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Our mission
To provide a safe beach and aquatic environment throughout Sydney’s Northern Beaches.

Our Vision
Fulfil our responsibilities as part of SLSA and provide a valued Surf Life Saving service to the community.

Our Branch Charter
The Branch exists for the benefit of the volunteer Surf Life Saving Clubs and their members on Sydney’s Northern Beaches.

The Branch is run as a co-operative of Clubs, it recognises the strength of the organisation is built on the Club system and will act within the best interests of all Clubs, while maintaining the interests of SLSA in the area.

The Branch is committed to maintaining the volunteer ethos of Surf Life Saving and the valuable, trusted and respected role Surf Life Saving plays in the community.

Our Centre of Gravity
The strength of the Branch is our membership working together.

Surf Life Saving Australia

Vision
To save lives, create great Australians and build better communities.

Mission
To provide safe beaches and aquatic environments throughout Australia.

Cover Shot
Ella Cook (Narrabeen Beach SLSC)
SLSNSW Female Junior Lifesaver of the Year 2015 - 2016.
PRESIDENT’S REPORT

It continues to be a great honour to be involved and serve as President of such an outstanding movement filled with men, women and young people who have such passion, commitment, skills, expertise and professionalism.

Again we can report no lives lost during our watch in the 2015-16 season, thanks to the vigilance and great efforts of our members who volunteered 153,876 man-hours to keep a watchful eye over an estimated 2.66 million beachgoers across our 21 patrolled beaches.

I would like to thank each and every member for their contribution to surf life saving, so many of whom have put their own lives at risk to protect and save members of the community whom they have never met and are unlikely to see again.

I would like to congratulate all those who won awards at our 2015-16 Branch Awards of Excellence, in particular Freshwater SLSC as Club of the Year, North Steyne (Patrol Assessment Competition), Rebecca Chapman as Life Saver of the Year and Ben Matthews as Volunteer of the Year. All our award winners are detailed elsewhere in this report.

Congratulations to the winner of the President’s Award, North Steyne SLSC - Wet’n Wild Nippers Program and, in particular, Jodie Frazer and David Guthrie on such a great initiative.

In August, 2015, as a result of our members’ significant contributions, Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches was awarded Surf Life Saving NSW’s Branch of the Year for our extensive quality activities across all facets of our operations, for the first time in 10 years – well done to all.

Worthy winners at the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence were – Team of the Year Newport SLSC, Taplin U17, U19 and Opens, Coach of the Year – Trent Herring (Newport SLSC) and Athlete of the Year Georgia Miller (Newport SLSC).

Congratulations to our Sydney Northern Beaches athletes who were chosen in the Australian teams after the National Titles on the Sunshine Coast in April, 2016. Naomi Scott (Manly LSC) and Jackson Borg (Newport SLSC) represented Australia in the Sanyo-Bussan Cup in Japan in early July.

Georgia Miller, Dane Farrell, Jake Lynch, Charlie Brooks and Isaac Smith (Newport SLSC) and Callum Lowe-Griffiths (Queenscliff SLSC) were selected in the Australian team for the World Championships, to be held in The Netherlands in September.

This year saw the NSW State Government introduce reforms for local Government which has resulted in the merger of Manly, Warringah and Pittwater Councils into a single Northern Beaches Council.

In our submission to the Delegate for the Department of Local Government, we sought assurances that none of our Clubs or our Branch would be worse off under a new Council structure in terms of funding, lifesaving agreements, or tenure.
arrangements. We look forward to working with the new Council Administrator and Management to further the objects of Surf Life Saving in our region.

We thank the Mayors and Councillors of the former Councils for their great support over many years and look forward to working with the interim Council and Committees.

Following several years of review and consultation, the NSW Government released a new standard lease template for Surf Life Saving Clubs with the view that all Clubs move to this standard template in the near future. As most of our current Club leases come to an end in 2020, we will be seeking to utilise the new lease templates for our Clubs who are on Crown Land.

I would like to thank all of our Trainers, Assessors, Facilitators, Surf Sports Officials, our Support Services team, including our Duty Officers, Jet Ski Operators, Surfcom Operators and members of our TIPS team, as without your tireless support we could not do the job we do.

I would like to acknowledge the significant work of our Lifesaving, Education, Member Services and Surf Sports portfolios whose achievements are listed by our Directors elsewhere in this report.

I take this opportunity to thank our marvellous staff running our Branch Office, to Steve McInnes, Jen Huston, Marcial Nunura, Belinda Dobson, Nick Hatch and John Taylor thank you so much for all you do.

Additionally, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding Executive who have provided extraordinary contributions to the successful operations of our Branch, so to our Deputy President Shannon Job, Director of Lifesaving Geoff Raper, Director of Education Adrienne Lowe, Director of Member Services Tracey Hare-Boyd, Director of Surf Sports Darren Warrener, and Director of Finance Lance Barnes, thank you so much.

I do not like to normally single people out for their individual efforts, but I would like to make special mention of the Hon. Bronwyn Bishop MP, for Mackellar, who has supported us since her election in 1994, some 22 years of dedicated service to our community and Surf Life Saving. Bronwyn, thank you so much for your wonderful support.

I would like to acknowledge our recently awarded Life Members, Distinguished Service, Outstanding Service and Prominent Service awardees. Their details appear elsewhere in this report, but thank you for your amazing contribution over so many years.

To all of our sponsors and supporters, without you we could not possibly undertake the work that we do to keep the community safe.

Thanks to the generosity of Dee Why RSL Club, we now have our new surf rescue vehicle.

I again thank you our members for your efforts and I look forward to seeing you on the beach in our 2016-17 season.

Yours in surf life saving.

Doug Menzies - President
It was a very proud moment when Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches was named the SLSNSW Branch of the Year at their Awards of Excellence in August, 2015. It has been 10 years since the Branch has taken out this prestigious award.

This award followed several years of hard work by our Clubs, our Branch Executive, Boards, Committees and staff across all aspects of Surf Life Saving. Winning this award again will be our next challenge.

I am pleased to report that again in the 2015-16 season, there were no lives lost on our 21 patrolled beaches during our watch, thanks to the vigilance of our volunteer lifesavers and support operations teams.

Unfortunately, there were five coastal drownings recorded in our area during the year and our thoughts go out to the families and friends of these people for their tragic loss.

As our Director of Lifesaving, Geoff Raper, has reported, our volunteer surf life savers (5,571 patrolling members) invested 153,876 hours patrolling our beaches with Manly LSC topping the list with an impressive 15,909 hours. Our estimated beach attendance figures were down on the previous season due to some bad weather and several weekends of closed beaches. In total, we recorded beach attendance of 2.66 million for the season.

Whilst the beach attendance figures were down, the number of rescues we performed increased to 1,611 (1319 in the previous season). Many of these rescues were recognised through the Branch, SLSNSW, and SLSA Rescue of the Month Awards with two taking out the monthly National Awards. Ninety three Basic beach management awards were also conducted providing us with a good pool of new Patrol Captains. Congratulations to all who trained hard to attain these awards and a huge thank you to the Trainers and Assessors for the many hours required to achieve this. It is encouraging to see that we had 41 new Training Officers join the ranks to help with future training.

Other significant lifesaving awards included 314 First Aid (71 from North Curl Curl); 248 IRB Crew; and 79 IRB Driver awards. Ninety three Basic beach management awards were also conducted providing us with a good pool of new Patrol Captains. Congratulations to all who trained hard to attain these awards and a huge thank you to the Trainers and Assessors for the many hours required to achieve this. It is encouraging to see that we had 41 new Training Officers join the ranks to help with future training.

Our Director of Member Services, Tracey Hare-Boyd, has reported that our total membership for 2015-16 was 18,964 – a slight (2.2 per cent) decrease on the previous year. Whilst the overall numbers were down, seven of our Clubs managed to increase their membership numbers and defy the statewide trend. Our female membership increased slightly to 40.5 per cent with just under 45 per cent of our members being under the age of 18 years of age.

Our future is in good hands with so many admirable young people progressing through our Clubs. If we accept that retention will always be a challenge and perhaps a variable that we cannot control, then increasing our membership numbers must be our goal to be sustainable in the future. This will require new thinking as we live in an age where most people are time-poor and volunteering is on the decline.

In the Member Services area we saw the launch of the Club Sustainability program. Data collated by SLSNSW for each Club painted a picture of each Club’s sustainability and identified areas of improvement for each Club. Our Clubs have been provided with detailed reports with recommendations based on the data analysis. We will be working with our Clubs on the highlighted areas of improvement which vary from Club to Club. Our thanks go to SLSNSW for the detailed analysis and reporting undertaken within this project.

Another highlight for us in the Member Services portfolio was our strong representation at the Junior Lifesaver of the Year. Congratulations to Ella Cook, from Narrabeen Beach SLSC, who took out the NSW Female Junior Lifesaver of the Year award for 2015-16.

As Finance Director, Lance Barnes, mentioned in the Financial Report, we finished the year ahead of budget thanks to some new
Beaches took out the NSW Inter Branch Titles as Darren Warrener, our Director of Surf Sports, proposed changes. It took more than 12 months to draft and consult on the new Constitution and Regulations. This was a project of our Deputy President, Shannon Job, and the Rules and Constitution Committee who worked hard for more sponsorship being attained and some tight reins on the expenditure. On the Finance front, we produced and presented a three year budget and capital expenditure forecast to demonstrate our sustainability.

These forecasts showed a better than break-even position at the operating level but highlighted the ongoing need for us to continue to find additional revenue streams through grants and sponsorships whilst at the same time managing our outgoings and cash flows.

At the end of our financial year (March, 2016) we embarked on a change of accounting system moving from MYOB to Xero. At the time of reporting, we were in discussions with Xero about a possible partnership and hope that this will lead to a roll out to our Clubs.

After just six years of our 15-year loan agreement, we were able to retire the $450,000 loan on our building and move to a line of credit to meet our cash flow requirements. Thank you to members of our Finance Committee who have assisted Lance and I throughout the year.

In May, 2016, our members endorsed our new Constitution and Regulations. This was a project of our Deputy President, Shannon Job, and the Rules and Constitution Committee who worked hard for more than 12 months to draft and consult on the proposed changes.

As Darren Warrener, our Director of Surf Sports, has reported, Sydney Northern Beaches took out the NSW Inter Branch Titles for the second year running, thanks to some great individual and team performances. There were many other outstanding performances which are covered in the Director of Surf Sports Report.

Our State and Federal Politicians have continued to demonstrate their support for Surf Life Saving throughout the season and we thank you for this support. After serving the constituents of Mackellar for 22 years, we bid a fond farewell to Bronwyn Bishop who has been a great friend of Surf Life Saving throughout her distinguished career.

Sponsorship is a vital part of our income and we are fortunate to have a great partnership with Unilever with support from Streets Ice Cream and Lipton Ice Tea. Thank you to Martha Williams, from Streets, for managing this relationship and supporting us over many years.

This year we welcome a new sponsor, Deputy, who have provided sponsorship funding for our Awards of Excellence as well as heavily discounted use of their Deputy workplace management and scheduling software that will be utilised to manage the rostering and payroll for our Surf Life Saving School. We look forward to a long association with Deputy and thank Kristin Harris their General Manager for this support.

In October, Westfield Warringah Mall signed a new three-year partnership including naming rights sponsorship of our Junior Branch Championships and supply of our Officials’ uniforms. Bill Buckle Auto Group also signed a new two-year agreement as our Official motoring partner, which includes naming rights to the Branch Championships and support of our Inter Branch Golf Day.

United Resource Management (URM) has agreed to become our official waste management and recycling partner providing all of our Clubs and Branch Office with free waste and recycling collections. This represents a significant saving for all of our Clubs and the Branch. We thank David Johnston from URM for his generosity.

We are also pleased to have the RFI Group renew their sponsorship of the Special Needs Aid training course which we hope to roll out to the general membership in 2016-17.

I would like to recognise the time and effort that each of our Executive team, led by President Doug Menzies, has put into running their various portfolios and thank them for a great job well done. They have been well supported by our fantastic staff – Jen Huston, Marcial Nunura, Belinda Dobson, John Taylor and Nick Hatch who I am proud to work with and grateful for their performance. Jen clocked up 10 years of dedicated and loyal service to the Branch in October and I thank her for her enormous contribution over this time.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of this great organisation.

Steve McInnes - CEO

Club Presidents – Board of Management

Mark Epper (Manly), Frank Traugott (North Steyne), Kevin Harris (Queenscliff), Peter Obern (Freshwater), Darrin Stoker (South Curl Curl), Stuart Wye (North Curl Curl), Allen Lakeman (Dee Why), Peter Kinsey (Long Reef), Greg Broome (Collaroy), Andrew Cross (South Narrabeen), Tracey Lake (Narrabeen Beach), Steve Maxwell (North Narrabeen), Matt Sheridan (Warriewood), David Sinclair (Mona Vale), Rod McGibbon (Bungan Beach), Sandy Menzies (Newport), Romilly Madew (Bilgola), Richard Cole (Avalon Beach), Phil Schmidt (Whale Beach), Kate MacDonald (Palm Beach), Graham Howard (North Palm Beach).

Executive

Branch President - Doug Menzies (Newport)
Deputy President - Shannon Job (North Steyne)
Director of Finance - Lance Barnes (Newport)
Director of Lifesaving - Geoff Raper (North Palm Beach)
Director of Education - Adrienne Lowe (Dee Why)
Director of Surf Sports - Darren Warrener (Avalon Beach)
Director of Member Services - Tracey Hare-Boyd (North Steyne)
Chief Executive Officer - Steve McInnes (Narrabeen Beach)

Staff

Chief Executive Officer - Steve McInnes
Branch Manager - Jen Huston
Surf Sports Manager, School BDM - Marcial Nunura
Surf School Co-Ordinator - Nick Hatch
Education & Lifesaving Co-Ordinator - Belinda Dobson
Public Relations & Media Officer - John Taylor

Board of Surf Sports

Director of Surf Sports - Darren Warrener (Chair)
Deputy Director of Surf Sports - Louis Tassone
Lifesaving Adviser - Steve Haggett
Rescue & Resuscitation (R&R) Adviser - Sue Troy
March Past Adviser - Gary Cook
Beach Adviser - Michael Gedz and Martin Lynch
Surf Boat Adviser - Alexandra Hill
Water and Craft Adviser - Peter Tullett
High Performance Adviser - David Rees
Carnival Review Adviser - Louis Tassone
Powercraft Adviser - Nigel Penn
Officials Adviser - Chris Dooley
Gear and Maintenance Adviser - Keith Abraham

Board of Education

Director of Education - Adrienne Lowe (Chair)
Deputy Director of Education - Steve Haggett
Bronze Medallion Adviser - Steve Haggett
Advanced Resuscitation Adviser - Gary Beauchamp
Surf Rescue Certificate Adviser – Fran Brenchley
Powercraft Adviser - Graham Howard
Gold Medallion Advisers - Bryn Russell, Andy Cross, Shannon Job
Junior Education Adviser - Tracey Hare-Boyd
Facilitated Course Coordinator - Jess Menzies

Board of Lifesaving

Director of Lifesaving - Geoff Raper
Deputy Director of Lifesaving - Rohan Fisher
Emergency Services Adviser - Steve Faddy
Patrol Assessment Coordinator - Keith Abraham
Powercraft Adviser - Graham Howard
Junior Lifesaving Adviser - Kieran Menzies
Radio Adviser - Adrian Hill
Club Captain or Director of Lifesaving from each Club.
Geoff Raper (North Palm Beach), Alex Tyrrell (Palm Beach), John Lewin (Whale Beach), Melissa Hall (Avalon Beach), Peter Fenley (Bilgola), Rob Barkley (Newport), Aidan Clark (Bungan Beach), David Scullion (Mona Vale), Jen Spencer (Warriewood), Glenn Jones (North Narrabeen), Robert Cook (Narrabeen Beach), Shannan Hitchen (South Narrabeen), Luke Hochkins (Collaroy), Nick Hadzipasic (Long Reef), Ben Davies (Dee Why), Alex Wye (North Curl Curl), Kevin Moffat (South Curl Curl), Tom Duffy (Freshwater), Rodger Whiteman (Queenscliff), Rebecca Chapman (North Steyne), Mel Pelly (Manly).

Board of Member Services

Director of Member Services - Tracey Hare-Boyd (Chair), Adrienne Lowe (Education), Steve Haggett (SRC and Surf Sports), Andrew Cross (Lifesaving), Mike Stanley-Jones (Cadets, Youth)
Life Membership and Service Honours Committee
Doug Menzies (Chair), Geoff Raper (Director of Lifesaving), Jenny Drury, Barry Antella OAM, Gary Cook.

Meritorious Awards Committee
Geoff Raper (Chair), Adrienne Lowe, Rohan Fisher, Richard Andjelkovic, Jeff Hewitt, Ray Petersen, Gary Cook.

Finance Committee
Lance Barnes (Chair), Doug Menzies, David Piper, Peter Russell, Scott Mathers, Steve Faddy.

Rules and Regulations Committee
Ray Petersen, Wayne Freakley, Robert Williams, Damian O’Shannassy, Simon Vincent.

Judiciary Committee
Barry Antella (OAM), Gary Cook, Jenny Drury, Jeff Hewitt, Nigel Penn.

Branch Selection Committee
David Rees (Chair), Ian Miller, Martin Quinn, Michael Gedz, Graham Bruce.

Inter Branch Management Team

Branch Photographers
Bill Sheridan, Vicki Huston, John Taylor, Michael Fitzhardinge.
Life Members

1949-1959
*Jack Cameron
*Arthur Castleman MBE
*His Honour Sir Adrian Curlewis CVO CBE
*Jim Dempster
*William (Bill) Feister
*George Johnson
*Alf Loton
*George Lindsay
*Tom Moran
*Roger Moroney
*Lionel McDonald OAM
*Arthur Olsen
*Lal Turner
*Ken Watson MBE
*George Williams
*Vince Williams MBE
*Gordon Wilson

1962
*Cedric Walton

1963
*Carl Wills

1967
*Alan Fitzgerald MBE
*Hector McDonald OAM

1968
*Harry Ragan

1973
*Alan Slevin

1974
Lindsay Paton OAM

1975
*William (Bill) Ingram
John Mills OAM

1976
*Raymond Brown OAM
Neil Purcell OAM

1977
*Owen Ramsay

1978
Gordon McNaughton OAM
Michael Byrnes OAM

1979
Neil Montgomery OAM

1980
*Bert King OAM
*Jack Smiles

1981
*Roper (Buster) Brown
*Gordon Harper
Michael Bartlett

1982
*Fred Bertram MBE
Barry Burke

1984
Paul Day

1985
Ernie Davis OAM

1987
Ian (Rick) Wright OAM

1988
David Piper OAM

1989
William (Bill) Goodman OAM
*Graham Carlisle OAM
Robert Parkhill
Jeff Andrew
David Roberts OAM

1991
Col White
*Peter Liddle

1992
Ross Matthews OAM

1993
Barrie Pitt

1994
William (Bill) Worth OAM

1996
Terence Boardman OAM
Graham Howard

1997
Peter O’Dwyer

1998
Colin Rae

1999
Brian Joyce
Ken Priest
*David Lawler OAM

2000
Maureen Worth
Ken Leonard
Richard Lytham OAM

2001
Stanley Buckman
*Peter Daley

2002
Brian Geddes
Raymond Brennan
*Edward Whittaker

2003
*Richard Twight OAM
Jeffrey Hewitt

2004
Anthony Haven AM
Peter Clarke
Charles O’Reilly
Robert (Bob) Langbein
*John Saxby
Simon Moriarty

2005
Jennifer Drury
Richard (Ritchie) Burke
Brian Kinsey
Gary Cook
Andrew May

2006
Barry Antilla OAM
*Anthony (Tony) Burns
Lorelle Kinsey
Geoffrey Lyall

2007
Michael Bate
Ken Brown
Peter Clarke
Jonathon Farrell
Gordon Hedger
Patricia Newton
Kay Priday
Chris Roberts
Geoff Upton

2008
Richard (Mick) Griffin OAM
Glenn Langley
Arthur McCarron
*George McRobert
Ray Petersen
Anthony (Tony) Tier

2009
Robert (Bob) Cox
Robert Berry
Richard Stewart OAM
Derek (Rick) Millar
Warren Young OAM
Gary Beauchamp
Robert Buckingham

2010
John Cassidy
Peter Gard
Warren Howard
John Swan
Marianne Troop

2011
Robyn Holt
*Maurice Kerrigan
June King
Kevin Martin OAM
Gary O’Sullivan
*Jim Routh
Peter Rowlands

2012
Richard Andjelkovic
Steve Faddy
Janine Fahey
Peter Sellesse
Stephen Price
Distinguished Service

Hon. Tony Abbott MP
Keith Abraham
Albert (Bert) Adams OAM
Bill Anderson
Richard Andjelkovic
Barry Antella OAM
Robert Asser
Michael Bate
Gary Beauchamp
Robert Berry
Janine Black
Paul Booth
Browyn Bishop
Chris Brown
*Anthony (Tony) Burns
Bernie Burrows
Bernard Carr
Graeme Causon
James Chant
Robert Chidgey
Andrew Chubb
Peter Clarke

Ken Leonard
Doug Lucas
Zane Ludlow
David Lyall
Geoffrey Lyall
Kay Lyall
Rhonda Lycett
Martin Lynch
Richard Lytham OAM
Maureen McKellar
Don McManus
David Macintosh AM
Gregory MacMahon
Kevin Martin OAM
Ray Martin
Paul Mathew
Andrew May
Derek (Rick) Millar
Chris Montgomery
Simon Moriarty
Colin Newman
Patricia Newton
David Olsen
Charles O’Reilly
Damian O’Shannassy
Garry O’Sullivan
Dennis O’Toole
Ross Parry
Nigel Penn
Brett Picknell
Stephen Price
Gregory Punch
Michelle Rae
Max Riddington
Chris Roberts
Suzanne Rossi
Peter Rowlands
*John Saxby
Paul Schott
Wayne Schwebel
Peter Selosse
Bill Sheridan
*Len Simpson
Barbara Smith
Keith Smith
Craig Susans
Julie Sutton
Ross Tester
Judy Tier
Colin Timms
David Torevell
*Kenneth Trembath

Outstanding Service

Steve Broughton-Rouse
Chris Dooley
Clem Klausen
Luke Fittock
Garry Fox
Howard Fitzgibbon
Adrian Hill
Christine Hopton
Jeannette Isaacs
Shannon Job
Michael Kirkby
Glenn Langley
Kathy Langthorne
Robert Machar
Peter MacMahon
Karen (Kaz) Marks
Cathy Meaney
Chris Roberts
Suzanne Rossi
Brian Ward
Janice Wordley

Prominent Service

*Bill Barnett
*Charlie Brady
Ken Brown
Kevin Green
Jack Howie
*Wal McGrigor
*Max Rose
Pam Rowlands

* Deceased
Life Membership Awards

Rhonda Lycett
Mona Vale Surf Life Saving Club
Rhonda holds Distinguished Service awards at both Mona Vale and SLSSNB. She was a founding member of the team that began the Inter Branch team golf day back in 1994. She has been an active surf sports official for the past 25 years and is respected by competitors and her peers alike. She has been involved with the Inter Branch team as a Manager, Assistant Manager, Chaperone and continues to help at all fundraising events for the team.

Suzanne Rossi
Collaroy Surf Life Saving Club
Sue holds Distinguished Service awards for both Collaroy SLSC and SLSSNB. She started patrolling in 1994 as a Nipper parent and helped out as water safety before joining the Board of Examiners in 2000. She has held various positions within the Collaroy Club over the years such as Tour Manager, Registrar, Competition Director and more. She was part of the SLSSNB Inter Branch team from 1997 to 2012 as Team Manager, Chaperone, helping with uniform, accommodation, organising buses, organising golf days and prizes.

Kevin Moffat
South Curl Curl Surf Life Saving Club
Kevin has held numerous positions at South Curl Curl such as President, Vice President, Chief Instructor, Secretary and Club Captain. Kevin started instructing at South Curl Curl in 1966 and continues that role today. His passion and commitment to running training groups is incredible. Kevin has competed for South Curl Curl since 1999 where he has won a total of 42 medals at the Branch Championships including seven gold in the Ironman.

David Torevell
Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club
David has received the National Patrol Service Medal of Australia in 2014 – awarded to those who do a minimum of 30 hours patrol service per year for a minimum of 15 years. David took the role of Chief Instructor at Freshwater in 1995 and held on to the role for 14 consecutive years. David has also been an active Assessor for SLSSNB for the past 16 years. David has Life Membership at Freshwater, Distinguished Service at SLSSNB and won a national volunteer award in 2012.
Alan Butler
Queenscliff Surf Life Saving Club
Alan was heavily involved in the rejuvenation and promotion of Queenscliff Nippers and was instrumental in running the first Queenscliff Nippers carnival in 1995 - 96. He was instrumental in the first gym and clubroom expansion. He provided plans and obtained DA approval along with physical work to have the renovations completed. Alan has held numerous positions at many Boat carnivals over the years from Referee to Line Judge. His involvement is not limited to local carnivals but he has held important roles at State and National level also. He has also been part of the SNB TIPS team since 2003 and continues this role today.

Craig Susans
Queenscliff Surf Life Saving Club
Craig achieved his Bronze Medallion in 1975 and followed this up with higher awards such as Instructor, IRB Driver and Advanced Resuscitation. Craig is a Level 1 Coach and Level 3 Surf Sports Official and has been an integral part of the Board of Surf Sports at a Branch level for many years. Craig has gained many accolades over the years such as SNB Official of the Year, NSW Official of the Year, and he also holds Distinguished Service honours with Queenscliff and SLSSNB. He has been Director of Surf Sports at SNB and part of the selection panel for SLSSNB Inter Branch teams.

Thecla Haven
South Narrabeen Surf Life Saving Club
Thecla was awarded Distinguished Service at South Narrabeen in 2006. She has held many positions at the Club starting with the Nippers as Secretary and Registrar and continuing through to the senior Club as Secretary, Registrar, Team Manager. Thecla has been recording at boat carnivals since 1996 from local carnivals to Australian and World titles.

Nigel Penn
Bilgola Surf Life Saving Club
Nigel has been IRB Person of the Year at Bilgola a number of times. He has Distinguished Service honours at Bilgola and SLSSNB. He has held positions at Bilgola from Age Manager to committee member in both Junior and Senior Clubs. He has been IRB Captains, Competition Manager, Patrol Captain, Powercraft coordinator at Club events and carnivals. Nigel is the current Adviser for Powercraft in the SLSSNB Board of Surf Sports and is ever-present at all SNB carnivals helping to set up competition areas as well as coordinating powercraft.
Ron Pomering  
Warriewood Surf Life Saving Club
Ron joined North Bondi in 1970, Bronte in 1979, Collaroy in 1985 and Warriewood in 2007 where he is still a current member. Ron has been an integral part of the surf boat rowing community as a competitor and now official. He has been the Boat Referee at Battle of the Boats, Pacific Palms and many local carnivals over the years. Ron has been a senior starter at Branch, State and Aussie titles for over 20 years and has fantastic reputation among all boat rowers. He has been an educator and mentor to many Officials over the years and has been a member of the Board of Examiners, now known as the Board of Surf Sports for many years.

Outstanding Service Awards

Shannon Job  
North Steyne Surf Life Saving Club
Shannon is a natural leader and very active in surf life saving at both Club and Branch level. He has held positions of Club Captain and Assistant Secretary at North Steyne. He has won Club honours as Club Person of the Year, Young Club Person of the Year, Assessor of the Year, Open Competitor of the Year. He holds Outstanding Service and Distinguished Service at North Steyne. Shannon has been Director of Education and is currently the Deputy President of SLSSNB. He has won the Harry Ragan Award and has also been named Leader of the Year at past SLSSNB awards ceremonies.

Distinguished Service Award

Susan Troy  
Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club
Sue has held numerous positions such Age Manager, March Past Manager, R&R Manager, Clothing Manager, Registrar, Coach and many more over the years. Sue has been instrumental in the revival of R&R at both North Narrabeen and Freshwater with a lot of success at both Clubs. Sue continues to officiate at Junior and Senior Carnivals alike, not only in the R&R area but wherever she is needed.

Karen (Kaz) Marks  
Narrabeen Beach Surf Life Saving Club
Kaz helped introduce special effects to first aid competitions like never seen at SNB before – it often resulted in much concern from passers by. She has been heavily involved in surf sports as an Official (now a level 2) and as part of the powercraft team setting and moving cans at all carnivals. Kaz was named Volunteer of the Year at SNB in 2012. Kaz is a Trainer, Assessor, Official, can setter, helper and all-round good person.
Christine Hopton
Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club

Certainly one of the highlights of Christine’s time at Avalon Beach SLSC was becoming the first female Club President. She held that position for eight years and, under her leadership, the Club experienced a large growth in membership. Not surprisingly, Chris became the first female Life Member of the Club because of the outstanding contribution she has made to Avalon Beach. With husband Robert, Chris oversaw the design and construction of the new Avalon Beach Clubhouse. In recent years, Chris was named Pittwater Council Volunteer of the Year and Pittwater Council Woman of the Year. She has also served as Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Deputy President and currently serves as a Board Member with Surf Life Saving Australia.

Garry Fox
Queenscliff Surf Life Saving Club

(Garry Fox with other people)

Prominent Service Award

Kevin Green
Warriewood Surf Life Saving Club

Kevin has prepared, designed and produced the annual report for the past 11 years. He provides artwork for brochures, leaflets, newspaper ads etc, free of charge. He redesigned the Branch Stationery to what it is today and also designed business cards, email signature blocks, car signage, signs, logos etc, ensuring the Branch has a professional look and feel in its presentation and also theming each Awards of Excellence dinner. Designing each year’s Junior Lifesaver of the Year shirts and Executive apparel for formal and casual occasions. He also provides support at Branch Championships.

Garry Fox
Queenscliff Surf Life Saving Club

Garry joined Queenscliff SLSC in 1993 and has certainly been heavily involved in Club activities since. He loved doing his patrols in those early years and then branched out in 1997 when he helped with the training of Club members for their SRC and Bronze Medallion awards. He then went on to gain his Training Officer’s awards in 2000 and 2002 for SRC and Bronze. Garry moved on to be an Assessor in these awards in 2002, along with ARTC and Spinal Management in 2009 and 2013. He now holds many awards, including Cert IV in Training and Assessing, Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management, IRB Crew and Silver Medallion IRB Driver. Garry also received his 15-year National Patrol Service Award, issued in 2011. Garry is now the Club’s Chief Training Officer and is a Branch Assessor.
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Cedric T Walton Award

For Competition Recording

This award was established to remember Cedric T Walton who was a Life Member of the Branch and a long standing member of North Steyne Surf Life Saving Club. Cedric carried out recording duties over many years at Branch, State and Australian Championship carnivals.

As we all know, without officials we would not be able to run carnivals. One role that is often overlooked is the role of the recorder. Without a recorder, we would have no results and no point score at the end of each carnival.

Rhonda Lycett

Rhonda Lycett completed her 31st season as a recorder and has no plans to stop yet. She loves what she does.

She first became involved in Surf Life Saving in 1978 when her son Bryce joined Nippers at Mona Vale SLSC. But it wasn’t until 1985 that her recording days began. Apart from Branch, she has also been a regular recorder at State carnivals and she also recorded at National Nipper carnivals for years. The athletes love seeing her smiling face.

Previous Recipients:

08/09 Rhonda Lycett - Mona Vale
09/10 Clare Hagon - North Curl Curl
10/11 Robyn Holt - Queenscliff
11/12 Janine Fahey - Collaroy
12/13 Kay Lylly - Queenscliff
13/14 Megan Hayward - Newport
14/15 Robyn Holt - Queenscliff

Harry Ragan Award

This award was named in memory of Avalon Beach SLSC late Life Member Harry Ragan who originally funded the annual award for outstanding service by a Board of Examiner member.

Harry was a Life Member of Avalon Beach, Manly Warringah Branch and NSW State Centre. He passed away in April, 1974 shortly before he was to be formally presented with his State Life Membership badge.

Glenn Tolan

Glenn Tolan has given valuable service to Lifesaving, Education and Support Services and was responsible for the facilitation and development of the Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management (SMBBM) Award within our Branch.

He worked behind the scenes to improve the quality of the SMBBM, and was instrumental in developing Branch specific resources, revising lesson plans and Assessment guides.

Glenn condensed the course format without compromising any of the original content. Local geographic areas and specific material relating to Northern Beaches Council Regulations were included in the course.

The Assessment now includes a series of scenarios based on actual events providing a realistic challenge for candidates acting as patrol captains, eliminating the ‘on the job’ or on patrol requirement.

Previous Recipients:

08-09 Shannon Job North Steyne 12-13 Tracey Hare-Boyd North Steyne
09-10 Andrew Cross South Steyne 13-14 Graham Howard North Palm Beach
10-11 Jonathan Farrell Freshwater 14-15 Gary Beauchamp North Curl Curl
11-12 Louise Lindop Avalon Beach

Raymond Matthew Brown Award

This award is named after Raymond Matthew Brown OAM. Ray was known as the voice of the airwaves and also was respected as a Trainer of all new operators in the radio room. Ray was also a Life Member at all levels of SLS from Club through to National.

During major incidents it was Ray’s calming voice that would help the lifesaver on the beach calm down and get all the necessary information needed by emergency services.

Stan Buckman

There’s not much in Surf Life Saving Stan hasn’t done. And he’s been a one Club man for Manly for 44 years.

Just some of the positions Stan has held at Manly LSC are Deputy President, Club Captain, Treasurer, Chief Instructor and he was also the Club’s first IRB Captain. He’s also been Patrolman and Clubman of the Year.

Throughout the years, Stan was an Official and heavily involved in Education. He was a member of the SLSA Educational tour to the Trinidad and Tobago in 1984. He was on Anti-Doping Committee for the 2000 Olympics.

These days Stan devotes much of his time to the radio room.
FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The Annual Golf Day Classic
Raising funds for the Inter Branch Team

Melbourne Cup Day
Raising funds for Surf Rescue Equipment