



Nowra-Culburra Surf Life Saving Club

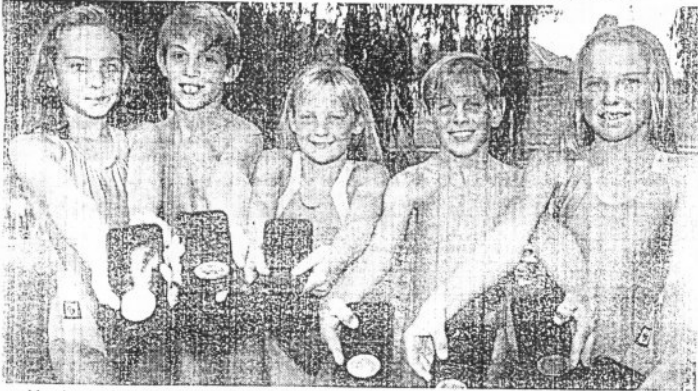
JUNIOR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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1993/1994 J.A.C. Chairmans Report

LOCAL MEDALS AT STATE TITLES



Members of the Nowra-Culburra Surf Life Saving Club competed at the Nippers Surf Life Saving Titles recently at Bellambi. Successful at the carnival were (from left) Kelly Denner (10), silver in the Under 11 board relay, Daniel Wells (11), silver in the Under 11 board relay, Yvette Payne (9), bronze in the Under 10 surf swim, Chad

Poland (10), silver in the Under 11 board relay and Kristy Cairncross (12), gold in the Under 12 Diamond Lady, silver in the Under 12 board and bronze in the Under 12 surf swim. Worth special mention is the fact that this is the first time the Nowra-Culburra Surf Club has gained a medal in the water at the State titles.

Highlighting a very successful year for the Nowra Culburra Club was the success of competitors at the State Titles in February where medals were won in water events, the first recorded for this club. Thanks to the dedication of the competitors in their training and their coach's Dave and Warren. Several other competitors just missing out on medals and many ranked in the top ten for state. Our competitors on the beach were no slouches either with several competitors just missing medals and others ranking in the top ten for the State.

With just over one hundred children registered with the club for the 1993 / 1994 season it developed into a most successful season and with the help of the Team Managers and Senior Club members who devoted their time to training and provided water safety, there were very few days during the season the children were unable to train or compete in the surf.

Seven competitors were chosen to represent the branch this year making this the largest representation for some time. Those chosen U11 Chad Poland (water), Daniel Wells (beach), U12 Kristy Cairncross and Cliff Poland (water), Todd Robey (beach), U13 Brett Clarke (beach) and U14 Glen Vanheythuisen.

Parents involved themselves with the running of the club and many attended carnivals allowing the club a higher profile within the branch and also at other major carnivals (Country & State Titles) where the club colours are recognised a lot more often than there were previously.

Although not all children attend carnivals without them the club could not function efficiently as our aim is to introduce the children to Surf Life Saving and it is not necessary to be a competitor to be a valuable member of the movement. Also these children still give stiff opposition when competing on Sundays for the local point score.

To Josh Pearce and Neil Wallace thank you for representing the club as Officials at carnivals throughout the year.

On behalf of the present club members and former club members a special thanks to **Kevin Gee** for his years of service and assistance to this club as Branch President over the past 15 years.

Yours in Surfing

Greg Strong

The '93-'94 season began with a very nervous Club Captain wondering just what the job involved and what he'd actually got himself into. As the season progressed it was obvious that the calibre of our Patrol Captains was going to make the job a lot easier. Mark Higgison, David Cairncross, David Wells and Joanne Watters proved to be worthy leaders and very helpful to me in particular. Our patrolling members were diligent and keen which assured the public that used our beach that they were safe on a beach that at times was very dangerous (the shore dump was horrendous at times). Patrol members had to endure a torrid work load because we could only muster four patrols. Unfortunately State Centre is apparently not interested in the plight of small country clubs and as a result we are prohibited from varying patrol hours to suit local conditions. On many occasions the Surf Patrol surveyed an empty wind driven beach for hours on end. No wonder patrols became onerous. Two of our members completed over 120 hours patrol time! At the time of writing this report patrol rosters for the new season have not been compiled. What is known is that Ron Letters is the new Club Captain and I move onto the job of Secretary. I can empathise with Ron in his new job and know for sure that everyone will help him find his feet and support him in a difficult but rewarding job. To reach this end it is greatly appreciated when patrol members turn up on time and if they can't make it that they make sure they have arranged a substitute. Remember it is your own mates you let down if you don't show. Our '93 - '94 patrol members should be proud of their efforts over the season as they certainly lived up to the Association motto of "Vigilance and Service".

In finishing I'd like to single out two champion people who performed duties tirelessly and without reward other than personal contentment. Dave Cairncross and Warren Poland deserve to be thanked by all club members for their personal contributions to the club.

John Preston

REGISTRAR REPORT

The 93/94 season was a success in the terms of numbers, as we had a substantial increase from the previous season.

I feel that the 1994/95 season will be even better as the junior members move into the senior ranks.

One thing to remember is to become financial as soon as possible as this initiates insurance cover as early as possible.

I would like to thank everybody affiliated with the Nowra- Culburra Surf Club for their assistance throughout the season, as this was my first time as registrar.

In closing I thank you all again.

Yours sincerely
Christine Poland
(registrar)