



Nowra-Culburra
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC



Nowra – Culburra Surf Life Saving Club
2014 – 2015
Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements

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2014/2015 Committee

President	Mitchell Pakes
Vice President	Peter Adlington
Club Captain	Steve Schott
Vice Club Captain	Gaye Adlington
Secretary	Ron Denovan
Treasurer	Rod Sleath
Powerboat Captain	Joshua Pakes
Radio Officer	Peter Heald
First Aid Officer	Tanya Heald

2014/2015 Club Sponsors

We thank our major sponsors for their ongoing support and generosity

- **Shoalhaven City Council** through their Holiday Haven Tourist Parks and Aquatics divisions who provide ongoing annual donations and sponsorship for lifesaving operations
- **The Australian Government** who have provided \$5,500 toward the purchase of a new IRB under the Beach Safety Equipment Fund
- **Kel Campbell Pty Limited** who provides fuel for inflatable rescue boats and all terrain vehicles
- **Elders Culburra Beach** for their supply of rash vests for all Nippers
- **The Veolia Mulwaree Trust** for their financial support
- **Liam and Marie Guilfoyle** for their regular support of Nippers and the Club generally
- **Electrolux** for their donation of appliances as part of the Club building upgrade

- **The Culburra Beach Bowling and Recreation Club** for sponsorship of lifesaving equipment
- **ITBasecamp** for the creation of the Club's website
- **Crookhaven Mechanical Repairs** for their ongoing mechanical repairs
- **Shoalhaven Water** for their support of the Tilbury Classic
- **Walsh and Monaghan** for their printing and administrative support
- **Surf Life Saving New South Wales** and the **Surf Life Saving Foundation** for financial support through their statewide raffle
- **DHL** as a National Major Partner of Surf Life Saving and for their significant uniform sponsorship
- **Telstra** as a National Major Partner and for their support across the Surfcom SMS system.
- **Volley** for providing double plug thongs for our patrolling members.
- **Stramit Building Products** for their support of the Country Championships
- **NSW Government's Ministry for Police and Emergency Services**, for the Lifesaving Gear and Equipment Grant towards rescue equipment
- **Culburra and Districts Community Health Service** For their \$8000.00 donation for a new rescue boat.
- **Assured Locksmiths Nowra** For there donation of over \$5000.00 in works around to club .

Club Building Upgrade

The ongoing club building upgrade has been made possible through major financial contributions from:

- **NSW Sport and Recreation**, a division of **Communities NSW**, under the Surf Club Facilities Program
- **Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock** and **Communities NSW** under the Community Building Partnership
- **Shoalhaven City Council**
- **Australian Government** through the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Programme

Your support is greatly appreciated!



2014/2015 President's Report

President Mitchell Pakes

It is an honour and a privilege to be able to deliver my first report as the president of the Nowra - Culburra Surf Life Saving Club.

My goal as president has and will always be to insure the sustainability and success of the Nowra – Culburra Surf Life Saving Club. After our review of the 2014/2015 season I am proud to report that with steady growth we have met our goals.

I am proud to report that due to the dedication and never-ending hard work of my volunteer lifesavers we can again boast that no lives have been lost during patrol hours on our beach.

The success of our great club comes from the dedication and hard work of all members in our club, I am proud that no matter what challenge our club confronts we always pull together to achieve our goals.

I would like to thank and congratulate Club Captain Steve Schott, Vice Club Captain Gaye Adlington and their team of patrol captains for the tireless work they do throughout the season. A special thanks to all our patrol members who achieved 100% patrol attendance and the members who patrolled more hours than required.

I would also like to thank our committed and hardworking management committee for their work and support to me this season. My sincere thanks to my Vice President Peter Aldington for his support and his work around the club. Thanks Peter.

A huge thank you to our Club sponsors, We cannot thank you enough for your support, without it we could not maintain our high standard of rescue equipment. On behalf of all club members, thank you.

I would like to thank and congratulate Brad Lilly who took on the role of JAC, also his committee and all their helpers for their wonderful work each Sunday to ensure the success of our nippers program. This year saw our numbers grow to over 300 nippers. Brad and his team met the challenge with ease and this is a credit to them and also our club.

Thank you to the Clubs Chief trainer Darren Glennan and his team. This season saw a large number of our members upgrade their qualifications. A special welcome to our new members and nippers who completed one of our SRC or Bronze squad.

Thanks to our Boat Captain Josh Pakes and Deputy Boat Captain Colin Pakes for your never ending work to make sure our fleet of IRB's and ATV's are in the very best condition. You have both saved the club thousands of dollars over the years in maintenance costs. Thank you.

The 2014/2015 season saw another successful ocean swim. Unfortunately the gods were not kind and the weather conditions on the day were very bad, despite this and a credit to our swim coordinator Colin Lawrence we still had over 80 competitors. This swim is a great fundraiser for our club and it has become a successful community event. Thanks to Colin and his team that helped organise and run the swim our nippers will be able to start off the 2015/2016 season with new boards.

After many years, the 2014/2015 season saw the Nowra – Culburra Surf life Saving club become a real contender on the surf sports stage.

Results and attendance for the season,

Final Result Standing;	Juniors	Seniors	Total
Shellharbour	540	232	772
Warrila Barrack-Point	363	333	696
Mollymook	345	231	576
Nowra/Culburra	219	315	534
Kiama	191	34	225
Kiama Downs	125	11	136
Shoalhaven Heads	15	57	72
Gerringong	36		36
NOWRA:	(18) gold	(30) gold	128 competitors

South Coast Interbranch Team	
U12's Male	Alex O'Brien - Nowra Culburra
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TOTAL: 7 selected	

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NSW Country Championships				
	Age	Flags	Sprint	boardriding
Holly Abbey	U12	1	1	

Jess O'Donnell	U13		1	
Anna Hill	U15			1
Rachel Hill	U17			1

Steve Schott	30-35		1	
Chad Poland (6) Gold	30-35			

NSW State Championships							
	Age	Flags	Sprint	Surf	Board	SKi	Iron
Holly Abbey	U12	3	1				
Chad Poland	30-35			1	1	1	1

I want to pay special thanks to our out of hours call out team. Over the last few seasons our club has coordinated and assisted with some large out of hours incidents. Each time our team responds quickly and with the professionalism that makes myself and our club proud.

The 2014/2015 season saw the Nowra Culburra Surf Life Saving Club celebrate its 60th year. And to put the icing on the cake, it was one our most successful seasons in recent memory. I wish to pay respect and thank all members past and present for the hard work over all the years, without this I am sure our club would not be half the club it is today.

“If you want to run fast you run alone” But

“If you want to run far you run together”

At the Nowra –Culburra Surf Life Saving Club we always work together to achieve the best outcome for our community.

Yours in Surf Life Saving,

Mitchell Pakes

President

Nowra – Culburra Surf Life Saving Club.



2014/2015 JAC Report

JAC Brad Lilly

This started out with the largest intake of Nippers in history by all accounts. We had over 250 children registered this year. There was a massive effort at proficiency and in preparation by the club to get all Nippers off to a great start.

We also had some of our biggest turnouts to Sydney Water series early on in the season and some great results from this. It was good to see so many parents committed to weekend carnivals. Christmas come around all too quickly and we had a special arrival of Santa in the IRB. These were some of the biggest seas we had had all season but not to deter the Pakes family

from a bit of fun for the kids. The new president seemed to work well fulfilling Christmas roles where the last president left off!

January and it was carnival season. The country carnival at Mollymook yet again provided a very warm weekend. Friday at the beach and Saturday on the sand saw many great achievements across all age groups with lots of medals bought home. There were some notable achievements from Holly Abbey and Jessica O'Donnell taking gold medals in the beach sprints.

February and Branch carnival at Kiama saw another massive turnout at the club. Yellow and Blue was the trending colour on the beach at Kiama. Another hot days ensued and Nowra Culburra cleaned up in many, many events. It was a great day and all parents attending were very proud.

Overall the season was magnificent with only one day missed due to torrential rain in November. This didn't stop some Nippers coming down to do board practice. With the 2015/2016 season looming I am sure it will be another great summer.

Brad Lilly
JAC

2014/2015 IRB Captains Report

IRB Captain's Joshua Pakes & Colin Pakes

It is with great pleasure to report that the 2014/2015 season has been a success. Again we have all worked hard to keep all our equipment up to a very high standard to allow all our life savers to do their job safely.

The 2014/2015 season saw our fleet of IRBS all pass over the 20 year mark; this is a credit to our club that our IRB's are all over 20 years old and are still in excellent condition.

I am pleased to report through the dollar for dollar grant we were successful in receiving a new motor for our fleet, the motor will be ready for the 2015/2016 season.

At the start of the season we started to look at finding funds to purchase a new hard bottom IRB to replace our oldest boat, with \$5,500 coming from the federal government and the Culburra and Districts Community Health Service funding the other \$8000.00 we were able to buy a new IRB. The New IRB is currently being built and will be ready for the start of the next season.

Like always there are a few sponsors that provide for us every year.

*Kel Campbell (CALTEX) for the donations of paying for all our fuel

*Crookhaven Mechanical Repairs (Rob Piccini) Free services for our ATVs

I would like to thank them for their ongoing support.

Thank you to all who helped us in our role throughout the season and we look forward to working with you all next season.



2014/2015 Surf Sports Report

Coordinator Karen Abbey

Nowra Culburra started its 2014/15 season early in June with our two Junior Club Captains, Amy Abbey and Dylan Anderson competing in our first Pool Rescue Team. We achieved mixed results including a Bronze at NSW State championships for Dylan and significant experience and new skills for both. We carried the momentum through winter with a number of our nippers attending the monthly Development Days which prepared them for the Sydney Water Series in early November.

This year we had a record (6) competitors with Holly Abbey taking 3rd overall in u12 Beach events.

We managed to have (7) competitors selected for the South Coast Interbranch Team which included Chad Poland as the Team Captain. We also invited Sean Hendry to join the Club as Head Coach early in the season and focussed on increasing the beach skills of our junior nippers. This training paid well with Jess O'Donnell and Holly Abbey achieving Gold at NSW Country in the Beach Sprints, and Holly taking out the double for the first time with Gold also in the Beach Flags. Overall we had (48) entries in the NSW Country Championships and managed (20) medals with (6) Gold going to our junior nippers and board-riders and (6) to Chad Poland.

We also managed to get a record (10) new Officials trained in the pre-season which set us up well in advance for our NSW Country participation and improved the overall skills and training at Sunday Nippers. Chad and Holly continued their gold domination to NSW State Championships where Holly won the Beach Sprint for the 2nd year running, and came away with a Bronze in the Flags. Chad won Gold in (4) 30-35yrs events including Ironman, Tube, 2k Beach and Board Race, and silvers medals in the remaining events.

The South Coast Branch Championships saw our highest number of competitors to date with over 150 participating across the junior, senior and board riding events. Again, mixed successes but the Club achieved 30 gold medals in the seniors and 18 gold medals in the juniors, and saw Nowra Culburra win the coveted senior March Past.

Highlights of the season for Nowra Culburra Club were:

- (10) new Club Officials;
- Significant wins and media coverage for Chad Poland and Holly Abbey;
- Increased number of Cadets and Seniors continuing to be involved in the competitions;
- overall achievements by our Beach competitors; and,
- Club participation in its first Pool Rescue.

Much of this activity was a direct result of a small group of active families and the skills training provided by our Club Coach.

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2014/2015 Trainers Report

Chief Trainer: Daren Glennan

Bronze Medallion Trainers: Cathie Glennan, Daren Glennan, Gaye Adlington, Colin Pakes, Ron Letters and Peter Adlington

IRB Trainers: Colin Pakes, Ron Letters and Peter Adlington

ARTC Trainers: Peter Adlington and Ron Letters

Training is an important and ongoing aspect of Nowra-Culburra SLSC and has been undertaken with dedication and enthusiasm by the trainers this season. For the 2014-2015 season there were two Bronze Medallion/SRC Squads, an IRB crew squad and Advanced Resuscitation

Techniques Certificate offered by our club, resulting in many members receiving these awards and boosting our numbers and qualifications on the beach.

As well as awards offered at our club there were also various awards offered throughout the branch including Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue, Trainers Certificate, Assessor Certificate, Senior First Aid and Silver Medallion Beach Management.

A number of our members have achieved higher training qualifications this year. Colin Pakes and Ron Letters completed the Assessors course, allowing them to assess the Bronze Medallion and IRB awards. Colin and Ron also trained the second Bronze Medallion/SRC squad with great success. Although neither is new to training this is the first squad they have trained for a number of years and we welcome them back. Our Club is fortunate enough to have many dedicated and excellent trainers to keep members trained and up-to-date with their qualifications.

Training is a rewarding way to contribute to the club and essential to keep new members coming through. Anybody who wishes to be involved in training is encouraged to speak with Daren Glennan (Chief Trainer).

Keeping up-to-date with awards and ongoing training is a key aspect of a successful club. Members are encouraged to keep their qualifications current and to undertake further training where needed. This is beneficial for the Club and for the members, as many of the qualifications gained in Surf Life Saving can carry over into the workforce and help employability.

Congratulations to all successful candidates and thank you to all members involved in training.

Bronze Medallion	
1st Squad	2nd Squad
Wayne Anderson	Amy Abbey
Charlie Coulson-Knight	Jackson Balmer
Wayne Elder	Matthew Davison
Jonathon Green	Matthew Lawrence
Tye Martin	Sophia Mintram
Anthony McKnight	Jeremy Murdoch
Tevito Monsalve	Joshua Wright-Smith
Rhiannon Smith	Fintan Murphy
Kelly Watters	
Surf Rescue Certificate	
1st Squad	2nd Squad

Jesse Buckham	Chloe Cranmer
Mia O'Brien	Olivia De Strang
	Abbey Jackson
	Elizabeth Smith
	Elisha Wright-Smith
IRB Crew	ARTC
Hamish Adlington	Dylan Anderson
Greg Davison	Ron Denovan
James Harris	Mary-Louise Harris
Mitchell Lawrence	Luke Hill
	Lindsay Johnson
Spinal Management	Cailem Kostuik
Ed Ashton	Mitchell Lawrence
Luke Hill	Joshua Parsons
	Alice Smith
Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue	Tania Trenerry
Ed Ashton	Ed Ashton
Gold Medallion	Assessor Certificate
Dale Glennan	Ron Letters
Robert Hill	Colin Pakes