



Nowra – Culburra Surf Life Saving Club Inc

2016 - 2017

Annual Report and Audited Financial Statement

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Committee 2016 - 2017

President	Mitchell Pakes
Vice President	Colin Pakes
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Vice Club Captain	Ron Denovan
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Safety Officer	Col Lawrence
Publicity Officer	Monica Willis
	Karen Abby
Canteen Coordinator	Kerrie Denovan/Emma Pakes
Hall Hire	Emma Pakes
Emergency Call out Officer	Joshua Pakes
Uniform Officer	Renee Schott
Junior Club Captain	Dylan Anderson
	Amy Abby
Gear and Equipment Coordinator	Simon Fillery
Chief Training Officer	Peter Adlington
JAC Committee	

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
- **The Veolia Mulwaree Trust** for their financial support
- **The Culburra Beach Bowling and Recreation Club** for sponsorship of lifesaving equipment
- **IT Basecamp** 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.
- **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 annual donation
- **Ray White Culburra** for the annual donation to our nippers program.

Your support is greatly appreciated!



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Presidents Report

At the end of another season, it is again a privilege to be able to deliver my annual report as president of the Nowra-Culburra Surf Life Saving Club.

I am proud to report that due to the dedication and hard work of all my members we can again boast no lives lost during patrol hours on our patrolled beach again this season.

The 2016/2017 season has been a challenging, unique and rewarding season.

I would like to start my report this year by acknowledging a very special person. Mrs Kerrie Donovan. Kerrie lost her long-fought battle with cancer in May this year; Kerrie was a much loved and respected member of our club.

Our club has truly lost one of our brightest stars but in return gained a guardian angel.

I would like to thank and congratulate my hard working and committed management committee for all their work and support to me throughout the season.

While all committee members have contributed to our club, there a few members I would like to personally thanks. Firstly, our Club Captain Peter Adlington for his never-ending work around the club for all the unseen hours put into ensure the smooth running of our club. Secondly, our Sectary Emma Pakes, Emma has only been a member of the club for a short time but has taken on a huge workload making sure our club runs smooth. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

As always, our patrol teams have done a wonderful job at keeping our beach safe.

I would like to thank our Club Captain Peter Adlington, his patrol Captains and all patrolling members for their tireless work throughout the patrol season. This season we saw a large number of patrolling member's upskilling their knowledge and qualifications.

I would like to thank the Club Trainers Gaye and Peter Adlington, Colin Pakes, Ron Letters and the newest member of the training team Shelley Cook. It was good to see a number of member's upskilling their knowledge and qualifications this season.

A special welcome to our new SRC and Bronze members.

I would like to thank and congratulate Brad Lilly who took on the role of JAC again this season, his committee and all their helpers for their wonderful work each Sunday to ensure the success of our nipper's program. This year saw our nipper numbers around 180. Brad and his team met the challenge with ease and this is a credit to them and our club.

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. This season saw the club replace one of our IRB Motors and a New ATV. I am sure all our members will enjoy our new equipment. In addition, I know Josh and Colin will take great care of it.

The 2016/2017 season saw another successful ocean swim. Unlike most years, the weather was fantastic for our event and saw over 100 competitors. This swim is a great fundraiser for our club and it has become a successful community event. Thank you to our swim coordinator Colin Lawrence and his team that helped organise and run the swim. Through the funds raised, our nippers will be able to start the 2015/2016 season with new equipment.

This year saw our club well represented again in surf sports. The club had members attend South Coast Branch Championships, South Coast Interbranch team, Sydney Water, NSW Country Championships and NSW State Championships. I would like to congratulate Shellee Cook for her work in ensuring all members were able to compete and all members who represented our club at these events.

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 hour incidents. Each time our team responds quickly and with the professionalism, that makes our club and myself proud.

I want to congratulate our members who received awards at our 2015/2016 awards night, Cadet Club person of the year Zoe Anderson and Copper Atkinson
Junior Club person of the year Kate Phillips and Club person of the year Shellee Cook.
Congratulations to all other award recipients.

A huge thank you to our Club sponsors, we cannot thank you enough for your support, without your support, we could not maintain our high standard of rescue equipment. On behalf of all, club members, thank you. Special thanks to IT Base camp, Ray White Culburra Beach, Culburra Sports and Social Club, Culburra and Districts Community Health Service, Holiday Haven Tourist Parks, Shoalhaven City Council and Surf Life Saving NSW.

Being part of the Nowra-Culburra Surf Life Saving Club is in my blood; my family have been a part of the club for over 50 years. My goal as president is to ensure that our great club is always going forward and will still be around in another 50 years so my kids and their kids can enjoy what is now a way of life for most Australians, “the Beach”.

Yours in Surf Life Saving,

Mitchell Pakes

President

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Club Captains Report

Firstly, I'd like to congratulate and thank all our members who volunteered their time throughout the 2016-17 season to keep the best beach in Australia the safest. Our members patrolled every Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday, from the start of the September holidays until the end of April.

Official records show that during season 2015/16, members patrolled for 72 days, being every Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday from the start of the September school holidays to the end of the April School Holidays, providing over 4,000 volunteer hours. In that time there were numerous rescues, preventative actions, first aid treatments and searches. The benefits of providing a safe environment to local and visiting beachgoers can't be measured by statistics, and I greatly appreciate all your effort, as I'm sure the wider community does.

Thanks to the eight patrol captains who ably led their patrol teams this season, as most have now done for many seasons. Their commitment and professionalism makes the job of Club Captain a whole lot easier.

While this year our number of patrolling members was down on last year, mainly due to work and university transfers, we have had several members come through and do their Bronze Medallion (thirteen people) and Surf Rescue Certificate (twelve people), meaning we have been able to maintain the eight patrols that have been in place for several years now.

While for the previous six years we have been made to patrol from 9am to 3pm in the September and April holidays, we were able to renegotiate our patrol service agreement so that the finish time in these holidays is now 2pm. Essentially we now patrol from 9am to 2pm for most of the year, other than the December/January holiday period which is 9 to 5.

I would like to especially thank those members who committed to undertaking further training in Advanced Resuscitation Techniques, IRB driver and Crew, and Beach Management. This has been a great help with each patrol requiring a member with these qualifications, and I'd like to encourage all patrolling members to undertake additional awards if possible.

We are fortunate to have a great blend of youth and experience in our patrols, providing a balance of wise heads and physical ability. A seemingly continuous stream of new patrolling members come from our Nippers program; testament to the fantastic job being done in the junior activities part of the club. Not only do we see the under 13s and 14s move straight into the Surf Rescue Certificate and active patrols, and then on to their Bronze Medallion, we also have many of the Nipper parents doing their Bronze Medallion. There are very few patrolling members who didn't start as either a nipper or nipper parent. Over the last dozen or so years this has been the backbone of the club, and it is vitally important the club continues in this integrated way.

We have had a terrific training team this year, who all not only patrol, but contribute considerable extra time in making new lifesavers. Each bronze and SRC squad takes 12 to 14 sessions, so a big thank you to the training team of Shellee Cook, Gaye Adlington, Ron Letters, Col Pakes and Brad Lilly. It's also great to see new people willing to get involved with training, with Shellee now in her second season of training and Brad starting this season.

I'd like to give special thanks to Club Vice Captain Ron Denovan, who was not only a Patrol Captain, but also had the most patrolling hours for the season, being the "go to" man when we needed a substitute, as well as countless hours of water safety and other club activities.

It is vital that our lifesaving equipment is kept in top condition and I thank Gear Steward Simon Fillery for his work this season. Over the last few years Simon has virtually rebuilt our equipment storage area and has done a tremendous job maintaining the gear, particularly the rescue boards. (The Nippers board trailer is an amazing bit of kit!). Similarly, IRB Captain Josh Pakes and his deputies Col Pakes and Adam Cook have maintained our fleet of boats and motors, as well as leading up our callout team. Thank you both.

Club President Mitchell Pakes has done an amazing job. In addition to his role as President he has also been a Patrol Captain, call-out co-ordinator and has been the Club's representative at branch meetings. Thank you Mitchell.

We had a lot to live up to in 2016/17, being the reigning South Coast Branch Club of the year, and from a Club Captain's point of view, I think our volunteers did that and more. I can't thank all of them enough for their continued commitment to making our beaches safe.

We have a lot to look forward to next season. I hope to see you all again in 2017/18.

Peter Adlington
Club Captain.



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Power Boat Captains Report

It is with great pleasure to report that the 2015/2016 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 2015/2016 season saw our new hard bottom IRB come into service.

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 2017/2018 season.

At the end of the season through the hard work of the executive committee we were successful in receiving a range of grants which allowed us to replace our red CAM AM ATV.

The new BRP CAN AM ATV will be ready to start the 2017/2018 season.

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

- Kel Campbell (CALTEX) donate all our fuel.
- Crookhaven Mechanical Repairs (Rob Piccini) donate all services for our ATVs.

I would like to take this time 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.

Mr Colin Pakes
Power Boat Captain
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Chief Trainers Report

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 2016-2017 season, there were three Bronze Medallion/SRC Squads, an IRB crew and driver squad, Silver Medallion Beach Management and Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate courses 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 Trainers Certificate, Assessor Certificate, Senior First Aid, Spinal Management and Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue.

We welcome Shellee Cook to the group of trainers. Shellee completed her bronze this season and then went straight on to do her trainers qualification. It's great to see more people getting involved in training and we welcome Shellee to the training team.

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 Peter Adlington (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.

Mr Peter Adlington
Chief Training Officer



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Junior Activities Co-ordinator Report

We have had another successful year at Nippers. Over 150 children signed up with numbers down slightly on the previous year but nevertheless a great turn out.

Our Under 8s group by far the largest with Trent, Kirsten and the team having well over 30 nippers this year. We were fairly lucky with weather for the first half of the season and not so much for the second half.

The club was looking forward to a great branch carnival to be held at Warrain beach only to have mother nature wipe out most of our beach with a large swell. We shall try again another year.

The carnival scene saw many Nippers attend Sydney Water followed by Branch Carnival and then country carnival at South West Rocks. A few ventured to the State and Aussie titles as well. Outstanding performances from the Hill family in surfing and an unforgettable Holly Abbey at all levels of competition. Holly has been an outstanding beach competitor for many years and went all the way through to the Aussie titles to take silver in beach events. Her consistently outstanding performance for the years that I have been JAC is incredible. This year also saw Zoe Anderson win the branch Junior Surf Life Saver of the year award. Well done Zoe. We also saw many Under 13/14 Nippers complete SRC and Bronze course. It's a proud moment when Nippers go through and are able to join a patrol in the red and yellow.

This year our final day was one to remember as well. We did a relay for life run and paddle in absolutely outstanding conditions and considering we lost our special Kerry Denovan a treasured member to our Nipper community to cancer this year it seems fitting that the Relay for life is always part of our season end. This marks the end for me as JAC of the club. I have thoroughly enjoyed the time over the past 4 years in the role. Thank you to all that helped out in my time. There have been invaluable people to the success every year and you know who you are! I still want to be there every Sunday and help out but it's time for a new face and mouth on a Sunday morning.

Mr Brad Lilly
Junior Activities Co-ordinator

