick Anglin
Calvin Bowman
Jett Carroll
Robert Castellano
Joseph Gumley
August Thompson

#### **GIRLS**

#### 200%

Evelyn Bryant Lylah West Kate McGuinness Kendyll Paipa Ruby Walker

#### 100%

Annaleigh Kohnenkampf Diaz Orianthi Stone Angela Radovic Olivia Whitehorn

#### U8

#### BOYS 300%

Kirby Murray Noah Sutton Lachlan Dann

#### 200%

Dashiell Lonergan Billy John Srougi Hunter Bartlett Cooper Johnson

#### 100%

Knoxx Goodman Nicholas Ciric Travie Forrester Hunter McLean

## GIRLS 300%

Maddelyn Cavanough Sophia Jokhan Jaime Paipa Tilly Teasel Matilda Escolme Sienna Lakomy Frankie Potauaine

#### 200%

Evelyn Weston Maddison Colman

#### 100%

Emily Sentas
Eva Brannock
Charlotte Fleming
Emily Hughes
Annika Gosch
Leela Jenkins

#### U9

#### BOYS 400%

Hunter Lentell Zed Lester Blake Spaul

#### 300%

Kobi Mead Cody Wilkinson Benjamin Hibbs

#### 200%

Billy Opai Harrison Towle

#### 100%

James Seidel Max Bowmer Joshua Holmes Ash Wooldridge Andrej Ciric Finley Duncan Hayden Vella

## GIRLS 400%

Estelle Slater Cali Mackinder Liesl Spinner

#### 200%

Alannah New Anika Opai

#### 100%

Gabriella Edwards Lara Miller Juliet Saba Myrsina Kostopoulos Andie Smith Montana Smith

#### U10

#### BOYS 600%

Joshua Dann

#### 500%

Max Christensen Ryan Harris Harley Morton Dalton Rowlands Cooper Sutton Darcy Teasel

#### 400%

Felix Lonergan William Corbett

#### 300%

Parker Cavanough Justinian Romanos-Regas

#### 200%

Harley Johnson

#### 100%

Sebastian Sentas

#### GIRLS

#### 500%

Isabel Adams Penelle Constantoulas Soffie Berry

#### 400%

Zara Zammit-Mayer Zahri Lester

#### 200%

Kiani Johnson

#### 100%

Chloe McCormack Chelsea Allen Ella McGuinness





#### U11

#### BOYS 300%

Kai Fisher

#### 100%

Cortez Mathews Harper Evans Haiden Wooldridge

## **GIRLS 400%**

Sienna Dunham Addison Mackinder

#### 300%

Sienna Mead Anastasia Kostopoulos Poppy Hulbert

#### 200%

Isla New Jade Seidel

#### 100%

Charlotte Ollivier Charlotte Bowmer Isla Wallace Tia Hale

#### **U12**

#### BOYS 700%

Jayden Goffet Dane Sutton

#### 400%

Ziggy Lester

#### 200%

Otis Jessop Leonard Opai

#### 100%

William Thompson

#### GIRLS 800%

Zara Buckley Milla Coles

#### 700%

Zoe Cole Alice McNamara Imogen Porteous Aurora Ewings

#### 400%

Matea Saba

#### 300%

Leia Rybanic Zoe Rybanic Isla Jokhan

#### 100%

Adelaide Thompson

#### **U13**

#### BOYS 800%

Cameron Bonar Dylan Porteous

#### 700%

Joshua Kay Oliver Lloyd Robert Ollivier Emilio Biordi Jayden Morton

#### 600%

Kai Thatcher

#### 300%

Jack Fisher

#### 100%

Mason Boudville Edwin Carrera Matias Soca

#### GIRLS 800%

Harper Constantoulas Grace Spinner

#### 500%

Hollie Adams Matilda Berry

#### 400%

Zoey Lester Jayda Zammit-Mayer

#### 300%

Amelia Dann

#### 100%

Sienna Alderson Sienna Spaul

#### U14

#### BOYS 500%

Liam Athanassiou

#### 400%

Connor Fitzgerald Ramon Saba

#### 300%

Fletcher Warn

## **GIRLS 900%**

Chelsea Sutton Talia Goffet Marianna Kotsis

#### 700%

Tahli Christensen

#### 500%

India Hulbert

#### 100%

Bronte Goodman Lily Cameron

#### **RED FINS**

#### 500%

Cooper Rowlands Dalton Rowlands

#### 200%

Jacob Harris

#### 100%

Kai Remedios Mitchell Ting Henry Taylor







## **JAG AGE GROUP AWARDS**

**GIRLS** 

**AGE CHAMPION** 

Marli Parker

**RUNNER UP AGE CHAMPION** 

Sienna Lakomy

**BEACH CHAMPION** 

Marli Parker

**WATER CHAMPION** 

Tilly Teasal

LIFESAVING

Alivia I o

**ENCOURAGEMENT** 

**Emily Sentas** 

BOYS

**AGE CHAMPION** 

Dashiell Lonergan

**RUNNER UP AGE CHAMPION** 

Callum Byrne

**BEACH CHAMPION** 

Callum Byrne

WATER CHAMPION

Noah Sutton

LIFESAVING

Kirby Murray

**ENCOURAGEMENT** 

Billy John Srougi

**GIRLS** 

**AGE CHAMPION** 

Liesl Spinner

**RUNNER UP AGE CHAMPION** 

**Elody Lawson** 

**BEACH CHAMPION** 

Liesl Spinner

**WATER CHAMPION** 

Elody Lawson

LIFESAVING AWARD

Estelle Slater

**ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD** 

Myrsina Kostopoulos

AGE CHAMPION

James Seidel

**RUNNER UP AGE CHAMPION** 

Kobi Mead

**BEACH CHAMPION** 

James Seidel

WATER CHAMPION

Kobi Mead

LIFESAVING AWARD

Riley Creighton

**ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD** 

Hayden Vella

U10

**GIRLS** 

**AGE CHAMPION** 

Zara Zammit-Mayer

**RUNNER UP AGE CHAMPION** 

Isabel Adams

**BEACH CHAMPION** 

Zara Zammit-Mayer

WATER CHAMPION

Zara Zammit-Mayer

LIFESAVING AWARD

Ella McGuiness

**ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD** 

Kyla Parmeter

Chloe McCormack

BOYS

**AGE CHAMPION** 

Joshua Dann

RUNNER UP AGE CHAMPION

Max Christensen

**BEACH CHAMPION** 

Joshua Dann

WATER CHAMPION

Max Christensen

**LIFESAVING AWARD** 

Justinian Romanos-Regas

**ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD** 

Sebastian Sentas

U11

**GIRLS** 

**AGE CHAMPION** 

Jade Seidel

**RUNNER UP AGE CHAMPION** 

Sienna Mead

**BEACH CHAMPION** 

Zara De Carvalho

WATER CHAMPION Charotte Bowmer &

Sienna Mead

LIFESAVING AWARD

Charlotte Ollivier

**ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD** 

Isla New

**BOYS** 

**AGE CHAMPION** 

Austin Martinus

**RUNNER UP AGE CHAMPION** 

Kai Fisher

**BEACH CHAMPION** 

Cortez Matthews

WATER CHAMPION

Austin Martinus

LIFESAVING AWARD Haiden Woolridge

**ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD** 

Harper Evans

U12

**GIRLS** 

**AGE CHAMPION** 

Alice McNamara

**RUNNER UP AGE CHAMPION** 

Zara Buckley

**BEACH CHAMPION** 

Milla Coles

**WATER CHAMPION** 

Zara Buckley

LIFESAVING AWARD Zoe Cole

**ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD** 

Adelaide Thompson

**BOYS** 

**AGE CHAMPION** 

Ziggy Lester

**RUNNER UP AGE CHAMPION** 

Joey Doran

**BEACH CHAMPION** 

Ziggy Lester & William Thompson

**WATER CHAMPION** 

Ziggy Lester

LIFESAVING AWARD

Otis Jessop **ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD** William Thompson

U13

**GIRLS** 

**AGE CHAMPION** 

Waverly Martinus

**RUNNER UP AGE CHAMPION** 

Jayda Zammit-Mayer

**BEACH CHAMPION** 

Keira Vincent

WATER CHAMPION

Waverly Martinus

SURFBOARD RIDING

**CHAMPION** Giselle Abrahams

LIFESAVING AWARD Sienna Spaul

**ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD** 

Zoey Lester

**BOYS** 

**AGE CHAMPION** 

Cameron Bonar

**RUNNER UP AGE CHAMPION** 

Kai Thatcher **BEACH CHAMPION** 

Cameron Bonar

WATER CHAMPION Kai Thatcher

**SURF BOARD RIDING CHAMPION** 

Eddie Carrera

LIFESAVING AWARD

Emilio Biordi

**ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD** 

Matias Soca & Cooper Rowlands

U14

**GIRLS** 

**AGE CHAMPION** 

India Hulbert

**RUNNER UP AGE CHAMPION** Tahli Christensen

**BEACH CHAMPION** 

Jade Tattam

WATER CHAMPION India Hulbert

**ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD** 

Ara Kotsis

LIFESAVING AWARD Chelsea Sutton

ROYS

**AGE CHAMPION** 

Joel Steiner **RUNNER UP AGE CHAMPION** 

Fletcher Warn

**BEACH CHAMPION** Joel Steiner

WATER CHAMPION Fletcher Warn

**ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD** 

Max Harrington

LIFESAVING AWARD Fletcher Warn

## **JAG TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT**

This season we had our second Open Day, inviting the community to come and see what Wanda Surf Club & Wanda Nippers is all about, showcasing lifesaving, our sponsors, and some fun beach activities. This season we had so many new families come and join our Wanda Family across all age groups. It was fantastic to see all our new families and nippers enjoying the surf, sun, and fun that we have every Sunday at Wanda Beach.





We kicked off the season early and what a great decision that was, I would have to say those two weeks were our best weeks for nipper activities and surf conditions for the whole season. As usual, as we progressed through the season we had some challenging surf days, some wet and windy weather, which gave all of our Nippers a chance to refine their skills and knowledge as they grow and develop into our lifesavers of the future. This year also threw some curve balls at us with water quality issues from the bushfires, wild surf conditions that saw many a day or event cancelled and to finish off we saw COVID-19 which bought our season to an earlier than expected finish.

After completing their U8's transition program our U9's advanced from the wade to swim and board for the season and weren't they excited to be doing so. A great group of kids getting their first taste of the season to come with strong competitive numbers across the beach and the water. Starting with Sydney Water Surf Series through to the pinnacle event State Age Championships these boys and

girls were a force to be reckoned with. Completing the State Age as the most successful point-scoring age group for the Wanda Club and topping the other U9 clubs at State Age as well.

Ready for day one our new Club Captains Fletcher Warn and Chelsea Sutton gave a heartfelt address to families and most importantly our younger nippers who they would be role models for as the season progresses.

Our Sponsors were back on deck with the Music Bus sponsoring our U6 & U7's once again with their shirts and Infront Surfcraft sponsoring our U8-U14's and providing pink rash vests for all nippers. This year we also had Planning Ingenuity come on board to sponsor our Age Managers, Committee members, and Coaches and with our new shirts, we were the best-dressed volunteers on the beach.

And perhaps one of the biggest triumphs for this season was the unveiling of the Wanda Caravan, sponsored by VooDoo Dri and Kozii swimwear our new Caravan will make an impression for years to come and

get our Wanda Gear to all. We also saw additions to our Wanda kit this season, with Wanda umbrellas making an appearance so if you missed our towels, jackets, and swimwear on the beach you really couldn't miss our umbrellas shading our kids from the weather while they sat in marshalling.

A great competitive season once again with our first carnival series Sydney Water Surf Series a raging success with numbers up on previous years and with plenty of new U8s competing for their first time. Wanda Nippers achieving strong series results across all age groups, and taking out the top honours in the U9 girls and U9 boys, with 3 boys featuring in the top 6, second in U10 Girls, third and fifth in the U10 Boys, top spot in U11 Girls with an impressive 4 girls in the top 6 and second place in U13 boys for our water competitors and on the beach our small team had strong results U10 and U12 girls finishing fifth and our U14 girls finishing third. What a strong start to our season.



#### JAG TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

We had strong performances by our teams throughout the season with our All Age Beach, Board & Cameron teams taking out the honours at the Cook Community Classic once again, showing we truly are the top of the Bate Bay. Our All Age Board team showed they were a force to be reckoned with winning the Branch Championships and earning their spot to compete at State Age Championships and this year the team had a touch of finesse, keeping the boys honest.

Our training programs in full swing with our water coaches from Star Academy, Nathan Smith, Steve Warren, and Cam getting our nippers prepared and ready for the long competition season and Jock Athletic delivering our beach program with Jock Campbell, Larry Leabeater and Zane Campbell looking to grow our beach team and harness the talents of our Nippers through to State Age Championships.

Let's not forget our R&R Coach and teams, this season JD worked with some dedicated nippers focusing on the lifesaving events and technical aspects of our sport. Finishing the season with a Bronze medal at the State Age Championships in the

U13 girls 2 person R&R. After many challenges throughout the season, we fielded a March Past team at State Age Championships with all of those Nippers showing their Wanda pride as they marched around the arena.

Our Red Fins program ran for a second year with great success and increased numbers on last year. Led by Denny Rowlands and with new recruit, Michael Ting assisting to show these kids a great time every Sunday. Teaching them surf awareness, some skills on the board, and teaching them all about surf lifesaving. Our Red Fins team had the opportunity to compete throughout the season at the Bate Bay 4-Way carnival and State Age Championships with strong results at both events from our Wanda Red Fins. Well done team Red Fins!

Our Sundays were jam-packed with education, activities, skills, and of course our sessions with patrol captain Ken Smith for our U6, U7 & U8's building on their education and wade skills. This year Kenny said some of our younger nippers were even educating him on the correct skills and techniques for lifesaving, can't wait till these nippers hit the 14's - the SRC will be a breeze.

Our junior mentor program with our U13 Nippers joining with the U8 Nippers to share knowledge, skills, and experience and just have some fun with our younger nippers continued again for a second season, developing our role models for the future. Our U14's once again after completion of their SRC began patrolling and assisting our U9's to build their confidence in the water. This program delivers new mentor and role models back to our junior assistant age manager program each year and this year was no exception with Ben Sutton & Charli Cash joining last year's mentor Teagan Thatcher in the junior assistant age manager program.

This year we joined with Warilla Barrick Point with some joint training sessions at our home beaches, a chance for the kids to get to know other nippers from other clubs and share their training experiences with nippers from other clubs with some friendly races to finish off. This is a great initiative that I hope will continue into the future.

We saw great results throughout the season at the major carnivals. Wanda Nippers dominated the Bate Bay 4-Way carnival once again despite the rough surf cancelling some events. Sydney Branch Carnival was a nonevent this year due to water quality issues and cancelled events, although Wanda Nippers were strong in the Branch qualifying carnival. Wanda One was a great success once again and saw all of the Wanda volunteers and parent army getting their hands dirty to support the running and success of the carnival. Wanda Nippers had a great day with great success on our home turf.

State Age Championships was 3 days of great competition across the beach from every age group. I am so proud to be part of this great surf club and the Wanda Family. Very different from last year where we saw huge surf on finals day, this year we saw small to flat conditions every day of competition, where those Gunnamatta Bay training sessions really paid off for some. Our All Age Board team gave everything they had in the final event for the carnival, a great event to watch, all of these nippers gave 110% in their leg of the race and never gave up from start to finish of the race.

Wanda Nippers led the charge in the point score this year at State Age with North Curl Curl right on our tails. By the end of the final's day, Wanda Nippers finished in 5th spot, what a great effort by all of our Wanda Nippers.

This season we continued our pathway on improving our Sunday experience and incorporated more coaching of skills and techniques into the activities planned for the day. Including swim technique, board technique, flag techniques, and sprint and relay techniques, and 1km & 2km Beach Run tactics. A big thank you to our wonderful coaches Nathan, Steve, Jock, Larry, and Zane who attended Nippers every Sunday throughout the season to provide our kids with great coaching on skills and techniques that set them up for success in every aspect of surf sports. With many beach closed days towards the end of the season we were able to double down on our lifesaving education and had great feedback from our development camp groups once again.

This season we had our U14 Nippers Captain Fletcher Warn & Chelsea Sutton make it through to the final stages for the Junior Lifesaver of the Year. Congratulations to Chelsea & Fletcher.

Another year with a great representation of Wanda Nippers within the Sydney Branch Team.
Congratulations to all Wanda Nippers that were involved in representing Sydney Branch at the Interbranch carnival this season. Congratulations to Dane Sutton who was selected to attend the NSW Development Academy and Fletcher Warn and India Hulbert who were selected for the NSW team to represent our state at the Interstate Championships.

Thank you to all of our Age Managers who support our Wanda Nippers every Sunday morning. Without you, all our Wanda Nippers could not run.

Thank you to all parent volunteers who gave their time in both water safety and officials this season that allowed our Wanda Nippers to take part in activities each Sunday and to compete in carnivals throughout the year. Your support is appreciated, and we cannot function without you.

Thank you to our coaches for your dedication to the Wanda Nipper team, for your time spent getting our nippers trained and ready for competition.

Thank you to our committee for your time and effort in organising and planning a season for success for our Nippers.

I look forward to seeing you all again next season, it will be here before we know it.

See you next season!

#### **Brooke Thatcher**

TEAM MANAGER & DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON







## JAG CLUB CAPTAINS' REPORTS



#### MALE CLUB CAPTAIN

I joined Wanda Nippers as an eager U6 having watched my older sisters every Sunday morning have fun and compete for our great Club. I was so eager and couldn't wait to get that cap on, meet new friends and have lots of fun at the beach. Nippers certainly lived up to my expectations and has been a big part of my life, it's the place where I train, chill out with mates, compete for the Club and do patrols each weekend. Wanda has given me so much over the past 9 years and I look forward to many more years of competition and being able to give back to the community through many different voluntary roles.

Joining Nippers certainly brought out my competitive side as I'm sure it has for a lot of you. Competing at such a high level from an early age wouldn't have been possible without the dedicated coaches we have at Wanda. Kenny, Kurtis (U8's), Dean, Rossi, Charlie, Nathan, Steve and Greg I say "Thank You" for all the time and expertise you have shared with me over the years. Thank you for investing your time into such a great Club, being at every carnival and sharing the highs and lows of racing with us all.

Nippers doesn't run each week without the dedicated help of volunteers. Thank you to all the Water, Beach, R&R, March Past coaches along with the Nipper Committee, Chairperson -Fiona, Team Manager - Brooke, Water Safety, Officials, IRB Crew and Age Managers, you all do an amazing job for our fantastic Club.

Special mention has to go to my Age Managers Mum, Dad and Rob along with Cass and Evette you've helped us all make wonderful memories that will last a lifetime.

Memories of nippers that will always make me smile include winning the last ever individual wade State Gold medal under the guidance of Kenny & Kurtis Smith, winning the triple in the U11's at State along with two team Gold medals in the All Age Board Relay and Cameron Relay, this year being selected in the NSW Youth Pathways team to compete at Interstate and lastly our end of season trip to the Gold Coast where we had so much fun, made loads of memories and got to boogie the nights away with the Tallebudgera oldies.

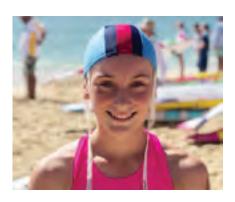
Attending 7 State nipper titles throughout NSW where I've made friendships for life and being able to chat to all the friends you've made from all over Australia really is special and shows just how rewarding our sport is.

Our season came to an abrupt holt due to COVID-19, we never got to say goodbye or race at our first Aussie Titles. This was a little sad however, it was never going to be goodbye more like see you on the beach at patrols or training. We are now hungrier than ever to race next season and wear the Wanda colours proudly.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your Club Captain for this season. I hope to see you all on the beach soon, be sure to come up and say Hi. Looking forward to seeing you all graduate from Nippers, become lifesavers and join us at senior training. I love doing patrols, saving lives, sharing the Wanda spirit throughout the community and can't wait to get back to normal next season. Take care and stay safe.

#### Fletcher Warn

CLUB CAPTAIN



#### **FEMALE CLUB CAPTAIN**

I have been very proud to be your Female Wanda Club Captain this year. It is an honour to have been in this position and I have enjoyed my time in this role.

I have always loved the beach and joined nippers when I was 5. Nippers has given me so much. I still remember the very first day and tentatively taking my first steps - meeting new friends and taking part in all the new activities.

It is amazing how quickly the time has gone and I look back at all the fabulous things I have learnt in my time as a Nipper.

I still remember my first swim round the cans and how amazing that felt to finish. I learnt how to paddle a board and the thrill of catching waves. We moved onto carnivals and met friends from other clubs. I have been to 7 State Championships and I have loved the team spirit of those carnivals and proudly representing Wanda. So many memories.

The U14s year has gone so quickly. We were so busy - completing our SRC and starting patrols - how exciting to now be patrolling our favourite beach. There was lots of fundraising - ANZAC Day, Sutherland 2 Surf and Snow Cones as well as junior and senior carnivals. Our Sundays were spent doing Water Safety and helping the younger Nippers. That is such a great thing to do and I still remember when I was younger and fearful of the water and the older kids helping me - to be able to do the same thing now for



other younger kids is amazing. Our season finished with a fantastic trip to the Gold Coast. Such a great way to celebrate the end of our nipper career. Unfortunately, due to COVID19 we didn't get to go to our first Aussies but we can look forward to that next year.

One of the best things about doing Nippers is the friends that I have made - so many - from within Wanda and from other clubs. Friends that share my love of the beach. I am hopeful of still seeing all of you at the beach. I urge you to all stay in the Club - whether that is competing or patrolling - and staying part of this great culture.

I would like to thank lots of people who have made Nippers and our Club so great - water safety, IRB, the committee, officials and everyone that helps on BBQ and other jobs in the club. A big thank you to all our coaches who give up their time to improve our skills and inspire us. The biggest thank you to our age managers - Cassandra, Evette, Julie-Anne and Rob - who have looked after us and had to put up with us all for so many years. We are very thankful.

I can't believe that my time as a Nipper is over. I love Wanda as my second home - a place that I feel amongst friends. It has given me confidence in the ocean, great friends, fun memories and so many opportunities that I am very grateful for. I have loved being your Captain and look forward to coming back next season to help.

### Chelsea Sutton

**CLUB CAPTAIN** 

## JAG WATER COACH'S REPORT

Firstly, on behalf of Steve, Cam, myself, and all other coaches who assisted throughout the year, we would like to say a HUGE congratulations to the kids for their incredible performances this year in challenging surf conditions. We are extremely proud when we stand on the beach whether it be at training, on Sunday nippers or at local and state competitions, and see our kids perform to their best.

Training began very early in May for our U8's transitioning to the board in U9 with a consistent attendance which continued to build into the summer. Although there were some sunny Sunday mornings, there were also some icy conditions encountered with one particular Sunday morning conducted at Kurnell where the air temperature was 14 degrees, not including the wind chill factor. This consistency and discipline instilled in the kids really held them in a great position as the season approached. Training got into full swing through October and November and although we consistently encountered a NE blowing in the afternoon which challenged and improved the kids' skills, the mornings held on Wednesdays and Fridays saw some of the best conditions where we took full advantage of, incorporating more swimming and body surfing than the previous year.

I would like to make a special mention to a few races which were a true testament of the coaching and culture Wanda is building at the moment.

- At the Wanda One Club carnival held in February, I watched as our extremely strong U10 boys charged through the board heats with seven of them making the final. As a nervous coach, I watched in awe as all seven of our boys filled positions 1st to 7th. Not only was I proud of how they paddled, but I was also humbled when they all congratulated each other and congratulated the other boys from other clubs. Not only are we trying to coach these boys to be their best, be gracious in defeat and always recognise the efforts of everyone racing. Well done boys.
- The continued success of the transition program saw a complete dominance of the U9 boys and girls at the NSW State Titles. This age group scored 35 points by scoring points in nearly every water event on offer. This is a truly amazing effort, one that we as coaches would also like to thank the parents and age managers who have been by the sides of these wonderful kids for many years now.





#### JAG WATER COACH'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

 I would like to also like to pay special mention to our senior members and in particular the U13 and U14 competitors who have represented Wanda with so much distinction over the years. These senior paddlers lead the way for all our junior members to learn and understand the importance of training in all conditions. We wish every success to all the U14 nippers moving into the senior club and look forward to assisting the U13 transitioning onto the malibu board.

No water coaching could take place without our ever-present water safety personnel. Water safety are our heroes as we place our kids' safety in their hands each and every session. To the mums and dads who are donning the wetsuit along with the bright orange rash shirt, we THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts. Sometimes we have big surf, sometimes it's super windy and other times it's just plain FREEZING, but regardless of the conditions, you are always willing to help out and throw yourself into the elements. You all do a thankless job and us coaches wouldn't be able to coach without you. To Grant Bowmer and Brett Thatcher, thank you, gentlemen, for all your tireless efforts in keeping the water safe for our kids.

An extremely tough decision was made on the two water coach's awards this year. The Most Improved competitor went to Sienna Mead for her consistent application to every session, ability to listen and take on feedback and her willingness to

never give up has Sienna continually improve and go from strength to strength to where she will continue to be a real force to be reckoned with from 2020/21. Our other recipient for the year went to Jayda Zammit and she is the recipient of the Don Hudson Water Competitor of the Year for her work ethic and attitude she displays at training and on competition day. Jayda is a true champion in every sense of the word by always putting her best foot forward and concentrating and applying herself at training by being a positive role model for all our younger competitors. Congratulations to both Sienna and Jayda.

At the time of writing this, we are all in social isolation due to COVID-19 and would have already kicked off two transition programs, one for the incoming U9 to familiarise them with board paddling through winter alongside a new transition program for our U13 moving onto the mal in U14. We hope we can get back in the water sooner rather than later.

It would be remiss of me not to thank our Chairperson - Fiona Sutton, Team Manager - Brooke Thatcher and Surf Sports Manager - Brad Tattam for their continued support and efforts in building the best club we can. We would also like to acknowledge the efforts of all other coaches from the beach, lifesaving and R&R.

We are proud to be associated with Wanda Nippers and look forward to seeing everyone on the beach or in the surf.

#### Nathan Smith

NATHAN SMITH STAR ACADEMY



## JAG BEACH COACHES' REPORTS

What a great experience and season the Nippers had. The growth of the training sessions as a season went on - at some stages we had 30 to 40 kids across three different disciplines - amazing. I've never actually been a nipper myself nor seen how it fully works as this was my first season as Head Beach Coach. I thought the senior club was sometimes difficult to organise but wow, Nippers - what an experience.

We had people going everywhere. The Age Managers deserve medals every week, I can't believe how committed you are and how much you do for the kids - it was quite moving. I wasn't sure how I would enjoy the Sunday morning Nippers, but it was the best part of it. To see all the kids so happy, enthusiastic and having a crack each week was fantastic. On Sundays I mostly took the 1km and 2km training runs, so I'll talk on them, Zane will give us a rundown of the sprinters, and of course big bad Larry will sum up the flaggers.

Some of my favourites, and yes I do play favourites - little Austin Martinus from the U11s and Ryan Harris and Sebastian Sentas from the U10s. They always enjoyed themselves, were keen to do more, and often stayed around for extras which was great to see. Others that really made my Sundays great were Adelaide and William from U11s and Kyle Mason, who improved out-of-sight over the season and was rewarded with a Silver medal at State. However, my favourite group by a mile was Liesl Spinner and the Smith twins group. I used to say every week "this is my favourite group coming up" - I couldn't remember whether it was the same one, but thankfully it was. I'm sorry Smith twins - I can't actually separate you two as I'm old and it's very hard to remember things, but you two along with Liesl were a joy. They always put in the effort with a smile on their faces and had a great time.

At training and in competition, we're trying to build the same culture with the Nippers that we have with the seniors. It's based on hard work, really enjoying ourselves, working very hard for our team and encouraging and supporting our teammates. That's how we roll in the top club, and that's what we try to instil in the youngsters. In most instances they're bought into it, but as the season went on the Wanda Nippers got better and better and we saw some great results in competition due to that. Unfortunately, Sydney Branch was washed or big waved out, but State was a great experience for our youngsters. Some of the results I wanted to highlight was obviously Keira Vincent Gold in the flags, which I was lucky enough to see, Silver in the beach sprint, and then ran several heats and semis in the relav - amazing effort. Also Jade Tatum, magnificent effort getting a second in the beach flags, and the result was all down to the hard work and effort that Jade put in. We also saw Milla Coles run a great race to come forth in the beach sprint. We then had some fantastic races in the 1km and 2kms with Kyle and Austin both getting seconds after getting bashed around at the start, both came back well to run great races.

Another great performance was Sienna Alderson, who was one of the favourites for the 2km race at State and had won every race leaving into it. She had a bad day and was about to get run out of third, but hung in there and claimed third place. Even though it was not the position she wanted, Vienna Athletic (as she likes to be called) held on and did really well, and got something out of the event. So some really great performances during the year and the talent we've got at

this club is unbelievable and I can't wait for next year to see how we go.

For those wanting to really do well next season, it's not something you can just start preparing for during the summer. The athletes that get the best results are the ones that train through the winter to prepare for it. This advice is aimed at those that really want to have some great success - many of our top athletes are training already in preparation for next season. Particularly when you get to the older levels and want to succeed in the open Club, it's a yearround proposition. Anyone that's that committed deserves to do well and let's have a chat.

Once again I've never been to a Nippers State before, but Wanda is evidently a well-oiled precision machine. I can't believe the time, effort and quality that the parents, age managers and senior Wanda management put in, it was unbelievable. I was exceptionally impressed, right down to the military precision of the team dinner and how the orders were done - that was just outstanding. You're all welcome in the senior club! What I have worked out as a coach of 35 years is that when they're young, kids don't tend to appreciate the effort and time their parents are putting in, but what it does is make a massive difference to kids' lives knowing that they've got your support and time and in the end, the kids work it out and will appreciate this for the rest of their lives. So well done parents. I'm impressed.





#### JAG BEACH COACHES' REPORTS (CONTINUED)

#### **1KM & 2KM TEAM HIGHLIGHTS**

The Wanda senior club is the most successful 2km run club in Australia and the world. With 12 World titles and over 15 Australian titles, this club is clearly out-shining any other club in the world. The amount of talent coming through our Nippers ranks is great for us to see. To do well in this race, you need to train regularly - there's no place to hide and to have success takes a lot of hard work. That's what many of our Nippers showed me this season. The ones that deserve special mention are Sienna Alderson in the U13s, who only joined Nippers this year to compete on the sand. She's been one of our crosscountry and athletics runners at Jock Athletic for a number of years and has shown a great aptitude and attitude towards training and running on the beach. It was fantastic to see her get such great results.

Ryan Harris and Sebastian from U10s, unfortunately, were unable to race this year as there's no 1km race for their age group, however, their training at Nippers and during the week was outstanding. They were so excited whenever I made them go for a distance run and would often stay around for two sessions on the Sunday Nippers for the 1km and 2km training. We actually put Ryan in the Wanda One Club carnival and he absolutely blitzed it, beating most boys in all age groups.

This brings us onto little Austin. Austin was a revelation. He's the most excitable young kid and loved his running. In the Wanda One Club carnival he beat every single age group, boys and girls, all the way up to the under 13s. He's only in the U11s - a real talent. At the State titles, I was so proud of him. He got monstered at the start by the bigger kids, but just hung in there and battled it out to come a very close second to a much bigger kid. Really impressed with Austin and I see a massive future for him. Similarly, Kyle Mason in the U12s just went from strength to strength. He started out suffering a loss in one of the early carnivals, but kept working hard and getting better and better. In the State final, he got belted at the start by a number of kids and was running in 12th place at one stage. He worked his way through the field and with 250m to go he was only just ahead of fourth place, he sprinted home to run past second place and almost run down first. It was a great run, showed real maturity and a great deal of mental strength. I see big things for him in the future.

Unfortunately, twins William and Adelaide in the U12s were unable to compete at State but they would have given a great account for themselves, particularly Adelaide with her consistent training and always being happy at training - I see a massive future for her. I can't wait until Ryan, Sebastian and Liesl, who seems to be happy every time she's allowed to run, will do amazing things for Wanda when they get the chance next season in the 1km.

In our older team, Tara Gentle and Violet Keelan in the U14s raced up in the U15s 2km Relay at the Open State and gave a great account for themselves getting a second place. Violet, having not run in the individual race the week before at Nippers State, ran down the U15 State champion and overtook her to get Wanda into second place for the under 15 Relay. What an exciting future Violet and Tara have.

The exciting part is having the Nippers come and train with our seniors and masters as equals. The experience and confidence they gained from this was invaluable.

The 1km and 2km race is a lung-busting lactate-building 4 to 8 minutes of pain. Only the strong survive, only the very committed win. That's what excites me most about this race. I was absolutely pumped to see so many of our guys do so well. Looking forward to next season with many of our runners training straight through the winter, you will have a great season next year. Thanks for all your hard work and effort. You made my job great fun.

#### COACHES

A big thanks to our coaches. The talent we've got there is pretty special, and it was great to work with you guys again. It's fantastic to have Larry Leabeater and Zane Campbell as part of the coaching structure. Zane was one of our greatest ever beach sprinters at Wanda and has coached for me for many years now, coming through as one of my runners. It's really great to see him now imparting on his massive experience to the kids. Larry is the father of one of my former runners. His son Mark was a great runner and won a national U19s title, and was Zane's team mate in the Wanda Pharlaps relay Team that won 2 Open State Titles.

Larry's experience with the flags and his passion is second-to-none, and great to be working with another Leabeater. And to Brad Tatum for all his help and support and his passion for the Wanda Nippers, and also his very mature and reserved outlook on things - really enjoyed working with all three of you boys.

To our assistant coaches - Jessie Phelps, Chloe Gentle, Caitlin Hammond, Ali Najem and Mel Campbell (With 20 State Gold medals, 9 Aussie Gold medals and 10 World Titles between them), all with exceptional experience at Surf Life Saving level and great coaches in their own right. It's been amazing having you guys help out the Nippers this season. Special mention to Alex Romanas from the U14s who has been a great help this year, he helped me out at Sunday trainings and jumped in and ran when he could. So it's an unbelievable opportunity for the Nippers to have the experience of these guys, who are all State, National or World champions, help them out in further development. I don't think any other club in the world has this sort of quality of coaching and experience.

We are all really looking forward to next season and are starting an elite squad leading into next summer. Let us know if you'd like to be part of it.

### Jock Campbell

JAG 1KM AND 2KM COACH

#### **BEACH SPRINT & RELAYS**

Well it was a thoroughly enjoyable first season as Beach Coach for the Wanda Nippers for myself, and it makes me excited to get stuck into next season.

With some minor changes that are needed, I think we could have a really strong beach team next year and beyond.

We made some small improvements in the beach relay from the first Nippers day of the season through to State, which I know we will improve on sharply next season. If we can get designated times during Nipper days for the top 5-6 sprinters in each group to practice relay changes, it could be the difference between either making a final or winning a medal, as I witnessed at the Nipper State titles. The relay team with the fastest runners doesn't mean automatic victory, the team in a final that can nail each of the 3 changes will usually win the gold!

We had some healthy numbers at Monday afternoon beach training & the Wednesday afternoon track session. If we can get more of the kids that are keen to improve their starts and sprinting technique to these training sessions the improvement needed to make Wanda a force will be reached in the upcoming seasons.

I want to thank each parent and their kids that came to the midweek training sessions. I can honestly say that the kids that came to these sessions were a pleasure to work with and I enjoyed seeing them learning and also enjoying themselves, maybe except for when Jock made them do 2km time trials if they turned up late - they definitely didn't enjoy that.

I'm really looking forward to this upcoming season to help improve the kids further and to see the Wanda colours dominate the beach sprint track in the 20/21 season.

#### Zane Campbell

JAG BEACH SPRINT AND RELAYS COACH

#### **BEACH FLAGS**

In the flags, Keira won Gold in the U13s and Jade got 2nd in the U14s. Jade was very unlucky – with the baton lost in the sand in the gold medal run. Milla Coles and Gabriella Edwards both got 6th place in the U12s and U9s respectively. Go girls!

From my point of view, it was great to be able to help out with flag training at regular Nippers on Sundays. The vast





majority of kids were well behaved and genuinely interested in learning flag techniques and tactics. We tried to mix it up to make it fun and interesting – rather than just have me lecture them. It seemed to work. We even got a few (genuine) thank yous from the parents.

So whilst a very disrupted season – with bushfires, smoke, big seas, floods and everything other than the 4 Horseman of the Apocalypse – I think we got good traction with all the nipper squad leaders, kids and parents. Hopefully, Wanda Nippers will be more than "just" a water-based club and offer a great learning experience for beachies too.

## Larry Leabeater JAG BEACH FLAGS COACH







## JAG SURF LIFESAVING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

This year we built on the program introduced in 2019, with a focus on delivering organised nipper activities, incorporating both surf lifesaving knowledge and skills. This allowed each age manager to ensure all nippers have the opportunity to obtain the relevant award for their age group.

U6-7 Surfplay, U8-9 Surfaware, U10-11 Surfsafe and U12-13 Surfsmart. All awards were emailed to all parent contacts for presentation to their children. Congratulations to all the Nippers who achieved their award.

JAG and our amazing Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) trainers tried something a little different with the way our SRC was delivered. Usually the U14s would attend two midweek sessions and a Sunday morning session in the water. In 2019 the curriculum was delivered in two sessions on one night and the Sunday morning. Positive feedback from both

students and trainers will mean that this change be implemented for all future seasons.

Congratulations to all the U14s for obtaining their SRC and a massive congratulations to all those sisters, brothers, mums and dads who braved the surf to get their Bronze Medallion.

#### Peta Fisher

JAG SURF LIFESAVING COORDINATOR



## JAG WATER SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Firstly, I'd like to acknowledge former JAG Water Safety Director, Brett Thatcher for a seamless transition in allowing me to continue his legacy into the 2019/20 nipper season.

Water Safety numbers were strong again this season allowing for us to cater for and support the everincreasing number of Wanda Nipper kids that entered the surf each Sunday. Despite surf conditions not always favouring us, the Water Safety team continued to arrive in numbers and with a 'can do' attitude, ensuring our Nippers were best prepared to embrace the water.

Our schedule of hosted carnivals exceeded those of previous years with the inclusion of Branch Qualifiers and 4-Way, along with our annual Wanda One Club carnival. This meant calling upon our Water Safety team to ensure we were represented in numbers and led by example for our neighbouring clubs' Water Safety crew. Regarding other scheduled carnivals, the willingness from the team to support the running of Sydney Water Surf Series, Cronulla Short Course, Ohana, Australia Day Iron Person as well as State Age Nipper Championships which took place over 3 days at Swansea Belmont. A shout out to those who assisted. Thanks very much.

We saw yet another successful Transition Program for our U9 age group as they had the exciting opportunity for the first time to be exposed to surf events and competitions throughout the season. The commitment from our Water Safety team over the winter season allowed for the kids to embrace the varying surf conditions with confidence whilst honing in on their surf swimming and board paddling skills. All of this would not be possible without the assistance of those in orange Wanda Water Safety rash shirts, providing guidance and self-belief in our little rising stars.

Our Under 14s and SRC were instrumental as a way of mentorship toward our younger nipper age groups. Each took ownership of investing their time and experience toward the well-being of the younger nippers as well as supporting the efforts of the Water Safety crew.

Bronze Medallion recipients continued to grow with nippers' parents/carers/ friends taking on the scheduled courses throughout the season. I was proud to distribute new Water Safety rash shirts to these recipients where no encouragement was needed in having each prepared each Sunday

morning to embrace the water areas. Congratulations to all and thanks for making the commitment to support our club in this capacity.

A special thanks to Planning Ingenuity who again sponsored our Water Safety section of the club. Without your ongoing support, we are unable to represent as a critical division of the club and are proud to boast your brand across our orange rash shirts.

I would personally like to recognise the entire Water Safety and IRB team for their ongoing commitment, support and positive attitude throughout the season. What a great team we have in ensuring our nipper kids receive the best nipper experience when taking on the elements of the surf. A quote I feel best describes this amazing team, 'The way to achieve your own success is to be willing to help somebody else get it first.'

#### **Grant Bowmer**

JAG WATER SAFETY DIRECTOR

## JAG R&R COACH'S REPORT



#### **TEAM**

U12/13 Two Person - Harper Constantoulas and Amelia Dann

#### **RESULTS**

North Cronulla Carnival 3rd Sydney Branch 3rd State Titles 3rd Great results considering there were at least 20 teams in each event. In fact, a coach from another Club commented on how good they were.

A big thank you to Chris and Stefan for their help at carnivals especially at the State Championships where Stefan took copies of the result cards which showed the girls had dead-heated for 3rd place.

This resulted in a protest.

Consequently, their result was moved from 4th to 3rd.

Thank you to the Mums, Dads and Grandparents for bringing the girls to training and for assisting me when I needed help.

Thank you also to Katie Spinner for allowing the girls to train on Sundays during Nippers.

Amelia and Harper were always willing to learn and improve. This was evident at the beginning of the season after changes had been made to the competition manual and after each carnival. Stefan mentioned after each carnival their points lost had gone down, even though they always came 3rd. These girls will become the backbone of an exceptionally good 5 Person Team. In fact, I am looking to Australian Medals.

Also there are medals to be won in the U10/11 2 Person events.

Come on Age Managers, Mums and Dads speak to your sons and daughters about doing R&R.

## John Douglas JAG R&R COACH

## JAG IRB COORDINATOR'S REPORT

I'd like to take this chance to thank all of the team that make up our IRB family that we're lucky enough to have at Wanda, put simply without you and the water safety team the water events at nippers doesn't go ahead each Sunday.

This year we welcomed Grant aboard as our Water Safety Co-ordinator and apart from some of his calls on the weather the night before and his unique signals we soon settled into a comfortable rhythm – us telling him what we were going to do and how we were going to do it.

Our team as usual performed fantastically well when it came to carnivals with the guys from Sydney Branch continually requesting our services when things got tricky.

The teams willingness to volunteer for shifts so that we can meet our requirements for water safety duties at carnivals is fantastic but also something that I have come to expect from a great group of guys who season after season make my job easy.

I'd also like to make mention of Harry and Lachlan who both travelled to Swansea to help out for the State Championships despite having no kids or siblings competing, thanks guys it was much appreciated.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Committee for helping out whenever it was needed, thanks guys.

See you on the beach

Adam Buckley
JAG IRB COORDINATOR





## **JAG AGE MANAGERS' REPORTS**



#### **U6 BOYS**

In short, we had a great season with over 35 nippers joining and a significant number of them attending every week. We had amazing parent support and Karl, Adam and I are truly appreciative of their assistance. It was a new beginning for Adam Gooley and myself, but with some early guidance from Gary and then the U6's nominating themselves as the 'Crocs', we charged through the season and had some amazing experiences.

Major highlights were always the water activities. Despite bad weather and closed beaches, every nipper put in and all the changes kept the three of us age managers on our toes in trying to create creative ways for the lessons.

One of the biggest culminations was at the end of the year when I ran the 'Iron Croc' event and all the kids ran an obstacle like event, culminating all their lessons in a mini iron man (Croc) event. They were all happy and impressed with themselves.

Many are looking forward to next season and it's great to run into them when I take the family down the beach.

See you all next season hopefully.

**Taylor Banton** 

#### **U6 GIRLS**

Our U6 Dolphins had the most wonderful year. Bel and Jason got us all on our way and showed us parents and kids what a great time we can have at Wanda learning about the surf and everything the beach has to offer. So, a huge thanks to Bel and Jas for kicking off the season and paving the way for the handover to our new recruits Al, Carla, Scott, Rusty and Justin. That allowed us to step in and support our large group of 28 girls to get their feet wet, learn and most importantly have fun.

Much appreciation to all the parents as well. Every time it was needed, there were plenty of helpers in the water, carrying equipment, setting up the beach very early in the morning, cooking bacon, sausages and eggs and supporting our wonderful group of Dolphins in all aspects of our Sunday mornings. We couldn't have managed it without your help. This season was as much about our learning as it was the girls. Thanks to all for your support and patience as we navigated the sometimes very busy beach, 'herding cats (kittens)' at times to our next activity.

It was an absolutely amazing to see our Dolphins blossom over the season and seeing each and every girl's personality shine through each and every week. They showed some real courage and growing confidence as the season progressed as well as some super cheekiness, boundless energy and hopefully the platform for some longer-term nipper friendships.

It wasn't just about fun either, the girls learned some fantastic skills, including





signals, being sun smart, stretching and our DRS ABCD's from our muchloved Master Ken. (Thanks Ken, you are a super star).

We had some tough conditions on a few occasions that meant no water activities for the girls and this was offset by some amazing times on the boards at Gunnamatta and Kurnell where all the Dolphins had a ball on the boards for their first time. It was amazing to see our Dolphins out on the foamies speeding along the water with such ease and grace.

Thanks to our very generous sponsors for the weekly prizes and awards, the girls always strived to do their best and they also appreciated the lollies at the end of each week, except for the week there were none. (We promise that won't happen again).

All in all, it was a fantastic season, we could not be more proud of the girls and how they developed and what they achieved. Some significant highlights were beating those U6 Boy Crocodiles in the tug of war, getting on the boards, massive gains in water confidence in our beached whale

games and the wade where all the girls got in and had a go in the water with a massive milestone in water confidence compared to the start of the season.

We are excited and looking forward to seeing those smiling faces again in the 2020/21 season and seeing our Dolphins continue to develop and grow and have fun.

Justin Perryman

#### U7 BOYS

Congratulations on a fun filled season for our Under 7 boys!

We had many returning boys and welcomed more new starters joining for their first season. We were so proud of the improvement and confidence of all of the boys skills, both in and out of the water. The boys increased and displayed great knowledge and understanding of surf lifesaving skills during the season.

With our group being made up of 40 plus boys, it was great to see so many receive 100% attendance. Well done to the handful of boys who received their 200% attendance this season. This is a great achievement showing sometimes it is being committed and turning up rain or shine every Sunday to have fun and learn and improve skills, will be rewarded.

Once again we had a strong and dedicated group of parents and carers. Thank you! Our U7 boys benefit seeing you involved and helping both in and out of the water. In jobs like set up, pack up, water safety, photographer,

gear carrier and more. Thank you to Shelby for keeping everyone in touch and making communication easy.

Congratulations to the parents who gained their

Bronze Medallion this season. We highly recommend more take part, commit and achieve this to continue to be involved in the older age groups.

We look forward welcoming all back next season.

#### Morgan & Michael

#### **U7 GIRLS**

The 2019/2020 season for the Under 7 girls started with a bang with approximately 31 girls turning up most weeks! We had a good few girls return from the U6 group, but also a large group of new girls and parents wanting to 'get their feet wet' and try nippers for the first time.

The girls had a great season and made new friends and looked forward to warm and sunny Sunday's at the beach. Of course, Kurnell is always a favourite location for this age group and the girls really enjoyed getting out on the foam boards. It was amazing to see some of these pint-sized girls out on their boards speeding along the water with such ease and grace. A few





girls were nervous as first, but even the most timid were brave and eventually had some fun on the boards.

Another memorable day was early in 2020, when we found a sand bank near the shore line. The girls followed the lead from the U7 boys and ventured out further than they had ever before. The girls encouraged each other, held hands and wouldn't stop running, wading and swimming out through the line of parents in the water. Girls who wouldn't normally get involved, embraced the opportunity and really enjoyed themselves too. It was days like this, when you see an enormous smile on a girl's face because she had fun and was proud of herself, that makes it all worth it.

In addition to the Age Manager team which consisted of Darryl, Eric, Rob and Keli, there was a great amount of parent support each week. This season of nippers was not just about the girls learning and having fun, but also the parents enjoying their time at the beach with their daughters. Every parent was willing to help by either carrying something to the beach, doing BBQ or beach duty, or getting into the water. It was easy to get help from the parents, and it was greatly appreciated.

Overall, it was a thoroughly enjoyable and successful season and I am sure that both the girls and parents had a rewarding time; as the U7 Girls Age Manager Team definitely did!

Thank you and see you all again next season.

#### Keli McGuinness

#### U8 BOYS

Congratulations on another great year for our purple and white caps.

This year we welcomed some new members to our group- it was great to see all our boys interacting so well together and forming new friendships.

Congratulations to all the boys on their 100%, 200% & 300% attendance as well as the major age award winners - turning up each weekend as well as to carnivals is great dedication- well done to all the Mums and Dads.

This year was the boy's first year of club training and carnivals. We saw some amazing results both individually as well as from team events. It was so encouraging to see so many U8 Boy Wanda competitors in all disciplines and always supporting each other. The improvement from the boys throughout the season was fantastic.

Next season we see the boys being introduced to the surf, swim and foam nipper boards which is going to be another great skill for them to learn.

Thank you again to all the parents for not only bringing the boys each week to training and to nippers but for helping out on carnival days, for helping with water safety and becoming officials (congratulations Naomi McLean). Without all of your support this wouldn't all be possible.

I look forward to seeing you all again on the beach next season

#### Jason

#### **U8 GIRLS**

Well what a fantastic season it was for our U8 girls. At the start of the season it was great to see so many familiar faces looking up at us ready to learn new skills about what it means to be a lifesaver. It was also wonderful to welcome a number of new girls and their families to the Wanda Nippers community.

I am super proud of all the girls this season, who showed up giving 100% effort Sunday after Sunday, no matter what the weather. It was a delight to see friendships and camaraderie blossom between the girls as they cheered each other on in the Sunday activities. Throughout the season we were fortunate enough to have the wonderful Parents Patrol, led by Kenny, support the nippers' education sessions. The girls demonstrated excellent knowledge of their DRS ABC, how to spot a rip, the importance of swimming between the flags, signals, being sun smart and general safety on the beach.

The girls also trained hard with our wonderful coaches to develop their wading skills, diving for flags, sprint starts and the tricky relay baton change. It was a delight to watch their determined little faces as they conquered these new skills. The girls must also be congratulated on their behaviour week after week; the coaches continually commented on how respectful and attentive our group of girls were.

This year our U8 girls were given the opportunity to participate in a number of competitions throughout the season.



All of the girls who competed gave 100% and we came away with lots of medals, but what made me most proud was watching how the girls supported and encouraged each other. They really demonstrated what it means to be part of the Wanda club.

Our Sunday's would not have run as smoothly without the wonderful support from the assistant age managers, Therese, Dean, Louise and Rob. I personally want to take this opportunity to thank you for stepping up when I was away and for taking on the role of age manager at many of the competitions throughout the season. It is no small feat keeping an eye on our large cohort of girls, ensuring they make their events, that sunscreen is liberally applied, that they are kept hydrated, and supporting them when they might not have gone as well as they would have liked. You are amazing, thank you!

Lastly, a massive shout out to our fabulous parents. Thank you for bringing your girls along every week, and for your support throughout the season, whether it was helping out with the activities or volunteering to help out on BBQ duty or beach set up. A special mention to those parents who completed their Bronze medallion during the nipper season to enable them to help out as water safety, this is a huge testament to their dedication and support and is greatly appreciated.

I wish all the girls and their families the very best during our off-season and look forward to seeing all the girls again for the 20/21 season.

#### Pippa Jokhan



#### **U9 BOYS**

Congratulations to the Wanda Blue Cap boys for an outstanding year or nippers! This year we stepped into full competition for many boys and our surf skills were improved significantly across the group.

Our season began well before the first week of nippers for most, with the U8 transition program put together by Brett, Todd and the club coaches. The transition program proved enormously beneficial for those who braved the many winter sessions and our subsequent racing success was most definitely a result of the program.

As one of the largest groups our Sunday nipper days were very well attended, even in often testing conditions and regardless of the weather, the team's mate-ship grew stronger.

Although conditions prevented some competition, once we got racing we certainly showed our strength and depth. Attending their first State

Titles, the Wanda boys competed in every beach and water event and were the best performing U9s in the State, bringing home 7 Gold, 1 Silver and 5 Bronze medals and many more finals appearances, dominating all water events individually and as teams. Aside from the bling, the boys took home friendships that will last well beyond their nipper years.

Thanks to Nathan, Steve, Cam, Jock, Larry and Zane for coaching the boys to be the best they could be. Thanks to Jeff, Tracey and Dave for helping manage the boys, to Grant and the Water Safety team and thanks Fiona, Brooke and the Wanda Committee for pulling it all together each week. Thanks to the U9 parents for your support getting the boys prepared, BBQs and duties and of course thanks to the 34 blue caps boys for a great season! Looking forward to seeing everyone again soon to share more good times and bigger and better things in the U10s.

#### Glen Spaul



#### **U9 GIRLS**

Congratulations to the Girls who received 100, 200, 300 and 400% attendance. Also a big congratulations to the recipients of the major Age Awards. We saw some very ordinary weather conditions this season and it was very pleasing to see so much commitment from the group. We also take this chance to acknowledge your families for getting you to the beach and bay for training each week and for nipper activities at the weekend - well done mums, dads, and grandparents!

This was our 2nd year attending carnivals and it also included our 1st year at the peak competition of each season - the New South Wales Junior State Titles. Our participation was fantastic and we were so proud to see the sportsmanship the girls displayed when they tied on the Wanda cap. Following on from last year the blue caps excelled in competition achieving medals at the Cronulla Carnival, the

4-way Carnival, the Wanda Carnival and even the State Championships! It appears the introduction of the swim and the board this season proved successful for our blue caps where they achieved finals and medals in both individual and team events. In the team events it was so impressive watching the girls support one another when things were going well and

especially watching them look after one another when things didn't go to plan. We have witnessed a great network of confident young ladies in the group and we can't wait to see them continue to flourish next season.

Next season we look to build on our team's experience and continue to foster individual improvements in the water, on the beach and through surf lifesavings educational pathways. Thank you to all blue cap parent volunteers that contributed to the success of the season by way of helping with water safety, beach set up/pack up, BBQ duty, carnival assistance and supporting our fundraising events. We can't wait to see you all back on the beach for the 2020/21 season.

#### Nathan and Courtney

#### U10 BOYS

We entered season 2019/20 by adding some extra muscle to the age manager ranks with Ben adding some key lieutenants in Fernando and young Benny Sutton. We agreed we would judge our success based on the progression of the group and not individual nippers.

As we reflect on the year as part of our isolation self-assessment, we are so proud of what the boys have been able to achieve. We were pleased to welcome some new nippers to the club in the form of Angus, Lachlan, Kylan, Reef, Michael, Sebastian, Curren and Cole. Each of them weaved their way into the group and became part of our tight knit U10 crew.

With a change in format to past years with an added focus on education and skill development, the boys rose to the challenge and mastered the lifesaving signals, first aid, CPR and identification of surf and beach safety. We spent a lot of time talking about the conditions and how to read the surf which saw many great individual and team performances at competitions.

In the water we witnessed a swell of improvement with our top eight boys consistently finishing within two waves of each other with smiles on their faces.





The high fives, clapping and fist pumps were all signs of the special bond our U10 boys are forming and will see us post some strong relay teams in years ahead.

In addition, and the most rewarding for us as age managers was seeing our new nippers and those with a preference for the beach take to the water. Each of these boys really grew in confidence in the swim and on their boards which we hope they continue into next year.

On the beach, things really heated up with the introduction of the 2km beach runs under the guidance of old school coaching from Jock. The boys learnt about the winning mentality through the discipline of not sitting down when tired and standing up to accept the challenge. We saw some great performances on sprint tracks where like the water only a blanket would separate our top 8 sprinters. The flag pit was no different and seeing the handshakes post eliminations again demonstrates the respect they have for each other.

We had 16 yellow caps participate in the State Nipper carnival which was our largest attendance yet.
Congratulations to Parker, Max,
William, Josh, Ryan, Harley, Liam,
Reef, Felix, Oscar, Justinian,
Sebastian, Cooper, Curran, Darcy and
Jacob. The comradery, support and encouragement the boys displayed for each other was a testament to the parents and our club culture. As age managers we were so proud of them all for their willingness to compete, cheer each other on and celebrate each other's success.

To the many parents who helped out over the year, thank you. As a surf club we are very open in saying Nippers relies on volunteers as it takes many hands to make each Sunday an enjoyable and enriching experience for our kids. So, thank you for helping with beach setups and pack downs, BBQ duties, water safety, carrying the bucket, holding towels, placing flags, carnival duties and bringing your kids to Wanda every Sunday morning.

Finally, to all of our yellow bananas, thank you for making the year such an enjoyable experience. We hope you feel you developed your skills, grew your friendships with each other and most of all had fun. It was a privilege to lead you boys and to see you progress. We look forward to setting our sights on bigger team and personal goals, and we can't wait to see you again next year.

#### Ben and Fernando

#### U10 GIRLS

What an exciting and successful season for our Yellow Caps girls! We loved meeting and welcoming many new families to our group this season and loved watching all the children and parents establish new friendships and grow those that were already existent. We continued to work closely with the yellow caps boys and nurture our relationship with them and their wonderful support group and age managers. We are very fortunate to have the relationship we do with the boys, we support one another and cheer one another on whether it be on a normal nipper Sunday or at carnivals - to me this is what it is all about, mateship and teamwork and I

can't wait to see what next season has in stall for our brave and determined yellow cap boys and girls.

This season the girls continued to step outside their comfort zone and build on their skills showing enthusiasm towards learning new skills, it is evident that they each have the qualities it takes to become successful lifesavers.

We have a small but eager group of girls, a great mix - some are competitive and attended various carnivals all season whilst some didn't compete quite as frequently this year, but the commitment and motivation they each display towards their nipper career is much to be admired. Each of our girls are so talented, whether it be on the sand or in the water and each have their own goals they're working towards. Most rewarding for us each season is watching each girl grow and become more confident within themselves and recognise their ability. We love seeing their smile when they do something for the first time, or finally nail something they've been working towards, it's such a great feeling and makes the privileged role of age manager worthwhile.

This year was the second year of competition for our girls. It was great seeing many of our girls represent Wanda at carnivals throughout the season. All these girls achieved amazing results – weather they walked away with medals or not they are all winners in our eyes. Just being brave enough to give it a go is enormous and I can't wait to see what next season holds for them.

Our girls represented Wanda at many carnivals this season including – Cronulla carnival, Wanda One Club, 4-Way, Ohana, the Sydney Water Surf Series, and Manly. We even had a handful of girls challenge themselves in various Iron-women races in Forster, Warilla Barrack Point and North Cronulla.

9 of our girls and their families travelled to Swansea Belmont to





represent Wanda and compete over 2 days at the 2019/20 Nipper State Titles. Our girls went up against some pretty strong and talented girls from other clubs right across NSW, but this didn't phase them – they gave it their all in every single race, they made many individual and team finals – what a huge achievement.

Congratulations to our State Medalists:

Zara - Silver U10 individual Swim

Isabel, Kiani, Zahri & Zara – Bronze U10 Surf Team

Next season we will transition from a foam nipper board to a fibreglass nipper board, we will continue to build on their skills learnt in the U9's and U10's and will also introduce them and transition to Iron person and board rescue events. They are going to love the extra events and have so much fun learning and challenging themselves.

We sincerely enjoyed every moment this season, and hope each of the girls and their families did also. We hope to see all the girls return for a bigger and better 2020/21 Season. The off season is a good time to sit with your child and set goals for the coming season, it is also a good time to set the wheels in motion and do things to work towards achieving these goals for example taking up some extra swimming or running training.

I'd like to take the opportunity to congratulate and thank all the parents who gained their Bronze Medallion this season, you are a real inspiration to your child, the other children and the age managers you are leading by example and encouraging the children to give it a go.

Thank you to all the parents who helped out week to week, whether it be with set up and pack down, BBQ duties or transporting equipment to and from carnivals, as you know Nippers is run solely by volunteers and your assistance is very much welcomed and appreciated - our girls nipper journey would not be possible without you.

We look forward to seeing all the girls and their smiling faces on the beach next season as we work together on the next chapter in their lifesaving journey.

#### Lisa Zammit, Kim Johnson, Bryce Gallan & Teagan Thatcher

#### U11 BOYS

Peta and I are so proud of the U11 boys and everything they achieved this season. Most of last year's group returned and it was great to see a group of new boys start their adventure with Wanda Nippers.

Our first season on fibreglass boards and a couple of new events to master was no problem for the boys.

An important part of Nippers is education, First Aid, CPR, tube and board rescues and the boys enjoyed all these activities and we must thank all those who assisted in these activities as we go about the beach on a Sunday morning.

It is also encouraging to see the boys progress and improve in both ability and confidence when we swim and paddle around the cans each Sunday. But Nippers is more than swimming and paddling around the cans each Sunday. It is about forming new friendships outside of school and this was never clearer when we were at Carnivals and how the boys encouraged and cheered each other on in each race.

And of course, none of this would happen without the help of the parents. Ferrying the boys to training, carnivals and each Sunday morning. BBQ's and setup and committees are all important to seeing our future surf lifesavers of the future develop.

Many thanks to Peta for her tireless work each week, keeping everyone informed through facebook etc, every Sunday keeping the boys in check and the way she organises all the boys at carnivals. Great job!!

Well I had a lot of fun this season watching the boys grow and develop, and for that I want to thank the boys for making my Sunday mornings.

#### Peta and Tim

#### U11 GIRLS

Thank you and congratulations to the Wanda Purple Caps on a great season.

This year we welcomed a few new nippers and families to our age group and a new age manager.

We stepped-up to the fibre-glass boards this year and all the girls should be complimented for their effort and 'giving- it a go'. Many stepped out of their comfort zones. The training sessions throughout the season saw the girls go from strength to strength in the water and on the sand with the great training programs from Star Academy and Jock Athletic.

Wanda has been building on the girls education component and this season the girls showed great enthusiasm & knowledge in this component of the nipper program, which should make it easier for when the girls obtain their SRC in the U14s. This is why we are here, to help the girls grow into amazing little lifesavers of the future.

I have enjoyed each week seeing more and more girls participating in the water events as their nervousness subsides and confidence in the ocean grows. Our group of girls are very supportive of each other and all love to encourage their friends to have a go.

Congratulations to the 100% attendance girls. Your parents also need to be congratulated on getting you to nippers each week. Making the decision to turn up each week, rain – hail or shine requires a very high level of dedication.

A couple of season highlights for me this year;

- 1) no matter what Carnival we were at the Wanda U11 girls dominated the water showing every club from around the State that our team of girls are the best in the State & they left no questions after State picking up Gold and Silver medals from the team events and top 6 finishes in every individual event.
- 2) our small group of runners that went to State finished in 6th place in the beach relay final picking up a point for the club, great effort girls.

Special thanks to the tireless effort by the committee, water safety, the IRB crews, BBQ team and all the parents that helped out every weekend, without you all we do not have a Nipper program at Wanda. Last but not least, thank you to all purple cap parent volunteers that contributed to the success of the season by way of helping with water safety, beach set up/pack up, BBQ duty.

I can't wait to see you all back on the beach for the 2020/21 season.

#### **Brett Thatcher**

#### U12 BOYS

Another season has flown by and the boys are growing up so fast.

We began the season in beautiful Spring weather and welcomed some new faces - Kyle, Will, Nathan, Jack, Callum and Daniel. Welcome to the team boys - we have loved getting to know you. With plenty of the old faces stepping up to the plate again we were raring to go for another season fun.

This season saw a bigger focus on beach skills and fitness and it was great to see all the boys giving it their all. What a shame that you couldn't beat your age managers in the long distance running with Jock - but we are sure you'll take us on again next year. Truth be told though, you all improved your fitness and learnt some great new skills.

The water again provided a lot of fun and we saw an enormous improvement in swimming and board paddling skills. It was especially pleasing to see our old heads assisting and encouraging our new boys and we saw great improvement to the point that the whole crew were confident in getting around the cans and back by the end of the season.

All the boys participated enthusiastically in the education activities and we look not too far into the future now to the time that we will have a group of young lifesavers.



On the competition front we had a wonderful home carnival for Wanda One Club with a blindIngly hot day but very calm surf and we also hosted the 4-Way carnival in less friendly conditions at our home beach as well. We rolled on towards the Branch carnival but several weekends of wild surf meant that it was unfortunately cancelled.

We then moved onto the State Champs at Swansea and saw some very exciting results. A Gold medal to Dane and Ziggy in the board rescue and another gold medal for Dane, Ziggy and Joe in the board relay. Wow! Both races incredibly exciting with very tight finishes. Kyle won a Silver medal in the 1km run - a great achievement at his first state. We had lots of other boys achieve great results with several boys making finals. As always the red cap boys are one of the highest point scorers for the club and their efforts contributed in a big way to Wanda coming 5th in the state. We are very proud of all of the boys for their efforts and great sportsmanship at what was a great weekend.

As always, Nippers only runs with the support of our parents and we thank all the parents for their contribution to water safety, officials, BBQ helpers, set up crew and committee. We are lucky to have such a great group of parents.

Boys, we are so very proud to be your age managers and more than ever, we are looking forward to the start of the season when we can all come together to enjoy Wanda and the great sport that is Nippers.

#### Santie and Scott



#### U12 GIRLS

We love watching our red caps grow and develop each season and they are turning into extremely competent surf lifesavers. The girls encourage and look after each other each week and support each other during competition.

This year we welcome new families to our group and saw a few girls return from past years. It's so lovely to watch the friendships form and the girls growing in their confidence over the season.

Our red caps have enjoyed honing their skills in the water in the board and swim. The training sessions throughout the season saw the girls go from strength to strength and they supported each other to make various team events. This years' Sunday sessions were a little different to the past years having dedicated coaches for board, swim, distance running, sprinting and flags which gave each of the girls the opportunity to increase their skills.

The girls attended various carnivals over the season including Wanda One Club, Sydney Water Surf Series, Cronulla Short Course carnival, 4-Way carnival, Manly carnival, Ohana carnival, Australia Day Iron-Person carnival at North Cronulla and State Championships at Blacksmiths Beach. The State Sydney Branch carnival didn't happen this season due to the conditions. Congratulations on the achievements and medals throughout the season. The best thing is seeing the girls smiling faces when they finish a race and achieve their goals.

Congratulations to all those girls who have participated and to those who have achieved their 100%, 200%, 300%, 400%, 500%, 600%, 700% and 800% awards and to their parents for their commitment to their daughters each week.

Thank you to the families who have assisted this year, especially with water safety, officiating at various carnivals, tent set up and weekly activities, as without your help nippers doesn't happen. We have a great group of parents. Thank you!

Rochelle Natoli saw her second season age managing our red caps and her guidance and commitment for the girls is amazing. Gary McNamara also returned age managing this season and after supporting the U6's starting out, he stepped back to looking after the girls.

Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you on the beach for the 20/21 season.

#### Kaylene, Gary & Rochelle

#### U13 BOYS

So very proud to see most of the pink cap boys return this season and a few new ones join this wonderful group making 19 this year being one of the larger U13 groups. More than anything this year "mateship" really stood out between these boys. The bonds built over years shining through. With Luis Carrera and Nicole Lloyd joining the group as Assistant Age Managers we really enforced leadership, manners and expectation of excellent behaviour from all our boys knowing that they

will become the leaders of Nippers next season. Step up they did, showing great respect to the beach and water coaches and to all Wanda.

As always there was keen competition between the boys for all teams during the year and they all displayed great sportsmanship in every competition showing the growing maturity of the boys. The surf education was well received and puts the group in good stead for next year's U14 Surf Rescue Certificate as they move into patrols and their final year of Nippers.

The U13s development camp was a great event on the calendar Dylan, Emilio, Jack, Joshua and Matias had a fantastic time bonding with other Surf Life Savers from other clubs and partaking in all the great activities.

Not as many travelling competitors this year to carnivals but 4-Ways as usual was a great show. Medium conditions allowing everyone to get in and give it their best and with spirit. Kai again standing out as a force to be reckoned with in the Bate Bay. This year we "almost" had a beach team with some great natural speed and ability, but unfortunately other sporting commitments made it difficult to get the right team to compete at the highest level. We hope next year might get the pink caps to undertake their unfinished business on the beach.

Unfortunately Branch Carnival was cancelled for the 1st time for these Nippers much to the boy's disappointment. A shortened program of only qualifying events was scheduled and many of the boys turned up to give the Ironman a shot which was great to see.

Well done to the 11 boys and parents that made the trip for State Titles at Swansea Belmont for our fourth year.

Everyone settled in well and with good conditions allowing everyone to compete and more importantly for every event to be completed which was a welcome change from last year.

We had plenty of sun and fun over the weekend including a great Wanda Team Dinner Friday night.

Congratulations to Kai competing again in our All Age Board Relay team doing Wanda and our pink caps extremely proud and in the U13 Mixed Cameron Relay with Will, Waverly and Keira, achieving a fantastic 5th place.

We would like to congratulate Age Champion Cameron and Runner Up Kai for their excellent consistent results and to Emilio our deserved Life Saver Award Recipient for continued excellent attitude and persistence in all events and to Matias & Cooper - Encouragement Awards Recipients for consistent attendance and improvement whilst showing us just how much fun Nippers can be. Well done to you all.

Thank you to all the parents who have again assisted with Water Safety, BBQ's, setup/pack downs, raffles and snow cones throughout the year, your help makes Nippers a great day for all.

Importantly I would like to thank my wonderful Assistant Age Managers Luis Carrera and Nicole Lloyd for their support through this year especially both on and off the beach. Your contribution of time, dedication and love of Nippers was clearly seen and invaluable.

Lastly with great sadness our season ended with "Covid-19/Coronavirus" time, when the world was hit with the worst virus most of us have ever experienced in our lives. The final Nipper Day was cancelled, our voting for next year's club captains was completed online and at writing this, no group gatherings of more than two people were legal. Our beautiful Wanda beach was closed over Easter as were National Parks. Our thoughts at the time of writing this is with all





those who have passed away, been separated from family, had their businesses close and to all our Wanda friends especially that have been struggling. We wish for a brighter future where we return to meet at our beach WANDA for friendship, competition and volunteering to keep our beaches safe our mateship long.

#### Karen Bonar

#### U13 GIRLS

My beautiful Pink Caps are all growing into gorgeous young ladies. I love seeing each and every one of the Pink Caps achieve their best.

We have been building on our education component again this season in preparation for the girls to obtain their SRC hopefully during the first few weeks of their U14s season.

Although this season has thrown a mixed bag of conditions at us we have had more girls participate in the water events as their nervousness subsides and confidence in the ocean grows. Our group of girls have always been

very supportive of each other. They always encourage their friends to have a go.

As always I like to congratulate the 100% attendance girls. Your parents also need to be congratulated on getting you to Nippers each week. Making the decision to turn up each week, rain – hail or shine requires a very high level of dedication.

The Pink Caps have always been very competitive. Again, we sent a group to the pool rescue State Championships, at Woy Woy last July and to the National Championships on the Gold Coast. As always we have had girls race many carnivals throughout the season with the State Titles at Swansea being the carnival they are all aiming for. During the 3 days of competition, the girls had a great weekend building their friendship groups not only within our club but with other clubs too. I love seeing them having fun with the loud music and dancing under the tent.

A huge thank you to my Assistant Age Manager Drew, you're such a great help each Sunday and at carnivals with the beachies. Also, a shout out to Stefan for all your help on Sundays and for looking after the R&R team at carnivals. You are both amazing, having you there helping each week makes my life easier. And a massive thank you to Karen. This season we have brought the boys and girls groups together for most of the activities. We haven't been able to do this in the past due to the large numbers, but this year now that they are older it has worked well.

Thank you to all the parents that always put their hand up to help with Water Safety, officiating, BBQ Duty and set up. Without the parents helping Nippers would not happen.

This season we have also started fundraising for the U14s trip away, thank you for your help so far.

We are getting very close to our last season of Nippers. Next season will be lots of fun with Patrols starting once you gain your SRC as well as training and competing with the seniors.

I am looking forward to seeing all my beautiful Pink caps smiling faces for one last season.

#### Katie Spinner

#### U14 BOYS

Our season got off to a great start with 11 boys registered for the year, we welcomed Joel and Sam to the group.

The excitement of getting on and having a crack at riding the Mals was felt throughout the entire group, with great conditions for our first few weeks of nippers everyone was having a go, coming in with big smiles and fist pumps.

Every time we were able to participate in the water activities everyone had a go and always encouraged on another. Watching the boys tackle the 2km beach run with Jock from week to week was very impressive. Most of them stepped out of their comfort zones and were very surprised at how well they finished the race.

Unfortunately, we didn't get a lot of racing in with Branch and Aussies cancelled, we did manage to win lots of team medals at the Bate Bay 4 Way Carnival and all raced well our last State Nipper carnival. Congratulations to Joel on racing up at Senior State and winning a Bronze medal in the U15s Mixed Relay.

The season definitely was a busy one with everyone passing their SRC and joining patrols, along with fundraising for our end of season trip to the Gold Coast.

The weekend away was the highlight of the season and one the kids will never forget. They all had a fantastic time making new friendships and creating memories. A huge thank you to Patrick, Rob, Cass and Evette for escorting the kids and looking after them over the weekend.

Special mention to Fletcher and India on their selection in the Sydney Branch team who competed in the NSW Interbranch Championships at Bulli in Dec '19 with Sydney coming 2nd behind Sydney Northern Beaches.

Both Fletcher and India were then selected in the NSW Youth Pathways team to compete in the Interstate Championships at Alexander Headlands in Jan '20. This was an amazing experience going into camp with the team. NSW were undefeated for the 3rd year in a row and came away with both the Pathways and Interstate Cup.

Congratulations to both Fletcher and Chelsea on being selected as finalists for the Sydney Branch to contest the NSW Lifesaver of the Year Award. This was a huge process in which they had to attend interviews, answer online questions and demonstrate their passion for surf lifesaving. They both did an amazing job and wore the Wanda colours with pride.

Unfortunately for us, Nippers came to a grinding halt with the Covid-19 pandemic. I know you were all disappointed in not having your last day farewell from Nippers and missed the chance to race at your first ever Youth Australian Titles. Covid-19 was all out of our control and the health and safety of everyone was the countries number one priority. Hopefully when things get back to normal we can give you guys the farewell from Nippers that you all deserve.

It's been such an honour watching the boys grow from little boys scared of the ocean (shout out to both Ramon and Fletcher our two original nippers from the U6's) into wonderful fit young men who will give anything a go.

The senior club look forward to having you all on board next season to continue your patrols, train both on the beach and in the water as well as continuing to compete at carnivals whilst wearing the Wanda colours with pride.

Thanks for all the laughs and fun times. I wish you all every success for the future.

#### Julie-Anne Warn

#### U14 GIRLS

While I'm typing away, there are several things that come to mind, the first is that our U14 girls started as young girls and have grown into mature young ladies. We should all be extremely proud of them. They are amazing ladies who have accomplished so much!!! We have watched them evolve over the past 8 years, including those that either started in the U6's and stayed all the way through, or those who came for a season or 2 or those that joined during a particular age group and stayed till the U14s. We are appreciative of all the great things you bought to the team.

Our aim whilst on this journey was not only to encourage the girls to do their best and create friendships along the way, but also to develop the girls to become confident female role models & future Surf Life Savers. During this journey, our girls have accomplished several mile stones to achieve this.



They have gained self-awareness and independence, competitive rivalry, lifelong friendships, teamwork and sportsmanship. They have gone from learning how to compete at flags and changing batons in a sprint relay, to starts and finishes on the sprint track! These girls learnt how to get the twist and turn into an artform & excel on the beach.

Whilst this was taking place on the sand, we started to see which girls preferred the water events. There were some clear choices made, whether it be beach or water events and then there was those that preferred both. With starts and finishes on the board, hopping through the waves with their board and propelling their legs and using their hands to scoop/paddle through the water, diving under the waves and using the sand to pull themselves forward and then taking the next stroke as they break through the water. For those that clearly loved the water events, you saw them transition from foamies to fiberglass boards to Mals.

All the girls had their ups and downs with smiles and tears, for a variety of reasons, across the different seasons. Yet each of the girls grew from these experiences. They continued to give it 100% and came to Nippers each week with a smile on their face, eager to have fun with their friends.

At many carnivals and events and even at our own Nipper days, it was noted that our girls represented our Wanda Club with pride. Extraordinary sportsmanship and team comradery are the key words that come to mind. They all looked out for one another, whether it be through encouragement during a race or on the side lines or consoling before or after an event. There were numerous Carnivals, Champo Days, Branch Carnivals (just to name a few) and all the girls did their best, gave it their all and wore their Wanda Club colours proudly.

At many of these events the girls walked away with medals, whether it was Gold, Silver or Bronze, for individual or team events. Those that didn't win a medal were able to walk away with their heads held high as they gave it their best, which is all that we ask them to do.

Our girls become influential with the younger groups (and some of the older groups) from an early age and continued to encourage the younger children to do their best and even spent time with them coaching and showing them the ropes across the different Surf Life Saving Skill set. This is fabulous development from a variety of perspectives: individually, as a team, as a leader, as a mentor, as a friend and buddy, just to name a few.

Over the years, our girls attended the U11 or U13's development camp, where they learnt even more Surf Life Savings and transitioned them into young ladies and further enhanced the skills that that had been learning at Nippers on a weekly basis. A massive thanks to Doug Hawkins for his leadership and guidance to all the Nippers who attend these camps.

This was the year of SRC. Once the girls obtained their SRC it was great to see them all get involved and start patrolling our beaches as Lifesavers of the future. It was also the year of fundraising events for their end of season trip away to Tallebudgera Surf Club on the Gold Coast. There was nearly an event every weekend that was dedicated to SRC or fundraising in some form, whether it be at North Cronulla SLSC for SRC or the BBQ at Gunnamatta Bay, the Snow cones (depending on the weather...as the weather was either great or the totally opposite). It was during this time away that the girls were able to let their hair down (literally) and hang out with U14 Boys. Strong friendships evolved and continue to grow amongst the group.

Thank you to everyone who helped in some shape or form and thank you to all the parents, grandparents, siblings, coaches and committee members for their support. Thank you to those who took on the extra duties, such as obtaining their Bronze Medallion, First Aid, helping with set up and pull down at Nippers & Carnivals, BBQ duties, Snow Cones, Officiating at Carnivals and helping with other general duties as required. Without your help Nippers couldn't happen.

To the Assistant Age Managers over the years, thank you for everything you have done and in particular, Evette for the last couple, you have been the back bone to help the girls achieve their goals, not only at Nippers but personally. Thank you for a fabulous 8 years. Thank you to all the U14 Girls who helped make the 2019-2020 season what it was: Ava Cahill, Lily Cameron, Tahli Christensen, Isabella Cox, Alita Crossley, Tara Gentle, Talia Goffet, Bronte Goodman, India Hulbert, Christie Kannengiesser, Ara Kotsis, Chelsea Sutton and Jade Tattam.

We are so very proud of all of you! For who you are, what you have become and what you will be!!

For those moving on to the seniors club, good luck! For those who are not moving on to the senior club, we hope you have gained a wealth of knowledge & experience that you will be able to use.

See you all at the beach, continue to believe in yourself. We have loved being part of your time at nippers and will always cherish the memories.

# Cassandra & Evette

# **RED FINS**

Wanda started the Red Fins 2 years ago as an inclusive nipper program for children with a disability and we ran alongside mainstream Nippers each Sunday up until the XMAS break. For those that don't know us, our program provides a different path for kids and families that require extra support to participate in Nippers, and benefit from a more relaxed day at the beach on Sunday mornings. Each weekend we run through all the Nipper events and also learn beach safety; identifying rips, following hand signals and working on our DRS-ABCD with Ken Smith down in the patrol team.

Inclusive Nippers is growing across Australia, with many club starting programs and hosting inclusive carnivals. This year members of the Red Fins competed in carnivals at Cronulla, Wanda (4-Way and Wanda One), the Sydney Northern Branch Special Needs Championships at Mona Vale, and the Sate Carnival at Swansea Belmont. These carnivals combined hosted over 100 competitors from



clubs from around NSW, with events for Mini (U8), Junior (U14) and Senior (Open) for Male and Female competitors.

The highlight of the season for the Red Fins was the Bate Bay Fun Day carnival we ran with the other Bate Bay inclusion groups; the Blue Fins from Cronulla, the Yellow Fins from Elouera and the kids from North Cronulla. Collectively we had over 30 kids at the carnival with various challenges; including Autism, Physical/Intellectual Disabilities and Vision/Hearing impairments, on the beach and in the water having fun followed by a medal presentation and a BBQ.

The highlight of the season for me was watching Abbie, Alex, Christian, Cooper, Dalton, Darcy, Henry, Kai, Mitchell, Mikayla, Noah, and Polly make new friends, improve their skills, and gain confidence each week throughout the season – you would not believe the changes and progress that I saw in these kids!

Sunday mornings at Nippers doesn't just happen - I have a lot of people to thank:

- First and foremost, the Red Fins
   Assistant Age Manager Michael
   Ting, who stepped up at the start of the season when we needed help
- The kid's parents and helpers that provided support for their kids on the beach
- The Nipper Committee Fiona, Brooke, Andrew, Lisa, Louise, Ray, Sam, Tiffany, Nikki, Gretchen, Katie, Brad, Tim, Steve, Tammy and Glen

   they have never said no to helping our program, or that anything is too hard. Their guidance and support is valued and appreciated – you make

Sunday mornings easier for us

- The Surf Club Board of Management

   especially Todd, Nathan, Sarge,

   Anne, Nat, Michael and Mikaela

   Your support is very much

   appreciated
- Grant, the Water Safety team and the Wanda patrol members that have supported us on the beach and in the water each week
- Libby and Leah from Elouera, Yvette & Georgia from Cronulla, and Donna from North Cronulla for sharing their experiences from their inclusion programs
- Wanda Club Patron Gary Bradshaw that made the Rainbow Club connection for us
- Our Sponsor Dale and Anne Caterson from Dale Caterson Electrical whose generous support allowed us to subsidise the program and making the financial commitment for families to try Nippers a little easier
- And finally, all of the Club members, Nippers and their parents that showed their support – your acceptance and support of these kids means more than you may know

For all of our club members, I'd like you to think about your family and friends that have barriers getting their kids to the beach or Nippers. They may not even know that there are options for them. Please let them know that Wanda is here for them, no matter what their challenges are.

I look forward to bigger and better program next year!

# **Denny Rowlands**



# **BEACH CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

What a crazy season! We had to cope with everything from big seas, bushfires, floods and then to top it all off, the greatest pandemic in a hundred years. I'm guessing you'd have to go back to the Second World War to see Aussies being cancelled. At least we got to compete at the NSW State Titles and Wanda's 4th Annual Tradies One Club Carnival.

Our 2km runners have had another outstanding season. For me, the highlight was a Saturday afternoon at Maroubra beach where Ali Najem ran a full marathon – yes, over 42kms – on the soft sand. For his troubles, Ali set a world record. However, it was his grit and determination for finishing the last 10km or so after he hit the wall at the 30km mark that really impressed me. His support crew of runners, particularly Zak Keelan and Kai Hammond, also did an outstanding job. Ali's mum actually ran with him for the last 1km of the run.

Ali led the charge of points at State, winning individual Gold in the Open Men's event before pairing with Lachie Crawford to win the 2x1km relay. Jessie Phelps did the same in the Open Women, pairing with Harriet Smith in the relay. Harriet finished 2nd behind Jessie in the individual Open Women's race, with Chloe Gentle completing a clean sweep of the medals by finishing 3rd. Chloe had just backed up after her win in the U19s race. Chloe also paired with Carla Papac to come 2nd to Chloe and Harriet in the Open Women's relay. In the U17s relay, Jessie Phelps and Rebecca Selmon won Gold for Wanda.

Zak Keelan won the U17 Men's 2km run, after his "partner in crime", Kai Hammond withdrew because of illness. Zak partnered Finn Ross in the U17 and U19 relays, finishing 4th and 2nd respectively. Not to be outshone, Zak's

younger sister Violet paired up with Tara Gentle to claim 2nd in the U15 relay.

Overall, the 2km crew won an incredible 86 points at the State open carnival.

Our sprinters had a successful season. The Open Men retained their Gold medals won at the 2019 and 2018 State titles with an emphatic win. Well done to Matt Lewis, Jamee Smith, James Karagiannis and Clayton Beranek. It's a pity they didn't have the chance to see if they could improve on last year's 3rd place at Aussies.

The Women's U15 relay side of Zara Lammers, Tyler Coles, Tara Gentle and Jade Tattam collected a Silver medal for their efforts, with the mixed U15 side (Zara and Tyler, plus Sam Hulbert and Joel Steiner) winning a Bronze medal.

Jamee Smith competed as an individual Open competitor for the first time. He definitely left his mark, finishing 2nd at State and at the Wanda One Club Carnival. Matt Lewis came 6th at State. Jamee was chosen to represent NSW at the Interstate carnival, coming 2nd (again) in a hot field.

In the U15 Women's race at State, Zara Lammers finished 2nd and Tyler Coles 6th.

In the flags, Clayton Beranek continues to pose a threat to the big names.

Clayton finished a very creditable 5th in the Open Men's at State. Tyler Coles and Zara Lammers also did well, finishing just outside the medals.

This year, we had Jock, Zane and myself have greater involvement with the coaching and training of the nippers. As well as the obvious direct benefits, we hope to have a smoother transition into the senior beachie ranks. The feedback received so far has been positive. It looks like we should be able to muster some very competitive female relay sides in the next few years.

As usual, the Beach Section needs to thank our main coaches, Wayne Owen and Jock Campbell. These guys and their helpers put in innumerable hours to get our athletes up to speed (literally). To Greg Pierce and the rest of the Wanda Board and office staff, thank you for supporting our section behind the scenes. The parents of our young stars were always ready to lend a hand when it was needed - as the saying goes, many hands make light work. And to the rest of the Wanda competitors, thank you for filling in our beach relay teams when we needed a hand.

Hope to see you on the sand later this year.

Larry Leabeater
BEACH CAPTAIN





















# 2KM BEACH RUN TEAM REPORT

What a weird season. It started out very strongly with the new Beach Warrior event that Surf Life Saving Australia asked our team to support. We were way out of our comfort zone, but got some great results.

We had another brand-new race, the Sydney Airport Centenary Runway Run, in which 1km and 500m events were run for the benefit of surf lifesaving. Again, our team dominated and won \$3000 for the club to go towards lifesaving equipment. Then the wheels started to fall off the season. The Sydney Branch Carnival was called off due to dangerous surf conditions, which we were all prepared to run through. Later on, Aussies and Worlds were called off due to COVID-19 thankfully, we were able to squeeze State in where we had our best ever State carnival.

The most exciting thing for our team was the emergence of the 2km Beach Relay, that had previously been run at World Titles, but we finally got a crack at a team event in the Australian domestic competition at State.

#### **Beach Warrior**

Beach Warrior was this great new concept from SLS that took us well beyond our capabilities. However, we trained hard for it, embraced it and could not have had a better competition. The race was 4km, mostly on soft sand, and had 25 unusual obstacles along the way. Ali Najem and Jessie Phelps didn't just win the SLS categories, but also the Open Elite categories in both divisions. The greatest thing for us is that we had about 20 of our athletes from juniors to masters come up and race together in Queensland, and they all came away with something special. All of our entrants won a medal or at worst, a 4th place in their age division. This included us winning both the elite team male and female four-person team and winning every age division that we entered. It was really pleasing to see the emergence of new runners like Violet Keelan and Tara Gentle

coming up from the nippers and doing so well in their age group, and Olympic hopeful Alicia Keir stepping way outside her comfort zone and getting 2nd in the elite women's. Alicia has returned to the club after a 15-year hiatus, and this was her first senior event after finishing nippers 15 years ago.

The results we got were amazing. It's very difficult to keep a tally of the golds we won, given there were so many categories. For each win, we won the SLS category and elite category. But our best tally was 10 gold medals. See below for results:

### **Gold medallists:**

- Ali Najem Elite Male
- Jessie Phelps Elite Female
- Violet Keelan U16 Female
- Chloe Gentle U19 Female
- Donna Cox 55+ Female
- Jock Campbell 45+ Male
- Elite Male Team (Zak Keelan, Kai Hammond, Ali Najem, Jock Campbell)
- Elite Female Team (Chloe Gentle, Jessie Phelps, Alicia Keir, Donna Cox)
- SLSA Male Team (Zak Keelan, Kai Hammond, Ali Najem, Jock Campbell)
- SLSA Female Team (Chloe Gentle, Jessie Phelps, Alicia Keir, Donna Cox)

# Silver medallists:

- Alicia Keir Elite Female
- Tara Gentle U16 Female
- Dee McCarthy 45+ Female

#### Bronze

• Kai Hammond – Elite Male

### 4th place:

- Chloe Gentle Elite Female
- Zak Keelan Elite Male
- Wayne Gentle 45+ Male

### Airport race

The Sydney Airport Race was put on for SLS Sydney as a fundraiser. There were over 1000 entrants on the day and once again, team Wanda blitzed it. In the men's, Kai Hammond won the 1km on the airport runway, before Ali Najem turned the tables in the 500m and beat Kai. In the women's, Alicia Keir smoked most of the men in both the 1km and 500m races, and Wanda took out 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all senior races. Violet Keelan beat all the boys and girls in the junior 250m dash, winning the club \$1000 worth of lifesaving equipment and backed up to win the Relay (again beating all the male teams) to win even more for the club. It was just another great experience for our team - great fun to run along the Sydney Airport Runway and fantastic results for all.

# **NSW State Championships**

It was an exceptionally enjoyable season with the massive growth in our team. This included the addition of former American University running scholarship holder Harriet Smith, the introduction of juniors Tara and Violet into the senior club, the threat of Mel Campbell coming out of retirement for national titles and for our relay teams, and the inclusion of some of our highly talented water competitors. As usual this included Johnny Woods, who is always up for any race I ask him to do. John deserves special mention, over the past 6 years he has never said no to me regarding any race and he's "the mailman", he always delivers. Training and race commitment from

our athletes were outstanding as always, which always keeps me highly motivated.

Which brings us to state. All I can say is wow. This year's state titles were clearly our best ever, much to do with the inclusion of a team's event for the 2km runners. However, in every single individual race we had a runner in we claimed gold, which was 5 out of the 8 events. In the Relays, we won 4 out of the 8 categories. In total from the 2km runners alone, we amassed 84 points. It was so great to see the crowning of new state champions, including Zak Keelan, who won his first ever state title in the U17 2km. After many years of coming exceptionally close, Lachie Crawford, teaming up with Ali Najem, won his first ever state title in the Open Men's Relay. This gives you an indication of how talented our side is – when Kai Hammond had to pull out sick in the warm ups, and we could replace Kai with Lachie, who was still able to give Ali a lead in the first leg of the relay. It was fantastic to see Ali back up and win his 5th state title (it's hard to count, but we're pretty sure it's his 5th).

The most outstanding performance of the day was Jessie Phelps. Jess had a tough U17 race (which she won), and 15 minutes later backed up to win her first Open state title. She then did the same in the U17 and Opens Relays. For anyone that hasn't tried this, it is exceptionally difficult. Four races in around an hour, and these are running races - they take a lot out of you. Similarly, Chloe Gentle did the same in the U19s, winning Gold in both the individual and team events, and then came 3rd in the Open women's 2km and 2nd in the Opens relay with ironwoman Carla Papac another great effort. However, Jess and Chloe are very used to doing this as their coach has been getting them to do it for many years.

It was great to see Harriet get her best result at state, getting a strong 2nd in the Open women's and winning her first State Gold medal in the 2km Relay with superstar Jessie. Other great moments were seeing Tara and Violet in the U15 Relay, with Violet running down the U15 state champion to bring Wanda into 2nd place for the U15s Relay, proving that she's clearly the best Keelan athlete.

The disappointment of the season was last year's U19 Aussie champ Annika who missed the entire season due to injury. We know how difficult it is to watch from the sidelines, but in







### 2KM BEACH RUN TEAM REPORT (CONTINUED)







her last year of U19s, we know this would've been far more difficult. We can't forget about Jess Thus, who's been a stalwart of our team, who got his best ever finish at state in the 2km coming 6th in the Open 2km, and then teamed up with great club "man" John Woods to get 5th in the Opens Relay. Although Jesse has previously finished 5th in the sprints for state titles, this was his best results since transferring over to the 2km.

The State Open carnival is such a great team effort – even with Kai pulling out on the start line, our team was able to adapt and have a fantastic day and get what they deserved. Well done team!

#### **Results**

- Ali Najem 1st Open 2km, Open 2km Relay
- Jessie Phelps 1st Open & U17 2km, Open & U17 2km Relay
- Chloe Gentle 1st U19 2km & 2km Relay, 2nd Open Relay, 3rd Open 2km
- Zak Keelan 1st U17 2km, 2nd U19 2km Relav
- Harriet Smith 1st Open 2km Relay, 2nd Open 2km
- Lachie Crawford 1st Open 2km Relay
- Caitlin Hammond 1st Open 2km Relay
- Rebecca Selman 1st U17 2km Relay
- Greer Calabro 1st Masters Beach Sprint,
   2nd Masters Sprint Relay
- Carla Papac 2nd Open 2km Relay
- Finn Ross 2nd U19 2km Relay
- Tara Gentle 2nd U15 2km Relay & U15 Sprint Relay
- Violet Keelan 2nd U15 2km Relay
- Donna Cox 2nd Masters 2km & Beach Relay
- Dee McCarthy 2nd Masters 2km & Sprint Relay
- Casey Hadfield 2nd Masters Sprint Relay,
   3rd Masters Beach Sprint
- Lauren Campbell 2nd Masters Sprint Relay,
   3rd Masters Beach Sprint
- David Jones 3rd Masters 2km
- Jesse Thus 6th Open 2km, 5th Open 2km Relay
- John Woods 5th Open 2km Relay

# Masters

The Masters team was once again strong, winning medals here, there and everywhere. Donna Cox had another strong season, coming 1st in Beach Warrior in her age group and 2nd at State. Dee McCarthy as usual turned up to every event, doing really well at Beach Warrior and getting a Silver at State. Special mention to David Jones, who got a 3rd at State after having a very interrupted season. The two youngsters of the Masters team, Jock Campbell and Wayne Gentle, came 1st and 4th in their age groups at Beach Warrior. Can we please just point out that Jock beat the "great" Guy Andrews in this event, with Wayne Gentle coming in just behind him. Once again, a great season for the Masters – great fun, and we still want to be young!

# Thank you's

Special thank you to everyone at the club including our manager Don Hammond, who finally this season showed what he could do. He's worked his way into this position and has taken three years to really get a grasp of it, but has been a great help to our team that continues to grow. Don has added greatly to the team's X factor and is greatly loved by all. His head's got so big, he is now asking for a fee. Thanks to our Beach Captain Larry Leabeater as well, he's always been a great support of our team in spirit and in coming to all our races. We love the happy and supportive nature he has towards us. Big thanks to our coaches who have been invaluable this season, including Melissa Campbell and Ali Najem. It's great to have their experience as athletes now being passed on as coaches as well. Don, you're included in that - we do like hearing about your football stories. A great thanks to Greg Pierce for all his help and support, and club president Todd Lester who came to all our major events and was cheering louder than anyone on the sidelines.

# HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. Caitlin Hammond, after being injured for two years, in her final year of U19s was able to come back and win an U19 Relay Gold medal with her mate Chloe Gentle. This race had so much significance for Caitlin. For about 8 years she had suffered from back issues after falling off a horse, and hadn't been able to run properly for this time. This win represented the recovery of her back to almost full health, and she is now able to challenge Kai for athlete of the Hammond household. The emergence of this 2km Relay has now given our distance runners a team event. To see the smiles on their faces, particularly when these two won the Relay, was gold. The happiness of everyone racing in this event, shows the tremendous hard work of several of us and in particular our very own Wanda Club legend Greg Allum AM - to get this event up and running has definitely been worthwhile. Thanks for all your efforts Grea.
- 2. Four Golds at State titles for Jess Phelps – what more can I say? Jessie has struggled the two previous seasons, as she would go away with her family skiing for three to four weeks during January and would always come back with a flu. For the rest of the season, she would always be playing catch up. This year, her parents sacrificed their overseas holiday to allow Jess to prepare properly, and this was the result. We were all so pumped for her, and thank you Mum and Dad. The only disappointment is that we didn't get to see her race at Aussies.
- 3. Beach Warrior the emergence of this new race gives our runners something more, which we are craving. Having Ali being made an ambassador for the race and seeing how our runners embrace something totally different, and seeing the results they got was amazing. From a selfish perspective, being able to run

- in the Elite Teams category with Kai, Zak and Ali and win was unreal for me. Secondly, I beat Guy Andrews, just in case you missed that (and he actually designed the course).
- 4. It's always great to have Ali run for the club, and to see him win every race he went in again this season is pretty cool. He's the most successful individual male athlete that Wanda's ever had, and he's only 2nd behind the great Stacey Gartrell at individual golds at Aussies. Long may he continue to race for Wanda.
- 5. Another highlight is how much our team is growing – we've really lifted in numbers with the addition of Harriet, juniors coming up from nippers and our seniors staying. We often lose some of our senior athletes, but to see people like Lachie still here, Georgia and Alicia coming back, it's great to see the team support as a coach. To see Ali jog back and get Dee every race just shows the comradery of the team. I was pumped to see water competitors Carla Papac, Finn Ross and Rebecca Selmon come and win a few medals with the team, even though Finn doesn't know how to listen to instructions (which cost him a Gold medal), but we blame his father for that.

#### Outro

Even though it was a weird season, it was such a great and enjoyable one for our team. We're ready and training for Beach Warrior and next season. Look out – we're going to crack 100 points next year. Thanks guys.

# Jock Campbell 2KM BEACH TEAM COACH

# **BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

As we all know 2019/20 was a crazy season. For our boat section this was certainly the case. This season saw us start to see the results of years of hard work and training for some crews, whilst also continuing to grow and introduce new people to our great sport of surf boat rowing.

Particularly pleasing is the resurgence of female boat rowing at Wanda. From no female crews competing last year, we managed three crews this year. Also pleasing was another first year junior boys crew, as well as plenty of new faces throughout our other crews.

We must be extremely grateful to our sponsors Gerard Malouf & Partners Solicitors & Barristers for their ongoing support. This sponsorship allows our premier crew the chance to compete in the televised Ocean Thunder series and allowed the purchase of a high quality second-hand surfboat the "Legends" named in honour of our old boy rowers. We welcomed Craig Simon Plumbing as a sponsor. Craig kindly donated a full set of brandnew oars, much needed equipment as our numbers continue to grow, putting more strain on our equipment. Everyone in our boat section cannot thank you enough. Without quality equipment we can't compete at the top level.

Thanks to our hard-working sweeps, Les Townsend, Nathan Spinner and welcoming back to Wanda Brendan MacAlpine. With 12 crews between them it certainly was a busy year.

Thanks to Rod Holdsworth and Pat McDonald for being mentors and offering advice from the many years' experience combined. Thanks to Philthy Phil Clelland for organising the "LEGENDS" reunion at Caringbah Inn - always a September date to look forward to, and getting the boys together for the boat launch. The LEGENDS were preparing for their much-anticipated tour to The Aussies where they provide advice, boat lifting and general support to our crews followed by much conviviality. They always have a great time and are hugely appreciated by our athletes. Obviously, that was not to happen this year so let's get planning for next season fellas!

We took two 8-man crews to the George Bass Marathon this season, veterans and super veterans. This is a race over 7 days from Batemans Bay to Eden, 190km. A gruelling event needing much preparation, both rowing training and in support. The mammoth task of organising this rabble fell largely to Geoff Considine, who did a great job in what could only be described as an exercise in herding cats. To get bums on seats for the long-distance Sunday morning rows

and organising sweeps, boats etc was a great effort. Thanks Geoff.

Much of the planning for the event was done by Nathan Spinner. Another huge job, thanks Nath. The Wanda juggernaut was in full swing, the vets winning day one, then day two even more convincingly. They had the opposition on their knees with day 3 looming as a long day in 40-degree heat. Our boys being in great shape relishing the thought. Our super vets plugging away middle of the pack both days, conserving energy for a tactical ambush attack on day 3. But 6am on day 3 the officials made the correct call to abandon the race due to the bushfires. What ensued was most of us, families included being trapped on the far south coast with no access in or out, no electricity, no fuel, limited supplies. A trying time but will go down in folklore and will stay in the memories of all.

Our feelings go out to the communities affected after seeing close up the devastation caused. The sheer size and power of the fires and heat was incredible. After all this the race organisers decided to award the race result to the leaders after day





2. Meaning our vets were winners. Unfortunately, our super vets cunning ploy of saving energy for later in the race backfired through no fault of their own. Next time lads!

In the surf racing we were building as a section. We were dogged by injuries to key crew members but were recovered and getting back to full strength. The season being a late one, we were all starting to build towards The Aussies, when unfortunately, that too was called off. Well placed in the South

Coast Boat Series, encouraging results at the State titles and ASRL were pointing towards our crews all being on the pace come the championships. Of course, this leaves a feeling of unfinished business and will only make us hungrier next season.

Ocean Thunder is the televised premiership conducted over 4 rounds at Sydney's Dee Why beach. This event carries prize money and prestige and only attracts serious crews, the best open crews from across Australia.

We at Wanda have built to a position where our best crew is entered thanks to Gerard Malouf & Partners Solicitors & Barristers. This year our fastest crew were deemed to be the Weapons u23 men. Being still only 21 and relatively inexperienced compared to most of the crews, they were far from disgraced. In fact, they proved that when fully fit and injury free, they can match speed with the very best open crews. The sky is the limit for these guys.















### BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

To make a final in Ocean Thunder is an achievement, but these guys did it twice, in round 2 and 3 before round 4 was called off. This is a serious boat crew and I can't emphasise enough the potential we have. Still relatively rough and ready with some next level coaching and staying injury free we might see this crew make some history.

I was more than happy with all crews but special mention must go to our u23 girls. As a crew they really clicked and all have a fantastic attitude and desire to train hard and earn success. Bring on 20/21! Our crews this year were:

### **U19 WOMEN**

Rochelle Natoli, Cassidy Maloney, Hayley Spence, Georgia Kenning, Ashlee O'Neile, Les Townsend sweep

# U19 MEN

**"Sandbags"** Aaron Lake, Harry McNamara, Hennessy Simon, Landen Walker, Les Townsend sweep.

**"Chuppdogs"** Denim Walker, Jarrod Parmenter, Kane Baratta, Jack Watson, Nathan Spinner sweep.

#### **U23 WOMEN**

Stephanie Kentwell, Sorrell Handforth, Mollie Lombo, Amy Grice, Brendan MacAlpine sweep

### U23 MEN

**"Weapons"** Jack Kenning, Jack Spooner, Matt Pescud, Brad Querzoli, Nathan Spinner sweep.

"Blue" Tom Colquhuon, Conor McGrath, Henry Harding, Kurt Benson, Les Townsend sweep.













#### **RESERVE WOMEN/180 VETS WOMEN**

Kaylene Walker, Karen Ross, Louise Southwell, Virginia Sullivan, Les Townsend Sweep.

#### **RESERVE MEN**

Jake Dalley, Will Cregan, Chris Fraser, Beau Grimley, Liam Callinan, Brendan MacAlpine sweep.

#### **OPEN MEN/160 VETS**

Boden Dredge, Wesley Dredge, David Chapman, Andrew Lawson, Nathan/Brendan sweeps

### 180 VET MEN

Jason Ardler, Cromwell Ollivier, Geoff Considine, Dave McGrath, Nathan Spinner sweep

#### 200 VET MEN

Brendan MacAlpine, Don Picken, Joe Isaacs, Lloyd Griffiths, Dave Chapman sweep.

# Dave Chapman

**BOAT CAPTAIN** 





# SWIM CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Wanda's swim section again achieved some amazing results at all carnivals, including the State Titles. Congratulations to all our swimmers who train year-round and slog it out in the pool week after week. Thank you in particular to Greg Pierce and Nathan Smith for their efforts in fine tuning our swimmers.



Earlier in the season we identified a weakness in the swim section, that being the organisation and participation in the surf belt event at carnivals, in particular at State and Aussies. We were extremely fortunate to have Luke Turner step up and coach our belt swimmers. As a result of his efforts and the attitude of our swimmers who turned up to training, we had outstanding results and participation by members at State. We had several male and female State Champions and a trifecta in the under 17's male event.

Again, thank you Luke!!

It was also great to have the support of Wanda members not only jumping into help in the belt teams but also several training on the belt teams. It was particularly pleasing to have several parents competing with their kids and also several of the younger ones taking

charge, particularly Morgan Lloyd. This was great to see. Let's build on this for next season

This year we were fortunate to have the three divisions of the Sunday Surf Race sponsored by Feast Caterers (our Founders Room) and Dominos Pizza. A huge thank you to both these supporters. The participation rate and the interest in the surf races was greatly increased due to this. I refer to that section of the report for the results. Another big thank you to Michael Kay for again being Race Secretary.

Let's do it bigger and better next year.

Mark Sargeant (Sarge)
SWIM CAPTAIN





# **MASTERS TEAM REPORT**

Despite most of our season not going ahead, our Masters team made the most of what we had. With Branch being washed out, which we found quite strange as you can still run with big waves, and Aussies being called off due to Coronavirus, the carnivals that we were able to compete in included Beach Warrior and the NSW State Titles. Overall, we had a great time and got some great results.

# **MASTERS BEACH TEAM REPORT**

In the Masters Beach Team there are several things that limit us somewhat, generally our age. Another example was Megsy Brannock having a baby, which threw a few spanners into the works. We certainly wished her well and know she'll be back and better than ever next year!

Our highly anticipated beach relay team of Peter Hadfield, Zane Campbell, David Jones (DJ) and Jock Campbell didn't even get one shot at the event this season as they were saving all their eggs for Aussies. Despite looking good on paper, they were quite poor in practice. With three of them carrying injuries, and only DJ showing any promise, they thought they'd keep it to one run at the Aussies. This wasn't meant to be, and they're very thankful for that.

Our Masters also produced some outstanding results at the first ever Beach Warrior event. Donna Cox and Jock both took out their age categories, Dee McCarthy claimed the Silver medal in her age category, and Wayne Gentle finished just behind the great Guy Andrews in his division to secure a 4th place. This event was new and exciting, but definitely a real challenge. Jock and Donna were also a part of the Open Elite Teams with some of the younger club members and both teams claimed Gold. It was pretty exciting for them both to be able to race with the top youngsters we have at our club.

The NSW State Titles was where it all happened, and Greer Calabro was the clear standout coming first in her beach sprint age group. Greer beat one of Australia's greatest ever beach sprinters Ashleigh Cheney, who is a three-time Open National Beach Sprint champ, for a great win. Lauren Campbell came a close 3rd in this event, and these two backed up in the Sprint Relay with Casey Hadfield, who claimed 2nd in her beach sprint,

and Dee McCarthy to come 2nd in their four person relay in the 140+ age group. Donna also came 2nd in her sprint.

In the 2km, DJ came 3rd in the 40-45s, Donna got Silver in the 55-60s and Dee got 2nd in the 50-55s. Jock pulled a heart string and unfortunately couldn't race due to a bad calf. Great week at State - some really great results. Great to see new athlete Casey Hadfield in the mix, who outshone her much higher pedigree father. Really enjoyable season once again, and we can't wait until next season where we actually get in some races!

# Jock Campbell

ON BEHALF OF THE MASTER'S BEACH TEAM









# **MASTERS SURF TEAM REPORT**

This season ended earlier than planned due to COVID 19.

The State Titles was the only competition for our Master competitors. The small contingency of competing Masters in the water consisted of Joel Bowleski, Ben Harris, Mick Georgaris Snr, Susan Fox and myself. We walked away with a couple of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to add to our collections and finished in the top 6 in a number of events.

We had some great teams, trained up and were ready for the AUSSIE titles, but due to unforeseeable circumstances this year our season ended early. It means we will be back next season, ready to achieve great results!

# Michael Georgaris Jnr

ON BEHALF OF THE MASTER'S SURF TEAM







# **R&R REPORT**

# **R&R CAPTAIN**

I am pleased to report that our R&R Section has had another great year in competition. This competition season we have had some new members and as a whole, the R&R section has achieved some great results.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic coaches this season -Gordon McKirdy and John Douglas. We thank you so much for your patience, your support and your consistent positivity with all teams in our section.

We would also like to thank our many R&R officials in our club because without them we would not be able to compete. We thank you for your consistent support throughout our short but sweet season: Solly Stephens, Gordon McKirdy, John Douglas, Paula George-Cox, Anita Pryke, Tony Holland, Yvonne Holland, Brock Douglas, Kurt Melville, Colin Jones, Karin Jones, Michael Kay and Marg Ryall - we are so lucky to have you!

Importantly, without our reels we also wouldn't be able to compete, so thank you to Tony Holland and Gordon McKirdy for coordinating and transporting our reels and tents to where they needed to be.

The Wanda SLSC R&R section has grown over this past season and will continue to grow over the coming seasons with new Nipper members coming through. It has been fantastic seeing the younger age groups from Nippers coming through and joining 'the best section of Wanda SLSC'.

A big thank you to our sponsors this season Hales Redden Chartered Accountants, TWH Transport and Cronulla Smash Repairs. Another special mention to the Maker family, who this season donated a new reel to the R&R section in memory of Bill and Betty Maker.

It's been a different kind of season without the Aussies, but we look forward to the season ahead.

Joanna Stavrou, Stuart Smith and Emily Caterson

**R&R CAPTAINS** 

# **COACH'S REPORT**

Wow – 2020 – No Coogee carnival, No Interclub, No Sydney Branch carnival, and NO AUSSIES!

With Stuart tearing up and down the highway battling bushfires and Brock stuck in Brisbane, we also missed the Manly/Freshwater carnivals for the first time ever. So, our only competition was at North Cronulla, Wanda, and the State Championships.

At least we finished the season as champions. It was a dominating win for our 6 Person team at the NSW Championships, in their first start for the season.

Our Open Male 5 Person team finished 3rd, also in their first start for the season. The disappointing factor being the massive improvement left in us with (at that stage) months of training ahead.

That training would have also seen an improvement in our Open Mixed 5 Person Team who also finished 3rd in their first start as a complete team. Zero points for the last 5 sections meant there was only one section left to work on.

Our team of the year, the Ron Sandstrom Trophy winner, was the Open Female 5 Person team. They were the only team to compete in all three carnivals and put the effort in at training every week. After a promising win at North Cronulla, they finished 3rd at Wanda with high points. But the errors had been found and eliminated by State, so although they finished 5th, there was only a small margin separating the top teams. All they needed was a chance to redeem themselves at Aussies and I was hugely confident of a medal – maybe even Gold?

Our competitor of the year was Grant Sandstrom. For the first time in a long while, Grant was available all season. He showed remarkable patience while I was getting our new patients up to speed and led the squad superbly at State.

Grant is the inaugural winner of the Natalie Windeyer and Ross Hunter Memorial award. Natalie was an outstanding R&R competitor over many years winning State and Australian Championship medals along the way. We all miss Natalie and her fabulous fisherman father Ross immensely and thank Ladies Aux Life Member Judith Hunter for her donation. Judy still has a strong connection to R&R through her brother Colin and sister-in-law Karin.

We had a magnificent squad this year. Emily, Blake, and Kurt had stepped up their swim training and were ready for Broadbeach. Despite his Fire Brigade commitments, Stuart somehow still managed to get to training and Col continued to switch positions as required with little fuss. Brock showed at State why he is such an important part of the squad, with a flawless performance.

Chloe was full of enthusiasm in her initiation to R&R and is a superb patient. Jayden matched Chloe in improvement and was a standout in her second year. She now knows what it takes to be the best and I hope she stays around long enough to prove it. Joanna Stavrou, Joanna Axiotis, Katie, and Courtney trained, trained, and trained. I'm so disappointed that they

didn't get to show the judges at Aussies how well they were going.

On a personal note, the win by our champion 6 Person team was my 20th State Championship Gold Medal which was appropriate in the season of 2020. I can't attain that kind of record, including 37 minor medals in 37 years (accountants love numbers) without the continued support of my workplace and family. I can't thank them enough.

Thank you also to all of our competitors' families and workplaces for lending me our magnificent squad of 13 for another season. It'd be great if we could increase the numbers for next season. I also hope to see you all keener than ever to train and compete, so I've got a lot more to report in 2021.

# Gordon McKirdy

**R&R COACH** 

# U15 R&R TEAM REPORT

#### **Team**

U14/15 Two Person - Talia Goffet and Chelsea Sutton

# Results

Sydney Branch Just missed

State Titles Came so close to the finals except for one 'oops'

Fiona and Santie, the girls are a credit to you. They were always well behaved, happy and keen to learn. This was their first year of R&R and were up against girls who had been competing for a number of years and were a year older. I look forward to coaching them next year in not only 2 Person but also 5 Person. Why did we have the 'oops' at the State Titles? This was a learning season - let's show them next season.

Girls speak to your friends regarding doing R&R next season. Remember both boys and girls can do the event. It would be great to have an U14 and an U15 5 Person team next season.

Also there are medals to be won in the U10/11  $^{2}$  Person events.

Come on Age Managers, Mums and Dads speak to your sons and daughters about doing R&R.

# John Douglas

**R&R COACH** 













# MARCH PAST REPORT

Wanda March Past Team 2019/20 was shaping up to be a real threat this year, with training and results, and with their improvements they would have had an exciting Aussie March Past.

March Past celebrated 100 years, so that was acknowledged throughout the carnivals this season. The season seemed doomed from the outset with the Branch being cancelled due to surf conditions so there was only four March Past events Wanda entered, leading up to the Aussies. They were:

- North Cronulla
- Manly
- Wanda
- NSW State

#### THE MARCH PAST TEAM

Standard Bearer Anita Pryke

Belt Mary O'Dwyer

Reel Yvonne Holland, Karen Byron, Margaret Ryall and Marilyn Georgaris

Pivots Paula Cox and Jeanie Iredale

Backline Jann Townsend,
Vanessa McKirdy, Kate Mountain
and Narelle Hunt.

A special mention goes out to Marilyn who this year sadly hung her boots up on her stellar March Past career. She will be sorely missed and the coaches and team would like to thank her for her devotion and hard work to make our team so competitive.

Also, to Kate Mountain who came back from a couple of years break to re-join us. You are a most welcome addition to our tight knit group.

Brian Cowan who is the technical coach, once again he pushed us to our limits and continues to give us a real path to higher results. Also, Jann Townsend our gear custodian kept us looking the smartest team going around and Yvonne Holland also took on more responsibility in coaching and made a real difference.

Our results this year were all positive with Bronze at Wanda on a count back, achieved a Bronze at State being judged "the third most improved team" in the State.

The pleasing thing for the coaches was that we were just a few points away from the top team's results.

Looking forward to 2021 like most in the world.

# Tony Holland

MARCH PAST COACH





# **POOL RESCUE REPORT**

During winter months a small number of athletes kept up doing the hard yard swimming up and down the black line. This was all in preparation for the pool rescue season.















The State Championships were held on the Central Coast with Wanda sending a small team of Nippers to compete in obstacle races, manikin carry, brick carry, patient tows and line throws. These are all great skills that can be put into play if someone is in need of help in the water.

The team performed amazingly, swimming numerous personal bests, achieving points in 24 different events and collecting 2 Golds, 2 Silvers and 3 Bronze.

Wanda had one athlete, Henri Carrera travel to the Australian Championships held at Southport. He proved that he is becoming a powerhouse when using fins. Henri came away with a Gold in the 50m with Fins and a Silver in the 100m Rescue Medley. This was an amazing effort and commitment to continue his training all the way through winter.

It is always really great to see the support that comes into Pool Rescue each year, with many parents coming to each training session and making the trip to State or the Australian Championships. Thanks to Brooke Thatcher and Julie-Anne Warn for helping out with the organisation of the team in the lead up and at competition. Thank you to all the parents who helped with officiating, especially Cherie Carrera for time keeping all day.

The team was lucky enough to have lane space provided by Cronulla Beach Swim School, which was an added bonus being inside on some of those cold mornings. Thanks to all the staff for being so accommodating.

Moving forward, I am always welcome to more competitors taking the plunge in the pool, especially those who are wishing to aim towards Youth and Open Australian Teams in the future. Lifesaving on the world scale is changing to include athletes with talent in the pool and surf, both of which take a long time to master.

Blake McCrindle
POOL RESCUE CAPTAIN



# SUNDAY SURF RACE REPORT

This year was a relaunch of the Sunday Surf Race to a new starting time. Sarge arranged weekly prizes for the winners (thanks Sarge). We would like to thank our sponsors Feast Catering at our club's The Founders Room, and Domino's Pizza.

There were many weekly winners of these great prizes with most starters winning at least one prize throughout the season. Club legend Greg Allum AM won three along with Ben Sutton.

This season, like all club activities, was cut short by COVID-19 so big point weekends, such as Easter, went astray.





#### A Grade

Great to see some new starters this season with Lachlan Black and Harry Stivactas being weekly starters in the 2nd half of the season taking a couple of wins each.

- 1. Mick Kay
- 2. Harry Stivactas
- 3. Ben Harris

#### **Veterans**

Great numbers including Solly, Fernando, Sarge, Greg Allum AM, Waughie (Graeme Waugh), Pat Warn, Mick Conroy, Steve Trembath, Tickets (John Wilde), Denny Rowlands, Mark Lloyd etc etc

This season was like no other with constant changes at the top, however only 3 points between the top 3 in the end. After so many years of trying to win and after leading for so many years Solly finally won.

- 1. Solly
- 2. Tickets
- 3. Graeme Waugh

No doubt there were many missed buoys, wrong buoys, wrong rip, parallel swimming etc etc. but Solly got the most points. Well done Solly!

# Juniors (u15's)

In the under 15's Ben Sutton won by a country mile. He was there most weeks prior to Nippers where he was assisting an age group. Well done Ben!

- 1. Ben Sutton
- 2. Giselle Kay

All the best over winter.

# Mick Kay

RACE SECRETARY



# IRB SECTION REPORT

What a season? The 2019/2020 season started great and was off to a flying start. Things went smoothly, and we continued with last year's aim of trying to raise the profile of the IRB team, attract new drivers and crew, and update some of our older equipment. It has been a great season on these three fronts and we will enter the 2020/2021 season with an even stronger team, and with some great new gear.





The two new out-boards are still on their way and by all accounts should be with us when the season opens up later in the year.

With thanks to one of our new trainers Gerard Cafe, and with the help and support of Sam Axiotis, we can proudly announce that even with the abrupt end to the season we have a massive 23 new crew members and 2 new drivers, with quite a few more most of the way through their training when things got called off. It was also great to see a lot of our younger members sitting up the front of our IRB's.

There were definitely rumblings of a start and/or resurrection of the Wanda IRB race team. Some of us were even seen training (loose use of the term) with another Bate Bay club - watch this space! Feel free to come and be a part of it.

An essential role in the IRB section is ensuring that our IRB's and SSV have fuel.
Once again, Steve Trembath has again taken on this role and has diligently kept the fuel cans full throughout the season.

Our new equipment will, I'm sure, be gratefully received by our new driver and crew recruits, but of course, we still need to continue to bolster our numbers. With continued patrol requirements and an increase in carnival rosters, many hands make light work.

All patrols throughout the season were covered by IRB drivers and crew, with many regulars making up the shortfall from week to week. Their assistance means that Wanda always has a fully operational patrol on duty.

2019/2020 saw the Wanda IRB team having to cover a large number of shifts at all the major and minor carnivals, until they got cancelled. A big thanks to all that helped out with these.

An even bigger thanks needs to go out to all the Drivers and Crew who show up each and every patrol.

I look forward to the new season and can't wait to see you all on the beach.

Mark Lloyd

# AUXILIARY COMMITTEE REPORT

This season we catered for the final round of the Summer of Surf series at Wanda.



I was away so Sue Brannock organised the ladies. It was another wet and cold day - same as last year. Sue bought cups of soup, which were much appreciated. Then in February we had Wanda's 4th Annual Tradies One Club Carnival, which is always big, catering for 126 officials. We had a few hick-ups on the day, but we survived. At this stage there won't be any Tradies Sutherland 2 Surf or presentation night because of the Coronavirus.

I would like to thank Sue Brannock for her work and support as Secretary, Denise Strong as Treasurer and all the ladies that helped out during the year.

Thanks to Merilyn for organising the Christmas lunch which unfortunately I was unable to attend.

Thanks also to Todd Lester for his help over the season.

On a very sad note, I would like to express our deepest condolences to Judy Hunter and family on the tragic loss of her loving, joyful and caring daughter Natalie. Natalie was a member of Wanda for many years and competed in R&R with success. Natalie was a determined competitor and a wonderful, loyal team person. She will always be in our thoughts and sadly missed.

Lyn Robbins
CHAIRPERSON

# **Auxiliary Committee**

Patroness – Beryl Iredale<sup>^</sup>
Chairperson – Lyn Robbins
Deputy Chairperson – Lorraine Steer
Secretary – Sue Brannock
Treasurer – Denise Strong
Assistant Secretary – Norma McDonald
Assistant Treasurer – Judy Hunter<sup>\*</sup>
Activities Coordinator – Merilyn Holdsworth
Equipment Officer – Wendy Sandstrom<sup>^</sup>

### Life Members Auxiliary Committee

Ann Ainsworth^
Nita Allum†
Sue Backhouse
Sue Brannock
Mary Brady†
Noelene Caesar†
Jean Gibbons†
Judy Hunter\*
Beryl Iredale^
Sylvia McCarthy†
Lyn Robbins
Wendy Sandstrom^

# **Auxiliary Committee Members**

Sue Backhouse Sue Brannock Beryl Driscoll Rhonda Fox Merilyn Holdsworth Sue Hughes Judy Hunter\* Beryl Iredale<sup>^</sup> Joan Magee Norma McDonald Lyn Robbins Wendy Sandstrom<sup>^</sup> Lorraine Steer Denise Strong Jan Vial\* Bev Walker\*

 $^{\circ}$  25 Years //  $^{\wedge}$  50 Years //  $^{\dagger}$  Deceased

# **BODY SURFERS REPORT**

The 2019/2020 Year was fairly quiet on the contest and surf travel front. We welcomed a few new early morning swimmers to the group – Mick and Roger.

Our highlight was the "Rescue of the Year", not to mention any specific names (see photos) but a certain Patron was caught way out the back in a rip heading to New Zealand and running out of gas. He was offered and accepted a rescue board ride back to the beach by one of our other bodysurfers.

The annual Australia Day Awards morning was held at the club with the Body Surfer of the Year trophy going to a split decision between Bill Prestage and Ray Farley.

Our "Red Card" award was brought back and presented to Michael Webster by its perpetual owner. I'm sure it will be a boomerang at next year's awards.

And finally, a Special Life Saver Award was given to Bill Prestage.

Please come and join us at 7am each morning - newcomers are always welcomed.

# **Brett Peters**

ON BEHALF OF THE WANDA SLSC BODY SURFERS









# GYM MANAGER'S REPORT

# What a funny year it has been.

Hopefully we can return back to normal soon and the gym can continue to be a haven of exercise, friendship and conversation. It is amazing what you miss when you cannot have it.

Thanks to everyone that has assisted in keeping the gym clean, hygienic and functioning.

Here is a haiku for you:

Wanda gym is closed Safety before exercise Hope springs eternal

W.F.F.W

# Simon

GYM MANAGER



# CARNIVALS, EVENTS & GRANTS







We could not have asked for better weather to hold the PAYCE 2019 Sutherland 2 Surf, no wind, the sun was shining and not a cloud in the sky conditions were perfect!

The day began at a frantic pace with over 300 late entries processed at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre. Great work and thank you to Sue Brannock and her team for their welcoming smiles and cando attitude, in making this a seamless process.

Over 6,200 runners and walkers got away to a text book start thanks to our starter Sue Brannock, who was bestowed the honour. Participants were buoyed by the thousands of spectators lining the course to cheer them on.

The first placed female runner was Leanne Pompeani from Canberra and Kevin Batt from Ryde was the first male. Kevin now has back to back S2S titles.

The best placed runners from Wanda SLSC were Ali Najem in 8th place overall, in the Male 16 and under category, Kai Hammond and Zak Keelan finished first and second respectively and Jock Athletic took out the Runners Team Challenge. Congratulations to you all for doing so well.









This was my first year in the hot seat as Race Director and I could have not been more blessed than to have Mick (Spider) Brannock direct me every step of the way. So a huge thank you to Mick for all your guidance and support, I would not have gotten through without you.

In addition to Mick I was surrounded with so many great committee and club members to ensure this event is the success it is.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the following people:

Announcers – Ian Toll and Paul McGrath

**Buses** – Greg McDonnell, Tony Strong and Larry Hawk

**Clothing Truck** – Nipper parents and nippers

Finance - Anne Caterson

Finish Line – David Gittus and Tony Holland

Finish Line BBQ – Nipper parents and nippers

Finish Line Display – Mark Sargeant

First Aid – Nicole Lloyd, Sam Axiotis and Wanda members

Late Entries & Merchandise – Sue Brannock, Grace Spinner, Ladies Auxiliary, March Past Team, Yvonne Holland and Denise Gittus

Medals at finish line – Nippers

Office Staff – Annabelle Thomas

**Placement of Promotional Signage** – Craig Moffat, Troy Ryan and Tait Brannock

# **Placement of Road Closure Signs**

– Peter Cullen

Road Closure Staffing - Lizzy Sargeant

**Road Closure Staff** – Wanda members, family and friends

Security – John Douglas, Scott Allen, Simon

Sponsorships & Marketing - Gay Curtis

**Start Line** – Nathan Spinner and the Boaties

Timing and Results – Chris and June Stephenson

# Traffic Management/Police/Council

– Colin Jones

Truck at Finish Line – Phil Allum

Truck for clothing – Shire Family Removalists

VIP Car Park - Rod Holdsworth

VIP Area – Natalie Buckley and Mark Sargeant

Water Stations – The Dredge Family, Greg Pierce and Rev. Thomas Schmid and all their helpers

# Website, Marketing and Office

- Sharon Collier

# Karen Byron

RACE DIRECTOR

# WANDA'S TRADIES "ONE CLUB" SURF CARNIVAL

On a hot summer's day and with kind surf conditions the fourth annual Wanda SLSC Tradies "One Club" Surf Carnival was conducted on Saturday, 1 February 2020.

The whole Club was committed to and engaged in the carnival organisation and delivery, and the teamwork was outstanding.

The major Carnival sponsor was again The Tradies with significant event support received being from Audi Sutherland, Brooks, Channel 9, Fitness First, Infront, and Southside Animal Hospital. In addition, product support was received from Engine, Hydrothon, Jolyn, Kozii, Ohana Ocean Athletics, Real Play (Voodoo Dry), The Music Bus and others.

The carnival format was similar to the past three years ensuring another innovative, exciting and memorable event. The Carnival Committee believes that this format meets the challenge of conducting today's successful club carnivals. With this type of surf carnival SLS members, their families and the broader community have the opportunity to participate in an event featuring a festival atmosphere including stalls, BBQs, fast paced racing, entertainment and fun. Importantly, participants do not need to spend the whole day at the beach.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY INCLUDED:

- The carnival being conducted simultaneously across five water arenas, two beach sprint tracks, multiple beach pits, plus March Past and R&R arenas.
- Introduction of the U8 age category resulting in the full spectrum of age groups for SLSA members from nippers, age groups, opens and masters.
- Increased Competitor with a
   Disability entries, leading to two age divisions for Surf Race, Board Race
   Wade, Beach Sprint, Beach Flags and the 1km Beach Run.

- The very successful conduct of the new International Lifesaving Federation's Mixed Ocean M Lifesaver Relay event in lieu of the traditional Taplin Relay. Sponsored by Gerard Malouf and Partners, this new event consists of two men and two women and the legs are 500m run, then swim, board and ski in that order. Teams are free to choose which competitor completes which leg of the event. Wanda's team was successful in winning this exciting event.
- An Open and U14 March Past complete with a Pipe Band to commence proceedings on the day.
- Two, Five and Six Person R&R events.
- A reduced programme focussed on events that were fast moving and provided variety for participants.
- Featured sponsored events with cash and prizes for U14 to O40 competitors.
- Medals for U8 to U13 competitors and Competitors with a Disability with lucky product draws including an Infront Nipper board.
- Other prizes and random draw giveaways distributed to at least half of the participants.
- Upbeat event presentation including selected commentary and sponsor and supporter promotion interspersed with excellent music, product stalls, BBQ, Snow Cones, and a Coffee Machine.
- A good financial return but, more importantly, showcasing Wanda SLSC and its members to the community.

There were more than 900 entries with 20 clubs in attendance primarily from Sydney Branch and from Clubs from Central Coast to the Illawarra. This was an excellent result given

that there were calendar clashes especially with the NSW Country Championships on the weekend, an Illawarra Development Carnival and the Sydney Northern Beaches Age Championships being held the next day. Nevertheless, the entry numbers showed a slight increase over 2019. Together with competitors, officials, Mums, Dads and spectators it was estimated there were over 3000 people on the beach for the Carnival.

Other highlights of the Carnival included the individual results in the following sponsored events:

- Wanda's Hayden Allum and Britney Pierce taking out The Tradies Open Ironman and Ironwoman Races.
- Charlie Verco (North Bondi) and Taihna Woodger (North Cronulla) winning the Fitness First Open 2km Beach Runs.
- Carla Papac of Wanda and Noah Harvard (North Bondi) finishing first in The Tradies Open 2km Ski Challenge.
- Michael Hannah (Elouera) taking out the Brooks Marc Leabeater Open Men's Beach Sprint.
- Leah Rampoldi (North Cronulla) winning The Tradies Open Women's Beach Sprint.
- Harry Came (Elouera) and Britney Pierce winning the Southside Animal Hospital Open Surf Races.
- Wanda's Britney Pierce and Will Budd (North Cronulla) taking out the Audi Sutherland Open Board Races.

Wanda convincingly won The Tradies Trophy for the overall club point score followed by North Cronulla, Cronulla, Elouera, South Maroubra, and North Bondi.

The Carnival was incredibly successful because of the efforts of the whole













club. Acknowledgement and thanks are extended to the Carnival Organising Committee, the Club's Board, The Nippers, The Auxiliary, Competitors, Officials, Workforce, Water Safety, Patrol, First Aid.

The outstanding support and cooperation from the Sutherland Shire Council led by Beach Manager Brett Richardson and his Lifeguards including Bede Elphick, Brad Mexon and Steve Winner is also acknowledged and much appreciated.

Particular thanks also go to Sharon Collier and Annabelle Thomas in the Wanda Office who both worked tirelessly and as volunteers on the day to assist.

In addition, thanks are extended to the Branch Office led by Sarah Webster, John Veage from the Sutherland Shire Leader, the IRBs led by Peter Burst, the Safety and Emergency Services led by Darren Galea, the Results Section headed by Stephen Strange OAM and the Competitors with a Disability Coordinator Georgia Carter.

The Carnival Sub Committee looks forward to an even better Carnival in 2021.

# Prepared by: Carnival Sub Committee

Greg Allum AM (Convenor), Grant Bowmer (Bluebottle Water Safety), Nat Buckley (Workforce), Anne Caterson (Finance), Shannon Dixon (Publicity), Tracey Green (Carnival Admin), Rod Holdsworth (Adviser), Todd Lester (President: Ex-Officio), Greg Pierce (Director of Competition), Mark Sargeant (Wanda Director), Fiona Sutton (Bluebottle Chair), Brooke Thatcher (Bluebottle Team Manager), Lisa Zammit, (Bluebottle Sponsorships)

# **COMMUNITY EVENTS**



# HYDROTHON ALL FEMALE SURF SPORTS CLINIC

Wanda members Emily Eaves, Carla Papac, Britney Pierce, Elyssa Pierce and Kiera Warn participated in the Hydrothon All Female Surf Sports Clinic at Terrigal in September and mentored the all age female participants and raced for their teams in a special \$3,500 exhibition race.



# MALE AMENITIES UPGRADE

Wanda SLSC was honoured to have special guest Mr Mark Speakman MP for Cronulla join us for a grand tour of the renovated male amenities. Mr Speakman was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his support of the government grant to upgrade and renovate the existing male amenities at Wanda SLSC which was made possible through the NSW State Government Surf Club Facility Program.





# **BEACH SAFETY WORKSHOPS**

Free beach safety workshops bring lifesaving information to multi-cultural communities. Over 180 people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds across greater Sydney took part in the workshops, held at Wanda.

The initiative aimed to help prevent drowning and maintain Wanda's zero lives lost record.

Wanda volunteers delivered the workshops, outlining the importance of swimming between the flags, addressing beach safety awareness at our beaches including recognising rips, hazard identification and reinforcing the all-important message **NO FLAGS, NO SWIM!** 

The workshops started with a meet and greet, followed by a visual presentation, and a practical on-sand training session. Participants are then treated to a BBQ lunch, a swim, play beach games and free time to enjoy the beach environment.

Feedback from participants and organisers was very positive and we are looking at continuing the program into the future.

Partnerships has been a key to programs success. Wanda worked with a number of organisations to deliver the workshops including SLS NSW, University of Sydney, West Sydney Multiculturalism, Deccan Australia, NSW Police and Canterbury Bankstown Council, La Lingua Language School.





# SCHOOL SUN AND SURF EDUCATION SESSION

Wanda paid a visit to Kogarah Public School, educating students on **Beach Safety**. Thanks to both Graeme Waugh and Michael Kay for presenting. Graeme and Michael conducted a fun and engaging educational experience for the primary school students. They learned about beach safety, rips, dangers and how to keep themselves safe at the beach.



# SYD AIRPORT IN TERMINAL FUNDRAISING

Thanks to Wanda's March Past team who volunteered their time to fundraise for Wanda in the Sydney Airport in terminal fundraising program.



# PATROL 10 SPECIAL GUEST - JACKSON TOWNS SLS SYDNEY

Thanks to Jackson Towns (Lifesaving Manager & Duty Officer) from Surf Life Saving Sydney for visiting Patrol 10 on duty. Jackson gave some of our members an insight into the role of a Duty Officer and the role of Surf Lifesaver in patrolling areas outside the red and yellow flags.



# TRADIES THANK YOU COMMUNITY MORNING TEA

Wanda's Mick Brannock and Rod Holdsworth [aka Spider and Stick] were proud to represent Wanda at the Tradies annual 'Thank You Community Morning Tea'. They were able to mingle with other organisations who support so many people in our community.

Thank you **Tradies** for your continued support of our Wanda club and members.

# **COMMUNITY EVENTS (CONTINUED)**



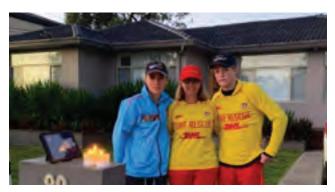
# ANZAC DAY

#LIGHTUPTHEDAWN

ANZAC Day 2020, under coronavirus restrictions meant we came together to thank and honour all service men and women across both Australia and New Zealand in a unique way.









Many of our Wanda members participated in the ANZAC ceremony by standing at the end of their driveway with a candle in their Wanda or rescue gear.

For Wanda SLSC, Anzac Day is even more special, given our Club colours, history and relation to those who have served.

We particularly thank our Members who have previously and currently serve and pay our respects to Wanda's Foundation Members.



**COOK COMMUNITY GALA BALL** 

Wanda was well represented at the 2019 Sylvania BMW Gala Ball in October. A record \$61,000 was raised on the night for worthy local community groups. Special thanks to Anita Pryke and Greg Allum AM for their hard work as part of the organising committee for a very successful and entertaining event.



# COOK COMMUNITY CLASSIC

Wanda Nippers were again successful in winning the 2019 Cook Classic trophy, continuing a fabulous run in dominating this event for several years.



# **RELAY FOR LIFE 2019**

Wanda SLSC was well represented by a large number of nippers and their families walking hundreds of laps between them at the Relay for Life. Thanks to Sam Park for again coordinating the team.



# GARIE BEACH PATROL

This season Wanda was again excited to help our surf lifesaving friends at Garie SLSC. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to patrol, it was a great weekend and great way to show our support in the community. Congratulations to Garie SLSC on winning Club of the Year in the Sydney Branch Awards of Excellence.

# WANDA SLSC SURVIVORS

The annual 'Wanda Survivors' lunch day was held at the clubhouse on the 6th of February 2020. It was attended by just over 60 veterans from the days of giant waves and their partners.



What's pleasing for me was the number of the real seniors of our club, those whose membership began during the first five years of Wanda Surf Life Saving Club's existence.

In the photo you'll see some of our oldest living members. They are, from the left: Josie Pratt, Brian Jackson (senior) Judy Turnbull, Keith McAlpine, Phil Turnbull, and the youngster on the right is yours truly!

We are indebted to President Todd Lester and his committee who saw fit to pay the hiring fee of The Founders Room, so thank you Todd from all of us. Also, a big thank you to the staff from Feast Catering who supplied an excellent lunch and refreshments for us in both quantity and quality.

As a side note, I would like to say that we do not regard the Survivors group as a closed shop. So any other club members who have doyen status and who might like to join us in our shindigs, please contact me at 9525 4112 or at albany839@optusnet.com.au and I would be pleased to add your name to our contact list.

Yours in Surfing,

# **Aub Vial**

ON BEHALF OF THE WANDA SURVIVORS



# RESULTS

# STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# **Swansea Belmont SLSC** 6-8 March 2020

### Placed 2nd with 387 points

# **GOLD (22)**

# U19 2 x 1km Female Beach **Run Relav**

Team A

Chloe Gentle, Caitlin Hammond

#### **U17 Male Surf Race**

Noah Steiner

# **Open Male Surf Team**

Team A

Hayden Allum, Nathan Jay, Nathan Smith, John Woods

# **U17 Male Surf Team**

Team A

Henri Carrera, Riley Dixon, Nicholas Middleton, Noah Steiner

# **U19 Male Board Rescue**

Team C

Henri Carrera, Jake Sullivan

# U17 Male Taplin Relay (3 person)

Team A

Riley Dixon, Nicholas Middleton, Noah Steiner

# Open Male 2km Beach Run

Ali Najem

# U17 Male Single Ski

Noah Steiner

# U17 Male 2km Beach Run

Zakary Keelan

# Open 2 x 1km Male Beach **Run Relay**

Team A

Lachlan Crawford, Ali Najem

# **U17 Male Single Ski Relay**

Team A

Riley Dixon, Jasper McCullagh, Noah Steiner

### **U17 Male Surf Belt Race**

Team B Riley Dixon

# **Open Male Beach Sprint Relay**

Clayton Beranek, James Karagiannis, Matthew Lewis, Jamee Smith

#### Open Female Board Rescue

Team B

Elyssa Pierce, Taylar Puskaric

# Open Female 2km Beach Run

Jessie Phelps

# U19 Female 2km Beach Run

Chloe Gentle

# U17 Female 2km Beach Run

Jessie Phelps

# Open 2 x 1km Female Beach **Run Relay**

Team B

Jessie Phelps, Harriet Smith

### U17 2 x 1km Female Beach **Run Relav**

Team A

Jessie Phelps, Rebecca Selmon

### **Open Female Single Ski Relay**

Team A

Carla Papac, Britney Pierce, Taylar Puskaric

### **U17 Female Surf Belt Race**

Team A Ella McLachlan

#### Open 6 Person R&R

Team A

Emily Caterson, Brock Douglas, Blake McCrindle, Kurt Melville, Grant Sandstrom, Stuart Smith

# **SILVER (19)**

# U19 2 x 1km Male Beach **Run Relay**

Team A

Zackary Keelan, Finn Ross

# **U17 Male Surf Race**

Riley Dixon

### **U19 Male Surf Team**

Team A

Henri Carrera, Nathan Jay, Nicholas Middleton, Callum Redrup

#### **U17 Male Board Rescue**

Team C

Riley Dixon, Noah Steiner

# **U17 Male Board Relay**

Team A

Riley Dixon, Nicholas Middleton, Noah Steiner

# **Open Male Beach Sprint**

Jamee Smith

### U17 Male Surf Belt Race

Team C

Nicholas Middleton

#### **U19 Female Surf Team**

Team A

Kaimana Fittock, Mia Ross, Rachel Sothern, Kiera Warn

#### **U15 Female Surf Team**

Team A

Charli Cash, Maya Dixon, India Hulbert, Kaitlyn Middleton

# **Open Female Rescue Tube Rescue**

Team A

Carla Papac, Elyssa Pierce, Britney Pierce, Taylar Puskaric

### Open Female Taplin Relay (3 person)

Carla Papac, Britney Pierce, Rachel Sothern

# Open Female 2km Beach Run

Harriet Smith

# U15 2 x 1km Female Beach Run Relay

Team A

Tara Gentle, Violet Keelan

# Open 2 x 1km Female Beach **Run Relay**

Team A

Chloe Gentle, Carla Papac

# **U19 Female Double Ski**

Team A

Emily Eaves, Mia Ross

### **Open Female Surf Belt**

Team B

Elyssa Pierce

#### **U19 Female Board Relay**

Team A

Emily Eaves, Mia Ross, Rachel Sothern

# **U15 Female Beach Sprint**

Lammers, Zara

## **U15 Female Beach Relay**

Team A

Tyler Coles, Tara Gentle, Zara Lammers, Jade Tattam

# **BRONZE** (18)

#### **U19 Male Surf Race**

Nathan Jay

# Open Male 5 Person R&R

Team A

Brock Douglas, Colin Jones, Kurt Melville, Grant Sandstrom, Stuart Smith

# Open Male Iron Man

Hayden Allum

# **U19 Male Board Rescue**

Team A

Nathan Jay, Callum Redrup

# **U19 Male Rescue Tube Rescue**

Team A

Henri Carrera, Morgan Lloyd, Nicholas Middleton, Finn Ross

# U19 Male Taplin Relay (3 person)

Team A

Jed Buckley, Nathan Jay, Callum Redrup

# **U17 Male Surf Belt Race**

Team A

Henri Carrera

# **Open Female Surf Team**

Team A

Carla Papac, Elyssa Pierce, Britney Pierce, Taylar Puskaric

# U19 Female Iron Woman

Kiera Warn

# **U15 Female Iron Woman**

Kaitlyn Middleton

# **U15 Female Cameron Relay**

Team B

Tahli Christensen, India Hulbert, Kaitlyn Middleton, Jade Oliver

# Open Female 2km Beach Run

Chloe Gentle

### **U19 Female Single Ski Relay**

Team B

Emily Eaves, Mia Ross, Rachel Sothern

#### **Open Female Double Ski**

Team R

Emily Eaves, Elyssa Pierce

### **U19 Female Board Race**

**Emily Eaves** 

#### **U19 Female Surf Belt Race**

Team C Emily Eaves

# Open 5 Person R&R

Team A

Brock Douglas, Blake McCrindle, Grant Sandstrom, Katie Spinner, Courtney Jae Warn

# **U15 Mixed Beach Relay**

Team B

Tyler Coles, Sam Hulbert, Zara Lammers, Joel Steiner

# 4TH PLACE (12)

# U17 2 x 1km Male Beach Run Relay

Team A

Zakary Keelan, Finn Ross

# **Open Male Surf Belt**

Team A

John Woods

# U15 Female Beach Flags

Tyler Coles

# **U17 Female Surf Team**

Team A

Zoe Jay, Ella McLachlan, Tahlia Roja, Marnie Vimpany

# **Open Female Iron Woman**

**Britney Pierce** 

#### **Open Female Board Rescue**

Team A

Carla Papac, Britney Pierce

#### **U19 Female Rescue Tube Rescue**

Team E

Emily Eaves, Kaimana Fittock, Zoe Jay, Mia Ross

# Open Female Taplin Relay (3 person)

Team B

Elyssa Pierce, Taylar Puskaric, Kiera Warn

# U17 Female Taplin Relay (3 person)

Team A

Zoe Jay, Ella McLachlan, Tahlia Roja

# U19 Female Single Ski

Kaimana Fittock

# **Open Female Board Relay**

Team A Carla Papac, Elyssa Pierce,

Britney Pierce

# U15 Female Board Relay

Team A

Charli Cash, Maya Dixon, India Hulbert

# **5TH PLACE (17)**

# U15 Male Surf Race

Sam Hulbert

# U19 Male Iron Man

Callum Redrup

# **U17 Male Board Rescue**

Team D

Morgan Lloyd, Finn Ross

# U19 Male Single Ski

Callum Redrup

# Open 2 x 1km Male Beach Run Relay

Team B

Jesse Thus, John Woods

#### **U19 Male Single Ski Relay**

Team A

Jed Buckley, Nathan Jay, Callum Redrup

# **Open Male Beach Flags**

Clayton Beranek

# **Open Female Surf Race**

**Britney Pierce** 

# **U15 Female Beach Flags**

Zara Lammers

# Open Female 5 Person R&R

Team A

Joanna Axiotis, Emily Caterson, Jayden Morgan, Chloe Rowan, Joanna Stavrou

# Open Female Taplin Relay (3 person)

Team C

Emily Eaves, Kaimana Fittock, Tahlia Roja

# U19 Female Taplin Relay (3 person)

Team A

Emily Eaves, Rachel Sothern, Kiera Warn

## **Open Female Double Ski**

Team A

Carla Papac, Taylar Puskaric

# **Open Female Board Race**

**Britney Pierce** 

### **Open Female Surf Belt**

Team A

**Britney Pierce** 

# U17 Female Board Relay

Team A

Zoe Jay, Ella McLachlan, Tahlia Roja

# **Open Mixed Beach Relay**

Team A

Peter Axiotis, Chloe Gentle, Matthew Lewis, Chanel Pocklington

# **6TH PLACE (16)**

# **U17 Male Surf Race**

Nicholas Middleton

#### **U17 Male Surf Team**

Team B

Morgan Lloyd, Jasper McCullagh, Finn Ross, Jake Sullivan

#### **Open Male Taplin Relay**

Team B

Dean Blanche, Nicholas Fox, Michael Georgaris Jnr, Nicholas Middleton, Tyler Nott, Nathan Smith

### Open Male 2km Beach Run

Jesse Thus

# **Open Male Board Relay**

Team A

Mitchell Allum, Hayden Allum, Nicholas Fox

# **U19 Male Board Relay**

Team C

Max Buckley, Jasper McCullagh, Jake Sullivan

# **Open Male Beach Sprint**

Matthew Lewis

# **Open Male Beach Relay**

Team B

Peter Axiotis, Jack Porter, Kurt Stavrou, John Woods

# U19 Female Surf Race

Kaimana Fittock

# U15 Female Surf Race

Kaitlyn Middleton

# **Open Female Iron Woman**

Taylar Puskaric

# U17 Female Board Rescue

Team A

Ella McLachlan, Tahlia Roja

# **Open Female Single Ski**

Tavlar Puskaric

# U19 Female Double Ski

Team R

Kaimana Fittock, Kiera Warn

# **U15 Female Board Race**

Kaitlyn Middleton

# **U15 Female Beach Sprint**

Tyler Coles

# MASTERS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Swansea Belmont SLSC 4-5 March 2020

# Placed 14th with 83 points

# **GOLD (3)**

# 35-39 Male Single Ski

Michael Georgaris Jnr

# 35-39 Male Board Race

Joel Bolewski

# 35-39 Female Beach Sprint

Greer Calabro

# SILVER (5)

#### 35-39 Male Iron Man

Joel Bolewski

# 55-59 Female Beach Sprint

Donna Cox

# 140yrs Female Beach Relay

Team A

Greer Calabro, Lauren Campbell, Casey Hadfield, Deidre McCarthy

# 50-54 Female 2km Beach Run

Deidre McCarthy

# 55-59 Female 2km Beach Run

Donna Cox

### **BRONZE (5)**

#### 40-44 Male 2km Beach Run

David Jones

# 35-39 Female Single Ski

Susan Fox

# 30-34 Female Beach Sprint

Casey Hadfield

## 35-39 Female Beach Sprint

Lauren Campbell

# 160yrs Male Surf Boat

Team A

David Chapman, Wesley Dredge, Boden Dredge, Andrew Lawson, Brendan MacAlpine (Sweep)

# 4TH PLACE (3)

# 110yrs Male Taplin Relay

Team A

Joel Bolewski, Michael Georgaris Jnr, Benjamin Harris

### 40-44 Male Beach Sprint

**David Jones** 

#### 35-49 Male Board Rescue

Team A

Joel Bolewski, Benjamin Harris

# 200yrs Male Surf Boat

Team A

Lloyd Griffiths, Joe Isaacs, Brendan MacAlpine, Don Picken, Dave Chapman (Sweep)

# 5TH PLACE (2)

#### 35-39 Male Iron Man

Benjamin Harris

#### 35-39 Male Surf Race

Benjamin Harris

# 180yrs Male Surf Boat

Team A

Jason Ardler, Geoffrey Considine, David McGrath, Cromwell Ollivier, Nathan Spinner (Sweep)

# 180yrs Female Surf Boat

Team A

Karen Ross, Louise Southwell, Virginia Sullivan, Kaylene Walker, Les Townsend (Sweep)

### 6TH PLACE (0)

# INTERBRANCH **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

# **Bulli SLSC**

# 7-8 December 2019

# Sydney Branch placed 2nd with 1121 points

# **U12 Male Surf Race**

3rd Dane Sutton

#### **U12 Male Board Race**

4th Dane Sutton

#### U12 Male Ironperson

3rd Dane Sutton

# **U13 Female Beach Sprint**

Keira Vincent

# **U13 Female Beach Flags**

1st Keira Vincent

# **U14 Female Surf Race**

3rd India Hulbert

# **U14 Female Ironperson**

3rd India Hulbert

# **U14 Male Surf Race**

2nd Fletcher Warn

# **U14 Male Board Race**

7th Fletcher Warn

# **U14 Male Ironperson**

4th Fletcher Warn

# **U15 Female Surf Race**

3rd Charli Cash

# **U15 Female Board Race**

5th Charli Cash

# **U15 Female Ironperson**

5th Charlie Cash

# **U15 Female Beach Flags**

3rd Zara Lammers

### **U15 Male Surf Race**

4th Sam Hulbert

# **U15 Male Board Race**

6th Sam Hulbert

# **Youth Female Ski Race**

4th Tahlia Roja

#### **Youth Male Surf Race**

3rd Nicholas Middleton

# **Youth Male Board Race**

4th Riley Dixon

# Youth Male Ski Race

1st Noah Steiner

# **Youth Male Ironperson**

1st Nicholas Middleton

# **Open Female Surf Race**

2nd Rachel Sothern

# **Open Female Board Race**

5th Rachel Sothern

# **Open Female Ski Race**

Taylar Puskaric

# **Open Female Ironperson**

3rd Taylar Puskaric

# 2019 AUSTRALIAN POOL **RESCUE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

# **Gold Coast Aquatic Centre**, Southport QLD 9-11 August 2019

**Combined Team Scores -Opens Division** 

Wanda SLSC placed 18th with 27 Points

# **GOLD (1)**

# Men 14 Year Olds 50 Metre Swim with Fins Opens

Henri Carrera

# SILVER (1)

# Men 14 Year Olds 100 Metre **Rescue Medley Opens**

Henri Carrera

# **BRONZE (0)**

# 4TH PLACE (2)

# Men 12 Year Olds 100 Metre **Obstacle Race Opens** Fletcher Warn

# Men 14 Year Olds 200 Metre **Super Lifesaver Opens**

Henri Carrera

# 5TH PLACE (4)

# Men 11 Year Olds 4 x 50 Metre **Line Throw Relay Opens**

Jack Fisher Matias Soca

# Women 11 Year Olds 50 Metre **Swim with Fins Opens**

Alexandra Hyasatt

# Women 11-12 Year Olds 4 x 50 **Metre Medley Relay Opens**

Alexandra Hyasatt

Alexandra Murray

Sienna Spaul Jayda Zammit-Mayer

# Men 12 Year Olds 50 Metre Swim with Fins Opens

Fletcher Warn

# 6TH PLACE (2)

Men 12 Year Olds 25 Metre Brick Carry Opens

Fletcher Warn

Men 14 Year Olds 100 Metre Manikin Carry w/Fins Opens

Henri Carrera

# 2019 NSW POOL RESCUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Peninsula Leisure Centre, Woy Woy 13-4 July 2019

**Youth and Opens** 

Placed 7th with 70 Points

# **GOLD (2)**

Men 14 Year Olds 50 LC Metre U15 Freestyle wf Youth Henri Carrera

Men 14 Year Olds 100 LC Meter U15 Rescue Medley Opens

Henri Carrera

# SILVER (2)

Women 11-12 Year Olds 200 LC Metre U12/13 Obstacle Relay Youth

WANDA A Alexandra Hyasatt Alexandra Murray Sienna Spaul Bridie Smith

Men 12 Year Olds 50 LC Metre U13 Freestyle wf Youth

Fletcher Warn

# BRONZE (8)

Men 14 Year Olds 200 LC Metre U15 Obstacle Youth

Henri Carrera

Men 12 Year Olds 100 LC Metre U13 Obstacle Race Youth

Fletcher Warn

Women 11 Year Olds 100 LC Metre U12 Obstacle Race Youth

Alexandra Hyasatt

# Men 14 Year Olds 50 LC Metre U15 Manikin Carry Youth

Henri Carrera

Men 12 Year Olds 50 LC Metre U13 Brick Carry Youth

Fletcher Warn

Women 11-12 Year Olds 2 x 50 LC Metre U12/13 Brick Relay Youth WANDA A

Bridie Smith Alexandra Murray Alexandra Hyasatt Jayda Zammit-Mayer

Women 12 Year Olds 2 x 25 LC Metre U13 Line Throw Relay Youth

WANDA B

Bronte Goodman Alexandra Murray

Men 11 Year Olds 2 x 25 LC Metre U12 Line Throw Relay Youth

WANDA B Kai Thatcher Zach Wasley

# 4TH PLACE (5)

Men 11-12 Year Olds 2 x 50 LC Metre U12/13 Patient Tow Relay Youth

WANDA A Fletcher Warn Kai Thatcher

Men 14 Year Olds 100 LC Metre U15 Manikin Carry wf Youth

Henri Carrera

Women 11-12 200 LC Metre U12/13 Medley Relay Youth

WANDA A Keira Vincent

Bridie Smith Sienna Spaul Alexandra Hyasatt

Men 11 Year Olds 2x25 LC Metre U12 Line Throw Relay Youth WANDA A

Matias Soca

Matias Soca Jack Fisher

Men 14 Year Olds 200 LC Meter U15 Super Lifesaver Opens

Henri Carrera

# 5TH PLACE (3)

Women 11 Year Olds 50 LC Metre U12 Brick Carry Youth

Alexandra Hyasatt

Men 14 Year Olds 100 LC Metre U15 Manikin Tow Youth Henri Carrera

Women 11 Year Olds 50 LC Metre U12 Freestyle wf Youth

Alexandra Hyasatt

### 6TH PLACE (4)

Women 12 Year Olds 100 LC Metre U13 Obstacle Race Youth Alexandra Murray

Women 11 Year Olds 100 LC Metre U12 Obstacle Race Youth Bridie Smith

Women 12 Year Olds 50 LC Metre U13 Brick Carry Youth

Alexandra Murray

Women 11 Year Olds 50 LC Metre U12 Brick Carry Youth

**Bridie Smith** 

# 2019 NSW MIDFORD BOARD RIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS

North Narrabeen SLSC 2-4 August 2019

#### **GOLD (2)**

**60-69 yrs Male Long Board** Jonathon Lavers

**60-69 yrs Male Board Riding** Jonathon Lavers

# SILVER (3)

**Open Male Surf Board Riding**Luca Durante

**U19 Male Surf Board Riding**Tyler Nott

**U14 Female Board Riding**Elyse Abrahams

# JAG STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Swansea Belmont SLSC 28 February-1 March 2020

Wanda SLSC, 5th place with 159 Points

# **GOLD (6)**

**U9 Male Surf Team** 

Team A

Max Bowmer, Kobi Mead, James Seidel, Blake Spaul

**U9 Male Board Relay** 

Team A

Max Bowmer, Kobi Mead, James Seidel

**U11 Female Surf Team** 

Team A

Charlotte Bowmer, Jade Seidel, Sienna Mead, Emily-Summer Nguyen

**U12 Male Board Rescue** 

Team A

Ziggy Lester, Dane Sutton

**U12 Male Board Relay** 

Team A

Joe Doran, Ziggy Lester, Dane Sutton

**U13 Female Beach Flags** 

Keira Vincent

#### SILVER (11)

**U9 Female Board Race** 

Liesl Spinner

**U9 Female Board Relay** 

Team A

Elody Lawson, Andie Smith, Liesl Spinner

**U9 Male Surf Race** 

Max Bowmer

**U10 Female Surf Race** 

Zara Zammit-Mayer

U11 Ironperson

Charlotte Bowmer

**U11 Female Board Relay** 

Team A

Charlotte Bowmer, Sienna Mead, Jade Seidel

U11 Male 1km Beach Run

Austin Martinus

#### U12 Male 1km Beach Run

Kyle Mason

# **U13 Female Beach Sprint**

Keira Vincent

# **U14 Female Beach Flags**

Jade Tattam

### **Inclusive Swim**

Cooper Rowlands

### Inclusive Senior Wade\*

Cooper Rowlands

# **Inclusive Junior Wade\***

Dalton Rowlands

\*Non medal event

# **BRONZE (8)**

# **U9 Male Surf Race**

Benjamin Hibbs

#### **U9 Male Board Race**

Zed Lester

# **U9 Male Board Relay**

Team B

Zed Lester, Jarrah Martinus, Blake Spaul

# **U10 Female Surf Team**

Team A

Isabel Adams, Kiani Johnson, Zahri Lester, Zara Zammit-Mayer

# U13 Female 1km Beach Run

Sienna Alderson

#### U13 2 person R&R

Team A

Harper Constantoulas, Amelia Dann

# **U14 Female Board Rescue**

Team A

Tahli Christensen, India Hulbert

# **Inclusive Board**

Cooper Rowlands

### 4TH PLACE (7)

# **U9 Male Surf Team**

Team B

Toby Lawson, Zed Lester, Jarrah Martinus, Harrison Towle

#### **U11 Female Surf Race**

**Emily-Summer Nguyen** 

#### U11 Ironperson

**Emily-Summer Nguyen** 

# **U12 Female Beach Sprint**

Milla Coles

# **U13 Female Surf Team**

Team A

Alexandra Hyasatt,

Waverly Martinus, Sienna Spaul, Jayda Zammit-Mayer

### **U13 Female Board Relay**

Team A

Waverly Martinus, Sienna Spaul, Jayda Zammit-Mayer

### **U14 Female Board Relay**

Team A

Tahli Christensen, India Hulbert, Chelsea Sutton

# 5TH PLACE (8)

# **U10 Mixed Beach Relay**

Team A

Isabel Adams, Kyah Gallen, Liam Lakomy, Curren Taper

### **U11 Female Board Rescue**

Team A

Charlotte Bowmer, Sienna Mead

### **U11 Mixed Cameron Relay**

Team A

Charlotte Bowmer, Caitlin Cranney, Austin Martinus, Declan Noonan

# **U12 Male Surf Team**

Team A

Joe Doran, Otis Jessop, Ziggy Lester, Dane Sutton

# **U12 Male Board Race**

Dane Sutton

# **U13 Ironperson**

Waverly Martinus

### **U13 Mixed Cameron Relay**

Team A

Waverly Martinus, Will Steiner, Kai Thatcher, Keira Vincent

### **U14 Female Surf Team**

Team A

Tahli Christensen, Isabella Cox, India Hulbert, Chelsea Sutton

# 6TH PLACE (8)

# **U9 Female Beach Flags**

Gabriella Edwards

# **U9 Female Surf Race**

**Elody Lawson** 

# **U10 Female Board Relay**

Team A

Isabel Adams, Zahri Lester, Zara Zammit-Mayer

### **U10 Male Surf Team**

Team A

Max Christensen, Joshua Dann, Reef Lewis, Cooper Sutton

# **U11 Female Beach Relay**

Team A

Caitlin Cranney, Zara De Carvalho, Isla New, Charlotte Ollivier

# **U12 Female Beach Flags**

Milla Coles

# **U13 Female Beach Relay**

Team A

Hollie Adams, Sienna Alderson, Isobel Poulos-Burns, Keira Vincent

#### **U14** Ironperson

India Hulbert

# JAG SYDNEY BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Maroubra Beach 2 February 2020

## **GOLD (4)**

# **All Age Board Relay**

Kobi Mead, Cooper Sutton, Charlotte Bowmer, Dane Sutton, Kai Thatcher, India Hulbert

# **U12 Male Ironperson**

Dane Sutton

# **U14 Female Ironperson**

Tahli Christensen

# **U14 Female Board Rescue**

Wanda A

Tahli Christensen & India Hulbert

# SILVER (2)

### **U12 Male Board Rescue**

Wanda A

Dane Sutton & Ziggy Lester

### **U13 Female Ironperson**

Jayda Zammit-Mayer

# **BRONZE (3)**

#### **U11 Female Board Rescue**

Wanda A

Charlotte Bowmer & Sienna Mead

#### **U13 Female Board Rescue**

Wanda A

Waverly Martibus & Jayda Zammit-Mayer

# U11 Female Ironperson

Charlotte Bowmer

# 4TH PLACE (2)

#### **U13 Male Board Rescue**

Wanda A

Kai Thatcher & Will Steiner

# **U11 Female Ironperson**

Sienna Mead

# 5TH PLACE (2)

### **U12 Female Board Rescue**

Wanda A

Zara Buckley & Alice McNamara

# U11 Female Ironperson

Jade Seidel

# 6TH PLACE (2)

# U13 Female Ironperson

Waverly Martinus

# **U14 Female Ironperson**

India Hulbert

# **JAG 4-WAY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Wanda SLSC 24-Nov-19

# GOLD (29)

### **U8 Female Wade Relay**

Wanda A Frankie Potauaine, Maddelyn Cavanough, Tilly Teasal, Maddison Colman

# **U8 Male Wade Relay**

Wanda A Noah Sutton, Dashiell Lonergan, Kobe Cash, Hunter McLean

#### **U8 Male Beach Sprint**

Callum Byrne

# **U9 Female Flags**

Montana Smith

### **U10 Male Beach Relay**

Wanda A Joshua Dann, Liam Lakomy, Curren Taper, Ryan Harris

#### **U11 Female Board Race**

Sienna Mead

#### **U11 Female Surf Teams**

Wanda A Charlotte Bowmer, Sienna Mead, Jade Seidel, Tia Hale

#### **U11 Female Board Relay**

Wanda A

Charlotte Bowmer, Sienna Mead, Jade Seidel

# **U12 Female Board Race**

Alice McNamara

# **U12 Male Surf Teams**

Wanda A

Dane Sutton, Joey Doran, Ziggy Lester, Otis Jessop

# **U12 Male Board Relay**

Wanda A

Dane Sutton, Joey Doran, Ziggy Lester

# U12 Male 1km Beach Run

Kyle Mason

# **U13 Female Surf Race**

Waverly Martinus

# **U13 Female Ironperson**

Waverly Martinus

### **U13 Female Surf Teams**

Wanda A Waverly Martinus, Alexandra Hyasatt, Giselle Abrahams, Monique

# **U13 Female Surf Board Riding**

Giselle Abrahams

# **U13 Female Beach Sprint**

Keira Vincent

Johnson

#### **U13 Female Beach Relay**

Wanda A

Keira Vincent, Hollie Adams, Isobel Poulos-Burns, Sienna Alderson

### **U13 Female Flags**

Keira Vincent

#### U13 Female 1km Beach Run

Sienna Alderson

# **U13 Male Board Race**

Kai Thatcher

# U13 Male Board Relay

Wanda A

Kai Thatcher, Cameron Bonar, Will Steiner

# **U14 Female Ironperson**

India Hulbert

### **U14 Female Cameron Relay**

India Hulbert, Tahli Christensen, Jade Tattam, Tara Gentle

# **U14 Female Flags**

Jade Tattam

# **U14 Male Surf Race**

Fletcher Warn

# **U14 Male Ironperson**

Fletcher Warn

# **U14 Male Board Relay**

Wanda A

Fletcher Warn, Joel Steiner, Dane Mitchell

# U14 Male 2km Beach Run

Dane Mitchell

# SILVER (35)

## **Inclusive Flags**

Noah Corcornan

# **U8 Mixed Wade Relay**

Wanda A

Noah Sutton, Dashiell Lonergan, Frankie Potauaine, Maddelyn Cavanough

# **U9 Female Beach Sprint**

Liesl Spinner

# **U9 Female Beach Relay**

Wanda A

Gabriella Edwards, Liesl Spinner, Cali MacKinder, Shayleez Bailey

# **U9 Female Flags**

Gabriella Edwards

# **U9 Male Beach Sprint**

Eddy Liu

# **U9 Male Beach Relay**

Wanda A

Riley Creighton, James Seidel, Eddy Liu, Zed Lester

# **U10 Female Beach Relay**

Wanda A

Isabel Adams, Kyah Gallen, Chloe McCormakc, Zara Zammit-Mayer

### **U10 Female Flags**

Kyah Gallen

# **U10 Male Beach Sprint**

Joshua Dann

#### **U11 Female Surf Race**

Charlotte Bowmer

# U11 Female Board Race

Charlotte Bowmer

# **U11 Female Cameron Relay**

Wanda B

Sienna Mead, Tia Hale, Abbey Lovell-Ward, Anastasia Kostopoulos

# **U11 Male Surf Race**

**Austin Martinus** 

# **U11 Male Surf Teams**

Wanda A

Austin Martinus, Jimmy Potauaine, Haiden Woolridge, Harper Evans

#### **U11 Male Cameron Relay**

Wanda A

Austin Martinus, Jimmy Potauaine, Cortez Matthews, Kai Fisher

#### U11 Male 1km Beach Run

Austin Martinus

# **U12 Female Beach Sprint**

Milla Coles

# U12 Female 1km Beach Run

Adelaide Thompson

# **U12 Male Surf Race**

Dane Sutton

# **U12 Male Cameron Relay**

Wanda A

Dane Sutton, Ziggy Lester, Will Thompson, Archie Baratta

# **U13 Female Board Race**

Waverly Martinus

# **U13 Female Board Relay**

Wanda A

Waverly Martinus, Grace Spinner, Zoey Lester

# **U13 Female Cameron Relay**

Wanda A

Alexandra Hyasatt, Waverly Martinus, Keira Vincent, Isobel Poulos-Burns

# **U13 Male Ironperson**

Kai Thatcher

# **U13 Male Surf Teams**

Wanda A

Kai Thatcher, Hayden Watts, Eddie Carrera, Jackson Middleton

# **U13 Male Cameron Relay**

Wanda A

Kai Thatcher, Cameron Bonar, Max Cremona, Eddie Carrera

# **U13 Male Surf Board Riding**

Eddie Carrera

# **U14 Female Surf Race**

India Hulbert

# **U14 Female Surf Teams**

Wanda A

India Hulbert, Tahli Christensen, Isabella Cox, Chelsea Sutton

# **U14 Female Board Relay**

India Hulbert, Tahli Christensen, Chelsea Sutton

#### **U14 Female Beach Relay**

Wanda A Jade Tattam, Tara Gentle, Isobel Poulos-Burns, Keira Vincent

#### **U14 Male Board Race**

Fletcher Warn

# **U14 Male Surf Teams**

Wanda A Fletcher Warn, Joel Steiner, Mitchell Langley, Dane Mitchell

# **U14 Male Cameron Relay**

Wanda A Fletcher Warn, Joel Steiner, Liam Athanassiou, Alexander Romanos-Regas

# **BRONZE (37)**

# All Age Female Beach Relay

Sienna Lakomy, Gabriella Edwards, Isabel Adams, Caitlin Cranney, Milla Coles, Keira Vincent, Jade Tattam

# **Inclusive Wade**

Mitchell Ting

# **Inclusive Flags**

Mitchell Ting

#### **U8 Female Wade Race**

Tilly Teasal

# **U8 Female Wade Relay**

Wanda C Team

#### **U8 Mixed Beach Relay**

Wanda A Sienna Lakomy, Marli Parker, Jesse Govers, Callum Byrne

#### **U8 Mixed Wade Relay**

Wanda B Kobe Cash, Hunter McLean, Tilly Teasal, Maddison Colman

# **U8 Wade Race**

Kobe Cash

# **U8 Male Beach Relay**

Wanda A Jesse Govers, Callum Byrne, Harvey Curtis, Kobe Cash

# **U9 Male Flags**

James Seidel

### **U10 Female Beach Sprint**

Kyah Gallen

# **U10 Mixed Beach Relay**

Isabel Adams, Kyah Gallen, Joshua Dann, Liam Lakomy

# **U10 Male Beach Sprint**

Reef Lewis

# **U11 Female Board Relay**

Wanda B

Tia Hale, Poppy Hulbert, Isla New

# **U11 Female Cameron Relay**

Wanda A

Charlotte Bowmer, Jade Seidel, Caitlin Cranney, Zara De Carvalho

# U11 Female 1km Beach Run

Jade Seidel

#### **U11 Male Board Relay**

Wanda A Austin Martinus, Jimmy Potauaine, Declan Noonan

## **U11 Male Cameron Relay**

Wanda B

Haiden Woolridge, Declan Noonan, Scott Manley, Ben Pal

### **U11 Male Beach Relay**

Wanda A

Cortez Matthews, Declan Noonan, Kai Fisher, Ben Pal

# U12 Female Surf Teams

Wanda A

Zara Buckley, Alice McNamara, Matea Saba, Zoe Cole

# **U12 Mixed Beach Relay**

Wanda A

Milla Coles, Alice McNamara, Will Thompson, Ziggy Lester

# **U12 Male Board Race**

Joey Doran

# **U12 Male Beach Relay**

Wanda A

Will Thompson, Archie Baratta, Kyle Mason, Lenny Opai

# **U12 Male Cameron Relay**

Wanda B

Joey Doran, Otis Jessop, Lenny Opai, Kyle Mason

#### U12 Male 1km Beach Run

Will Thompson

### **U12 Male Flags**

Archie Baratta

# **U13 Female Surf Race**

Alexandra Hyasatt

# U13 Female 1km Beach Run

Waverly Maritnus

### **U13 Male Surf Race**

Kai Thatcher

# **U13 Male Beach Relay**

Wanda A

Max Cremona, Eddie Carrera, Mason Boudville, Emilio Biordi

# **U14 Female Board Race**

India Hulbert

# **U14 Female Ironperson**

Tahli Christensen

#### **U14 Female Surf Teams**

Wanda B

Bronte Goodman, Talia Goffet, Christie Kannengeisser, Lily Cameron

### **U14 Female Beach Sprint**

Tara Gentle

# **U14 Male Board Race**

Joel Steiner

### **U14 Male Cameron Relay**

Wanda B

Mitchell Langley, Dane Mitchell, Connor Fitzgerald, Ramon Saba

#### U14 Male 2km Beach Run

Ramon Saba

# 4TH PLACE (30)

# 2 Person R&R

Harper Constantoulas & Amelia Dann

# **U8 Female Beach Sprint**

Marli Parker

# **U8 Mixed Wade Relay**

Wanda C

Lachlan Dann, Jarvis Parmeter, Emily Sentas, Tahlia Robledo

# **U8 Male Wade Race**

Hunter McLean

# **U9 Mixed Beach Relay**

Wanda A

Gabriella Edwards, Liesl Spinner, James Seidel, Riley Creighton

# **U9 Male Beach Sprint**

James Seidel

# **U9 Male Beach Relay**

Wanda B

Blake Spaul, Owen Lovell-Ward, Toby Lawson, Micah Jokhan

# **U10 Mixed Beach Relay**

Wanda B

Chloe McCormack, Zara Zammit-Mayer, Curren Taper, Ryan Harris

# **U10 Male Beach Sprint**

Liam Lakomy

# **U11 Female Surf Race**

Sienna Mead

# **U11 Female Board Race**

Tia Hale

# **U11 Female Beach Relay**

Wanda A

Caitlin Cranney, Zara De Carvalho, Jade Seidel, Abbey Lovell-Ward

# **U11 Mixed Beach Relay**

Wanda A

Caitlin Cranney, Zara De Carvalho, Cortez Matthews, Declan Noonan

# **U11 Male Surf Race**

Jimmy Potauaine

### **U12 Female Board Relay**

Wanda A

Zara Buckley, Alice McNamara, Aurora Ewings

# U12 Female Cameron Relay

Wanda A

Alice McNamara, Zara Buckley, Milla Coles, Abbie Kelly

# U12 Female Flags

Milla Coles

# U12 Male Surf Race

Ziggy Lester

#### **U12 Male Board Race**

Dane Sutton

# U12 Male Beach Sprint

Archie Baratta

# **U12 Male Flags**

Nathan Ricketts

# **U13 Female Cameron Relay**

Wanda B

Giselle Abrahams, Grace Spinner, Hollie Adams, Sienna Alderson

#### **U13 Mixed Beach Relay**

Wanda A Keira Vincent, Isobel Poulos-Burns, Max Cremona, Eddie Carrera

#### **U13 Male Board Race**

Cameron Bonar

#### **U14 Female Surf Race**

Tahli Christensen

#### **U14 Female Cameron Relay**

Wanda B Isabella Cox, Chelsea Sutton, Ava Cahill, Christie Kannengeisser

#### **U14 Female Beach Sprint**

Jade Tattam

#### **U14 Mixed Beach Relay**

Wanda A Jade Tattam, Tara Gentle, Liam Athanassiou, Joel Steiner

#### **U14 Male Surf Race**

Mitchell Langley

#### U14 Male 2km Beach Run

Max Harrington

#### **5TH PLACE (25)**

#### **U8 Female Beach Sprint**

Sienna Lakomy

#### **U8 Male Wade Race**

Noah Sutton

#### **U8 Male Wade Relay**

Wanda C Jesse Govers, James Henderson, Billy Srougi, Hunter Bartlett

#### **U8 Male Beach Sprint**

Hunter McLean

#### **U9 Mixed Beach Relay**

Wanda B Cali MacKinder, Shayleez Bailey, Eddy Liu, Zed Lester

#### **U10 Female Beach Sprint**

Chloe McCormack

#### **U10 Male Beach Relay**

Wanda B Reef Lewis, Sebastian Sentas, Parker Cavanough, Michale Lionis

#### **U10 Male Beach Sprint**

Curren Taper

#### **U11 Female Surf Race**

Tia Hale

#### **U11 Female Cameron Relay**

Wanda D Mia Wilson, Keira Cash, Bridget Tink, Emily Tink

#### **U11 Male Surf Race**

Declan Noonan

#### U11 Male Board Race

Austin Martinus

#### **U11 Male Board Relay**

Wanda B Harper Evans, Beau Waters, Kai Fisher

#### **U12 Female Board Relay**

Wanda B Milla Coles, Adelaide Thompson, Matea Saba

#### **U12 Female Cameron Relay**

Wanda B

Matea Saba, Aurora Ewings, Maddision Hassiotis, Isla Jokhan

#### **U12 Female Beach Relay**

Wanda A Milla Coles, Alice McNamara, Abbie Kelly, Aurora Ewings

#### **U12 Male Surf Race**

Tom Oliver

#### **U12 Male Board Race**

Ziggy Lester

#### **U13 Mixed Beach Relay**

Hollie Adams, Sienna Alderson, Emilio Biordi, Mason Boudville

#### **U13 Male Board Race**

Will Steiner

#### **U13 Male Cameron Relay**

Wanda C Jackson Middleton, Olly Lloyd, Matias Soca, Emilio Biordi

#### **U13 Male Flags**

Emilio Biordi

#### U13 Male 1km Beach Run

Mason Boudville

#### **U14 Female Board Race**

Tahli Christensen

#### **U14 Female Board Relay**

Talia Goffet, Bronte Goodman, Isabella Cox

#### U14 Male 2km Beach Run

Alexander Romanos-Regas

#### **6TH PLACE (21)**

#### **Inclusive Beach Sprint**

Mitchell Ting

#### **U8 Male Wade Race**

Dashiell Lonergan

#### **U8 Male Wade Relay**

Wanda B

Lachlan Dann, Jarvis Parmeter, Knoxx Goodman, Kirby Murray

#### **U9 Female Flags**

Shayleez Bailey

#### **U9 Female Beach Relay**

Wanda B

Montana Smith, Anna Corbett, Anika Opai, Elody Lawson

#### **U10 Female Beach Sprint**

Isabel Adams

#### **U11 Female Surf Race**

Jade Seidel

#### **U11 Female Board Race**

Jade Seidel

#### **U11 Female Beach Sprint**

Zara De Carvalho

#### **U11 Female Cameron Relay**

Wanda C

Poppy Hulbert, Isla New, Isla Wallace, Yasmine Yilmaz

#### **U11 Female Flags**

Zara De Carvalho

#### **U11 Mixed Beach Relay**

Wanda B

Abbey Lovell-Ward, Jade Seidel, Ben Pal, Kai Fisher

#### **U12 Female Beach Relay**

Wanda B

Maddison Hassiotis, Isla Jokhan, Leia Rybanic, Zoe Rybanic

#### **U12 Mixed Beach Relay**

Wanda B

Abbie Kelly, Aurora Ewings, Dane Sutton, Archie Baratta

#### **U12 Male Board Race**

Tom Oliver

#### **U12 Male Surf Race**

Otis Jessop

#### **U12 Male Board Relay**

Wanda B

Otis Jessop, Tom Oliver, Kyle Mason

#### **U13 Male Board Relay**

Wanda B

Eddie Carrera, Dylan Porteous, Jackson Middleton

#### **U13 Male Cameron Relay**

Wanda B

Hayden Watts, Will Steiner, Mason Boudville, Jack James

#### **U14 Female Ironperson**

Isabella Cox

#### **U14 Female Cameron Relay**

Wanda C

Bronte Goodman, Talia Goffet, Lily Cameron



## 2019-20 MEMBERSHIPS

#### LIFE MEMBERS (25)

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#### **ACTIVE 18+ (145)**

**Greg Alderson** Joanna Axiotis Peter Axiotis Sam Axiotis Justin Baratta Kurt Benson Clayton Beranek Rvan Bevitt Lachlan Black Michael Bonnici Mairead Brannock John Brown

Natalie Buckley Sean Buckley Karen Byron Gerard Cafe Liam Callinan Lauren Campbell Melissa Campbell Eloise Cantlon Peter Carr Cherie Carrera **Emily Caterson** Scott Clancy Tom Colguhoun Isabella Conrov Michael Conroy Lachlan Crawford William Cregan Joshua Crowther Jake Dalley Christopher Dann Peter-James Daras Jonathan Dimitriou David Dixon Fiona Diapouras Stephen Doran Boden Dredge Wesley Dredge Mark Dunham Joshua Fernandes Christopher Fraser Santie Goffet Brayden Gossling Amy Grice Beau Grimley Casey Hadfield Peter Hadfield OAM Sorrell Handforth Henry Harding Benjamin Harris James Hoare Yvonne Holland Mathew Iredale Joe Isaacs Pippa Jokhan Ray Jokhan **David Jones** James Karagiannis Alicia Keir Lee Kelly Georgia Kenning

Adam Buckley

Jed Buckley

JACK Kenning Stephanie Kentwell Sienna Kolesnyk Todd Lester Matthew Lewis Mark Lloyd Mollie Lombo Gregg Mackinder Cassidy Maloney Deidre McCarthy Conor McGrath Mark McGuinness Jared McLachlan Danielle McMahon Virginia McMahon Gary McNamara Jayden Morgan **Brooke Mulley** Jason Murray Ali Najem Adam New Tyler Nott Charles Nowacki Cromwell Ollivier Carla Papac Jarrod Parmenter Blake Paton Joel Paton Matt Pearce Matt Pescud Don Picken **Britney Pierce** Elyssa Pierce **Chanel Pocklington Brett Porteous** Jack Porter Taylar Puskaric Bradley Querzoli Timothy Reece Myfanwy Rees Brett Richardson Karen Ross Chloe Rowan **Denny Rowlands** Luis Rudenas Michaela Sargeant George Sarlas Georgia Sinclair **Danial Smith** 

Harriet Smith

Jamee Smith

Kenneth Smith

Gabriel Soca

Louise Southwell Hayley Spence Jack Spooner Joanna Stavrou Kurt Stavrou Steve Stavrou Troy Stephenson Haralumboss Stivactas Virginia Sullivan Mikaela Sutherland Fiona Sutton Scott Sutton **Brett Thatcher Brooke Thatcher** Rob Thompson Jesse Thus Stephen Trembath Kaylene Walker Courtney Warn Patrick Warn Glen Watson Nicole Watson Graeme Waugh Troy Weston Jayden Wilde John Wilde Graeme Wright Therese Yim Lo

#### **ACTIVE 15-18 (46)**

Kane Baratta Samantha Battams Aedan BONAR Benjamin Brown Max Buckley Sophie Castro Zach Coles Georgia Craig Holly de Young Riley Dixon Lara Diapouras Annika Durante **Emily Eaves** Kaimana Fittock **Thomas Foote** Chloe Gentle Thomas Gentle Sohan Geronimo Caitlin Hammond Kai Hammond Nathan Jav Zakarv Keelan

Isabella Kotis

Morgan Lloyd Jasper McCullagh Ella McLachlan Harry McNamara Nicholas Middleton Rochelle Natoli Jessie Phelps Callum Redrup Taylor Richardson Tahlia Roja Finn Ross Mia Ross Hayley Rowlands Rebecca Selmon Adam Smith Rachel Sothern Noah Steiner Jake Sullivan Joshua Tattam Marnie Vimpany Denim Walker Kiera Warn Jack Watson

#### **RESERVE ACTIVE (3)**

**Geoffrey Considine** David McGrath Mitchell Palmer

#### **CADET 13-15 (25)**

Evan Athanassiou Ben Cameron **Amity Carr** Henri Carrera Charli Cash Lachlan Cole Tyler Coles Maya Dixon Dane Djapouras Sam Hulbert Zoe Jay Giselle Kay Violet Keelan Aaron Lake Zara Lammers Kaitlyn Middleton Jade Oliver Harrison Pal **Riley Porteous** Hennessy Simon Olivia Soca Benjamin Sutton Finn Tapfield

Teagan Thatcher Landen Walker

#### **AWARD (18)**

Karen Bonar Tracey Christensen Andrew Cox Marilyn Georgaris Paula George Narelle Hunt Jeanie Iredale Brian Lo Tim Mayo Vanessa McKirdy Kate Mountain Mary O'Dwyer **Greg Pierce** Adam Symons-Troy Nikki Teasel Jann Townsend Benjamin Vincent Steven Winner

#### PROBATIONARY (3)

Ashlee O'Neile Conner Ryan Julian Tubman

#### **ASSOCIATE (149)**

Anthony Adams Kim Alexander Melissa Allen Colin Arnold Cathy Axford Matthew Barron Tracy Booth Gary Bradshaw Matthew Brennan Annette Brown Roger Bullman David Burns Matthew Callinan Anne Caterson Carolyn Cavanough Damien Cavanough Rhys Christensen Glenn Colaco Karl Colaco Andrew Cole Martin Cole Stephen Coles **Sharon Collier** 

Ross Conwell

Chris Dixon Shannon Dixon Tim Downs Peter Duncan Vanessa Dunham Jason Escolme Mark Fahey Todd Fisher **Christopher Fox** Paul Fox Wavne Gentle Roger Gilbert **David Gittus** Ciaran Goodman Tracey Green Garry Greenhalgh Brian Hall Neil Hallinan Don Hammond Peter Hannan Karen Hardie Lorraine Harper-Horak **Bradney Harris** Morgan Harris Larry Hawke Glenn Havward John Hick Stewart Hickel Tony Holland Joel Hollis Todd Hulbert Stan Hyasatt Michael Jay Anthony Jepson Chris Jessop Alexandra Johnson Simon Johnson Stephanie Jordan Glen Kilpatrick Melinda Kilpatrick Danny Kirrane Erik Kohnenkampf Mark Lake Louise Lakomy Michael Lea Larry Leabeater Paul Leighton

David Lentell

Jose Cuenca

Peter Cullen

Leigh Cunliffe

Les Davidson

Gary Davison

#### **ASSOCIATE** (CONTINUED)

Tracey Lentell

Peter Levett

Fernando Lonergan Paul MacDonald Johann Mayer Peter McCray Greg McDonnell Todd McLachlan Dean McMahon Murray McPherson Jeff Mead Scott Miller Craig Moffat Roger Monahan Garry Nelson Nadine New Dallas Newman Paul Oliver Paul O'Neile Wayne Owen Rob Paipa Warren Palmer Dean Parker Stuart Payne Marie Perera Stephen Perera **Brett Peters** David Phipson Tracy Pierce Veiko Alexander Placht Kylie Porteous Jeff Potauaine Rebecca Potauaine Craig Prentice Ian Read William Reid Mark Reilly Rowena Rowlands Michael Ryan **Andrew Sams** Elizabeth Sargeant Thomas Schmid Karl Seidel Natasha Seidel Dean Slater Simon Sly Carole Smith Glen Spaul **Brett Taper** Meegan Taper Todd Tapfield Garth Teasel

Annabelle Thomas

Lisa Thompson Brendan Tink Adam Tremellen **Roland Vance** Tony Vaughan Sean Walsh Roger Warland Jeff Watt Elaine Waugh Michael Webster Fred Wigley Simon Andrew Wilson Jaimee Winner Richard Winston Carol Woods Glenn Wright Mark Zdjelar

#### **JAG (479)**

Lucas Abad Harrison Abbott Giselle Abrahams Hollie Adams Isabel Adams Adam Adra Alyssar Adra Natalia Adra Sienna Alderson Audrey Allan Charlotte Allan Elizabeth Allan Thomas Allcroft Chelsea Allen Patrick Anglin Leila Rose Aquino Leroy Aquino Aayushi Arora Jayesh Arora Liam Athanassiou Braxton Bagnall Bryson Bagnall Shayleez Bailey Abigail Baker **Hunter Banton** Archie Baratta Sonny Barlow Blake Barnes **Holly Barnes Hunter Bartlett** Kobe Bartlett Michael Batch Chloe Battersby Jack Belcher

Matilda Berry

Soffie Berry Emilio Biordi Chloe Blacker Cameron Bonar Hayden Boston Mason Boudville Calvin Bowman Charlotte Bowmer Jake Bowmer Max Bowmer Eva Brannock Harper Brennan Chloe Brooks Jackson Brooks Mason Brooks **Evelyn Bryant** Ella Buckley Rosalee Buckley Zara Buckley Zoe Buddle Kobe Burns Naia Burns Callum Byrne Ava Cahill Abbey Cameron Lily Cameron Oliver Campbell Courtney Carey **Taylor Carey** Edwin Carrera Jett Carroll Vaughn Casaceli Keira Cash Kobe Cash Charles Cassell Emma Cassell Robert Castellano Maddelyn Cavanough Parker Cavanough Ellie Chrismas Lucy Christensen Max Christensen Tahli Christensen Ethan Chu Andrej Ciric Nicholas Ciric Ryan Cohen Zoe Cole Milla Coles Maddison Colman Sahara Connor Savannah Connor Harper Constantoulas Penelle Constantoulas

**Brodie Cook** 

Samuel Coone

Zachary Coone Anna Corbett William Corbett Noah Corcoran Layla Corzano Emmi Costello Isabella Cox Caitlin Cranney Ariana Crawford Riley Creighton Maximus Cremona Penelope Crimmins **Piper Crimmins** Benjamin Croser Alita Crossley Quinn Crouch Talyn Crouch Harvey Curtis Summer Dagostino Alexandra Damaso Emma Damaso Amelia Dann Joshua Dann Lachlan Dann **Kyeton Daras** Natasha Daras Amelie Davev Zara De Carvalho Tristan De Souza Zayra Denmeade Victoria Dixon Eden Djapouras Callum Donaldson Summer Donaldson Taj Donohoe Isabelle Donohue Joe Doran William Douglass Finley Duncan Oliver Duncan Mia Dunham Sienna Dunham Angus Eaton Sophie Eaton Zara Eaton Annika Edhouse Gabriella Edwards Jack Edwards Sebastian Edwards **Toby Edwards** Alexandre Egan Matilda Escolme Harper Evans Aurora Ewings Jack Fisher

Kai Fisher

Connor Fitzgerald Alex Fitzpatrick Adelaide Fleming Charlotte Fleming Nolan Folck-Lawrence Travie Forrester Aidan Gallen Kyah Gallen Tara Gentle **Kye Georgaris** Hayden Gibson Callum Gidney Javden Goffet Talia Goffet **Daniel Goldsmith** Bronte Goodman Duke Goodman Knoxx Goodman Liam Gooley Olivia Gordon Annika Gosch Jesse Govers Beau Green Said Green Hendrix Greene Beau Griggs Joseph Gumley Tia Hale Hamish Hall Joshua Hannah Max Harrington Jacob Harris Ryan Harris Annabelle Harrison Ethan Hassiotis Madison Hassiotis James Henderson Lachlan Hennessy Madison Hennessy Benjamin Hibbs Jacob Hibbs Lahni Hickey Eve Hohenberg River Holdsworth Macy Hollingworth Joshua Holmes **Emily Hughes** Cooper Hulbert India Hulbert Poppy Hulbert William Hunter Alexandra Hyasatt Maya Hyasatt Veritta Idam **Boston James Jack James** 

Sebastian James Ewelina Janca Kylan Jenkins Leela Jenkins Florence Jessop Otis Jessop Mie Jhet Cooper Johnson Harley Johnson Kiani Johnson Monique Johnson Isla Jokhan Micah Jokhan Sophia Jokhan Summer Jones Christie Kannengiesser Joshua Kay Abbie Kelly Marcus Keyes Eden Kilpatrick Jessica Kirrane Joseph Kirrane Annaleigh Kohnenkampf Diaz Holly Kordiak Anastasia Kostopoulos Myrsina Kostopoulos Marianna KOTSIS Liam Lakomy Sienna Lakomy Mitchell Langley Indigo Langshaw Matilda Langshaw Riley Lau-Li Zachary Lau-Li **Elody Lawson** Isla Lawson Toby Lawson Jack Layt Ashton Lee Harrison Lee Becka-Anne Le-Gay Brereton Isabella Leighton Hunter Lentell Zahri Lester Zed Lester Ziggy Lester Zoey Lester Reef Lewis Alex Lionis Michael Lionis Taine Littleiohn

Eddy Liu

Alivia Lo

Oscar Lo

Oliver Lloyd

Braxton Logan

Taj Logue Dashiell Lonergan Felix Lonergan Fleur Lonergan Abby Lovell-Ward Owen Lovell-Ward Liam Luis Addison Mackinder Cali Mackinder April Macnamara Jack Malouf Scott Manley **Brody Manners Austin Martinus** Jarrah Martinus Reed Martinus Waverly Martinus Kane Mason Kyle Mason Cortez Mathews Jessica Mayer Niamh McCarthy Chloe Mccormack Ella McGuinness Kate McGuinness Isabel McKell Madeleine McKirdy Thomas McKirdy Hunter McLean Alice McNamara Lachlan McShane Kobi Mead Sienna Mead Cooper Melvin Kingston Merchant Jackson Middleton Finnigan Miller Lara Miller Thomas Miller Dane Mitchell Tyler Monneron Sophie Montibeler Harley Morton Jayden Morton Kirby Murray AIDEN NAGEL Alannah New Isla New Zander Ngaika **Emily-Summer Nauven Edward Nicholson** Max Nicholson Declan Noonan Lola Norton Sophie O'Brien

Tom Oliver

Charlotte Ollivier Robert Ollivier Anika Opai Billy Opai Leonard Opai Jaime Paipa Kendyll Paipa Benjamin Pal Arin Pandit Anton Park Marli Parker Jarvis Parmeter Kvla Parmeter Indie Patterson Amelia Perryman Buster Picken Jacinta Piggott Joshua Podesta Milly Pollock Dylan Porteous **Imogen Porteous** Frankie Potauaine Jimmy Potauaine Ethan Potter Isobel Poulos-Burns Angela Radovic Jack Randall Tahlia Redmond Eden Reid Kai Remedios Lily Ricketts Matthew Ricketts Nathan Ricketts Lucas Ritson-Bennett Marcela Robledo Tahlia Robledo Alexander Romanos-Regas Justinian Romanos-Regas Cooper Rowlands **Dalton Rowlands** Leia Rybanic Zoe Rybanic Juliet Saba Matea Saba Ramon Saba Oliver Sada Alba Salomon Jade Seidel James Seidel **Emily Sentas** Sebastian Sentas Michael Sqouros Harper Shean Fynn Sheehan

Axel Slater

Estelle Slater

Charlotte Slattery Andie Smith **Bridie Smith** Lila Smith Montana Smith Arlo Snape Matias Soca Harrison Soler Attridge Eli Southwood Izaak Southwood Zayla Southwood Zyon Southwood Blake Spaul Sienna Spaul Grace Spinner Liesl Spinner Nat Spinner Billy John Srougi Koby Srougi Teddy Starkey Joel Steiner Will Steiner Brodie Stephenson Nate Stephenson **Phoenix Stewart** Orianthi Stone **Hudson Street** Chelsea Sutton Cooper Sutton Dane Sutton **Darcy Sutton** Noah Sutton Isla Sweeney Charlotte Swinson Arlen Symons-Troy Curren Taper Polly Tapfield Jade Tattam Harrison Taylor Henry Taylor Darcy Teasel **Hugh Teasel** Tilly Teasel Ryder Tepania Jackson Thacker Kai Thatcher **Ella Thomas** Adelaide Thompson August Thompson Hamish Thompson Otis Thompson William Thompson Anika Thomsen Beckett Thorpe-Poynter Lucas Ting Mitchell Ting

Bridget Tink **Emily Tink** Gracie Towle Harrison Towle Archer Tremellen Willem Tremellen Daniel Ustjuzanin James Van Veen Hayden Vella Kai'ryn Vella Lily Vella Jacob Vincent Keira Vincent **Christian Vrionis** Cooper Waldock Lachlan Walker **Ruby Walker** Isla Wallace Brooklyn Wardle Mia Wardle Abbie Warn Fletcher Warn Aston Waters Beau Waters Capri Waters Cole Watkins Juliet Watkins Hayden Watts Billy Webber Lylah West **Evelyn Weston** Olivia Whitehorn Harper Wild Cody Wilkinson Chace Williams Cody Jo Williams **Evee Williams** Jesse Jo Williams Sonny Williams Mia Wilson Ash Wooldridge Haiden Wooldridge Jasmine Yilmaz Talia Yilmaz Dimitri Young Georgiana Young Zacharias Young Jayda Zammit-Mayer Zara Zammit-Mayer Ava Zantiotis Mva Zantiotis Chloe Zhang

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Greg Allum AM - Grand Knight in the Order of Life Saving

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Greg Allum AM, Ernest Stephens OAM

#### LIFE MEMBER OF SURF LIFESAVING NEW SOUTH WALES

Trevor Elliott, Ernest Stephens OAM, Greg Allum AM, John C. De Cean OAM

#### LIFE MEMBERS SURF LIFESAVING SYDNEY

Trevor Elliott, Ernest Stephens OAM, John C. De Cean OAM, Greg Allum AM

#### INTERNATIONAL LIFESAVING FEDERATION OFFICERS

Greg Allum AM - Member, ILS Sports Commission

#### **SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA**

Greg Allum AM - National Sport Technical Adviser

#### **SURF LIFE SAVING NSW**

Greg Allum AM - Surf Sports Technical Adviser

#### **SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY**

Patron, Ernest Stephens OAM, John C. De Cean OAM
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Sports, Greg Allum AM - Surf Sports Adviser, Trevor
Elliott - Finance Committee, Michael Bonnici - Youth
Development Officer, Mikaela Sutherland - Youth
Development Officer

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#### CRONULLA SUTHERLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Council – John C. De Cean OAM, Anita Pryke, Michael Bonnici, Anne Caterson, Nathan Spinner, Todd Lester

Cook Classic Organising Committee – Anita Pryke, Greg Allum AM

## BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES

#### **MARRIAGES**

Congratulations to the following couples on their marriage: Blake and Bel McCrindle

#### **ENGAGEMENTS**

Congratulations to the following couples on their engagement:

Ali Najem and Layal Naji

Mitchell Allum and Bianca Jane Flanagan

#### BIRTHS

Congratulations to the parents and their families:

Tait and Meg Brannock – Son Harry Brannock, brother to Eva and Archer, Grandson to Mick and Sue Brannock, Nephew to Nathan and Katie Spinner, cousin to Grace, Liesl and Nat Spinner

Mitch and Tatum Fagerstrom - Son Ash Christian Fagerstrom

Kurt and Maree Melville - daughter Margot Florence Melville

Stuart and Stephanie Smith - Son Laurie Smith

#### **OBITUARIES**

Our deepest sympathies go out to the families and friends of the following people who have passed away this season.

John Bolton – Husband to Bronwyn and Father to Emma, Laura and Jade

Frank Bonar – Husband to Karen Bonar and Father to Aedan and Cameron Bonar

Doreen Bennett – Mother-in-Law to Mick Brannock, Grandmother to Tait Brannock and Mikala Forster, and Great Grandmother to Eva, Archer and Harry Brannock

Noelene Caesar – Life Member Ladies Auxiliary, wife to late husband Joe Caesar

Mary De Luca – wife of Long Service member Michael De Luca

Susan van Wyk – Mum to Santie Goffet, Grandparent to Talia and Jayden

Robert Hillard – Active member

Dennis O'Sullivan - 50 Year Long Service member

 $\mbox{{\bf Patricia Robinson - Mother to Brett Richardson, Grandmother} \\ \mbox{{\bf to Taylor Richardson}}$ 

Coral Ryan – Mother to Troy Ryan

Natalie Windeyer (nee Hunter) – Daughter to Ladies Auxiliary Life Member Judy Hunter and the late Ross Hunter, Sister to Long Service member Martin Hunter and Niece to Long Service member Col Jones.

### **VALES**



Dennis "Dos" O'Sullivan

– Man of the People

#### 21st October 1946 - 17th February 2020

Dennis O'Sullivan lived in Kingsgrove and gained his Bronze Medallion on Australia Day in 1963, beginning over 50 incredible years of service to four surf clubs and three branches.

He was Dos from the first day, when he turned up with a leather gladston bag engraved with the gold initials D.O'S.

Dos started off as a junior boat rower, but because he was swim training at Canterbury Olympic Pool he was poached by Ron Sandstorm, the Junior R&R coach. His team went on to win Wanda's first R&R Gold Medal, the 1965 Junior State Championship at Swansea-Belmont and qualified for the Australian Final at Scarborough Beach in Western Australia.

With a love of adventure and a beer Dos then returned to surfboat rowing, and also competed in the senior R&R in a men's surf club. He was an intimidating pillow fighter, winning the Sydney Branch, third at the State and second in the Australian Championship in 1972. That year he was also Wanda's Carnival Point Score Champion.

In Wanda, Dos was a Patrol Captain, achieved 100% patrol attendance, Social Organiser, Delegate to Sydney Branch and a SLSA Instructor.

On a lighter note, he did most of his university studying with a carton of beer in front of the TV in the infamous Ozone Street boaties flat.

His biggest disappointment was coming second in the University pub crawl, chugging a schooner in every George Street pub from Camperdown to Circular Quay. He claims the winner cheated by having a manager preordering his beers and needed two carriers to get to the finish.

Dos wasn't a very good driver and managed to crash his Father's new car three times the first night he borrowed it. His licence was saved that night when his Father intervened with higher authorities. This proved to be not the only time Dad's connections were called upon.

Dennis left Wanda for England with five fellow members, including Terry Dowers, Jamie Walker and Brian Tyte, in April 1972. Returning from overseas Dos moved to the Central and North Coast where he was a member of Ocean Beach, Tacking Point and later the President of Port Macquarie Surf Lifesaving Club and North Coast Branch Surf Lifesaving NSW. Distinguished service saw Dos awarded Life Membership of both these organisations as well as Surf Lifesaving NSW, where he was Director of Finance for seven years.

Professionally Dos was a successful civil engineer, 'very community focussed' and in his high profile roles 'was a great leader and worked hard'.

During his life journey Dos was a Character, a Lifesaver, a Competitor, an Administrator and a friend to all. His real love was Wanda and his old mates - in later years he re-joined and was recognised as a 50 year Association member. He never really left and came to many reunions and holidays when he could.

Dos passed away after a prolonged series of illnesses and medical procedures. At his Port Macquarie funeral Wanda mates were represented by Bob and Carol Moffat, Mick and Sue Brannock, Kevin and Laurie Evans, Ken and June Wilson, Bill and Nancy Tuffy, Mark Sheaves and Trevor Elliott.

RIP Dennis O'Sullivan



Noelene Evelyn Caesar 9th September 1927 - 21st September 2019

It is with sadness we lost a long serving member of our Ladies Auxiliary Noelene Caesar, this season. Noelene joined Wanda Ladies Auxiliary in 1972 after her sons Paul, Craig and Grant joined Wanda Surf Life Saving Club along with Noelene's husband Joe.

Noelene was a very active member involving herself in many ways, fundraising functions and Committee positions. Noelene helped organise Street Stalls held in Cronulla.

Noelene was a great sewer, she made aprons and tablecloths for the Ladies Auxiliary to be worn at the 1980 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships held at Wanda, these items are still used today.

Noelene was elected Secretary to Wanda Ladies Auxiliary: 1977-1984 and 1990-2003.

President: 1985-1988 Life Member: 1986

Noelene holds a 25 Year Service Award.

Thank you Noelene for your service and commitment to Wanda, you will be missed.

RIP Noelene

#### **VALES (CONTINUED)**



John Bolton "JB" 18th April 1954 - 3rd May 2020

John David Bolton was raised by his mum and dad with his brother Adrian at Baumans Road Peakhurst. John was a strong family man with a passion for his friends and sport. He had a love of all sports and in his younger days played first grade cricket with Sydney Boys High then later with University of NSW, Greenwich Good Guys as well as shire cricket. He also played rugby at school and University and toured England with Uni NSW

JB joined Wanda with his family in 1993, following his daughters around the beach as they competed in Nippers. He was very social and with his loud laugh and love of a good time soon made lots of new and lifelong friends at Wanda. JB and Col Hood with Bev supervising were soon the designated Bar-B-Q men every Sunday at nippers, at Sutherland to Surf and anytime money needed to be raised.

With his two younger daughters Emma and Laura enjoying Wanda so much it wasn't long before JB and Bronwyn became more involved. He was a committee member on the JAG, did water safety, completed his Bronze and became an official, spending many hours on the beach helping out wherever he could. This continued on with John helping out on an intersection for the S2S for the last 20 years right up till last year.

JB completed his R&R judging course and soon became well respected being selected to Judge at Aussies in his first year as a judge. His love of being involved, and some encouragement from Gordon led to him coaching and his first team in 2007 of Emma Bolton, Lisa Harris,



Megan Rees, Corinne Wright and Kate Allum achieved 3rd place at state titles. The following year he coached a mixed team of Emma Bolton, Lauren Richmond, Ian Kehle, Ryan Shelley and Gordon McKirdy that won the State Titles and were narrowly beaten into second place at Aussies. In 2009 the JB coached team of Emma, Megan, Lauren, Ryan and Ian achieved 2nd at State and 3rd at Aussies, more than the medals it was the friendship and shared experiences that JB cherished.

Through this period of time JB also held the position of Swim Captain, competed for Wanda at the masters and in 2008 was Wanda team manager for the Worlds team. On their first training session in Germany for the Worlds, JB organised to meet at the beach. Upon arriving at the beach they all got a bit of a shock, as the Germans bare all at the beach.

As Swim Captain, JBs competitiveness, love of fitness and loyalty forged lasting friendships with the swimmers particularly Kurt, Tim, and Ian. Who could forget one year JB standing at the start line for the final of the belt race at Aussies bellowing for his missing reelman, Tait, and at his smile as Tait casually jumped the fence (after sleeping in) to join his team.

Outside of Wanda, JB was a University graduate in civil engineering working initially for the water board then Geofabrics. He always made sure his customers felt they could trust and rely on him, as you would expect he made many strong friendships in his work

life, as he did through his school and family life.

JB's love of fitness, exercise and never give up philosophy led him to complete seven ironman events at Forster and Port Macquarie. He always tried to improve by challenging himself and on his 65th birthday he swam 65 laps of Engadine pool - go you good thing!

JB was also involved in raising funds to fight cancer through the Relay for Life, \$68,000 so far. He was always able to gather and organise both young and older people in a cause he believed in. Through his enthusiasm, love of community and always wishing to do the right thing he was able to raise many thousands of dollars for this research.

JB made a big contribution in every aspect of his life, and his passing has left a huge hole in a lot of peoples' lives, not the least Bronwyn, Jade, Emma, Laura and their partners. His grandchildren Lucy, Peyton and his new grandson Jackson Bailey "JB" Tucker. He continued to work and play never really giving in to the disease that was slowly taking his life, he was an inspiration to many.

At JBs' funeral there were 11 mourners, without Covid-19 there would have been hundreds. At some stage there will be a memorial and it will be held at Wanda and there will be plenty of wonderful stories and memories relived of his life.

RIP John David Bolton "JB"



Frank (Francis) Bonar 29th November 1968 - 17th December 2019

Frank was born to Irish parents, John and May, before coming to Australia from Ireland when he was a young boy. His family started their time in Sydney in Kensington and then they bought property at Glenfield, where Frank spent his childhood.

In 1997, Frank met the love of his life, Karen, and they married on 30 May 1998. To their delight they added two beautiful boys to their family, Aedan in 2004 and Cameron in 2006. Making a home for their young family in Miranda.

Frank was always sports mad, participating in everything possible! Athletics, swimming, soccer, rugby league and rugby union (even as an old fella). Frank's nearest and dearest have all heard of his illustrious swimming career, making his mark as a champion butterfly competitor. He was always loyal to the teams he loved, playing for the North Cronulla Sea Lice until they folded and he moved over to the Burraneer Dolphins. Frank was thrilled when the Sea Lice re-formed recently, even attending a few games with his old teammates. His support of his Cronulla Sharks was second to none, following them during all the downs, and the occasional 'up'. The biggest 'up' was 2016 when Aedan was honoured to be able to present the match ball to the referees and the captains on Grand Final day.

Aedan and Cameron both also developed a love of all things sport, and it was through this love that the Bonar's joined the Wanda family when Aedan joined nippers as an Under 6 competitor in the purple and white caps. Cameron joining 3 years later as a pink cap. Wanda quickly became a way of life for all the Bonars, Frank keenly participating in water safety duties, along with beer drinking with his Wanda mates.

Nothing made Frank prouder, or more anxious, than watching his boy's race in their Nippers events. He could always be found yelling supportive comments to Aedan and Cameron, celebrating their achievements as well as those of their team mates. Frank loved the mateship that Wanda offered to his sons as well as to himself and Karen. This mateship even leading to him developing a love of competing in triathlons.

Never one to shy away from helping out, Frank always raised a hand to assist in any way around the club, setting the example to his boys that giving back to your community is paramount. As Frank's health deteriorated, seizure activity stopped him from being able to assist with Water Safety. This didn't stop him from coming to the beach on Sundays and continuing to attend and support the boys at State and Aussies. Frank treasured the time he spent at Wanda, and Frank and Karen could often be found on the beach or socialising at the club.

Frank was always grateful for the support that Wanda showed himself and his family during his 3 year battle, starting with the "Wanda Shave for Frank", and continuing with ongoing support, both for the family at home and at fundraisers.

Frank would be proud to know that his boys continue their passion for Wanda. Aedan as a patrolling member and Cameron as a member of the 2020/2021 Under 14's age group. Karen continues her age managing of the Under 14 boys.....not always an easy task, but one done with a smile week in and week out!

Frank's life was celebrated by hundreds of mourners on 27th December 2019 at Our Lady Star of the Sea, followed by a wake at his favourite place, Wanda. Frank would have been extremely humbled by the love and support shown for him and the whole Bonar family.

Frank always considered himself an average bloke. A working class man, who loved his family and friends. All who knew him, held him in high esteem and he is greatly missed by all.

RIP Frank (Francis) Bonar





# Natalie Windeyer 16th September 1976-10th November 2019

It is with great sadness we lost a beautiful vibrant young lady way too early, Natalie Windeyer (Hunter).

Daughter of Ross (Dec) and Judy Hunter, sister to Martin and Glenn, wife of Marty, Mother to Hunter and Paige, and Step-Mother to Tayla..

Many of us are still mourning the loss of our dear friend.

Natalie joined Wanda SLSC as a cadet in 1990. In the early days she was known as Macka's little sister. Nat was a part of and competed in many 5 person R&R teams as a cadet with coach JD (John Douglas) then as a Junior and continued on to be a Senior with coach Gordon McKirdy. She was successful in winning medals at Branch, State and Australian titles.

Nat was a valued, organised, loyal, reliable team person, who always bought so much fun and laughter to our teams.

Throughout her time at Wanda she made life-long friends being her bright, bubbly and social self.

Natalie has touched and enriched our lives, her beautiful strong soul will leave a trail of amazing memories.

Our thoughts and love are with her family and friends.

RIP Nat































# 2019/20 PATROLS











#### **PATROL CAPTAINS**

- 1 Denny Rowlands
- 2 Mikaela Sutherland
- 3 Yvonne Holland / Brad Querzoli
- 4 Jon Dimitriou
- 5 Michael Bonnici
- 6 Gerard Cafe
- 7 Ben Harris
- 8 Natalie Buckley
- 9 Michaela Sargeant / Elyssa Pierce
- 10 Jayden Wilde
- 11 Mick Conroy / Gary McNamara
- 12 Ken Smith

